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Mother Angie's Musings

"Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen." -BCP pg 101

The collect, or prayer, above is one that has become increasingly meaningful to me and many of my colleagues in the Diocese. Three years ago, I began training in coaching techniques with Canon Rob Droste and a group of other clergy and lay people from around the Diocese. The program was both intensely spiritual and highly professional. I grew in my personal faith as well as learned skills vital to coaching. The more I learned, the more excited that I became about the possibilities that this method of walking along side people has to help us learn and grow as a Church community.

The Diocesan Coaching Network has grown and is now beginning to become active, not only in the Way of St Paul teams, but in other teams and Ministries of the Diocese. We are all united under the vision for the Diocese that Bishop Stokes has so clearly articulated: "to form people as disciples of Jesus Christ who carry out Christ's mission of reconciliation in the world." The way that we accomplish this purpose is by each parish becoming a School for Discipleship, where we learn and grow in our own walk with Jesus and our ability to help others on their journey. As coaches, it is our role to help guide and hold accountable the team or ministry we are coaching as they work to live out this purpose.

Presiding Bishop Curry has been very clear in his message for us as a Church, we need to learn to get over our fears of speaking about Jesus to those around us. We need to learn to proclaim the Gospel to the world which is in such desperate need of the Good News. This is how we are going to not only survive as a parish but thrive.

Reminders

Remember Your Offerings



***Have You Submitted
Your 2020 "A Call
to Love Pledge"?***

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Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday:
Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Wednesday:
Dinner Eucharist 6:00 PM

Thursday:
Morning Prayer 9:00 AM



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We need to overcome our fear and become evangelists. We need to "bring those who do not know [Christ] to the knowledge and love of [Christ]." This is what it means to be an evangelist, but there is no need to stand on a street corner or knock on doors. We do not need to go to seminary or have any special training to do this work. All we need is our own story of how Jesus touched our lives. That is it, that is all we are called to do, share this story with those around us.

Overcoming fear is not easy and learning to speak about Jesus takes practice. Our society has trained us that it is not a good thing to speak of our religion to others. It takes time to overcome something that has been so ingrained in most of us. The easiest way to do this is begin with people who are safe and easy for us to talk with; i.e. other people who share our beliefs.

Through the Coaching Network I have found that a good way to make progress is to form a triad or small group. The group meets with a coach to share how they are each doing and what next steps they are willing to take on as they continue their journey. Each member of the group supports each other as each grows and develops their own spiritual gifts.

One of my goals in the coming year is to form a few of these triads within our parish so that we can become more focused and grow in our commitment and skill as evangelists. Please look for more details in upcoming issues of This Week at Trinity and prayerfully consider joining a group as Trinity continues its journey to becoming a School of Discipleship.

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for your Annual Meeting.
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2020 immediately fol-
lowing the 9 am Service**

**Please note that there
will be only one Mass
Jan 26th**



**Rectory Open House
Sunday, January 5
2-4 PM**

Please Join Mother Angie,
Jenna, and Jesse for an after-
noon of fellowship

Bishop William “Chip” Stokes Visits Trinity

Jesse Daniel Cipolla Baptized

During his annual visit to Trinity Church, Bishop Stokes celebrated the Holy Eucharist on November 3rd and Baptized Jesse Daniel Cipolla, the son of Jenna and the Rev. Angela Cipolla, with his proud parents, family friends and Parishioners in attendance. The highlight of Bishops Stokes visit was his Homily in which he involved the children of the Parish. After the 10:00 am Mass, a reception was held in the Parish Hall where everyone greeted Bishop Stokes with warmth and friendship.



Sunday School Visits Food Pantry

A new year of Sunday School began in September with Mrs. Kershaw teaching our elementary school children and Mrs. Brennan teaching our preschoolers. We learned about the Gospel of Luke and ways we can follow Jesus' example. To make this tangible to the children, all of our students visited the Food Pantry on November 10. Allen Francis explained what happens to donated food, and had the children pack their donations of stuffing and canned goods into bags that will be part of our Thanksgiving baskets. They learned that to run a food pantry, you need donations of food as well as volunteers who donate their time to this important ministry.

