

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Late Epiphany - Early Lent - February - 2004

Rector's Report to the Annual Meeting

January 25, 2003

Last year's Rector's Report included the following paragraph:

As time goes by I will be asking several, if not many of you, to share in what I do. Please pray about your individual ministry here at Trinity. Also, pray for us as a church - a group of people who follow and seek to continue our relationship with the risen Lord, Jesus.

When I retire completely, Trula, since she has a full-time job and family commitments, will not be able to do everything that is now being done by Barbara and me. Trula and I met and came up with the following list. The list is not in any particular order, and asks who will be responsible for the following:

Bulletins	Web Site
Selection of Hymns	Visiting the sick
Newsletter	Church School
Servers' Schedules	Press Releases
Pastoral Care	Outreach
Parochial report	Episcopal Life/Diocesan Life subscriptions
Diocesan Events	Altar Guild
Treasurers	Buildings and Grounds – upkeep, snow removal, yard work
Worship – leaders, Morning Prayer (how often), Preaching, One Service?, Special Music	
Some small things – Office supplies, schedules, unlocking the buildings, making coffee	

Questions about compensation for Trula – travel and education; a contract with Trula

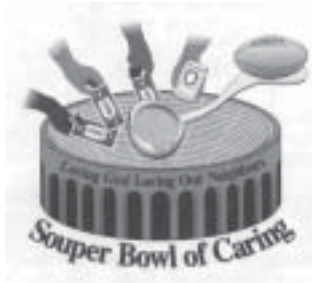
Other things you might think of?

I have questions about how we will do all this and suggest that we invite a consultant from the diocese to visit us.

What questions or answers do you have? Talk to each other, talk to Trula, talk to me.

Fr. Ned

There were 81 Sunday Celebrations of Holy Eucharist, 3 Weekday Celebrations, 35 Home Communion; 4 Services of Morning Prayer, 1 Marriage, 4 Baptisms and 2 Funerals. Our average Sunday attendance was 26.

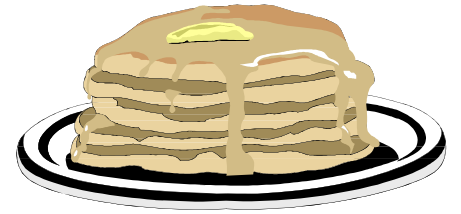


Souper Bowl of Caring, February 1

Every year on Super Bowl Sunday, thousands of churches of all denominations across the country participate in "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Begun as a youth group project in one church, the opportunity to feed the hungry has become a huge yearly event. All money placed in the soup pot on February 1 stays in the local area, given to the Bridge or Food Pantry. However, we call or email our total in to the Souper Bowl Center and they add it to the total collected across the country. It's amazing. In 2003, 12,000 organizations gave \$3,540,770 to their local food pantries or shelters. Be part of the bowl... giving thanks for all you have, place your dollars in the soup pot on Sunday, February 1.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras, February 24

Men, dig out your griddles and spatulas, the annual Fat Tuesday pancake supper is coming this month. Our traditional menu of sausage, scrambled eggs, pancakes and applesauce will mean a couple of hours of late afternoon preparation; the time for that will be arranged. Those of us who aren't helping to cook are invited to show up at 6 for a great supper. Costumes are optional, but think about coming as your favorite saint or historic figure (real or fictional!).



Ash Wednesday, February 25

In the early church Easter was the day that catechumens were baptised into the church, or those who had fallen away were welcomed back. In most cases it meant a long period of preparation, often several years, followed by the 40 days of Lent as a final period of fasting and prayer before the rite. Lent was all about baptism, about becoming part of the body of Christ. Lent has come to mean something a bit different today, but it is still a time of fasting and prayer as we prepare for the most sacred time of the church year. We begin our journey on Ash Wednesday with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 7 p.m. If the Episcopal Church had "holy days of obligation," this would be one. If you are unable to go out in the evening, plan to attend Church of the Redeemer at 7:30 a.m. or 12:05 p.m.

Highlights from the Annual Meeting of the Members of Trinity, January 25

A quorum of members gathered on Sunday morning at 11 to review the past year and begin planning for the year ahead. As you'll see from reading Fr. Ned's report on the first page of the newsletter, there is a lot to think about, pray about and plan for over the next year. As Trula makes her way toward the ordination process, we'll be working together to find ways to share in the ministry of Trinity. As the children's song goes, "We are the Church." We'll be concentrating more on Outreach this coming year as well as doing major renovations on the church building. We'll be looking at ways to make up our budget shortfall and ways to reach beyond the walls of our small community to "do the work God has given us to do" ... to be Christ in the world. This is an exciting time at Trinity.



Your 2004 Vestry: Barbara Barry, Nancy Bresett, Ray Bresett, Laura Cama, Patricia Gurney, Mark Hollywood, Trula Hollywood, Carla Ross, John Schoonover. If you have questions, ideas, suggestions or concerns, talk to a member of the vestry. If you missed the Annual Meeting, there are extra copies of the reports available.



