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May 2010

REGULAR Schedule!

- Holy Eucharist (Rite 2) Sundays in Lent @ 8:30am & 10:30am
Education for young persons—during the 10:30am service.
- Thursday Noon Healing & Prayers—weekly in the library.
- **Second** Sunday of the month —Healing Service



Capital Celebration! A great big thank you to all our Trinity supporters! Our celebration dinner hosted by your capital campaign committee is all set for Saturday, **May 1st @ 5:00pm**. Entertainment will be provided by Nels Cremean.

Building and Grounds Spring Clean-up: Saturdays, **May 1st & May 15th**, 8:30am until 2:00pm. All are invited and needed to share in the care of our facility and grounds to remain in a clean and inviting condition. Anytime you have to offer would be most welcome. Jobs for all ages! Coffee and treats for early risers.



Crop Walk for the Hungry: Takes place **Sunday, May 2nd**. We can make a difference. Walk as friends and neighbors or sponsor a walker from Trinity Church. Put heart and sole into helping end hunger.

Instructed Eucharist: So, from where do we get our worship tradition? Why do we do what we do? What's an anamnesis? These and many other questions and curiosities will be answered during Fr. Al's Instructed Eucharist at the 8:30 and 10:30 Services on **May 9th**. Now where did I leave my Trisagion?

Mother's Day: Again as is our tradition here at Trinity we will project photos of our mothers and those who have nurtured us during the 10:30am service on **May 9th**. Please submit your picture to the parish office (*to be scanned and returned— don't forget to label your picture*) or email your digital file to office@trinity-greeceny.org.

Young-at-Heart: Join us for lunch Wednesday, **May 12th, 12:30pm** at Slayton Place in Spencerport. This senior group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For more information please Cal Bracy or Rhoda Perry.

Holy Communion Recognition Program and Pentecost Sunday: The Christian Education Committee has begun a program titled "**Sessions of the Holy Communion**". The lessons take place during Discovery Time for 5 sessions. A recognition ceremony complete with a celebration cake is set for **Sunday, May 23rd** at the 10:30am service. All families with children in grades 1 through 6 are welcome to attend the program! We ask again those who are able to wear something RED as a symbol of the fire of the Spirit on this Sunday.



This month at Trinity con'td....

Trinity Sunday: A special procession is planned on this Sunday, **May 30th** where we will again see the fruits of the labors of a number of people who crafted our giant puppets.

Saturday Story Hours: Trinity embarked on a plan to minister to busy families with young children. Please drop by on any Saturday from 2:00pm till 3:30pm for a cup of coffee, chat and to check YOUR outreach ministry to support family togetherness! For families with children ages pre—K through third grade. Each Saturday afternoon the parish hall becomes a place where families can come to enjoy a story and do things together in a safe and secure, worry free environment. Help is always needed, please see sign up in the foyer.

The PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Trinity:

Over the past few weeks I have been working my way through a book titled "Distracted - The Erosion Of Attention And The Coming Dark Age." The title itself is interesting! What Maggie Jackson, the author, writes about is that the culture is finding more and more ways to distract itself. Almost every young person comes equipped with and ipod or an iphone. She notes we have little or no room for space that isn't filled with noise or other kinds of ways to keep us "busy."

Over the years I have felt this "distracted" culture creeping into our worship. We want our services filled with activity and not lasting longer than our favorite television program. The Liturgy of the Word seems like something we just hurry our way through to get to communion.

As I have lived with this in several congregations, I have found myself coming more and more to doing something about it. As a contemplative, one who finds God's presence in silence, I think it is incredibly important to introduce some silence into our worship, so instead of just going through the Word of God, we let the Word of God go through us. To that purpose, we will be introducing a brief time of silence following the Old and New Testament readings and following the homily. The silence will begin and end with the sounding of a bell.

I am sure there will be some discomfort at first as we find ourselves in a place our culture seldom goes. I am also sure that, for many of us, it will not only become a welcome place but may become a richly spiritual place as time goes on.

We will begin this time of silence at both services beginning on May 9th.