Thank you to Mr. Francis for spending the morning with us!



In December we will celebrate the season of Advent, culminating the with children singing at the 5pm mass on Christmas Eve. Then in January they will learn about the season of Epiphany. We are so grateful for all of the families who take part in our Sunday School program and hope you have a wonderful Christmas season!



Sunday School
MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Christmas At Trinity



The First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, November 30 - 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
 Sunday, December 1 – Holy Eucharist 8 & 10 AM



The Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 7 - 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
 Sunday, December 8 - Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 AM

The Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 14 – 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
 Sunday, December 15 - Holy Eucharist at 8 AM
 Advent Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist at 10 AM

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

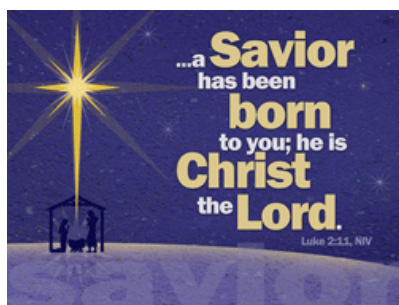
Saturday, December 21– 5 PM Vigil Eucharist
 Sunday, December 22 - Holy Eucharist at 8 & 10 AM
Hanging of the Greens follows the 10 AM Eucharist

Christmas Eve

5 PM Vigil - Choral Eucharist with Children's Sermon
 10:30 PM - Christmas Carols and Anthems
 11 PM - MIDNIGHT MASS - Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist
 with Christmas Carols





Lessons and Carols for Advent

This special service includes some of the most beautiful and inspiring readings of the Season. The prophecies and the story of the Annunciation which are a part of this service help us to make this a special time of the year.

Our choir will present special music to go with the reading and you are invited to enjoy this special seasonal presentation at 10:00 AM, Sunday December 15. At the conclusion the Lessons and Carols we will continue with the celebration of the Eucharist.



Christmas Services

Our Christmas Services this year will again include two nearly identical celebrations of the Eucharist on Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM and again at 11:00 PM. As has been the custom in the past few years the 5:00 PM Service will be geared for children, with special sermon just for children (**adults are allowed to listen as long as they are quiet**). This 5:00 PM service is especially de-signed for parents with

small children who may wish to have them in bed before 11:00 PM service begins.

Over the past several years, this has become an increasing popular service, so we encourage you to arrive early so that you might find your "favorite pew."

At 10:30 PM, a special musical "prelude" to the Christmas Midnight Mass will provide the festive setting for the celebration of Christmas. The Mid-night Mass will begin at 11:00 PM. Again, it's a good idea to arrive early since seating room is always at a premium both at Midnight and at 5:00 PM.

On Christmas Day there will be one Eucharist with Christmas Carols at 10 AM



Volunteers Needed to Decorate Church For Christmas



Remember that the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on December 22th this year, The Altar Guild will be needing your help in making the change-over to the Christmas season. Immediately following the 10am Mass on Sunday December 22nd

Remember: many hands make the work much easier

Please contact Mother Angie or any member of the Altar Guild to volunteer to volunteer your time.

Blue Christmas



A service for those who find the season difficult due to
grief, loss, or hardship

Sunday December 8th at 4 pm

Light Refreshment to follow

Trinity Episcopal Church
650 Rahway Ave
Woodbridge, NJ

Jointly offered with St. James Edison, Trinity
Woodbridge, and St. Peter's Perth Amboy



Mother Angie Celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

At the Sunday October 6th 10 AM Mass, Mother Angie celebrated the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, which included the Blessing of the animals both from the parish and the Woodbridge community.

According to all who attended, all the animals were well behaved and seemed to enjoyed the outing.





An Invitation From Trinity's Way of Saint Paul Team



Have you come out for Wednesday's Worship And Dinner yet?

If not, here's your invitation to join us. Dinner starts at 6 PM in the Parish House, with Bible study and Eucharist.

Stop by and join us; we'll make room for you. Or come a little early and lend a hand in this outreach ministry. All are welcome as we are called to reflect on the words of Mother Teresa:

"I used to pray that God would feed the hungry, or do this or that, but now I pray that he will guide me to do whatever I'm supposed to do, what I can do. I use to pray for answers, but now I'm praying for strength. I use to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things".

