

TRINITY BELLS

MARCH 2017

My Dear Trinitarians,

It seems difficult to believe that we have come around again to the beginning of Lent. Much has happened in the last year, particularly the opening of our wonderful Childcare Center with all the hope and added vitality that it brings to our common life and mission.

You will be seeing and hearing more about “Christian Formation” as we journey further with this new part of our life together, as we seek to prayerfully re-imagine “Sunday School” to fit the needs of modern families and to adapt to the awareness that our journey in Christ is lifelong (approaching nearly 10 decades in some cases), not just the first decade and a half of life! Warden Helen Bongort, Vestry Clerk Jay Luty and others will be working with me on this project—utilizing the expertise and writing of John Roberto and his organization Lifelong Faith Associates. Stay tuned!

In that same vein, our Lenten journey will include focus in sermons on themes of hospitality and welcoming the stranger, and we will have two Lenten adult formation topics: The Nicene Creed and the life and writings of C.S. Lewis. Books for both are available for purchase. The discussions of the Creed will take place following coffee hour on 3/12, 3/19 and 4/2. On Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. I am delighted to announce that Fr. John Morris (Nils’ cousin), a published author who specializes in C.S. Lewis, will be with us to look at the imaginative writings of Lewis. I will provide a list of passages in the anthology that is available for purchase, or the full works he will be discussing for those who wish to do some reading in advance.

Lent is a time to draw closer to our Lord, in trust, hope and preparation for the “new and endless life in him.” I wish you a good and blessed Lent!

With Love to you in Christ,

Margo



Save the dates!



HOLY WEEK 2017

Palm Sunday (April 9) - 10:00 (one service)

Maundy Thursday (April 13)– Simple Supper at 6:30 pm
followed by liturgy at 7:00 pm

Good Friday (April 14) - 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm services

Easter Sunday (April 16) - 10:00 am (one service)

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The next Burning Books selection is *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larsen, the author of *Devil in the White City*. Amazon says:

"It is a story that many of us think we know but don't, and Erik Larson tells it thrillingly, switching between hunter and hunted while painting a larger portrait of America at the height of the Progressive Era. Full of glamour and suspense, *Dead Wake* brings to life a cast of evocative characters, from famed Boston bookseller Charles Lauriat to pioneering female architect Theodate Pope to President Woodrow Wilson, a man lost to grief, dreading the widening war but also captivated by the prospect of new love.

"Gripping and important, *Dead Wake* captures the sheer drama and emotional power of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured by history."

If you'd like to know the time and place of the meeting, most likely in late April, contact John Platt (johnplatt@optonline.net or 676-0936) for details.

FROM THE WARDENS

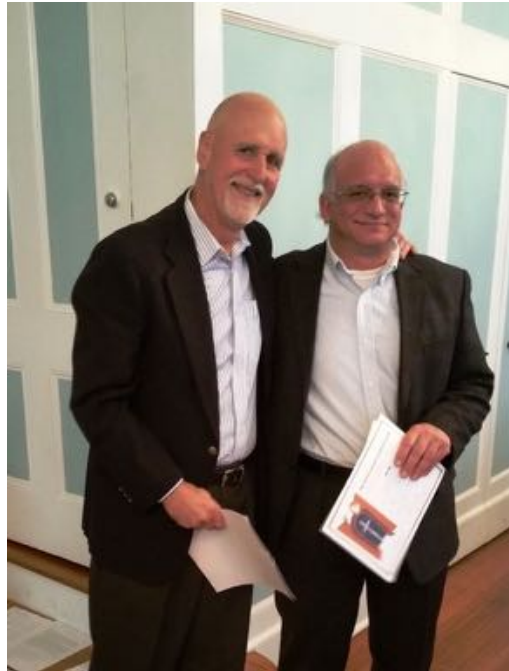
At the annual meeting on February 5th Tom Cammisa stepped down as Senior Warden of the vestry. Tom has been indispensable in the life of Trinity for many years. He's helped manage our finances, done much of the heavy lifting in the development of the daycare, and, as I'm sure she'd attest, been a constant source of wise counsel for Margo. (And I know we'll continue to rely on him for advice, even as he seeks to reclaim more of his private life...)

As much as I'll miss Tom's leadership and camaraderie as a fellow warden, I'm very excited that Helen Oehrlein was elected to succeed him as a warden. She will bring her own insights, compassion, and faith to the role. She has already been exploring Christian formation as a part of her ministry, and her experience as both a banker, teacher, wife, and mother should all prove useful as she assumes more responsibility.

