

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Lent - Easter - April, 2011

Greetings,

As I was driving to Wilkes-Barre this sunny Monday morning, I was thinking about all the people I've known since I started attending Trinity.

Recalling my discernment committee, with Janice Beck, Don Barton, John Schoonover and Laura Cama, who supported and asked the difficult questions as we prayed about and discussed my call to Priesthood. That was many years ago. When it comes to Trinity, time really does fly when you're having fun!

I recall many parishioners going to houses of those who were homebound to sing Christmas Carols. The most fun was going to Fanna's and seeing her mother's eyes shine as the carols were sung. We have had many fun and wonderful musical events over the years.

I remember the many Epiphany pageants when the Cama, Murray, Catlin, Caum and Hollywood children were the first of many to act out the birth of our Lord. We were frozen out of one pageant because the church furnace malfunctioned and I distinctly remember a shepherd (a certain young Coston child) poking the baby Jesus with the shepherd's hook in another pageant. Children who attended Trinity have always been welcomed and loved by all. Everyone in the parish is thrilled with the presence of the children.

And our outreach; being able to be a part of and observe as Trinity's outreach has grown and grown is something I hold very close. I have observed and spoken to families who were not sure their children would've gotten anything for Christmas if it wasn't for Trinity's toy giveaway. The families who come to the parish hall for the clothing giveaways express so much gratitude for something so many of us take for granted. Our outreach program is clearly meeting our mission to seek and serve Christ in all people.

Of course, I can't consider Trinity without Father Ned coming into my thoughts. He was my best friend. He loved me unconditionally and at the time, I hadn't experienced another human being who loved others in such a way. His mother, father and Barbara were amazingly supportive as I "found my way."

There is so much to cherish about Trinity, I can't even begin to get it all on these pages. Most of all, there are so many wonderful people I've been lucky enough to meet. Some of these people have allowed me to marry them, baptize, some I have grieved with and some I officiated at their burial. All have made a profound impression on my life.

I had pictured myself always officiating at Trinity's altar. I, as surely many of you have as well, experience a sense of peace, community and belonging as I approach the altar.

But, I have come to a crossroad in my life. My secular career has been a roller coaster in the past 3 years. I have spent more time driving all over the state than I have in Bradford County. For over a year, I have been an independent contractor, working in a variety of different roles. It's been exciting but exhausting.

Two months ago, I was called to help an agency in Wilkes-Barre (as an independent contractor) with bringing one of their program areas up to regulatory requirements. I seem to have accomplished that and in doing so, have been offered a job as Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging. This job would allow me to help elders and eliminate all of the travel I've been experiencing. Unfortunately, it also requires that I move from Athens.

On March 23rd, the commissioners of Luzerne County officially announced my appointment as Executive Director effective April 4th.

Our home was for sale and sold in four days so I will continue to travel to Wilkes-Barre until the new owners take possession. By that time, I hope to have found a place in Tunkhannock, which is where we've decided to relocate.

I have promised the Bishop and the vestry to remain with the parish until Easter. After that time, I will continue to come to Trinity but plan on asking others to help with Morning Prayer and with Deacon's Masses.

My last Sunday at Trinity will be July 31st.

Change is difficult for all of us. Karen and I will be leaving family, home, friends and community and we will

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miss everyone. We chose Tunkhannock because we knew it would be reasonable for us to expect to come home for visits from that distance.

I want to leave you with this thought. Most of the real work of the church has been done by those who sit in the pews week after week. This church may not have grown significantly in numbers, but it most certainly has grown in spirituality. The mission of Christ to reach out to those who are most in need has become the mission for all of you. Keep doing what you've been doing, keeping Christ in the center of all you do. Keep bringing your creative ideas to the forefront and go forth because it is clear God has plans for Trinity.

We will keep Trinity in our prayers and don't be surprised to find us in the pews some Sunday!

God's Peace,
Mother Trula

From the Senior Warden

The Road Ahead

Yikes! What do we do now? What will become of us??

Well, I think the answers are simple (which is, of course, not the same as easy). We do what we've always done and we continue to be who we've always been.

