

TRINITY BELLS / JUNE 2016

"Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark journey with us. Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind". -Henri-Frédéric Amiel

My Dear Trinitarians,

Here we are again, riding out May as it hurtles towards June! What are we doing? It is so very easy to allow life to consume us, rather than the other way 'round. We offer all sorts of sensible-sounding explanations for our distracted, over-scheduled, existences. Often we are also truly pulled by multiple demands on our time and energy. However, we must always remember, we are not our "to do" lists, even when we need to accomplish important and/or time-sensitive things. We are God's children, and God is in charge; we simply get to join in as bit players- beloved, but nonetheless bit players. In the end, that is the story of our lives, not what we finish or don't, or whether we succeed or fail by the world's standards.



"Yes I know, absolutely correct," you may say--but what so often happens next? We shrug, and go back to being consumed by our lives with dogged tenacity. The invitation of Christ to walk by faith is mysteriously the opposite of all this. He says: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 New International Version (NIV)

Does this mean that we should become passive, or not take responsibility for actions or outcomes? It absolutely does not. What it does mean is we are called to a different way, a different understanding. The heart of this way is to begin always by simply being, by living in the heart of Christ. This does require us to cease striving and to let go--that is the beginning and ending of it all. When we do this, our lives are transformed. None of the demands will have gone away, but we can approach them in an entirely different manner. We can choose and act more freely, and in a more godly way.

Things are very busy at Trinity these days, and a lot of change is happening and there is much more to come. Some of it will be what we expect or envision, and there will likely be things we are totally unprepared for--wonderful and challenging both. The strange irony is, this is actually nothing new! It is the way life is, whether we like it or not. In fact, much of our consumed business is probably a futile effort to pretend this is not the case, but it is. Life is fleeting and change is constant.

The good news is we have been claimed by the changeless one--who is eternal love and life--and who demands only that we accept being his children.

With love to you in Christ,



Our ChildCare rooms have been put together by many “assemblers” and are now fully furnished!

Dear fellow Parishioners,

In the ongoing effort to keep everyone up to date on the Child Care Center here's a summary of where things stand as of now.

- We have passed all inspections for NY Office of Family & Child Services and Department of Health. There are a few minor follow-up deliverables which should be completed soon.
- Since mid-April volunteers from the Working Group, led by Sheila Platt and Laura Kavanagh, Laurie Petroskie, the Wardens and Margo have undertaken an intensive interviewing process for the Director and Head Teacher positions. This is critical since the final application to NYS requires the names of the Director and five Head Teachers along with their corresponding background checks, reference checks, fingerprinting and health tests (TB).
- We currently have 2 excellent candidates for the Director position. We are waiting on the results of a background check on one of the candidates before making a final decision.
- We also have 7 candidates for Head Teacher positions. As of this writing 4 have completed all the required background checks, fingerprinting, etc. We are pushing to get at least one more Head Teacher candidate through this process.
- Our NYS licensor realized that, with the due diligence requirements necessary for staffing, our original May 11 deadline was not realistic. She has been somewhat accommodating on this issue. Once we have all the staffing requirements in place, the final application will be submitted and, God willing, the License will then be forthcoming.
- We have a working Profit & Loss budget for the Day Care. The biggest budgetary challenge is establishing a competitive tuition while at the same time attracting and

maintaining a quality staff. This brings up many issues which we hope to resolve in the coming weeks. Please see Tom Cammisa if you would like to receive a copy of this working budget.

- Thanks to the efforts of many folks in the Working Group, our rooms are looking great! With the exception of purchasing 2 cribs with wheels and setting up the small exterior playground, we are all ready to go!
- The next items the Working Group, along with Mike Callahan and the Wardens, will be addressing are: exterior signage & lighting, web site, marketing, security (re-keying of locks) and setting up the Day Care office.
- As of today, we have \$15,209 remaining in our Mission fund earmarked for the Day Care. In addition we have \$3,600 in the Mission account earmarked for the choir floor. If anyone would like to receive an accounting of expenses paid to date please see Tom Cammisa.
- Please note that all expenses for the Day Care (except for some very minor payments very early in the process) have been paid from our Mission account, not our General Investment Fund. The Mission account was funded by all the generous contributions of our parishioners, the Joseponis Trust, The O'Connor Foundation, The Barker Welfare Fund and many Friends, Far & Near.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Cammisa and John Platt



CHRISTINE ALEXANDER
1927-2016

Christine Alexander, one of the few remaining links to Old Roslyn and one of the oldest members of Trinity Episcopal Church, passed away March 13 at the age of 89.