Elected to fill Helen's seat on the vestry was Doreen Banks, who has worked for Nassau County and Old Westbury Gardens and who has valuable experience in writing proposals for funding grants. Mike Evans has returned to the vestry, replacing his wife Barbara (whom we thank for her service). Mike has agreed to lead our Buildings & Grounds team, working with Mike Callahan and others on that important aspect of our stewardship.

Trinity is blessed with so many talented individuals. We're grateful when parishioners are willing to apply their skills to our many needs. Part of our mission as the leadership of Trinity is to identify those needs and develop new strategies to meet them. That requires the active participation not only of the entire vestry, but other members of the congregation. We hope you will consider the areas where you can be helpful and step up when called upon. This is how we'll face the future together.

John Platt, Warden



IN MEMORIAM



ADELE SMITHERS 1933-2017

Adele Smithers, former Trinity parishioner and a woman known as a dynamo in the world of philanthropy, died Feb. 13 at the age of 83.

After the death of her husband, R. Brinkley Smithers, in 1994, Adele carried on the work of the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation into the research and treatment of alcoholism.

Adele had numerous other philanthropic connections, including the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, the North Shore Boys & Girls Club and the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club of Locust Valley.

In addition to her son Christopher, Smithers is survived by her daughter-in-law, Nikki and four grandchildren. A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. March 4 at Trinity Church in Roslyn.

SHROVE SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Mardi Gras

On Sunday, February 26, we had our annual Shrove Sunday Pancake Breakfast. Our pancakes and sausages were complimented by hats, beads, placemats (thanks, Mother Margo!) fellowship and a few shenanigans! Thanks so much to Kathy, Mary, Karl and Mike for making everything run so smoothly!

Mark your calendars now for our Maundy Thursday Simple Supper, on April 13. We will have a signup sheet a couple of weeks before for people to sign up to make soup or bring, cheese, bread or beverages!

Ariann Forella



Cooks Karl Hansen and Mary LaSala



Valerie Luty having fun with Mike Callahan

TOY DONATIONS FOR GUARDIAN ANGEL

Thank you to all who generously supported the Christmas toy collection for the children from the Guardian Angel organization. The children truly appreciated having new toys for Christmas. Photos are courtesy of Barbara from Guardian Angel.

Mary LaSala and Joanne Gentile



MUSIC AT TRINITY



Special Concert April 30th at 4:00 **REQUIEM by Gabriel Faure**

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As the yearly calendar turns, once again it is Lent and our "Alleluias" are put away until Easter. As we pray and sing through this solemn time, we look inward to restore and renew hearts and minds to build up the daily "Strength and Courage" we pray for at the end of our Sunday worship services.

As my personal calendar progresses, I find myself (much to my amazement), living in the category of Senior Citizen! As such, there is a great deal of contemplation of endings and leaving things in good shape for generations to come. As the season of my time at Trinity turns toward its conclusion (I believe it was 1968 when I played my first church service here as a teenager, and I became organist/choir director in 1977), there is much to think about.

With all the change swirling around us in our Church, our society, and the world, we are blessed when we have an opportunity to stop and treasure the best parts of what we have served decades to build and develop. As Bach always said, "Soli Deo Gloria" (To God alone be the Glory), and Trinity has glorified God through music for over a century.

In addition to the quiet solemn liturgies on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and the joyous Easter Service of Resurrection, we have the opportunity to praise God through music at a very special event on April 30th at 4:00pm.

The hope is that we can fill the pews with the many people who love Trinity and its music as we collectively remember special loved ones and listen to the dedicated people of our lovely choir sing the beloved REQUIEM by Gabriel Faure.

You may submit the names of people you would like to remember for inclusion in the program (martha.regelmann@gmail.com), then spend an hour in the sacred sanctuary of our beautiful Trinity Church while the wonderful violin playing of the superb Anton Polezhayev and the sublime human emotions of our singers combine for the purpose of building our present community and remembering the past together.



Please come, and bring your musical friends! April 30th at 5:00 pm in the church, and remember to send the names of your loved ones for the program.