All are welcome and there is no Charge.

For further information call the Parish Office

or

Mother Angie, Trinity's Priest in Charge



Please Join Us

Please join us in this most import Ministry.

To volunteer 2-4 hrs per month please contact:

Carroll Thomas or Allen Francis



Annual Parish Meeting

January 26, 2020

Following 9:00 AM Eucharist

On Sunday, January 26, 2020 our Annual Parish Meeting will be held following a **9:00 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.** There will be only one Eucharist on that Sunday in order to encourage everyone to attend at 9:00 am and participate in the meeting, which will immediately follow the Eucharist.

Watch for more details in this Week At Trinity.

The nominating committee is currently being formed and will receive names for nomination for Warden and for the Mission Committee as well as for other offices that are needed. If you have nominations for the Nominating Committee, you may write them down and leave them in the Parish Office. A slate of nominees will be prepared and further nominations may be made at the time of the Annual Meeting.

Warden, Bishop's Committee Members and Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention to be Elected At Annual Meeting

The following will be elected at the Jan 26, 2020 Annual Meeting

(1) Warden: Two Year Term

Mission Committee Members

(1) Three Year Term

(1) One Year Term

(3) Convention Delegates: 2 year term

(3) Alt. Convention Delegates: 2 yr term

If you have nominations for Warden or Mission Committee, you may write them down and leave them in the Parish Office. Nominations may be made at the time of the

Annual Open House At the Rectory.

**January 5, 2020
2-4 PM**

Mark Your Calendars!!!!

Mark your calendars now for **Jan. 5, 2020**, the Annual Open House at the Rectory. Plan now to join your fellow Parishioners and enjoy the flavor of the historic building that is Trinity Church Rectory.

Beginning at **2:00 PM**, the Annual Open House is an afternoon of fun and fellowship for the parish as a whole and you are invited to come and enjoy meeting old friends and making new ones.

Open House





Volunteers Needed

Please Join Us

Just a Few Hours

A Month



Your Food Pantry Ministry is in need of several volunteers to enable us to efficiently service and fulfill a most important need in our Community. Even in these times of plenty, the numbers of those in need is ever increasing.

If you can spare a few hours on the first Saturday of the month or on the 2nd, or 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month, please consider joining us. The duties include packing and distribution food baskets.

Please consider joining us. You might enjoy the gratifying satisfaction and pride that helping other brings.

We are open on the 1st Saturday 10:30 - 11:30 am and on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday 10am - 11am.

For further information or to volunteer please contact:

Carroll Thomas or Allen Francis

Friday Lunch & Fellowship Needs

Our Friday Lunch and Fellowship operates on the generosity of our Parishioners as well as some outside Grants.

At this time, Friday Lunch and Fellowship Ministry is in need of the following items:

Coffee, Coffee Cups, Soups, Iced Tea Mix, Disposable salad/soup bowls, Butter, Jelly, Tea Bags, and Grated Cheese.

These items can be dropped off at our Office during Office Business hours.

Thanking you in advance for your generosity.



Don't Forget Food Pantry Donations

Always needed are the following items: Boxed Cereals, Canned/Dried Soups, Canned Fruits, Dried/Canned Milk, Canned Vegetables, Canned Pork and Beans, Sugar, Pasta/Spaghetti, Canned Fish/Meat, Rice, Tomato Paste, Puddings/Jello, Dried Beans, Tomato Sauce, Cake Mixes, Teas/Coffee, Flour.

THANK YOU for your continued support



Get to Know Your Fellow Parishioner



My name is Jeanne Boyle. I was born in New Jersey and raised in the small town of Demarest in Bergen County. I have an older brother, Bob, who now lives in Connecticut; and there were a bunch of kids in our neighborhood to play with and grandparents down the street. We spent our days running through fields and crawling through sticky wickets in the woods, turning over logs, and going to the local swim club.

