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Mother Angie's Musings

Growing up I learned to respect guns as I learned to respect sharp knives, a hot stove, and other things that could harm me or others. My father owned (and still owns) a .22 caliber rifle. I knew that my father had bullets for that gun but that he stored them separately and, being a child, I did not know where he had them locked up. I have family members that hunt for food and I know some poor families that would not be able to afford meat at all if it were not for hunting. I have even shot a gun at a range and enjoyed the experience. I say all this to clarify that I am not anti-gun. I understand their usefulness as a tool and I think that they are not evil, in and of themselves. With that being said, I am deeply distressed (and have been for quite some time) at the level of gun violence in this country. There are few days that I can watch or read the news and not find at least one story about a shooting injury or fatality. Yes, there are plenty of other versions of violence and injury that we inflict on each other but the sharp increase in mass shootings is alarming to say the least.

Reminders



Open House
April 29 2-4 PM

Strawberry
Festival

Sunday June 10
2-4 pm

I remember the Columbine shooting vividly. I was in high school and I was home sick that day, so I watched as it all unfolded on TV. I remember kids climbing out of the school windows. I remember tear-stained faces of kids and adults. I remember the shock that I felt upon finding out that the shooters were just kids themselves. I remember how it felt to go to school the next day and talk to my friends about what had happened and how that could never happen to us. It all felt so terrifying and yet so distant. It was a terrible, tragic, anomaly. Today however, school and other mass shootings have become such an epidemic that our kids now practice "active shooter" drills in school on a regular basis. Over the last several weeks I have read several accounts written by teachers of how scary these drills are for the kids, especially because the kids never know if they are real or not until later. I have heard similar stories from Jenna about how scared her students are. Imagine for just a minute that you were in their place. Remember back to when you were in grade school or high school. How would you have felt or reacted if you had to face every day at school wondering if one of your classmates was going to come in with a gun and kill you?

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I remember school being a hard-enough place to deal with without having to think about being shot. And on a very personal level, I can't tell you how terrified I get each time that I hear about another school shooting. Is Jenna's school going to be next? Will she make it out alive if it is? The truth is she has already lost some of her former students to gun violence, some as victims, some as the shooters who are now in prison. How do we, as Christians, respond to all of this? What is the message of the Gospel asking of us?

Jesus' call to us is ALWAYS love. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word "Mandatum" which means mandate or command. On that night Jesus gave his disciples the command to love as He has loved. He washed his disciples' feet as an act of loving service that put their needs above his own comfort and status. He washed their feet as a symbol of washing away the sin and evil that 'dirtied' them. That is the self-sacrificing love which is to order and direct our entire lives. It is what is to guide and inform our attitudes, actions, and words. This love is a call to continually repent of our sinfulness and ask God each day to re-orient our lives towards love.

This love calls us to have compassion for those who suffer – not only in our hearts, but in our actions. We are called to walk with others as they journey hard roads. We are called to stand with those who stand against injustice. We are called to speak alongside those whose voice is silenced or marginalized. Why are we called to this? Because this is precisely what Jesus did in his ministry and if we are to be his disciples, we must follow in his footsteps. We must put into action the values of the Kingdom of God that Jesus taught and learn to 'wash the feet' of those around us – learning that to be a disciple is to be a servant.

But make no mistake, following in the footsteps of Jesus is not only hard, it is dangerous. Following in his footsteps ALWAYS leads to the cross. It leads us into the greatest depths of suffering as we witness and experience the sin and evil that we humans subject each other to. This past weekend, my journey of following Jesus led me to the streets of NYC for the March For Our Lives. I marched in support of those who lost their lives to gun violence in Parkland and in all the other mass shootings. I marched in support of the survivors of these attacks. These children have suffered great trauma and we are called to walk alongside them to truly hear them, to support them, and to allow them to heal. I marched for all those children who now live through the terror of "active shooter" drills and fear that one of their own peers will one day kill them. I marched for all the teachers who teach and lead these children and now also deal with the stress of these drills and wonder if some day they will have to put themselves between their students and a bullet. I marched for all the victims of gun violence in this country – for victims shot in domestic violence, for those shot because of racism, for those shot unintentionally or randomly, for those shot while committing crimes, for those shot in the line of duty, for those shot as a victim of their own mental health. I marched for all those who live in fear that they or their loved one will be the next to die.