I am hopeful just this small change will begin for us a new understanding of the richness of the Word of God.

Blessings,

Al+

Jr. Warden's Column By Rhoda Perry

A few days ago, I found in my Inbox one of those inspirational stories people send in case they change your life. This one started, "Inspired by Johnny the Bagger." Fortunately, I had 3 minutes to invest, even though it didn't sound funny. I was right, it wasn't funny, and I was wrong, it turned out to be thoroughly worthwhile. I'd like to share it with you.

This is a true story told by an inspirational speaker,

you know, one of those that your company hires to motivate employees to sell more widgets. She tells how she spoke to a room full of supermarket employees, then went home. Some days later, she received a phone call from Johnny. He was 19, he said, a bagger at a checkout, and a Downs Syndrome individual. He had been thinking about her talk. He thought at first that there wasn't anything he could do, being just a bagger, but then he had an idea. He came up with a "Thought for the Day", got his father to help him type it on the computer and print copies, cut them out, and the next day at work, he bagged the groceries, carefully as usual, then added a "thought" to the bag.

Each day after work, he went home and thought another thought, and repeated the process, being sure to greet each customer as he always did. He just wanted the speaker to know how much he liked her talk.

One month later, Johnny's manager called. He had discovered that people were lining up past the frozen foods to check out at Johnny's station. Opening more checkouts didn't help, as people wanted a moment with Johnny. The store became more and more crowded as Johnny's ideas spread: the floral department started giving away a flower that might otherwise be discarded, the meat department began making sure people knew how to cook the meat they were buying, and everybody started greeting customers. Not just "Have a nice day," but "How are the twins, Mrs. Jones?"

No, Trinity is not going into competition with Wegmans. But perhaps we could learn something from Johnny. People seek the personal touch, even though it is only a few words. Perhaps we could have a "child of the week" and everybody learn his/her name, age, and something about this child. Perhaps we could "debrief" after each new prospective member or visitor and collect everything we learned in our conversation. Perhaps we could have a prize for the member who spoke to the most different people during coffee hour. And perhaps we could have a Johnny-style thought for the day. Perhaps, "Why am I at church today?"



Vestry

The vestry meeting for April 2010 has been scheduled for April 29th. Please see June Trinity Times for April vestry highlights. Thank you!



Income	March YTD	Budget YTD
Altar Fund	525	375
Fundraisers	201	550
Special	277	850
Pledge & Plate	34,810	28,384
Allocations	1,140	750
Building Use	3,635	3,730
Misc.	5,933	3,500
Total	\$46,521	\$38,139

Expense	March YTD	Budget YTD
B&G	10,454	8,213
Evangelism	242	250
Personnel	32,888	45,373
Mission	3,680	3,680
Worship	978	1,150
Christian Ed	112	125
Office Expense	1,207	1,250
Other	3,844	3,213
Total	53,405	63,254

Diocesan Volunteer Opportunities

By Ed Bohrer

The Committee on Nominations is ready to receive nominations for a slate of nominees to stand for election at the 2010 Diocesan Convention. If you feel you are being called to serve on one of the offices listed below or if you have the interest to learn more about the inner structure of the Diocese through volunteering, please show your interest to the Wardens, Ed Bohrer or Rhoda Perry. We along with Father Al, have more detailed information

about the positions and we can provide the applications for nominations, as well. Listed are the offices requiring nomination:

Diocesan Council	Elect 3 Lay-at large
Trustees	Elect 3 Clergy or Lay
Standing Committee	Elect 1Clergy &1Lay
Commission on Ministry	Elect 1 Clergy or Lay
Deputies to General Convention	Elect 4 Clergy & 4 Lay
Ecclesiastical Court	Elect 3 Clergy & 2 Lay

Deadline for submitting names is May 28th.

The Common Cup

Faithfully – Al +

“In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.”

Friends – the above words are spoken when a Lay Eucharistic Visitor goes forth from our service bring the sacrament to one of our community who is unable to be in attendance. I am particularly drawn to the expression of “one bread, one cup.” These words are reminders that in our tradition it has always been our practice to receive from the common cup.