Along the way I was blessed to meet Peter Boyle, my beloved husband of 50 (!) years. It was a blind date that I at first refused, but then, oh, well, ok, if you insist. And so we met. Two weeks later he asked me to marry him. I laughed and said “you’re kidding, right?” He said “no,” and I said “yes.” I had been baptized in the Methodist Church and was then blessed to be confirmed as an Episcopalian. Our marriage took place at St. Dunstan’s, Succasunna. The rest is a wonderful history and life together.

I was the first in my family to go to college. I graduated from Douglass College and Rutgers University with degrees in English and Library Science. So, I became a librarian. My first professional position was at the New Jersey State Library in Trenton, womaning the reference desk and taking care of all the government documents, especially those from and about New Jersey. I worked with libraries all around the state, and that helped us through our coming big change.

Peter was called to the priesthood, and we moved to Manhattan so he could attend Seminary! My colleagues at the Newark Public Library invited me to join them, and so began my reverse commute from NYC to Newark. Three years later we moved back to New Jersey, and Peter began his ministry as Vicar at St. James in Newark. We had a wonderful, loving experience for ten years at St. James; and so when the Diocese decided to close us down, there was much weeping. The beautiful church (picture doves descending on the apse ceiling) and Rectory, formerly a State Senator’s mansion, were soon after destroyed by the neighborhood, leaving a hole in my heart forever.

I became a librarian at the Rutgers Library of Science and Medicine, keeping to my specialty in government documents. This position was as a member of the library faculty, and I eventually earned tenure and became lead planner for the Rutgers library system. We moved to Metuchen into a condo being sold by a retiring colleague at work, and we have now been here for 34 years. During that time, Peter spent a number of years as Rector of a church in Rensselaer, NY, while I kept the home fires burning.

Six years ago, I began attending our beloved Trinity. I am now retired, doing exactly what I wanted to do - spending time with Trinity’s outreach ministries and all the other volunteers. I attend all the classical concerts at the State Theatre in New Brunswick with my dear friend Marion; and with her I am a member of our condo board, currently serving as President. I am in love with Tigre and Missy, our beloved felines. I consider all of my fellow parishioners dear friends. Thank you for welcoming us home. I look forward to learning more about each of you!



Food Pantry Distributes Thanksgiving Food Baskets

On Saturday September November 23rd Trinity Parish distributed thanksgiving Baskets 101 Families serving 312 individuals.

Outreach Ministries Director Carroll Thomas thanked all the our Food Pantry volunteers who gave so generously of the time talent and effort. They made a most difficult task seem so easy to accomplish.

Also, he gave a special thank you to BCB Bank for their most generous gift to our Food Pantry that helped to make this day possible



Trinity Holds its Annual Picnic

On Sunday Sept 15th , after the 10 am Service, the Parishioners of Trinity Church held their Annual Picnic on the lawn adjacent to the Parish House

Approximately 40 Parishioners and friends enjoyed good food and the bright Sunny day and enjoying old friends and making new ones

A special thanks goes out to Wardens Dave Wilson and Steve Kalista for doing the cooking.

Thank you

Trinity Attends the 30th Annual St. James Street Fair

The Trinity 30th Annual St. James Street Fair Booth was "manned" by members of Saint Anne's Unity with several other in support who interacted with fair goers spreading the word of how Trinity interacts with the Community.

Trinity made several new friends while receiving several donations to our "Flush Fund"



*Have you submitted your 2020
Call To Love Pledge yet?*

2nd Annual Norma Francis Memorial Service Awards and Volunteer Appreciation Day

On Sunday October 27th the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day Morning Tea was held following the 10 am Service.

According to Outreach Ministries Director Carroll Thomas, that without our hard working volunteers, Trinity Church would be unable to operate our Food Pantry, Friday Lunch and Fellowship, Wednesday Faith Supper and carry out our commitment to Family Promise.

Each volunteer was given an "I made a difference at Trinity" pin to honor their service.

The Norma Dossena Francis Memorial Service award is given in Memory of Norma Francis who gave so generously of herself in service to Trinity and the Community and was an inspiration to others.

The 2019 Awards were give posthumously to Anne Marie "Cookie" Bills and to Frances "Fran" Kurtz" who exemplified the ideals on which this award was established.

A big thank you goes out to Warden Dave Wilson for being the "MC" of the ceremony.