Wishing everyone a blessed Lent and Easter season. Hope to see you on April 30th,

Martha Regelmann



TRINITY TRANSITIONS

Grant to them eternal rest...
Adele Smithers
Eleanore Tooker

BISHOP PROVENZANO'S VISIT TO TRINITY

On Sunday, February 12th Bishop Provenzano made his visit to Trinity. We enjoyed a very festive service led by the Bishop with special music and participation by our church school children. Bishop gave an inspirational sermon where he challenged us to take out our smart phones and text, take photos, video or live stream his sermon on Facebook and let people know what we are doing in church on Sunday mornings. He called us to look beyond the walls of our church building and reach the people who are in our communities, to take risks and do "church" differently than how we have been doing things so we can minister to those in need beyond our Trinity community. I took him up on that challenge during his sermon and live streamed his entire sermon on Facebook, then I tagged several other Trinity members and to date there have been 195 views of the video!

We also watched with joy as Tommy Cammisa was confirmed by the Bishop (please read the lovely article submitted by Betty Cammisa).

Immediately following the service Bishop Larry blessed our Trinity Childcare Center and praised us for the hard work we all put in to the opening of it.

Then we all enjoyed a lovely coffee hour provided by Jay and Winny Luty where Bishop Larry and Deacon Jason mingled and spoke with various parishioners.

Bishop Larry then met with the Vestry for almost an hour where he asked us all to introduce ourselves and share with him what ministries we are involved with at Trinity. We had a wonderful discussion about Trinity and our challenges, and he provided us with some food for thought on different things we can try to attract more parishioners to Trinity.

It was a truly lovely and inspirational morning and we enjoyed welcoming Bishop Larry and Deacon Jason.

Kathy Mendall



IT TAKES A TRINITY TO CONFIRM A YOUNG ADULT

Hillary Clinton had it so right when she wrote, “it takes a village” to raise a child. We can only echo that and say it takes a “Trinity” to raise a child in faith, and say thank you to all those present and all those in the past, who contributed to the spiritual growth of Tommy that led to his confirmation during the Bishop’s visit.

His decision was a surprise to his parents but follows Anna’s earlier decision to be confirmed Episcopalian several years ago at the Cathedral. They both had the benefit of coming to Trinity at a young age, first with family services (thank you Nancy K., Beth, Laura, Lisa and Maggie for first inviting us) led with spirit by Pastor Al, then Sunday School with rice crispy treats and coffee hours plus lessons and fun from Sunday school leaders and teachers and all the other Trinitarians who helped out. THANK YOU!

But it is to Trinity’s remarkable version of E=MC3 – Mother Margo, Martha and Mike that this family owes special gratitude – for opening the doors to the energy of deep felt Episcopalian Christian workshop, through their inspiring words, amazing music and dedicated service. The power of these three very special people put Christ in Tommy’s heart and made him want to take the step up to the altar as a young adult. Margo, Martha and Mike make Trinity services happen every Sunday with life and spirit, plus all the divine singing by the choir, every week and on such special occasions. We are grateful and thank you again for such a wonderful confirmation celebration.

-- The Cammisa Family



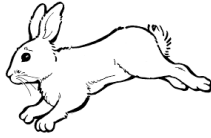
Tommy Cammisa’s Confirmation



Martha, Betty & Tom Cammisa, Tommy Cammisa, Mother Margo, Bishop Provenzano, Deacon Jason and Mike Callahan

THE STORY OF THE EASTER BUNNY

As retold by Karl Hansen



Once upon a time a long, long time ago there was a beautiful bird. Now all the children loved this bird, because every year early in the morning of the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox the beautiful bird would lay beautifully colored eggs all over, and even in the houses.

When the children woke up in the morning of the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox they would search high and low and collect the beautifully colored eggs. Yes all the children loved the beautiful bird and its beautifully colored eggs and were always excited and happy whenever they first saw the beautiful bird early in the spring, knowing that soon they would be hunting for beautiful eggs on the morning of the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

Now at the same time, there lived in the woods a witch and she also loved the children (I'm sure you heard of Hansel and Gretel). The witch was very jealous of the bird because the children loved the bird and its eggs more than they loved her or her candy house. So the witch decided she had to get rid of the beautiful bird and conjured up a plan.

Well the witch got all the potions and incantations ready and went searching and searching for the bird. After looking and hunting high and low the witch found the beautiful bird and cast her spell. The beautiful bird was magically changed into a common bunny. The witch was happy and danced with joy. But the witch's joy didn't last long because even though the beautiful bird now looked like a plain bunny, it still laid the beautiful eggs in the early morning of the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.

And to this day all the children love the bunny and get excited and full of joy early every spring knowing the Easter Bunny is coming soon.