On occasions we have made some exceptions to the common cup, as we did recently during the time of concern for the H1N1 virus. Indeed there may be other times that might require us to go in this direction again. As your priest and friend I am aware of how our recent practice of not receiving from the common cup has perhaps moved us into preferring it over what has been our tradition. It is not easy for us to change. Still, as I mentioned in the very beginning of the H1N1 change we would be going back to the common cup.

It would be pastorally inconsiderate of me to ignore the fact that for some of us the common cup might

not be an option, due to health or other circumstances. To this we will continue to provide a small number of individual cups. If for some reason you need to receive under this option, please let me know directly of your need.

Five Alive

By Rhoda Perry

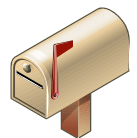


The Episcopal Diocese has joined with other Rochester churches to sponsor a recycling effort aimed at some items not collected at curbsides in Greece. Unfortunately, we were not informed in time to join the Earth Day collection this year, but we will start now to be ready for next year. At Trinity we will have boxes for #5 plastic containers such as Smart Balance and similar containers. There will be a labeled box on the shelf in the East lobby (across from the choir room) for these recyclable tubs--please use them. As we find new #5 containers, we'll let you know. Please make sure they're clean. Also collected on Sunday were cell phones and other electronics and pharmaceuticals, but we won't be storing these at Trinity. We'll ask you to keep them until next April, when we'll collect them and turn them in. Thanks to all who recycle for a cleaner earth for our children!

OUTREACH..

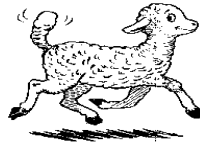
We Get Letters..

Aurora House - Thank you so much for opening (hosting) the benefit concert on Sunday, March 12. With your support \$625 has been raised to date from the wonderful event. Furthermore, those that attended were richly blessed with a wonderful afternoon in such a lovely setting. Thanks again! Jeanne Johns, Treasurer



Greece Food Shelf: Don't forget the hungry served by the Greece Food Shelf ministry! May 30th we will bless the food we have given and send it off, but food is welcome ANY TIME!!!

Trinity Lamb Preschool



This is always an exciting time at Lamb School because the incubator is out and contains 6 duck eggs and 6 chicken eggs. We will be waiting anxiously for the hatching of our new little animals! Also, we have 5 caterpillars which will be eating and growing into beautiful *painted lady* butterflies. We will keep you posted on what happens!



Just before Mother's Day, the Pre-K class will be hosting their mothers at a special tea in their honor. Our Lamb School mothers are very important to us and we hope they enjoy the day.

The Three-Year-Olds will be visiting Springdale Farm to see the animals and what has been newly born.

If you are interested in learning more about Lamb School, please call us at school at 225-8026.

-Alice Neff



⇒ Kim Emanuel, our organist and choir director will be away May 16th and a couple of Sundays in June, July and August. Kim has arranged for substitutes and we will welcome Bruce Beardsley, Mitzie Collins, Hammers 'n Pics, and Cristina Dinella on these Sundays Kim will not be with us in worship.

⇒ **The Shaun M. Bohrer Scholarship is again available to a graduating high school senior who will be attending college.** To be eligible the student must have at least an 85% average, must be an active member of Trinity and possess the character traits of leadership, commitment and responsibility. Applications are available in the Church Office.

⇒ **Graduate Names Requested!** Attention all graduate families of graduating seniors of high school or college. Please submit their names and the school they are graduating from (degree if known) to the church office, for special recognition. Questions? Call the church office at 225-7848.

⇒ Anyone wishing to unsubscribe to Trinity Times, please email Lisa at office@trinity-greeceny.org or call 585-225-7848.

Happy Mother's Day!