Archeological Dig Done At Rectory

On September 28-30 an Archeological Dig, sponsored by the Middlesex County Office of Art and History and the Archeological Society of NJ, was done on the lawn adjacent to the dining room windows at the Jonathan Dunham House, our current Rectory. The archeologists dug three holes about four foot wide and four feet deep.

Supervising the “Dig” were Drs. Mike Gaul and Rich Vight.

As a result of this dig, the remnants of a stone foundation adjacent to the Rectory it suggesting that more than one house may have been built before the current Rectory was constructed.

Many oyster shells, tableware fragments, a thimble and a penny dated from the mid 18th Century were found.

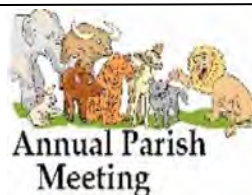
In addition to the Rectory Dig, portions of the Rectory and Church Yard were explored by Ground Penetrating Radar to determined if there are any unmarked graves or other structural remains. The study’s findings are still being reviewed and will be published in a future edition.



Trinity Holds Book Sale

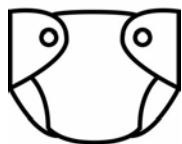
On September 28 and 29th, Trinity held a book sale in the Parish House that benefited our “Flush Fund”.

The books were “free” but there was a \$5 charge for a paper bag to carry the books home.



Jan 26 2020

**Immediately following
the 9am Mass
The only Mass this
weekend**



Diaper Awareness Week



On Tuesday September 26th Mother Angie, Outreach Ministries Director Carroll Thomas and Food Pantry Coordinator Allen Francis attended a Press Conference and Panel discussion at the Community Food Bank in Hillside NJ

At that Panel discussion, Trinity's Outreach Director Carroll Thomas participated in that Panel discussing the dire need to provide diapers to those parents who cannot adequately provide diapers for their children. It was noted that no governmental programs provides diapers.



At the Press Conference, a Proclamation by NJ State Senate regarding Diaper Awareness Week was presented to the Community Food Bank and noted the leadership in providing diapers to those families who struggle to provide them for their children.

According to the Community Food Bank, Warfare Foods (ShopRite) has donated the majority of Diapers that are distributed by the Community Food Bank.





NJ Devils Presents Faith and Family Night

When: Saturday, February 8th

Time: 7:00 PM

Opponent: LA Kings

Seat Location: Section 118

Price: \$44.66/ticket

Ticket includes:

Faith & Family Night T-Shirt Devils

Devils drawstring bag

Access to all Faith & Family Night

programming – more details to come

Give blood
S.N.D.



Blood Drive
Trinity Episcopal Church

Parish Hall
650 Rahway Avenue
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Sunday, January 5, 2020
10:00 a.m. to 3 p. m.

Questions? Please contact Ross Guellnitz at rguellnitz@gmail.com

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Trinity Episcopal
to schedule an appointment. Questions? Please contact Ross Guellnitz at
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an exclusive Red Cross long sleeved t-shirt. While
supplies last.



Scan to schedule
appointment

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Trinity Offers More Opportunities to Worship

Each time we pray the Lord's Prayer we pray that God's Kingdom will come on Earth as it is in Heaven. Yet all you have to do is turn on the news to see how far from that reality we are right now. As Christians, we are called to live our Baptismal vows each day. We work and fight for social justice and the dignity of each human being. It is hard work and it can be discouraging when we see the magnitude of what is still to be done. That is one of the many reasons that it is so crucial for us to ground everything that we do in prayer and worship. In response to the growing needs of our community to expand our outreach and justice ministries, we will also be expanding our worship opportunities.



Morning Prayer is held on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in St Martha's house. Morning Prayer is an ancient prayer service which takes about 15 minutes and connects us to God and each other as we begin our day centered on God and God's call to us.



A **Dinner-Eucharist** is held on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm in the Parish House. Come join us for a delicious dinner as we discuss Bible readings and celebrate the Eucharist together. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please Consider Joining us!

BCB Bank of Woodbridge Makes Donation to Food Pantry

On Wednesday November 13th BCB Bank Manager Linda Estrada Page, on behalf of BCB Bank President and CEO Thomas Coughlin and the Directors, officers and Employees of BCB Bank presented Trinity's Food Bank with a Holiday Donation.