Alexander was married to William Alexander, a prominent Roslyn educator, sports coach and youth counselor, who passed away in 1982. Alexander is survived by her brother, Henry Sparhuber, daughter Terry Spraul, sons William and Robert Alexander, six grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Born Christine Francis Sparhuber in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, Alexander was the daughter of Henry and Francis Sparhuber. The family moved to a home on St. Marks Place in Roslyn Heights in 1930 and operated the Harbor Hill Restaurant from 1930 until about 1960, directly opposite the former location of the Roslyn train station. The institution was popular with commuters arriving home on the train from Manhattan, with Henry mixing cocktails and Francis serving up hearty German fare. Henry, a World War I veteran and Fordham graduate, was a pharmacist by training and had previously operated Henry's Pharmacy on Garden Street. Both locations were razed during the Roslyn Plaza Urban Renewal Project in 1972. Alexander graduated from Roslyn High School in 1945.

During her lifetime, Alexander saw great changes in Roslyn. The year of her birth Charles Lindbergh visited the opulent Clarence MacKay estate; 30 years later, as the now-derelict estate and grounds were being bulldozed into a development, Country Estates, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander surreptitiously rescued a young dogwood tree that would live for many years in their Roslyn Heights yard on Madison Place.

An avid golfer and bowler, Alexander was one of the first women to play the newly-opened course at Christopher Morley Park, named for the writer with whom she had a brief

correspondence while a high school student and aspiring writer in the 1940s.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander purchased a cottage in 1978 in Day, NY on the Great Sacandaga Lake. Alexander had many dear friends and neighbors at her summer residence and continued to play golf there well into her seventies.

Through the decades of change there remained one constant: Trinity Episcopal Church. Alexander was an active member of the church her entire life. She was married there in 1949 and saw her own children and grandchildren baptized at Trinity. Her ashes were interred there alongside those of her late husband at Trinity Church on April 30th.

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**RURAL MIGRANT MINISTRY
200 MILE MARCH
FOR FARMWORKER JUSTICE**

On Sunday, May 15th an historic 200-mile march for Farm Worker Justice began at the Smithtown office of Senator Flanagan to advocate for his support for the Farm Workers Fair Labor Practices Act (S.1291/A.4762). The first day of the march ended at St. John's Huntington with a kick off rally attended by close to 100 people including parishioners from churches in the North Nassau Deanery, marchers and Bishop Provenzano who gave remarks during the event.



North Nassau Deanery with Bishop Provenzano

The next two days the marchers continued on their route across Nassau County stopping along the way at various churches for lunch, dinner and evening programs and being hosted for overnight accommodations at some of these churches. Tuesday the marchers reached the Cathedral of the Incarnation where they were greeted by Bishop Provenzano and Cathedral staff. That evening the marchers met with Bishop William Murphy from the Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Wednesday morning I met the marchers as their Day Captain as they departed from the Cathedral and the Mercer School and made their way to Belmont Race Track where we all enjoyed a picnic lunch and were joined by various union representatives showing their support. Mother Margo continued to join the marchers at various times throughout the week. Wednesday evening the marchers ended their day at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation

at Shelter Rock where they enjoyed a lovely dinner and a program on Collective Bargaining given by two representatives from the United Commercial Food Workers Association.



Thursday I assisted the marchers again as they headed into Queens and made stops at Queens College, St. John's University and ended the day being hosted by Grace Episcopal Church in Jamaica where we heard from Caribbean apple workers from upstate.



Friday the marchers continued through Queens and met with supporter Assemblywoman Cathy Nolan during their lunch break.

Saturday was an exciting day for the marchers as they crossed the Brooklyn Bridge and were joined by over a hundred other supporters at City Hall including many union representatives and Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Kerry Kennedy and other NYC politicians. Then they proceeded to march through the streets of Manhattan and rallied at Union Square where I met up with them

for the last time before they headed upstate.



Their journey continues upstate where along each stop they are meeting with other local politicians, members of the faith community, school children, union leaders and having more wonderful evening programs focusing on topics such as Multi-faith Perspectives on Farm Worker Justice and Fair Farms, Good Food and Dignity for All along with musical entertainment and more farm worker testimonies.

