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and a Jubilee Ministry Center

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# The Trinity Times

## From the Interim Rector: The Rev. Paul C. Donecker



### Passing the Peace of God

It is such an honor, it is such a privilege, to share the Peace of God. To greet another with a firm handshake reunites us to the family of God that we know as Trinity Memorial.

On Good Friday we hear one of the most striking of all prayers—

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to **behold this your family** for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. (*Book of Common Prayer, p. 276*)

The Peace of God, the Holy Presence of God, is much needed in our current world filled with anxiety in addition to the usual spectrum of illnesses and tragedies. The firm handshake of another can pierce the dark cloud that can surround and overwhelm us.

In addition to the firm handshake there are the words themselves, "Peace," or "The Peace of God be with you." When accompanied with a smile and direct eye contact, it tells the person you are addressing that you are not just going through the motions, but that you truly believe what you are wishing for the other. And if you address them by name (nametags are a help here), it is even more sincere. In fact, when you say "The Peace of God be with you," you are uttering a personal prayer for the other's well being. Having yourself received the Peace of God, you are passing it on to another.

There is also great value in the human touch. In our increasingly fast-paced world of texting, e-mails and voice mails, with families scattered coast to coast and abroad, the human touch is precious. As we affirm the incarnation of God in the flesh, and as we affirm at baptism that the Holy Spirit bonds with our individual spirit, when we press the flesh we are incarnating the Spirit of the Living God in our touch.

I admit that the Passing of the Peace of God is almost as important as the placing of the wafer—"The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven"—into another's hands. It is almost as important as offering the chalice of wine—"The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation"—to another's lips. The Passing of the Peace can be a faith-full exchange.



## Parish Life

### August 2 *Remember food: Peanut Butter & Jelly*

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### August 9

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Morning Prayer/  
Holy Eucharist

### August 16

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### August 20

10 a.m. Trebles' Choir Camp

### August 21

10 a.m. Trebles' Choir Camp  
5:30 p.m. Choral Evensong

### August 23

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Morning Prayer/  
Holy Eucharist

### August 30

8 a.m. Healing/Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Healing/Holy Eucharist

## Parish Record

In sure an certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life, we celebrate the life of **Warren Pappas** who died on July 11.

We give thanks for the marriage of **Meghan Lynn O'Malley** and **Matthew Robert Hwalek**. Their marriage was blessed on June 27.

We give thanks for the marriage of **Allison Lynn** and **Bradley Hesco** on July 18.

## From the Rector, continued

So when people share vacation plans, or ball scores, or do church business or news gathering, it misses its joyful intent. It makes the Passing of the Peace seem too much like coffee hour (which is good in its proper context), or an elementary school recess.

Next time you are invited to share the Peace of God, share it joyfully with a firm handshake, looking the other in the eye and prayerfully pass on "the Peace of God which passes all understanding" which carries us to the very gates of the Kingdom of God.

Paul C. Donecker, interim rector

## Stewardship Interview: Sue Carpenter

*Sue Carpenter, a Trinity member for 35 years, is active in the life of the parish. She sings in the Mixed Choir, serves on the Mission and Ministry Commission, chairs our ministry to Trinity Companions—our homebound members, and she and her husband Charlie are regular volunteers in the HAVEN. Sue was interviewed by George Akel.*

In order to explain how Trinity Church has impacted my life, I need to tell stories of the past 35 years. My husband and I moved to his hometown of Binghamton in order for Charlie to continue his practice in orthopedic surgery with his father, Dr. Alvin Carpenter. We raised our two sons, Don and Bob, in our home in Vestal and began attending Trinity after they were baptized by the Rev. Paul Thompson. I followed my love of church by singing in the choir and I continue doing so today.

### How were you introduced to Trinity?

Having attended (and sung in the choirs) of a Methodist and Congregational church as a child, I had never been introduced to an Episcopal church. Not only did Charlie's family belong to Trinity, but in his teen years, they lived right next door to the Trinity rectory. Charlie grew up with the Thompson "kids" and when Mr. Thompson came over to Mother and Dad's for a visit and pulled candy out from behind the ears of Don and Bob, I knew that his church was the place for us to take the boys. (Hmm, that might help with the answer to question #4... how would you introduce friends to Trinity?) So my decision with Charlie was, "Let's go to the church where your parents go!" It was that simple and 35 years later, I am still happy to be here.

### What is special about the church to you?



Choir, choir, choir! This has always been church to me. And it goes without saying that Peter Browne (with whom I have sung ever since he came here) has been a teacher and light to me in my church life. Most parishioners are much more biblically knowledgeable than I, and they know more about the governing body of the Episcopal Church, but I like the feel and the place and the people and the beauty of the church. I so appreciate those who give countless hours to helping the church run, but I have been most comfortable in the role of singing and being on some commissions.