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- 14th Annual Golf Tournament, Monday June 14, 2010. Episcopal Senior Life invited you to golf with friends and colleagues to benefit their SeniorLife Communities. The goal this year is to raise 50K to support the purchase of a Resident Van. Lunch is at 11am and Tee-off at Noon. Please visit www.episcopalseniorlife.org for more info.
- Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori to dedicate Zion House in Avon. The Zion House is the 1st of its kind in our state a new six-bed transitional home for women veterans. The celebration will be held on Wednesday, May 12 on the grounds of Zion Episcopal Church, 10 Park Place, Ave NY 14414.
- Job Search Team—Epiphany, 3285 Buffalo Rd is sponsoring a job search team every Monday from noon to 2pm. This networking and support group for professionals is for anyone either unemployed or considering a job change. All are welcome. No reservations, membership, or advance planning is required. For further info call Dick Smith at 350-9477.

GOD'S Rosebud

A new minister was walking with an older,
more seasoned minister in the garden one day.

Feeling a bit insecure about what God had for
him to do,
he was asking the older preacher for some advice.

The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and
handed the young preacher a rosebud and told
him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the
older preacher and was trying to figure out what a
rosebud could possibly have to do
with his wanting to know the will of God for his
life and ministry.

But because of his great respect for the older
preacher, he proceeded to try to unfold the
rose, while keeping every petal intact.

It wasn't long before he realized how impossible
this was to do.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to un-
fold the rosebud without tearing it, the older
preacher began to recite the following poem...

"It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of God's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine."

"The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so easily,
But in my hands they die."

"If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of God's design,
Then how can I have the wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?"

"So I'll trust in God for leading
Each moment of my day.
I will look to God for guidance

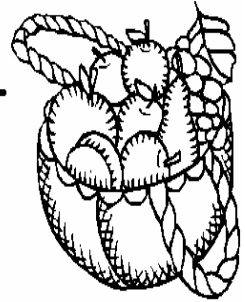
In each step of the way."

"The path that lies before me,
Only my Lord knows.
I'll trust God to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose."

Kid's Column

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Fruit of the Spirit Anagram



Word List:

Christ-like, confess, gentleness, gifts,
healthy, honest, kindness, learn, patience,
trustworthy

aceeipt _____

deiknss _____

eeeglhnss _____

fgist _____

aelnr _____

cefnoos _____

ehnost _____

horrstttuwy _____

chirst-eikl _____

aehhly _____

HAPPY Birthday!

- 5 1 Monica John
- 5 1 Timothy McGavern
- 5 4 David Sand
- 5 5 Marion Montstream
- 5 7 Nicholas Keirstead
- 5 7 Susen Langton
- 5 8 Sonya Armstrong
- 5 8 Sarah Swertfeger
- 5 9 William McDowell
- 5 11 Julie Ray Crist
- 5 14 Paige Janis
- 5 14 Ruth Poole
- 5 17 Samantha Bruehl
- 5 17 Michelle Luvisi
- 5 21 Marjorie Wilson
- 5 23 Sharon Burch
- 5 27 James Keirstead
- 5 28 Esther Russell
- 5 29 Jeffrey Northan
- 5 29 Linda Keeney
- 5 30 Marylue Carley
- 5 30 Jillian Niven
- 5 31 Kyle Moyer

God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For Parishioners and Friends...

Lee Connolly Betty Milsap
 Elsie Himelein Gloria Noble

For those facing long-term challenges: Betty Gardner, Joan Corbin Stegman

The Prayers Of The People

For those celebrating anniversaries....

Mr. & Mrs. James Keirstead – May 19th
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Haines – May 25th
 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wackerow – May 28th

Remembering those who have died...

Our condolences and prayers go out to the family and friends of Bernice Foland who was entrusted into God’s care and keeping April 5, 2010.

Please notify the Church office to reserve specific Sunday dates for memorials of family members or any loved ones via the Sanctuary Candle.



Dear Heavenly Father,

As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our service men and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops, and ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes and your peace, provision and strength to fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be filled with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support.

In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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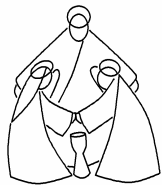
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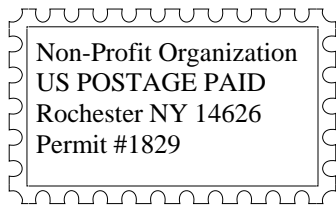
the Lord
Christ,

and Spread His Love

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