On Wednesday, June 1 (Farm Worker Albany Day) the group will reach their destination where they will rally at the Capital and meet with Senators to lobby for support of the bill being presented. Delegations of other supporters will be bused in from Long Island, NYC, Western NY and Hudson Valley.

I have had an amazing experience meeting new friends, farm workers and so many people who feel so passionately about advocating for the rights of the farm workers. It gives me so much hope and inspiration to see this bringing together people of every race, religion, age and socio-economic background to all work together for one mission. The camaraderie, compassion and faith I witnessed during this time I have never experienced before. I am truly honored to have participated in this historic event and am thankful for Margo for introducing me to this cause and the work that Rural Migrant Ministry does. I am also thankful for all of my fellow parishioners who donated food for the marchers.

If you would like more information on the march and more details on where they went and the evening events, please visit the RMM website at www.ruralmigrantministry.org.

Si Se Puede!
Kathy Mendall

TRINITY BOOK PROJECT

The Trinity Book Project reached a milestone in December 2015. We have collected, labeled, and delivered over ten thousand books to local laundromats since we started several years ago, giving children a chance to own many books and opening up a world of knowledge to them. We are very grateful for all the donations we received from our parishioners and would especially like to thank the Trinity Co-op for all the beautiful books they have donated over the years. It has been quite a bit of work, but our Trinity Episcopal Spirit led the way!

Dawn Weill



Nick Romanello of the Sea Cliff Laundromat accepting books from Dawn Weill

TRINITY BELLS MUSIC NOTES JUNE 2016

Music continues to be a joy and blessing at Trinity. The April 24th Art & Music concert and exhibit of the paintings of Helen Bingham was a truly sacred afternoon of remembrance and music that truly filled the souls of all that were present. Many thanks to all who made that wonderful afternoon possible. Stay tuned for the exquisite Faure Requiem as the centerpiece of another celebration of life next spring.

If you weren't able to attend the concert, you can still enjoy the whole program on a CD that was made by our very own parishioner/choir member George Graf. Please pick one up at the back of the church (free!). If there are no more available, please let the church office know (516-621-7925).



Our beautiful organ is in wonderful shape. It is truly a privilege to play this fine instrument and add its lovely soundtrack to our vibrant worship.

Summer promises more musical opportunities for soloists and informal hymn singing as we gather for our weekly services. Hope to see you there!

Martha Regelmann
Organist/Director of Choirs

Psalm 96

1

Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.

2

Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.

CHURCH SCHOOL – MAY/JUNE 2016

The Church School children have blessed us with lovely singing (and piano accompaniment!) during the sacred springtime feasts at Trinity Church. The lyrics listed below are sung to the tune of one of our favorite hymns (No. 711 Seek Ye First). If you missed the singing on Easter and Trinity Sunday, there will be a wonderful encore at the June 12th Trinity Celebration and Luncheon.

Easter – Pentecost – Trinity Sunday!!!

1. Alleluia! Easter has come!!! Jesus has risen, God's only Son. Lift up your voices, be filled with good cheer. Jesus has risen and Easter is here! Alleluia...

2. Pentecost is the birthday of the church, the Holy Spirit came down to the earth. Disciples became Apostles on that sacred day - Teaching all the people about God's Holy Way. Alleluia...

3. After Pentecost we have a special day to celebrate in a sacred way. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, all three – they are our Blessed Trinity!!! Alleluia...

TRINITY TRANSITIONS



Grant Eternal Rest Unto Them...

Christine Alexander
Betty O. Hebron

**TRINITY RECOGNITION SUNDAY
& BRUNCH
June 12**



Please plan to join us on June 12 as we celebrate the many contributions and gifts of our fellow parishioners. Take a break and enjoy this day of celebration with your Trinity family. Light lunch will be served.

~REMINDERS~

- WE BEGIN OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE OF ONE SERVICE AT 9:30 FROM JULY 4 WEEKEND THROUGH LABOR DAY INCLUSIVE
- If you would like to receive Trinity Bells via email rather than “snail mail”, please let us know (contact Kathy Mendall at: kat1228@verizon.net OR Ruth Fick at: ruthafick@hotmail.com.)
- You can view the current Trinity Bells, as well as past issues, in gorgeous color on our website at trinityroslyn.org!
- Trinity Church is on Facebook- please “like” us!
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IN MEMORIAM



Jim & Binky Hebron, 2007



Harry Clark with June Spataro, circa 2010



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