And what became of the witch? Do you remember Hansel and Gretel?



'NIGHT, MOTHER



Sheila Platt will be playing the role of Thelma in *'Night Mother*, at Studio Theatre in Lindenhurst, weekends beginning Friday, March 3 through Sunday, March 19. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1983, the play takes us into Thelma and her daughter Jessie's home the night that Jessie decides that her life is no longer worth living. It is "a spare but lyrical dialogue that probes deeply into the mother-daughter relationship while making a disturbing statement about responsibility and courage." (Mel Gussow, *NY Times*). The subjects are "suicide, love, and the meaning of life--as huge as they come; but they are treated with the specificity of threading a needle or choosing the right breakfast for your needs." John Simon, *New York*). More information can be found at <https://www.studiotheatreli.com> or by calling 631-226-8400. Studio Theatre is located at 141 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11751.



At Trinity Episcopal Church Roslyn Childcare Center, Education is Child's Play.

Our growing reputation for excellence is matched by our loving teachers and by our sunny and bright classrooms.

A new child has enrolled in our preschool program this week and another is expected next week, along with two new infants. This will bring our enrollment up to 10!



We have added a new teacher this month for our growing "twaddler" program. Her name is Laura Anasa, and she comes from Port Washington. She has a Master's degree in Elementary Education and has taught Kindergarten, 2nd Grade and Pre-K. She's a sweet addition to our family.

This month the children are learning about the "luck of the Irish", four leaf clovers, and Leprechauns in honor of St. Patrick; next month we are preparing for Easter with a planned Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for the 8th of April.

Anyone who wishes to learn more about our facility or teachers is invited to visit our web site at www.trinitychild.org.

Marie Catalano-Gruen, Director

LENTEN PROGRAMS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR DISCUSSIONS
ON THE TOPICS BELOW:

NICENE CREED*

(following Coffee Hour)

Sun., 3/12

Sun., 3/19

Sun., 4/2

LIFE & WRITINGS OF C.S. LEWIS*

(with Fr. John Morris)

Wed., 3/22, 6:30 pm

*Books available for purchase
upon request

TRINITY OUTREACH 2017



A small group with a big heart can and does make a difference in the lives of many!

We are proud of what we have accomplished and hopeful to have the strength to move forward and continue. We thank those of you who have contributed to outreach whether it be monetarily, visiting or delivering a gift to the homebound, collecting books for our book drive, or purchasing an item from one of our sales. Everything has made a difference! Here is how your Church is working for others:

We helped a single mom who works two jobs by paying tuition to send her 8 year-old son to art camp. We also collected work clothing for her and many books for her son.

12,000 children's books have been delivered to Laundromats. We were going to stop when we hit 10,000, but we felt the need to continue.

We fixed a car for a family who has always been generous to others and now was in a bad situation themselves.

We continually helped an elderly person who is all alone and just not making it on social security. We visited her everyday in the hospital and rehab when she got sick and brought her clothing and essentials when she went to rehab.

Our committee all bought comfortable clothing, hand creams and food gift certificates for gift baskets for a woman with lung cancer.

We collected and delivered toys and coats to Angel Guardian in Sea Cliff for Children at Christmas time.

\$300 was given to the Standing Rock Sioux.

We adopted a family at Christmas who lost the father and the mother suffered a stroke. We purchased and collected clothing and gift certificates for them.

We sent flowers and cards to some of our parishioners, who haven't been to church for one reason or another.

We visited friends both at home and nursing homes and looked in and rallied for others who needed it.

We sent baby clothes, toys and books to a young father who was a ward of the state himself and is now trying to make it without any family support.

We sent cards and gifts at Easter and Christmas to our homebound parishioners.

Outreach received many thank you cards from those we helped. Perhaps this thank you note says it all:

"There are no words to express the care and kindness you have shown....I have felt so lost and afraid for so long, but I keep trying to struggle along alone. I am not alone really or this gift would never have fallen in my hands. Thank you so very much for the help. God Bless all who cared to help me eat for awhile more."

Thank you to all my compassionate members: Mother Margo, Barbara Holzkamp, Ann Mingorance, Laura Kavanagh, Mary LaSala, Brigitte McConnell, Jeanne Millspaugh, Nancy Hamilton and Alexis Alexander.

Please let us know of anyone who may need our helping hand.

Wishing you all God's Blessings,
Dawn Weill

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Wishing everyone a joyous Easter!