

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Christmas - Epiphany - January - 2006

Greetings!

It's a new year and much is happening. In the midst of celebrating Epiphany, we look toward the gifts that God has given us and use them in a fashion that Jesus would expect.

Speaking of gifts, I thought I would take some space in the column this month to let every one know what's going on with the Evangelism committee.

John Schoonover, Hermine Shapiro and I met for the first time in November. Several ideas were discussed and some will be implemented right away.

It seems that a little bit of "lively action" is what Trinity needs.

One of the projects we would like to plan is one or more "Saints Days". We would choose a Saint and celebrate that day with all of the known (and fun) facts about the particular saint. It will be a great time! We would love some help with this project and have gotten some great ideas already.

We also talked about the church participating in a "Green Project". There are several projects that we can help with and we can enjoy the fresh air and the comfort of knowing we've improved our environment. Don Barton suggested this and it sounds like something we will be looking into very soon.

Another project we discussed is having the parish hall open to literacy volunteers. This would take some coordination but there are

enough of us with keys, we can certainly provide space for this activity.

We discussed creating a "soft spot" for children in the back of the church and would love to have some volunteers to help with this project.

I will begin children's sermons in January. It is very difficult to plan a Church school program for so few children but a sermon would bring them into the church year and the day's lessons. If you plan it, they will come!

I'm very excited about this project. Youth need to continue to be a good part of our focus in our evangelism efforts.

If anyone has ideas or thoughts and energy to give, we need you!

As I have said, it is time to "rock this church" and let the community know that Trinity truly is available to those who need us.

Epiphany begins January 6th. Epiphany is the Greek word for *epihaneia*, meaning "appearance" or "manifestation". Jesus "appeared" to the wise men for the whole world. It is time Trinity shows a real appearance in our community.

God has given so much to us. The people of Trinity will take those gifts and give back to our community.

Get ready. Let's rock!

Gods Blessings,
Deacon Trula

All about Pledges

2005 Pledge Statements: Your end of the year statement for your regular pledge will be mailed some time this month. Keep in mind that it is NOT a bill but provided to you for your own record keeping and tax purposes if needed.

2005 Building Pledges: A letter will be mailed to you by the end of the month with a statement of your payments for 2005.

2006 Pledges: It's not too late to make a pledge for the coming year. There are pledge cards on the back table you can fill out; or, you can mail a signed simple statement to

Pledge Treasurer
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2006 Pledge Envelopes: are in the back of the church for those of you who sent in signed pledge cards. If you need yours mailed to you, please call the church office.

If you do not wish to make a pledge, but would like weekly envelopes, talk to Barbara or call the church office.

The Epiphany is Friday, January 6th



In a joint celebration with the people of the Church of the Redeemer, we'll meet at Redeemer at 6 to enjoy a chili supper provided by the worship committee.

Holy Eucharist is at 7:00. Deacon Trula will be the preacher. Please plan on attending; call the church office if you'd like a ride.

Trinity's Annual Meeting is January 29

The meeting will follow our 9:00 service; brunch will be served. According to our by-laws anyone who attends Trinity on a regular basis is considered a member of the church and may take an active voice and vote at the meeting.

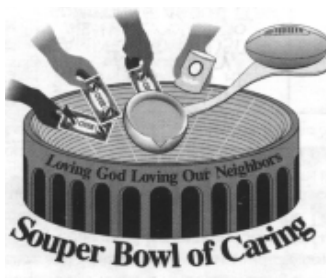
For those of you who have reports due (Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Clerk, Christian Education, Treasurers, Altar Guild, Building Committee, etc.) please have them ready by Sunday, January 22nd. You may email them to bcaum@stny.rr.com or give them to Barbara on the 22nd.

The annual meeting is always a rewarding time; we review the past year and plan for the coming year. We can make arrangements for child care, if needed, please let Fr. Ned or Deacon Trula know soon.

We will be electing vestry members as well as our delegate to the 2006 Diocesan Convention. If you would like to serve in either capacity, do not hesitate to pur your name forward. Thank you to our current, past and future vestry members.

Souper Bowl of Caring

What used to be a January event has migrated to February as the Super Bowl date has changed. This national program benefits local charities. Our donations go to the Valley Food Pantry.