Being at the march was an amazing experience, but I do not fool myself by thinking that the journey is over. The march was just the beginning. Our call to love as Jesus loves continues. If we are to heed this call then we must continue listening, continue speaking, and continue walking with those affected by gun violence. That journey will continue to lead us to the agony of the cross. That journey will continue to expose us to sin and evil. But if we persevere, we know that that journey will also eventually lead us to the resurrection because we do not follow a God who is dead.

I know that the issue of gun violence is a complex and multifaceted one and therefore it will take complex and multifaceted solutions to adequately address it. I know that it is not a problem that developed overnight, and it is not a problem that will be conquered overnight. However, I know that there *are* solutions and I know that it *can* be conquered. I know this because I know that sin and evil are no match for the power of God who is Love with a capital "L". I know this because Jesus is not done transforming this world into the Kingdom that God created it to be and he will not stop until he succeeds. I know this because Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to be our guide and strength to continue his mission in this world. I know this because I ask God daily to give me the strength to follow his command to love others as God loves me. I know this because each day as I ask this; God shows me how to serve others and what it means to "wash their feet."

As we continue this journey with Jesus from the table at the Last Supper, to the agony in the Garden, to the cross and the tomb, may we pray that God shows us the ways in which He calls us journey with those around us as the walk with their own crosses each day. May God give us the courage to value love above hatred, forgiveness above revenge, and service to others above our own comfort. May we live our lives as true disciples of Jesus and follow him all the way to the joy of the resurrection.

Meeting Dates and Times of Your Mission Committee {Vestry} and Committees

All Meetings are held in the Parish Hall, except where noted.

All Members of the Parish are encouraged to participate and become members of a committee.

Without you our Church cannot function efficiently.

Mission Committee: (Vestry)

**April 20 @ 7:30 PM
May 17 @ 7:30 PM
June 21 @ 7:30 PM**

**Fiancé Committee: June 6, 2018
@7:30 PM**

**Outreach Committee: April 7, 2018
@11:00 AM - St. Martha's**

**Fund Raising Comm. April 8, 2018 @ 11 AM
June 10, 2018 @ 11 AM**

**Stewardship Comm. April 15, 2018 @ 11 AM
June 24, 2018 @ 11 AM**

**Communication Comm. April 22, 2018 @ 11 AM
June 24, 2018 @ 11 AM**

Building and Grounds Comm.

**April 20, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
May 17, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
June 24, 2018 @ 7:00**

Trinity Herald To Be Published Quarterly New Format Established



Commencing with this issue, your *Trinity Herald* will be published on a quarterly basis, a Spring, summer, Fall and Winter editions, with a new format.

The New format will be a focus on the work of our Out Reach Ministries and the Committees and organizations that keep Trinity a viable worshipping community. Also it we will have a monthly feature “Get To Know Your Fellow Parishioner” and any such articles about our Parish Life.

Any articles that you would like to appear in the Herald may be submitted to me in person or emailed to me at aefndf@msn.com.

However, any announcements of upcoming event and of a time sensitive nature should be submitted to the Parish Office for publication in “This Week in Trinity”.

The Trinity Herald is your Parish Newsletter. It can only be as good as the Parishioners can make it.

Thank you: Allen Francis Editor

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Trinity Episcopal Church

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Cordially Invites our Neighbors, Friends and Parishioners

to

An Open House Celebrating The 300th Anniversary

of the

Jonathan Dunham House
and the
Completion of a 4 Year Renovation

April 29, 2018 2-4 pm



Join us at a Community Block Party Celebration with activities, delicious food and tours of the Jonathan Dunham House and our Historic Church

Jonathan Dunham's most famous descendant is a President Barack Obama. President Obama's mother's maiden name is Stanley Ann Dunham, A direct descendant of Jonathan Dunham. Also, there are several members of the Dunham family interred in our cemetery.