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Epiphany
Lent

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Epiphany IV 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 9:45 Godly Play 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour Souper Bowl Sunday</p>	<p>2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>Stephen & Mary Beth Paul</i></p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Bishop's School, All Saints, Leighton, 10 to 3:30</p>
<p>8 Epiphany V 8:00 Holy Eucharist I Vestry Meets 9:45 Godly Play 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Quiet Day with Barbara Crafton, Cathedral <i>Ray Bresett</i></p>
<p>15 Epiphany VI 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 9:45 Godly Play 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour <i>Stacy Coston</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 <i>Virginia Bostwick</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 Last Epiphany 8:00 Holy Eucharist I 9:45 Godly Play 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 St. Matthias the Apostle 6:00 Pancake Supper and Mardi Gras</p>	<p>25 Ash Wednesday 7:00 Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00 Holy Eucharist II 9:45 Godly Play 10:00 Holy Eucharist I 11:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>Parish Cycle of Prayer 2/1 Don & Beverly Barton; 2/8 Barbara Bean, Virginia Bostwick; 2/15 Jan and Janice Beck 2/22 Kay & Robert Bennett, Jake Parshall 2/29 Ray, Nancy and Rachel Bresett</p>	<p>Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 2/1 St. Joseph's, West Bangor, The Rev. Nicholas Albanese, priest-in-charge 2/8 St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, Canon Calvin C. Adams, rector; The Rev. Faith D'Urbano, assistant; The Rev. John Harvard, associate; 2/15 St. George's, Nanticoke, The Rev. Henry Pease, priest-in-charge; St. George's, Helleto, Ken Hasz, senior warden 2/22 Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, The Rev. Benjamin L. Lentz, rector, The Rev. J. Lawrence Holman, deacon 2/29 The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Bethlehem, Marlene Harshorne, president</p>	<p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: 2/1 Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Most Rev. John Campbell Paterson, primate. 2/8 Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, Most Rev. Peter Carnley, primate. 2/15 Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, Rt. Rev. Barnabas Dwijen Mondal, primate 2/22 Give thanks for the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, The Most Rev. Glauco Soares de Lima, primate 2/29 Give thanks for The Episcopal Church of Burundi, The Most Reverend Samuel Ndayisenga, primate Companion Dioceses: Diocese of Kajo-Keji: Bishop Manasseh, Stephen Tomor and all who work to support the Diocese of Kajo Keji; 2/1 The Congregation of Longhira 2/8 The Congregation of Lira 2/15 The Congregation at Limi Displacement Camp 2/22 The Congregation of Kenya 2/29 The Congregation of Leikor Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Bishop Richard Clarke</p>	<p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: 2/1 Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Most Rev. John Campbell Paterson, primate. 2/8 Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, Most Rev. Peter Carnley, primate. 2/15 Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, Rt. Rev. Barnabas Dwijen Mondal, primate 2/22 Give thanks for the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, The Most Rev. Glauco Soares de Lima, primate 2/29 Give thanks for The Episcopal Church of Burundi, The Most Reverend Samuel Ndayisenga, primate Companion Dioceses: Diocese of Kajo-Keji: Bishop Manasseh, Stephen Tomor and all who work to support the Diocese of Kajo Keji; 2/1 The Congregation of Longhira 2/8 The Congregation of Lira 2/15 The Congregation at Limi Displacement Camp 2/22 The Congregation of Kenya 2/29 The Congregation of Leikor Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Bishop Richard Clarke</p>	<p>Anglican Cycle of Prayer: 2/1 Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Most Rev. John Campbell Paterson, primate. 2/8 Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Australia, Most Rev. Peter Carnley, primate. 2/15 Give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh, Rt. Rev. Barnabas Dwijen Mondal, primate 2/22 Give thanks for the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, The Most Rev. Glauco Soares de Lima, primate 2/29 Give thanks for The Episcopal Church of Burundi, The Most Reverend Samuel Ndayisenga, primate Companion Dioceses: Diocese of Kajo-Keji: Bishop Manasseh, Stephen Tomor and all who work to support the Diocese of Kajo Keji; 2/1 The Congregation of Longhira 2/8 The Congregation of Lira 2/15 The Congregation at Limi Displacement Camp 2/22 The Congregation of Kenya 2/29 The Congregation of Leikor Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Bishop Richard Clarke</p>	

Barbara Crafton will lead a Quiet Day at the Cathedral from 9:30 to 3 on February 14, *Forgiveness: What It Is and What It Isn't*. The Rev. Barbara Crafton is an Episcopal priest, spiritual director and author. Her daily column appears on the diocesan discussion list, Bethlehem of PA, and you'll find one printed each month in *Diocesan Life*. To register for the Quiet Day, contact Canon Anne Kitch (akitch@nativitycathedral.org) or at 610-865-0727 by February 11.

If you'd like to read her daily "e-mo" or Tom Ehrich's daily meditation, subscribe to the list. Visit www.diobeth.org for information on how to do so, or talk to Barbara. The daily readings can be funny, unsettling or peaceful, but they are always thought-provoking and may be a way for some of us to mark our Lenten journey in a special way.

Monthly Reminders

Food Pantry Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. Your donations of non-perishable foods in unbreakable containers are welcome gifts to the food pantry.

Coffee Hour Hosts are always needed; take a turn every few months. Coffee is made for you, plan to bring food to share ... coffee cake, doughnuts, cookies, vegetable trays, fruit, and to clean up afterwards. There are always other folks glad to help

Home Communions and Hospital Stays. Please call the church office and let us know if you'd like communion brought to you. And, with the advent of new confidentiality guidelines, we may not be notified that you or a loved one are in the hospital; please let us know or request the admitting person to call the rectory.

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February at Trinity

The fasts of the rich are the feasts of the poor