



TRINITY TIMES

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November 2009

REGULAR Schedule!

- Holy Eucharist (Rite 2) Sundays @ 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



Reminder: Saturday, October 31st, 2009 do not forget to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed.

All Saints/All Souls: On Sunday, **November 1st** we will celebrate All Saints Day at Trinity. Trinity will again remember the saints in our lives with a slide show presentation.

Commissioning Ministries: For those of you who give your time to the many ministry positions Trinity has to offer, you are invited to either our 8:30am or 10:30am service for commissioning of your special service: **November 1st**—Liturgy Committee, Vestry, Clerk of Vestry, and Lamb School Teachers; **November 8th** - Plate Counters, Treasurer, Finance Committee, Stewardship Ministry, and Capital Campaign.

Trinity Fall Service Days Mark your calendar now, **November 7th** and **November 21st**! Time is 8:30am—2:00pm. Rain date a week later. It's the Fall version of our clean up/fix up time, with something for practically anyone who lends a hand. **ALL are welcome and NEEDED** for our facility and grounds to remain in a clean and inviting condition. Lunch is provided and there will be coffee and treats for early risers! Anytime you have to offer would be most welcome.

Young-at-Heart: Join us for lunch Wednesday, **November 11th, 12:30pm** at Slayton Place in Spencerport (54 Slayton Ave). This senior group meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For more information please Cal Bracy or Rhoda Perry.

Stewardship Sunday: Trinity's faith and commitment at our annual Stewardship Sunday will be forthcoming. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge as we give thanks for the MANY blessings God has bestowed upon us as individuals and as a congregation.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals: Trinity will again be having a Christmas Pageant. Rehearsals will be immediately following the 10:30 service beginning **November 15th** thru **December 20th**. The rehearsals will last approximately 20 minutes. For more information please contact one of the members of the AIW committee. See page 4 for more info.

Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving. - W T Purkiser

The PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Trinity:

The last few weeks have been a time of spectacular beauty here in Upstate New York. From my office window here at the church I can see a golden yellow maple simply bursting with color in the afternoon sun. And the abundance of the local harvest especially in the apples and grapes and other fruits and vegetables of this area has produced a bounty of good eating. We are blessed. We are incredibly blessed!

Those words are really at the heart of stewardship – “we are incredibly blessed!” They remind us all that we have ultimately comes to us from a loving Creator. When we carry this kind of gratitude in our hearts, we find ourselves wanting to give thanks. And so we return our gratitude in gifts of our time and talents and treasure.

As we prepare to enter our stewardship time for the coming year, I ask you to prayerfully look at how many ways you have been blessed and then just as prayerfully let your heart lead you to how you will show your gratitude.

We are on the threshold of new beginnings here at Trinity, and we look hopefully to the work of renewal and growth of this wonderful congregation. Linda and I look forward to joining you in this opportunity to become a center of spiritual community in a world starving for meaning and hope. This vision will take not only our gifts of time talent and treasure, it will also call for prayer for guidance and grace to face the challenges that are part of making this vision come to life.

I am happy to say as your new pastor, in just

the short time I have been with you, that I feel blessed, “incredibly blessed” to share this journey with you.

Faithfully,

Al +



Minutes of Meeting October 22, 2009

Letter of Agreement:

- LOA to be modified; Father Al serves at the Bishop's pleasure in his role as Canon for Spiritual formation.
- Mutual ministry and goals be made more definitive and worded as such. Designed to be under review at a six and twelve month time frame.
- A committee will be formed to structure the objectives and benchmark the goals.
- Letter of Agreement between the wardens and vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church, Greece N.Y., The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, and The Reverend Canon Albert J. Keeney has been accepted.

Priest-In-Charge Report:

- Retreat last week to Virginia proved to be very energizing and made for a fulfilling event.
- A-Team will be painting rector's office.
- Introduction to Stewardship—to late in the year to have an every member canvas.
- Cottage meetings will take place next year.
- A Living Stewardship Program (direct mail) available thru the internet and will possibly be ordered on a limited basis. Stewardship Workshop meeting on October 31st scheduled from 9:30 to 12:00. This program is a 4-week output via mail, and meant to school parishioners on the importance of stewardship.

Magnetic Church: On October 28th at 7:00p.m., an overview of the Magnetic Church sessions will

be discussed by those vestry members who attended and Father Al to inform members of the vestry of informational items taught them by Andrew Weeks, presenter.

Vestry Nomination Process:

- Trinity Times will be used to inform people of the upcoming need for election of new vestry members.
- Bylaws are available to our church to formally operate this process.
- No nomination will be accepted from the floor; all must be submitted during the nominating time period.