In his letter, Bank President Coughlin stated that he presented the Bank's donation "as a token of our appreciation and our way of saying **thank you** for all you do for the less fortunate in our community and to assist you in your efforts to continue your service to others."



Accepting this most generous gift on behalf of Mother Angie, Outreach Ministries Director Carroll Thomas and the Parishioners of Trinity Church was Food Pantry Coordinator Allen Francis. He thanked BCB Bank President Coughlin and Bank Manager Page and stated that without such thoughtful, caring and generous sponsors such as BCB Bank, Trinity could not be able to carrying out the mission of our Food Pantry and our Outreach Ministries.

Also witnessing the event was BCB Bank Business Developer Corey Jones and Bishop's Committee Member Ross Guellnitz



Christ, Our Savior Has Come



By Tina Chaves

I love the season of Advent! I will admit, I love all the shopping (which I mostly do online), the Christmas cards, the food, the decorations, etc., etc. To me, it is a lot of fun. But for me, the thing I love the most about Advent is the preparation...not just for Christmas Day, but for Christ Himself.

The season of Advent prepares us for the mystery of God becoming man, known as the Incarnation. We can celebrate this mystery with joy; rejoicing in the fact that this newborn King, born in the humblest of circumstances, is the answer to man's greatest need, the forgiveness of sin. This King would one day accomplish all that was necessary for salvation...which needs only to be received by faith.

The Messiah is come!

Let us rejoice just as the shepherds did that first Christmas night when the angels announced glad tidings of peace on earth and good will to all men! Let us prepare our hearts this Advent season for the Incarnate Word of God, who was with God and is God and who became flesh only to bring salvation to all who believe!!!

May we always make room in our hearts for Him, knowing that He is truly our Emmanuel, our God with us. Have a blessed Advent season and a very Merry Christmas! Christ the Savior is born! *Hallelujah!*

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Dear Trinity Family:

As we kick off our 2020 Stewardship Campaign, I urge all members of our parish family to join the campaign and become active stewards of our church. We need to remind ourselves that money is a necessary tool for ministry. The church mission depends on your generosity, which supports our parish and diocese. The stewardship of managing our time, talent and treasure to bring about God's kingdom on earth places the responsibility where it belongs, directly on us.

Trinity has been serving our Lord Jesus Christ for the past 320 years. It is giving through its parish family to those in need. - The church's outreach ministries of: Family Promise, the Friday Lunch and Fellowship, the food pantry, the diaper bank. Our Wednesday Dinner Eucharist, various support groups, food baskets at Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas, and our giving tree for children at Christmas has reached out to serve "the least of these brothers and sisters of mine" (Matthew 25:40).

When you think about your support of Trinity for next year - your pledge - think about it for all it can do for us, our families, or neighbors. Think about all it can do for God's work at Trinity. Pledges are critical because they enable your vestry to plan responsibly and to establish a parish operating budget for the coming year. The appropriate way to Make our commitment is to give in proportion to our income, in proportion to what we have. The tithe, ten per cent of our income, is the goal that represents the level of commitment that God asks of us and is the appropriate starting point for choosing our own personal stewardship goal. We all should gradually increase the percentage of Our income given to God's work as we move toward this goal, a Biblical tithe.

We are truly thankful by the amount of time, talent, and energy contributed for the care of our parish family, for our building and grounds, and for our outreach missions. But your financial giving is also needed to continue these ministries and that of Trinity itself. As you know, we have struggled to bring our financial situation into a more sustainable state. The best way to help is by making an annual pledge. With a clear picture of what to expect financially over the year, we can more appropriately allot funds and gauge the necessities which both support our parish family and provide for the good we want to do in our community. Please **be aware that your donations given without a pledge cannot be used in determining the annual budget.**

On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, I ask that you prayerfully examine your giving to the church and add your pledge to the 2020 campaign. We recognize that whatever pledge each of **us** can make is a beginning, and with God's help we will find ways to grow in our giving for God's work, and a more complete commitment to our church.