Key Dates in Trinity's History

Jan. 17, 1640: Jonathan Singletary is born in Newbury, MA. He later adopts the last name Dunham, which may have been his mother's maiden name. He is President Barack Obama's eighth great-grandfather and the first of Obama's Dunham ancestors born in North America.

Dec. 11, 1666: New Jersey Gov. Philip Carteret sells the Woodbridge area, part of the Elizabethtown territory, to Puritans from northern Massachusetts. The area includes today's towns of Carteret, Metuchen and Rahway.

June 11, 1669: Woodbridge Township receives a Royal Charter, granted by England's King Charles II.

1670: Dunham and his wife, Mary Bloomfield, moves to Woodbridge from Haverhill, MA

1670: Land grants are made to Woodbridge's settlers. Dunham receives 213 acres. Another 200 are designated for ministry. A section known as Kirk Green is set aside for religious activities.

1670-71: Dunham builds Woodbridge's first grist mill, as required by his land grant, and a house. Several relatives settle nearby, and the area just north of Kirk Green becomes known as Dunhamtown.

1675: The First Church of Woodbridge, an independent meeting house, is built at Kirk Green.

1698: Edward Portlock holds the first Anglican service in Woodbridge. Portlock is a Church of England missionary, based in Perth Amboy,

1710: The First Church affiliates with the Presbyterian Church. Anglicans break away the next year and begin holding services in private homes, including the Dunham house.

1713: Dunham's son Benjamin begins working on the first of three church buildings. The wood-framed, clapboard structure is unfinished when he dies in 1715 and is abandoned by 1725.

1714: The first known burial takes place in Trinity's churchyard. The oldest tombstone is dated 1750.

c. 1717: The oldest portion of the current Dunham House is built. The house is later owned by the family of Samuel Barron, the namesake of the current Barron Arts Center.

1756: The second church building is constructed. The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts pays for the work. The wood-framed structure is destroyed by fire in 1858.

Dec. 6, 1769: Trinity receives a Royal Charter, granted by England's King George III.

1860: The third church building is constructed. The brick structure is consecrated on May 20, 1861, and is still in use today.

1870: The Dunham House is bought by George C. Hance, Trinity's senior warden, from the Barron family. After enlarging and modernizes the building, he turns over the deed to Trinity in 1873. The house has served as our minister's home ever since.

1874: The first Parish House is built. The house is later named St. Martha's House and is still in use today.



Get To Know Your Fellow Parishioner: by Steve Kalista

I consider myself a local boy, born and raised in Fords, a product of Our Lady of Peace school, Fords Junior and Woodbridge High Schools. Except for five years away at college, a year's work assignment in Chicago and a year living in Passaic county after marriage, I've spent most of my life living in Woodbridge Township and working in Manhattan. Life isn't always as you plan it but more what you make of it as challenges and changes arise. So how does a 32 year old lapsed Catholic find Trinity Church? In my case that recent marriage to Sandy and a move back to Woodbridge led to the "church search". She was born a new England pilgrim church Congregationalist, and happy Moravian by choice with a strong interest in Christian education and music. I was an experienced pew sitter. Our tour of six local churches revealed many lovely ministers, programs, families and individuals. We did enjoy the service, music, scale and friendliness of Trinity and when we ironically confessed that I thought it may feel too Catholic for Sandy and she thought it may feel too Protestant for me, we knew we had the right home. With no immediate family within one hundred miles, it quickly became our extended families with many fellow parishioners serving as surrogate aunts, uncles, siblings, nieces and nephews and most importantly dear and trusted friends as we raised or three daughters in a loving and caring village. What grew most over the years was my own Christian walk, in paths I never would have predicted.