I don't say this to minimize our sadness at Trula's departure. Though we all wish her the best, we all feel a keen sense of loss and we will miss Trula very, very much. As she quite rightly pointed out, we have grown remarkably while she was our Rector. But, as she has also said, Trinity is not one person. We are a community of faith – small, perhaps, but populated by caring people who have been and are and will continue to be willing to offer their personal gifts to God, our Parish and our community. That does not change when Trula leaves, just as it wouldn't change if I left or you left or any one of us left.

We do have a big challenge ahead and it is going to stretch us in the coming months. While it's too early for me to tell you that we have a plan, I can tell you that we have identified a few really great possibilities to have someone at the altar and in the pulpit each Sunday. We haven't made any commitments yet, but we will soon and I think you all will be pleased. I can tell you also that the Archdeacon visited last week and was very supportive. I am quite confident that Bishop Paul will be also, when he visits this Sunday.

So...we have the support of our Diocesan friends and we have each other and I think you know what else we have: a loving God. Chat Him up over the next few months and ask for His guidance as we move on. With His help

and yours, we can continue to be who we've always been and do what we've always done.

John Schoonover

From the Junior Warden

Building Project Update

The Vestry has authorized repairs to our building, focusing primarily on the bell tower. The work includes additional removal of deteriorated stone and mortar at the top of the tower as well as deteriorated portions of the roof slab. The top of the tower will then be rebuilt back to its previous (not original) configuration. The tower will also be completely re-pointed, chemically cleaned and waterproofed, and all openings we be re-caulked. Re-pointing of the perimeter of the sanctuary and repair of several small areas on the south wall will also be done.



In addition, the project includes replacement of the front doors and decorative arch. The basement entry door will be replaced and its foundation walls repaired. The front sidewalk will be reworked to eliminate the ponding problem. Window wells on the north side of the sanctuary basement will be opened up similar to those on the south side.

The work is being done under supervision of Foor and Associates, architects in Elmira, NY. Estimated costs are in the range of \$150,000. Work will hopefully begin during the second half of April, subject to contractor schedules and weather, and is estimated to require three months for completion. Once finished, the Bell Tower will hopefully be in good shape.

Work considered for inclusion in this project but postponed for cost considerations includes reconstruction of the sacristy entrance, repair and re-pointing of portions of the interior basement walls, painting of exterior sanctuary woodwork and other miscellaneous items. This remaining work will need to be undertaken within the near future.

Dan Gerhart

Two Concerts for Hana!

Hanako Henty, who play the organ for us for two years, will be featured in two concerts at Mansfield. The first is a solo piano recital Friday, April 1 at 8 at Steadman Theater. The second is Easter Sunday afternoon at 2:30 when, as a winner of the concerto competition, she will play the 1st movement of Rachmaninoff's 2nd Piano Concerto. We are all invited. Congratulations, Hana!



Trinity Episcopal Church - April 2011

Lent - Holy Week
Easter

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 4/3: St. James', Dundaff: The Rev. Lou Divis, Deacon; St. Matthew's Society. **4/10:** Trinity, Easton: The Rev. Canon Andrew T. Gerns, Rector; Clergy Widows. **4/17:** St. Margaret's, Emmaus: The Rev. Wayne Sherrer, Priest-in-Charge, The Rev. Elizabeth Diely, Assistant. Bishop's School. **4/24:** St. John's, Hamlin: The Rev. Ronald Miller, Priest-in-Charge; Postulants and Candidates for Ordination

Anglicans Around the World 4/3: Multan, Pakistan. **4/10:** Nagpur, North India: The Rt. Rev. Paul Dupare. **4/17:** Jerusalem: The Rt. Rev. Suheil Dawani. **4/24:** Anglican Communion Sunday