As the Financial Committee will be preparing the 2020 budget in December, it is necessary that pledges be returned to Trinity by November 17. They may be placed in the collection plate during services, or given to members of the vestry or church staff.

Sincerely

David Forsythe,
Chair Stewardship Committee

If you have not pledge ,and for your convenience, your 2020 Call to Love pledge is printed on the next page.

A Call To Love

A FINANCIAL AND FAITH COMMITMENT FOR 2020

2020 Trinity Episcopal Church Pledge Certificate

Having prayed about this annual pledge to fund the mission of Trinity Episcopal Church in 2020 and in the context of gratitude for all that God has given to me/our family, please be advised of the 2020 pledge of

\$ Yearly

during the next fiscal year (January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020)

I/we realize that in the event of a financial problem in 2020, we can confidentially adjust our pledge by calling the clergy).

Name(s)

Date

Address

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
COMMITMENT**

Email

Phone

Trinity Episcopal Church
650 Rahway Ave. at Trinity Ln.
Woodbridge NJ 07095-3530

I/We intend to give: (a weekly pledge is very helpful in our financial planning) (Please Circle)

Weekly. Monthly. Quarterly. Full Amount Yearly.

By (Please Circle): Automatic Bank Transfer. Offering Plate Giving.

☐ (Please Check Box)

I/ We are interested making a separate gift (in addition to the annual support listed above) to a specific project for which funds are needed. Please have clergy contact me about having this conversation.

☐ (Please Check Box)

I/ We are interested in receiving information about planned giving (estate planning, charitable trusts, making a will or living will, etc.) Please contact me/us about this by sending literature which will help to inform my/our planning.

Saint Anne 's Unit News



St Anne's News

A big ***THANK YOU***, to Trinity and Friends, for the wonderful support of our Greenery Sale. Don't forget to pick up your items on Dec 7th between 10 am and 12 pm. A special thanks to Jeanne Boyle and Allen Francis for their leadership of this project. When you see the beautifully decorated greens and poinsettias, be sure to thank Floral Expressions for their work. ***Great job everyone!***

On December 4th, St Anne's will have a Christmas Pizza Party at Bellini's. Wait just a minute folks. I hear what you are thinking ... these women sell me a wreath and then eat out on my donation? Not true! St Anne's members pay dues (\$10/year) and those dues pay for our Pizza Party.

So what do we do with the money we receive from our fund raising events (Strawberry Festival, Mother's and Father's Day Books, Greenery Sale and St Anne's Jewelry Sale)? It comes back to the church. Every November we make a pledge to Trinity during the Annual Campaign. We believe in this church and try to support all of the events held here. This year St Anne's made a contribution to the Flush Fund to help Trinity renovate the rest rooms.

If you are asking if Fund Raising is the only thing St Anne's Unit does – it certainly is not. We have 3 business meetings a year. The other 7 times we meet (First Monday of each month; 6:45pm; refreshments and friendship) are centered on themes. Upcoming events for are listed below. Women of Trinity why not join us for a meeting and see what is going on.

Upcoming St Anne's Unit meeting theme and dates:

January 6, 2020 – Business Meeting

February 3, 2020 – Picture tour of Israel led by Tina Chaves

March 2, 2020 – A what to do with flowers demo by Floral Expressions of Woodbridge

Looking forward to seeing you all next year!

Celebrate Your Birthday: Donate To The "Flush Fund"



In a recent conversation with members of the Stewardship Committee the topic came up about how to celebrate a birthday. We all have much to be thankful for. Someone suggested that a way to celebrate and help the church would be to donate a dollar for each year you are celebrating. This year give that donation to the ***Flush Fund***.

The Flush Fund is the nickname we have given to the fund we are contributing to in order to update the bathroom facilities in Trinity Church Hall. Celebrating is simple - put a check or money in an envelope with a note as to who you are and what you are celebrating. Put the envelope into the collection plate or the Flush Fund Jar at Fellowship Hour or give to Mother Angie

The bathroom situation and that is one of the reasons that outside groups are reluctant to rent our hall. This could be fixed. We have plans but we need funds. The plans include closing off the men's room in the basement and making 2 bathrooms on the main floor. One of these bathrooms would be wheelchair accessible