To sit next to my wife every week, I had to learn to read and sing choral music, never a strong point for a parochial school boy. I'm not sure what gets me pumped any higher now than belting out bass lines to Cum Rhonda or Tidings as the final hymn. Next came the need to find six new Sunday school teachers to develop the Journey to Adulthood program for twelve-to- seventeen year old's, I found myself reading the thick teachers manual and thrust into a class with as many as nine middle schoolers. Engineering school offers no education classes, so this was going to be guts and faith all the way. A dozen years later I was reminded of the line from Mr. Holland's Opus about going into this gig kicking and screaming and how now I would not have traded it for any other experience. I sincerely hope I made some difference in a young adult's perspective when someday they hit a few of life's speedbumps.

Now Vestry roles have stepped up to Warden's duty, filling the plate weekly and not always as smoothly or predicable as one would hope for. So just what does this all mean? As far as I can tell from a life's experiences and journey, our wants and our needs do not always coincide. Yes, we do make mistakes but Jesus allows that magic phrase "do over" we all had on the playgrounds as children any time we need it as grown-ups. Keep an open mind and be flexible. We certainly do not know better than God what the real and best plan is. But my favorite take-aways from Sunday School class include God's answers all prayer with either: Yes, not yet or I have something different for you in mind. And while the basic rules for Christianity are simple, no one ever claimed it was easy. When you sit in church, never view that seat next to you as empty, as God knows who needs the most help who to sit next to.

Editors note:

This column will appear in each issue of the Herald. If you would like to submit your profile for the next issue, please send it to me at aedndf@msn.com, along with a picture or I will assist you in writing your profile and take your picture.



Building a Better Community Luncheon Held Trinity's Volunteers Honored *Norma Francis* Heart of Service Award Given

On March 11, 2018, with 55 Volunteers, Parishioners, and Guests in attendance, Trinity's Jubilee Ministry held its First Annual Building a Better Luncheon in the Parish Fellowship hall.

Diocesan Jubilee Ministry Director Clara Jones gave a few remarks regarding the Jubilee Ministry noting that Trinity is only one of three Parishes within the Diocese to be designated as a Jubilee Ministry and praised Trinity for the work that is being done by Trinity's Outreach Ministries.

The volunteers were awarded a *Certificate of Appreciation* for the many hours of volunteering their time and energy to Trinity Church.

Mother Angela announced that Trinity has instituted the *Norma Francis Heart of Service Award* which will be given to the individual who best exemplifies the Service and Dedication to Trinity and the ideals of Trinity Church

Mother Angel stated that this award was established to honor the memory of Norma Francis who gave so much of her time and energy to Trinity Church.

The first recipient of the award was given by Mother Angela to *Carroll Thomas*.

Mother Angela thanked the Way of St. Paul Committee for arranging the Luncheon

Editors Note

On behalf of my family I want to express my deep appreciation and to simply say thank you to Mother Angela and Trinity Church for establishing the *Norma Francis Heart of Service Award* to honor Norma's memory and to recognize her years of service and dedication to Trinity Church

Also, I would like to Publicly thank Mother Angela for her laudatory remarks regarding Norma's work at Trinity

I cannot think of anyone more deserving to receive the First *Norma Francis Heart of Service Award* than *Carroll Thomas*





Stewardship Corner



In the book "The Paradox of Generosity" by Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson the authors document that three percent of Americans give away at least 10 percent of their income and that 85 percent of give away less than two percent of their income. They report that "A number of reasons that Americans give away so little of their income includes our failure to believe that generosity is essential, our sense that we do not have enough money and our belief that the poor should help themselves."

"The habit of giving touches the heart of the Christian life. Our life in Christ is possible because "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". (John 3:16) Love is at the center of our life in Christ but giving is the first and most direct result of love. Love to someone is proven in a willingness to sacrifice for that person. Jesus Christ expressed the importance of giving when He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" ([Acts 20:35](#)) Though we tend to measure everything in terms of dollars, the giving to which Christ refers is much more than just money. It includes all we are and all we have. No matter what your situation, God wants you to use your resources to advance His kingdom."