Trinity Committees:

- Various members of vestry feel the many committee groups it takes to operate Trinity and its family's needs are lacking in actual organization.
- A group of people is being formed to attempt to better relate to the vestry the updates and progress of each of Trinity's service missions.
- Entails regular meetings with committee chairs for a progress report of their said committee.
- Involves such groups as layreaders, alter guild, B&G, puppet ministry, community service, warm-up America and Craig Hill School tutors.
- Father Al, Cherie, Kim and Ed will be identifying the organizations and structure for each.
- Also, the new committee adopted by the vestry is MBO - Ministry Beyond Ourselves.

Other Business:

- Halloween party was held by the Lamb's Pre-school staff on October 21, and it was a great success. Father Al attended, and was willing to be face painted.
- Father Al will occasionally stop in to visit the preschool classrooms during various events, and intends to regularly greet parents and children.
- Reimbursement of \$250.00 for hosting the Magnetic Church session; Father Al verified he has applied to Diocese for this money.
- A vestry member has donated money needed to correct our two outdoor signs to reflect the time

of Sunday service from 8:00 to 8:30. Bob Romanet has placed an order.

September Finance Report:

The finance report was accepted pending an audit.



Income	September YTD	Budget YTD
Altar Fund	885	750
Fundraisers	2,213	1,500
Special	1,933	2,250
Pledge & Plate	79,697	75,000
Allocations	16,655	16,634
Building Use	11,534	11,505
Misc.	3,314	0
Total	\$116,231	107,640

Expense	September YTD	Budget YTD
B&G	33,124	35,798
Evangelism	1,004	750
Personnel	98,562	104,040
Mission	10,992	10,992
Worship	4,845	2,662
Christian Ed	1,663	1,950
Office Expense	3,269	5,100
Total	\$160,314	166,655

Vestry Nominations 2010

As we enter the month of November, it is time for members of Trinity to consider serving on the Vestry when the positions of Junior Warden and three Vestry memberships expire.



The four individuals who fill these positions will begin their service to Trinity at the February 2010 Vestry meeting. All Vestry seats are three year terms. Wardens serve for two years. All who serve are elected to their positions at the Annual Meeting held each January having been through a nominating process.

Vestry members along with Fr. Al are currently reviewing Trinity's bylaws and current policies and practices. In the December newsletter, look for an article on what the future nominating process will be.

In the meantime, if you regularly worship at Trinity and are a pledging member, Fr. Al, the Wardens and Vestry ask that you prayerfully consider talking with the outgoing members in particular about what serving would mean for you and the future of Trinity. Dorothy Romanet is the outgoing Senior Warden. The three outgoing Vestry members are Karen Hopf, Jeff Northan and Matthew Graney. Of course, Fr. Al and any other Vestry member would be glad to speak with you. Other Vestry members are Cherie Dobberstein, Sally Kovaks, Kim Branco, Sally Linton, Richard Stone, Richard Russnow and Ed Boher (moving up to Senior Warden).

Faithfully, in Christ,
Dorothy Romanet, Sr. Warden

WORSHIP



Beginning November 1st during the 10:30 Sunday service the puppet chat, children's chat and announcements will occur prior to the processional hymn and greeting.

All Sundays throughout the flu season at both the 8:30am and 10:30am service, Trinity will move to single use communion cups. Trinity feels proactive measures are required. For further information, please see the H1N1 handout posted on the vestry board or speak with Fr. Al.

Discretionary Fund Contributions

As we approach Thanksgiving and the Christmas season, Fr. Al will need discretionary funds more than ever. If you wish to make a contribution, a check made out to Trinity with a note designating Discretionary Fund would be welcomed immediately. A check would be preferred as it would fa-

cilitate the most accurate record keeping for this fund which will be held in a checking account at Canandaigua National Bank. The 1st Sunday of every month is designated the Rector's Discretionary Fund for all monies received in Plate.

Official Notice

There shall be an annual meeting of the Members of Trinity Episcopal Church on the last Sunday in January, the 31st, for the purpose of electing a Junior Warden and three Vestry Members and for the consideration and disposition of all other business of the Parish through the provisions of the Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York or the Canons of the Diocese.

It's Time To Rehearse Christmas Pageant

The Arts In Worship committee has been busy planning for this year's Christmas Pageant. This year, students will be able to select from 2 different roles. If your child would like to sing, he/she will be an angel. If he/she prefers not to sing, he/she will be an animal. Below, please find the rehearsal schedule. We really need to have the children there for all of the rehearsals. All rehearsals will occur right after the service each Sunday beginning November 15th and will last for 20 minutes. If your child wishes to participate in the pageant and is not able to attend services between Thanksgiving and Christmas, he/she will play the role of animal. We look forward to working with your child. Feel free to see Pamela Fitzmorris if you have any questions.