Kajo Keji 4/3: Wajira: The Rev. Mikaya Loguli, Deacon Jackson Kenyi. HIV/AIDS Department: The Rev. Taban Israel and the Rev. Wilson Lomugun. **4/10:** Mangalore: The Rev. Cicilia Kiden Losu. Participatory Awakening Process: Ezbon Wudu Mogga. **4/17:** Ku'dupi: The Rev. Peter Mala, Deacon Mary Kanan. Development Office: Alix Achiga. **4/24:** Mereguga: The Rev. Alfred Dumokosuk, Eli Mawa. Bishop's Leadership School: The Rev. Canon John Lomundu and committee.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity Cycle of Prayer 4/3</i> Cora Orshal, Elizabeth Pashley. 4/10 James and Mary Patterson, Andy Patterson. 4/17 Mary Beth, Chandler and Savannah Paul. 4/24</p>		<p>Please be sure to join us for Bishop Pau's Visit to Trinity on Sunday, April 3. Journey through Holy Week, April 17 to 24. Follow the last day's of our Lord's life and then celebrate his resurrection on Saturday night at the Great Vigil and Sunday morning for Easter Day and welcome the newly baptized.</p>			<p>1 Hana's Concert 8 p.m., Mansfield</p>	<p>2 Diocesan Training Day, Wilkes-Barre No 5 pm Service Please join us for Bishop Paul's visit</p>
<p>3 Lent 4 - Bishop Paul visits 9:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4 AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm <i>Sarah Draper</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Kelly Murray Jan Beck, Jr.</i></p>	<p>8 <i>Chela Bubniak</i></p>	<p>9 Lent 5 5:00 Holy Eucharist Christophany - through Sunday</p>
<p>10 Lent 5 9:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11 AA 8:00 pm <i>Rachel Cama-Lekx</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Chrism Mass, 11, Cathedral, Bethlehem <i>John Gurney</i></p>	<p>15 <i>David Bean</i></p>	<p>16 Palm Sunday 5:00 Holy Eucharist</p>
<p>17 Palm Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist I 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets <i>Catherine Gurney Stanley</i></p>	<p>18 AA 8:00 pm </p>	<p>19 Clergy Bible Study 8 3 p.m. <i>Jim Patterson</i></p>	<p>20 AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>21 Maundy Thursday  7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar</p>	<p>22 Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Liturgy For Good Friday </p>	<p>23 Holy Saturday 7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter</p>
<p>24 Easter Day 9:00 Holy Eucharist II and Holy Baptism 10:00 Coffee Hour 2:30 Hana's concert </p>	<p>25 AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 AA 7:30 pm AA/ Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 <i>Liberty Hollywood</i></p>	<p>30 Easter 2 5:00 Holy Eucharist <i>Mark Hollywood</i></p>

April Highlights:

- **April 1 - Hana's Solo Piano Recital.** Mansfield. See details on page 2
- **April 2 - No 5 p.m. service** -- join us for:
- **April 3 - Bishop Paul's Visitation, 9 a.m.**
- **April 14 - Chrism Mass, Cathedral 11 a.m.**



- **April 17 - Palm Sunday.** Vestry meets.
- **April 21 - Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.**
- **April 22 - Good Friday Liturgy, 7 p.m.**
- **April 23 - Holy Saturday - The Great Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter, 7 p.m.**
- **April 24 - Easter Day - Festival Eucharist and Holy Baptism.** Hana's 2nd concert, 2:30 p.m.



Bishop Paul will visit us on Sunday, April 3rd, at our 9 a.m. service. He is a wonderful preacher and will bring news and greetings from our diocesan family. He will be accompanied by Diana as well as his chaplain, Deacon George Loeffler. Please plan to come and make him welcome.

There will be time for conversation during coffee hour. If you need a ride, call the office.



Easter Lilies

There will be a sign up sheet on the back table throughout the month of April for you to fill in if you wish to donate flowers. You may designate if the flowers are given in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving.

Altar Guild help Holy Week and Easter are a busy time for those preparing the church for the many services and help is needed. Talk to Patricia Gurney if you can help with the Stripping of the Altar Thursday night and/or setting the church up again on Saturday afternoon (4/23) for The Great Vigil and Easter Day.



Holy Baptism. Our Easter Sunday morning service will be doubly joyful as we celebrate not only the Resurrection, but the baptism of three people. In the service, the congregation joins in welcoming

the newly baptized. Lend your voice to this joyful occasion.

Clothing Giveaway ... coming in May. We are gathering new and like new clothing for all ages. Items are building up now in the parish hall. Keep that pile growing, now through the end of April. Marie Bubniak is organizing the event and says all sorts of things are needed, *except sweatshirts*. Talk to her if you have questions.

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April at Trinity

--Bishop Paul's visit ... Holy Week and Easter--