The English author and scholar C.S. Lewis has said: "I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. In other words, if our expenditure on comforts, luxuries, amusements, etc., is up to the standard common among those with the same income as our own, we are probably giving away too little. If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditures excludes them."

The Rev. Brian Klutz, a generosity speaker and author, says that: "No church ever has a money problem, only a faithfulness problem."

Submitted by: Dave Forsythe, Chair Stewardship Committee



Eucharistic Visitor

Will Bring Communion To Homebound or Hospitalized

At the end of the 10 AM Mass each Sunday, the Eucharistic Visitor is sent out to bring communion to our members that are hospitalized or homebound. If you need or wish to have communion to be brought to you, please contact the Parish Office (732) 634-7422 ext. 10 by Friday at 12:45 PM with your request or the rector's line at (732) 634-7422 ext. 11 by Sunday 9 AM.

If you leave a message on the Rector's line it will be delivered to Mother Angela. The Eucharistic Visitors need to know who wishes to receive communion, their location (hospital, rehab center or home address), and telephone number in case they need to be contacted. We do not want members to be without this important ministry.

The Way Of St Paul

We the Church are here because God has charged us with healing a badly broken world. God gave us a Son, Jesus Christ to lead us – to show us how to live among the ruins and build a world close to God’s vision for us.

The Way of Saint Paul builds beliefs one person at a time. It begins with the clergy person in charge, radiates to the Way of Saint Paul team and other lay leaders, moves out into the congregation as a whole, and ultimately into the world.

The Way of St. Paul is a new approach to growing healthy congregations. It was developed in the Diocese of New Jersey, it is designed to produce growth of all kinds by engaging each congregation in high quality, multi-generational Christian formation.

Forming new disciples and deepening the faith of current members is the definition of growth and health for any church. St. Paul Team projects deepen the Christian faith of all involved – the team, the congregation, and those who choose to join in the Episcopalian way of Christian life.

Members of the Trinity Way of Saint Paul team have been participants in the outreach ministries involving the Thanksgiving & Christmas giving baskets, the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, the Fish & Chips dinner, Ash Wednesday – Ashes to Go, Lenten Study Series, Stations of the Cross, the Beyond the Age Book Club. Their future agenda will include Good Friday Walk with Jesus, Plant a Seed distribution, Dunham House Open House, and the diaper drive.

Want to Know More - Ask a Member.

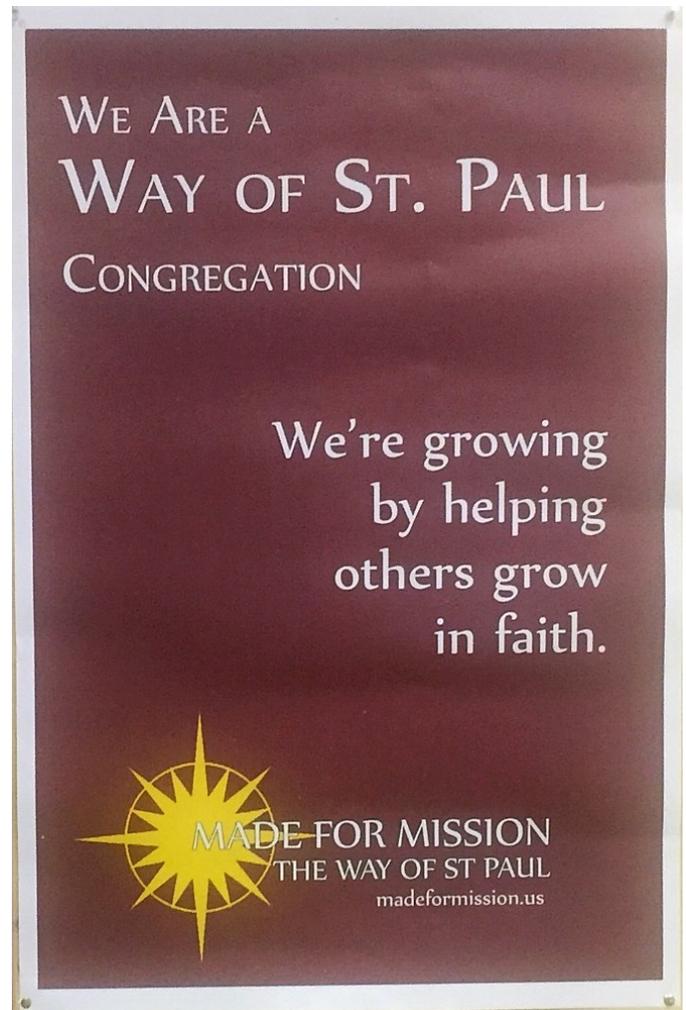
Members of the Trinity Way of St. Paul are:

Rev. Angela Cipolla, clergy person in charge;

Team members: Jeanne Boyle, Veronica Carr, David Forsythe, Janet Temchus & Carroll Thomas.

Our coach is:

Rev. Anne-Marie Jeffrey, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, Perth Amboy, NJ.



Jubilee Ministry



Shrove Tuesday:

Shrove Tuesday was exciting for all involved. Trinity's' Way of St. Paul Committee took on this annual event. We decided to expand our outreach efforts by providing free tickets to those in attendance at weekend services leading up to the event, so they could bring a friend, neighbor, coworker, etc.

Mother Angie shared with outreach approach with the Diocese, specifically the office of Congregational Development, a mini grant was made available in support of this discipleship activity. The night of the event, in line with the Mardi Gras theme not only was the hall decorated for the festivities but the 65+ guests each made their own Mardi Gras mask.

We all enjoyed some New Orleans style Jazz music while we ate potato pancakes, French toast, sausage, bacon, eggs, buttermilk pancakes and ice cream to our hearts content. The evening was a success indeed thanks to the efforts of many parishioners.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon:

The very first annual volunteer appreciation luncheon was well attended by some of the over 40 volunteers of Trinity's outreach ministries. These ministries include the food pantry, soup kitchen, family promise, diaper bank and organization of the many 12 step program groups who utilize space at Trinity. One of the highlights of the event was when Mother Angie announced the first recipient of the Norma Francis Heart of Service Award. Allen Francis was on hand to present this award to Carroll Thomas. All volunteers who were in attendance were presented with a pin and certificate. Coordinators for each program were also presented with flowers. Those not able to attend will be presented their certificates later.

Plant a Seed Sunday:

The Way of Saint Paul Committee will be hosting this new initiative the weekend of April 8th. Those who attend any of the weekend services will be given two packs of seeds. One to keep and one to share. Our hope is that by sharing the seeds we will be planting seeds sharing our love of Jesus Christ.



Thank You

With warm thanks to everyone who helped to make Annual Fish and Chips Dinner the success it was.

The support of our neighbor, friends and Parishioners makes the fellowship at Trinity outstanding!

Again: ***Thank You***

Ross Guellnitz

Fund Raising Committee Chair

This spring, children of the parish, together with their parents or caregivers, are invited to participate in

Family Faith Formation

Sundays after Easter: Exploring Holy Communion

April 15: An intergenerational lesson on Holy Communion. We will provide materials parents can take home and share with their children throughout this liturgical cycle.

April 22: Children's lesson: The Good Shepherd

April 29: Children's lesson: I am the Vine

May 6: Children's lesson: Abide in my Love

May 13: Children's lesson: God's Mission

May 20: Children's lesson: Pentecost

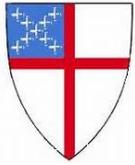
May 27: Memorial Day Holiday: no class

June 3: Children's lesson

June 10: Intergenerational celebration!

All lessons will begin at 9:30 in Parish Hall. Snacks will be provided before 10am Mass.





The Valentine Legacy Society

The Valentine Legacy Society was formed to recognize those who have shown their love for Trinity Church through planned gifts, bequests and establishment of memorial funds.

This legacy society is named for Valentine (Val) Blatz, who served as a Vestry member, Financial Secretary, Lay Eucharistic Minister and Lay Reader, as well as the Valentine family, donors of the pulpit, rood screen and other items in the early 20th century.