Just a dollar for each member of your household goes a long way. February 5th.



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Christmas
Epiphany

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	2	3	4 <i>Janice Beck Bryan Bean Marie Bubniak</i>	5 	6 The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ (<i>joint celebration at Redeemer</i>) 6:00 Chili Supper 7:00 Holy Eucharist	7
8 Epiphany I 9:00 Holy Eucharist II and Children's Sermon 10:00 Coffee Hour	9 <i>Doris Caum</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Sharon & Harold Cole</i>	14
15 Epiphany II 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour -----Vestry Meets-----	16 <i>Janet Gurney</i>	17	18 Confession of St. Peter the Apostle <i>Jake Armstrong</i>	19	20	21
22 Epiphany III 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Guest Speaker: The Rev. Demery Bader-Saye	23	24 <i>Paul Kelley Haley Bresett</i>	25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle <i>Catherine Page Gurney</i>	26	27	28
29 Epiphany IV 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Brunch and ---Annual Meeting---	30 <i>Joe Cama</i>	31	Trinity Prayer Cycle 1/1 Ed Gilbert, Barry Goldsmith; 1/8 Mark and Trula Hollywood 1/15 Matt Hollywood and Jerilyn Park, Gage Streeter, Caden and Libby Hollywood 1/22 Patricia Gurney, Carolyn Hooper, Shirley Huminik; 1/29 Chris, Heather, Adam, Brandon and Caleb Hunsinger			

Kajo Keji, 1/1 The Congregation at Longhira; 1/8 The Congregation at Lira; 1/15 The Congregation at Limi Displacement Camp; 1/22 The Congregation at Kny'ba; 1/29 The Congregation at Leikor *The Diocese of Meath and Kildare*, Richard Clarke, Bishop.

Anglicans Around the World 1/1 The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia; 1/8 The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil; 1/15 Christian Unity; 1/22 The Church of Bangladesh; 1/29 The Anglican Church of Australia

Diocesan Prayer Cycle 1/1 Pray for congregations in transition in our diocese as they prayerfully consider, in their search for a new rector, their mission in their communities. 1/8 Church of the Epiphany, Clarke Summit, Rick Little, SW, The Rev. Alan Mead, Interim; 1/15 St. Paul's, Troy, The Rev. Mary Kisner; 1/22 Church of the Mediator, Allentown, The Rev. Maria Tjelveit; 1/29 St. Brigid's, Nazareth, The Very Rev. Dean Schenckel

Food Pantry

The first Sunday of each month is when we bring donations for the Food Pantry ... non-perishable foods in unbreakable containers.

This is an important part of our outreach ministry, so please make a note on your calendar each month to either buy a few extra items at the store or go through your pantry.

Thanks to Patricia Gurney, who delivers the donations.

We have received a thank you note from the Valley Food Pantry for our ongoing gifts in 2005. Let us strive to give even more in 2006, a year which will bring higher utility bills and more hardship for those in need.

*As you did to the least of these,
you did unto me*

January Highlights

6th - The Epiphany --- at Church of the Redeemer. 6:00, Chili Supper, 7:00, Holy Eucharist with Deacon Trula preacher

15th - Vestry Meets -- at 10:30

22nd - Youth in Church ... a discussion with the Rev. Demery Bader-Saye

29th - Annual Meeting ... and brunch, following our worship.



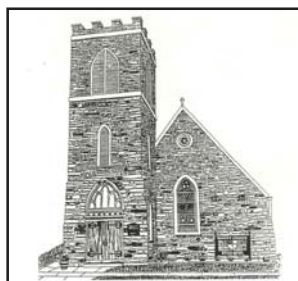
Youth in Church

How do we get them to come ... and how do we get them to stay? The Rev. Demery Bader-Saye, our diocesan youth missionary, will help us answer those questions (weather permitting), on Sunday, January 22. She brings enthusiasm, ideas and skill to her job and will be sharing all of that with us. Don't miss it!

The Bridge

The Bridge of Penn-York Valley Churches is a cooperative outreach program which provides emergency help to those in need ... specifically to those who fall through the cracks of the sort of help that's available from public service agencies. Exactly the people Jesus came to serve. Trinity has been without a representative for some time. It's one meeting a month ... please prayerfully consider volunteering.

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January at Trinity