Schedule

Nov 15 - talk through the pageant
Nov 22- Angels learn songs Mary & Joseph block
Nov 29- Angels practice songs, Animals practice lines and blocking, Jack practice piano

Dec 6- Angels finish learning all of the songs, Jack practice piano songs, Animals finish learning lines and blocking, puppeteers practice chat

Dec 13- Run through entire pageant w/ puppet chat

Dec 20- Dress rehearsal and puppet chat

OUTREACH...



Once again the Greece Food Shelf has asked Trinity Church to provide Thanksgiving Baskets to 8 needy families. We hope you will please help us fill this request for food, paper goods & money to purchase turkeys & fresh vegetables for a delicious holiday dinner. A poster will be put in the church foyer the 1st week in November with a list of items needed, or call Bob John at 385-6413 for more information. Thank you!!!



HO, HO, HO! The season of giving is upon us. Please add the following to your planning calendar for the holiday season:

Firs time every! We're going to have a **SCARF AND MITTEN TREE** in the narthex this year. Homemade and store bought mittens and scarves for adults and children will decorate the tree through the Christmas season, then delivered to the Greece Cloth Shelf for distribution. The tree will appear on November 29th, the 1st Sunday of Advent, and decorated by YOU, and then taken down on Epiphany, January 6th.

Our Jesse Tree will return this year to receive our White Gifts. Each holiday season Trinity members give new children's clothing and toys, and women's clothing, toiletries, and games for the battered Women's Shelter in Rochester. These are not Christmas presents, so we wrap them in white paper or plastic bags, place them under the Jesse Tree, and say a prayer for the broken families they will help. Advent is the time, November 29 thru December 20.

Don't forget the hungry served by the Greece Food Shelf ministry! November 29 and December 27 are the days we will bless the food we have given and send it off, but food is welcome ANY TIME!!!

Open Door Mission Immediate Needs: *Food Service*—Eggs, Salad dressings, Lettuce; *Men's Shelter Program*—Twin sheets, Twin blankets, Bath towels; *Clothing Program*—**URGENT NEED - Men's, women's and children's coats (All sizes), URGENT NEED - Adult winter gloves; Household Supplies**—

Plastic forks, Bathroom tissue, Paper towel, 8" styro foam bowls, *Medical Supplies*—Cough syrup, Antacid tablets; Donations gladly accepted 24/7 at our [Caring Center](#) located at 156 North Plymouth Avenue. Thank You!



Trinity Lamb Preschool News...

In November we will be focusing on autumn's harvest and what we are thankful for. At Lamb School we are very thankful for our families and the children who bring us their smiles each day.

The Pre-K class will be working on Kindergarten readiness skills such as tracing and writing letters and numbers, and cutting out objects. Each child is working on an alphabet book which will be finished in the spring. There are many readiness skills to practice each week, such as cutting, holding pencils correctly, writing names, and numbers and learning addresses and phone numbers.

The Three-Year-Olds will continue to learn colors and shapes. Both classes have adjusted to school and are doing very well. We really appreciated the visit by Father Al to our Halloween Party in October. He introduced himself to our families and we hope this may spark an interest in some families wanting to learn more about Trinity! Thank you Father Al!

Our classes for the fall of 2010 are filling up. If you are interested in finding out more about the pre-school, please call us at 225- 8026 or email us at trinitylamb@gmail.com.