The purpose of the Society is to recognize the numerous acts of generosity that have helped the church carry out its mission, glorifying God in daily worship and prayer, upholding a commitment to our Baptismal Covenant, reaching out to others and preserving the parish, since 1698.

We prayerfully urge you to reflect upon the purpose and the mission of the Valentine Society and join your fellow Parishioners who have shown their love for Trinity Church through planned gifts, bequests and establishment of memorial funds so that our spiritual home will continue to be here for future generations.

For further information as how you can become a member of the Valentine Legacy Society, contact Mother Angela or Arlen Guellnitz

Planned Giving

As members of Trinity Church, we are called to be good stewards of the assets with which we have been blessed. This calls for faithful financial estate and planning for ourselves and our families to assure that future needs will be met. It also includes considering how we might provide in the future for the church that we have loved and served during our lifetime, in order that its mission remain, vital.

What Is A Planned Gift

A gift to the Trinity Church Endowment Fund is a gift planned for during the donor's lifetime and usually (but not always) received by the church after the donor's death. Usually such gifts come from the donor's assets rather than current income.

How will my gift be used?

The purpose of the Endowment Fund is to strengthen the long-term ministry of Trinity Church by creating and building financial assets which will help Trinity develop significant new ministries beyond what would otherwise be possible through its annual operating budget and to provide restoration and preservation of our historic Church.

For more information about specific planned giving vehicles,

Contact the Rector or consult your financial adviser.

Giving Options

Giving options may include:

Bequests by will.

Outright gift of cash, securities, real estate, personal property, etc.

Life insurance policies.

IRA assets whereby the donor names the church as beneficiary of the IRA, possibly avoiding estate taxes.

Gift annuity in which a donor transfers assets to Trinity Memorial with a one-time charitable deduction in return for lifetime annual income of a fixed amount. At death, the remaining value of the gift is given to the church.

A pooled income fund which provides a one-time charitable deduction and distributes a share of the fund's earnings to designated beneficiaries during their lifetime. Upon the death of the life income beneficiaries, the remaining value of the gift is given to Trinity Memorial Minimum gift is \$2,000.

Charitable remainder trusts which pay a fixed or variable income based on a percentage, of the trust's annual value or of the gift amount. The donor receives a one-time tax deduction. The assets become the property of the church on the donor's death or after a pre-established time period.

Deferred gift annuity in which the donor makes a gift now and receives an immediate tax deduction, and begins receiving income at a

Volunteers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Guild



During the past weeks, several of our Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors have left due to health, relocating or for other reasons. This has significantly depleted our numbers.

As a Eucharistic Minister and/or Visitor you will have the satisfaction and develop a new sense of spiritually by participating directly, on the Altar, in the Holy Eucharist.

As a Eucharistic Visitor you will be rewarded with a deep satisfaction of administering Holy Communion to those Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass.

It does not involve much of your time to participate in this most satisfying Ministry. Depending upon the number of Parishioners accepting this challenge and joining the ranks of Trinity's Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors it can be as little as 1-2 hours per month.

Won't you consider joining us!!

You just might enjoy your service!!

To Volunteer or for further information, please contact: Mother Angela

For Reflection

Use what talents you possess: The woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those who sang the best.

During the last several months, the ranks of our Altar Guild have been reduced and we are seeking women (or men) to join our Ministry.

Serving as a Member of the Altar Guild is one of the most important and satisfying Ministries of our Church. When resetting the Altar, you are often doing it in the solitude of an empty Church that lends itself to contemplation and mediation. Most Altar Guild Members find this time most gratifying and rewarding.

Each Altar Guild Member serves one month at a time. At present the Altar Guild is on a 3 month rotation. With additional members, the time between will be increased.

To Volunteer or for further information, please contact Mother Angela or any Altar Guild Member.



Saint Anne 's Unit



Meeting Dates and Themes

The May meeting for St Anne's Unit will be held on May 7, 2018. This will be our final business meeting of the year. We will make plans for the Annual Strawberry Festival, elect officers for next year and plan activities for next school year. Refreshments will be served.

Strawberry Festival News!

This year the annual Trinity Church Strawberry Festival will be held on **SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 2018.**
Time: 2 – 4 PM. Price: \$8.00 Advance sale: \$7.00 Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of May.

**Strawberry
Festival**



Mothers Day and Fathers Day Memorial Booklets

St Anne's Unit is once again publishing a separate Mother's Day & Father's Day Booklet. This booklet is a tribute to all those women & men in our lives who have "mother or fathered us" with advice, support, encouragement and love. It may have been your mother or father, a grandmother or grandfather, an aunt or uncle, a sister or brother, a good friend or even a group of women or men who were just there to support you. This is another way to honor her or his "gift" to you.

The book will be distributed in church on Mothers Day and Father's Day .

To submit a name for a booklet, complete the form included in the Herald. Send/bring the completed form (s) to the church office with a check (or cash) before the dated indicated

You can also email the names to Arlene Guellnitz at :

arlene.guellnitz@gmail.com.

If you have any questions call Arlene at 732-382-5963 or send an email.

Dates To Remember:

April 29: Jonathan Dunham 300 Anniversary Open House and Tour

May 6: Mother's Day Booklet Deadline

June 6: Father 's Day Booklet Deadline

June 10: Strawberry Festival 2-4 PM

Sept. 17: Parish Picnic

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE BOOK FORM

Please print:

Your name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone number: _____

I would like to include the following name(s) in the 2018 Remembrance Book.

Deadline for Mother's Day is **MAY 6, 2018**

PLEASE PRINT:

Name of the person (as you would like it to appear): _____
 Check one: "in memory" (person is deceased)
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If you want to honor a group, please indicate below the message as you would like it to appear.

Total number of names: _____ x \$2 = \$ _____

Send the completed form with your check made out to: Trinity Church, Attn: St Anne's; 650 Rahway Avenue; Woodbridge, NJ 07095

You may also bring the completed form with payment to the Parish Office or the Coffee Hour after the 10AM Sunday service. If you have any questions, please contact Arlene Guellnitz at 732-382-5963 or at arlene.guellnitz@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR MOTHER'S DAY BOOKLET IS MAY 6, 2018

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE BOOK FORM

Please print:

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

I would like to include the following name(s) in the 2018 Remembrance Book.

Deadline for Father's Day is **JUNE 10, 2018**

PLEASE PRINT:

Name of the person (as you would like it to appear): _____

Check one: "in memory" (person is deceased)
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DEADLINE FOR FATHER'S DAY BOOKLET IS JUNE 10, 2018



and Service for the Spread of Christ's Kingdom



Prayer Of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
 Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.
 Where there is discord, let me bring union.
 Where there is error, let me bring truth.
 Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
 Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
 Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
 Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
 O Master, let me not seek as much
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love,
 for it is in giving that one receives,
 it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
 it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
 it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

As Members of the Daughters of the King, we serve and participate in all worship and services. All women of the Parish are welcome to join us. We meet once per month after the 10 am Mass

Peace and Joy, Janet



Coffee Hour Sign-up

If you enjoy sharing the time of fellowship with others from the Parish over a cup of coffee or tea, please check your schedule and sign up on the sheet located in the Parish House.

There is no better way to renew old friendships and to “get acquainted” with those members of our Parish Family that we may not know.

If there is no one signed up for a particular Sunday, don't be surprised when you find no coffee and goodies ready! It's a simple procedure and both instructions and help are available. Dates are filling up fast, so sign-up now before your favorite date is taken.

For more information, contact Janet Temchus or call the Parish Office.

Altar Memorials

If you would like to provide memorial flowers, the Sanctuary candle or offer the elements in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for any occasion, please contact the Parish office at:

(732-634-7422)

Memorials will be provided at the following cost per name:

**Sanctuary Candle \$5 Altar Flowers \$20.
 Elements (Bread & Wine) \$10**





Images of Trinity's Parish Family





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