—Alice Neff



- ⇒ The Rector's office is undergoing renovations. The A-team has completed and did a wonderful job painting Fr. Al's office. The carpet and draperies will also be replaced. We are hoping to create a welcoming and spiritual place for Fr. Al, our members and the community at large. Please stop in and see the renovations and visit with Fr. Al. Donations are being accepted to offset the cost of the renovations. Please designate funds for Rector's Renovation. Thank you.
- ⇒ The office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and on November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. There will be no Noon service on the 26th.
- ⇒ As the heating season approaches, please keep all facility doors closed in order for Trinity to be as cost efficient as possible. If you feel the heat schedule needs to be revised, please call the office and we will adjust accordingly. If there is an emergency and the office is closed please call John Montstream at 227-2592.
- ⇒ Anyone wishing to unsubscribe to Trinity Times, please email Lisa at office@trinity-greeny.org or call 585-225-7848.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- **Job Seekers Group:** Every other Monday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. CRCDS on the second floor. (next meeting will be on June 8th.) If you have any questions please contact the Rev. Lance Robbins, lrobbins3714@aol.com
- **Friends in Service Here:** Urgently needs volunteers willing to give one day a month to help the elderly and disabled in the Greece & Charlotte area with transportation for medical appointments. Greece F.I.S.H. needs you to drive or to use your home phone to receive calls from the answering service and arrange for the needed rides. If you are interested in helping, please call 453-2370.
- **I Can Cope:** 1st Monday of every month, 6:30-8 pm, educational classes for people touched by cancer, St. Thomas' Episcopal, 2000 Highland Avenue, Rochester, open to anyone.
- **Cephas Meeting:** Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm, Ascension Church, Rochester. Cephas is an ex-offenders self-help discussion group.
- **Bunco Party - November 7, 2009 - Holy Ghost Church** Come join us for a night of gaming fun with a Bunco Dice Party night, hosted by Holy Ghost Church at 6pm on November 7th,. Tickets are \$10 and includes pizza, pop, bunco, dessert, prizes and great fun!! This event benefits Aurora House!
- **Annual Roast Beef Dinner**—Sat, Nov 07, 2009 — 05:30 PM until, [Church of the Ascension, 2 Riverside Street](#), Adults \$9.00, Children 6-12 \$5.00, Children under 6 are free. Soda and wine will be available for purchase,. Please call for reservations 458-5423.
- John Dominic Crossan's visit to the diocese on November 8 & 9. Evensong, 4pm; Lecture 5pm "Divine Violence in the Christian Bible" St. Pauls 25 Westminster Rd across from the George Eastman House. Free and open to the public. Call 271-2240 or visit stpaulsec.org.
- **"The Power of Tears"** - Lifetime Care and Hospice of Rochester invites you to a Ceremony of Remembrance. Sunday, November 15th @ 2:00pm. Harold K. Coleman Chapel—St. John Fisher College. Please call 214-1575 for info or to RSVP by November 10th.
- **NEW! Aurora House Wine Tasting Event - November 18th, Whitter Road Party House!!** Join us for a wonderful evening of wine and cheese tasting. You will be entertained by Milo Tomanovich on the keyboard and treated to the amazing world of magic by the the strolling magician Bill Gormont. In addition to tasting several wines there will be an opportunity to win a basket of wine as well as single bottles.

The Prayers Of The People

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 11 1 Ian Kuchman
- 11 2 Philip Luvisi
- 11 7 Jeffrey Burch
- 11 7 Joshua Lehmann
- 11 9 John Piedmont
- 11 9 Brooks Schneider
- 11 14 Pamela Whitcomb
- 11 14 Carol Lush-Ehmann
- 11 15 Lena Connolly
- 11 16 Linda Wackerow
- 11 18 Francis Branco
- 11 18 Gary Petroske
- 11 18 Elijah Swertfeger
- 11 20 Karren Hopf
- 11 20 Robert John
- 11 20 Carol Schrader
- 11 21 Kimberly Carlson
- 11 21 Aurora Conti
- 11 23 Margaret Cook
- 11 24 Bernard Langton
- 11 26 Douglas Bruehl
- 11 30 Merna Rothenberger

Those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries...

- Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Wood – November 7th
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Allaire – November 15th
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert John – November 24th
- Mr. & Mrs. John Keirstead – November 25th
- Mr. & Mrs. Philip Hazen – November 27th
- Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Taylor – November 30th

For Parishioners and Friends...

- Betty Gardner Gladys Paige
- Linda Jo Makowski David Palmer
- Gloria Noble Clarence Robinson

For those facing long-term challenges: Pete Beers, Susan Beers, Lee Connolly, Joan Corbin Stegman, Beverly Crouture, Mary Decker, Lauren Ellison, Michael English, Eric Farmborough, Florence Hamlin, Barbara Headridge, Gail Janis, Betty John, Virginia Kammerdiener, Bridget Martin, Bev Meintel, Simon Meyer, Meagan Nelson, Jim Nelson, Helen O’Meara, Sage Richardson, Stephanie Romanet, Brenda Soutemenides, Linda Spencer and the Spencer Family, Ray & Meg Stein, Katherine Streb, Rosemary Streb, Robert Streb Sr., Tim, Erica & Amanda Streb, Linda Swicke, Terry Verbeck.

The names on our long term prayers will no longer be read at each Sunday service. They will continue to be listed in the bulletin and Trinity Times for all of us to pray for in our personal petitions. Request for prayers on the long term list will be listed for 3 months. Please call the office if you would like the special prayer request for long term to continue beyond the 3 months— Your Liturgy Committee



Remembering those who have died...

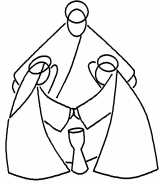
We offer our condolences to the family of Karen Marr whose service for the Thanksgiving of Life will be held at Epiphany in Gates on Saturday, November 7th. Karen was a former member of Trinity and the daughter of Don and Claire Christensen lifetime members of Trinity Episcopal Church.

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

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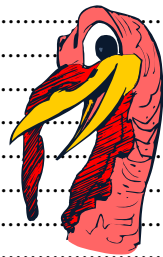
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Ministers
The Congregation

Our Church Staff

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Anonymous

Thank you, dear God
For all You have given me,
For all You have taken away from me,
For all You have left me.