## Stewardship Interview

### How has Trinity made a difference in your life?

Trinity has helped me establish purpose and direction in my life. It is a place to share and learn as I attempt to sort out my faith. I like belonging to a church community.

I love the story of my husband Charlie, as a teenager swimming on the Binghamton High School team. During lunch hour he would come over to Trinity for some quiet time. Then, when he was on the swim block ready to dive in, and one of his competitors would cross himself, Charlie would think, "No worry, I have had my own quiet, prayerful time at Trinity!," and in he dove (and often won!).

Lately, Charlie has been making crosses for the acolytes. He tells Paul, "I'm in our basement doing God's work!" I continue to try to get him to attend regularly on Sundays, just as we together got the boys, with a struggle, to go to Sunday School each week. One of the boys even contributed to the Capital Campaign because he remembered the great and fun times he had as a teen under the direction of Diane Simmons.

I love the story of Bradford Boyd, who was in my first Sunday school class. On my first Sunday of teaching, he and his little friends were a bit rowdy. He stepped on a chair, fell and cut his head. His mom took him for stitches. Yet in his teen years, he honored me by asking me to be his sponsor for joining the church. And I last heard from him announcing his graduation from law school.



I have enjoyed volunteering at the HAVEN. It is programs like these that make me so proud to be a part of Trinity. It has been terrific to work with so many on preparing the lunches for the Homebound, following in the footsteps of Phebe English Helfer and Carol Robertson.

### How would you introduce friends to Trinity?

Attending a musical program, be it our own choir or one of the many community organizations that perform at Trinity, would be a great way to bring in friends. Then I would proudly tell them about our services and our amazing outreach programs. In time, they would hear our choir; I'd ask them to help me with a luncheon for the homebound, or to volunteer at the HAVEN; they would see our congregation bring food for CHOW and serve lunch to our needy population. I would invite them to a Second Sunday program or ask them to volunteer in the Sunday Canteen. They would attend worship and hear our young readers on Sunday morning, a program that Paul Donecker has made blossom... and they would be hooked!

## Good Stewardship



In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; God has made the one as well as the other, so that mortals may not find out anything that will come after them.

*Ecclesiastes 7:14*

	June 09	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Offering	\$14,043	\$102,530	\$105,053
Endowments			
	\$10,416	\$76,291	\$76,508
Other			
Income	\$600	\$20,282	\$19,190

**TOTAL INCOME \$25,059 \$199,103 \$200,751**

**EXPENSES \$28,132 \$199,443 \$204,719**

**SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)  
(-\$3,073) (-\$340)**

*Projected deficit for 2009 is \$28,198.*

## Stewardship Dinner

Mark your calendars now for a Celebration and Stewardship "Bring your Favorite Dish" Dinner on **Sunday evening, September 27.**

The stewardship team (consisting of the Stewardship Steering Committee and members of Vestry who are not on that committee) will send personal notes of invitation to the dinner to all members of the church with the 2010 Stewardship Brochure enclosed.

At the dinner we will celebrate the status of our building renovations, the progress made by the Discernment & Search Team toward bringing our tenth rector to Trinity, and learn about our needs for generous time, talent and treasure from all members.

Please plan to attend and enjoy the fellowship that always comes with a fall gathering of our faith community.

## Flower Guild



Each Sunday our sanctuary is beautified by flowers on the altar. It is our tradition to share these flowers after the 10 a.m. service. Four bouquets are created by the Altar Guild to be delivered to the homebound or parishioners celebrating a special event.

Each bouquet is accompanied by a service bulletin with a card on the front of it which says:

*These Flowers from the Altar of Trinity Memorial Church are sent to bring you the Peace and Blessings of God's people. You are remembered in the prayers offered here.*

A while ago, part of the Sunday announcements included those to whom flowers were designated so that members in attendance would assist with the delivery.

It is now time to see if there are individuals or families who would like to be members of a Flower Guild. The individuals would pick up the flowers from the Altar Guild following church and deliver them. A monthly rotation would be ideal with two people each Sunday assisting with the flower delivery. Please call Arlene in the church office to select your week to take beautiful flowers to someone. Thank you.

## Food of the month



Our food of the month for August will be **peanut butter & jelly** for sandwiches for the Canteen. It will be okay to bring jelly in glass jars this month.

## Discernment & Search Team Update



The Discernment & Search Team met on Sunday, July 12 with Judy Fried, Deployment Officer for the Diocese of Central New York. Over lunch in the Common Room, the D&S Team had an opportunity to tell Judy about our parish and our ministries.

Judy then explained in detail her role in the discernment and search process as we seek the tenth rector of Trinity Memorial. All priests interested in our position must first contact Judy in the diocesan office. Bishop Adams and Judy will determine whether or not they are appropriate candidates for our position. Have they been ordained to the priesthood? Are they in good standing in their diocese? Are they without a criminal record?

If candidates are deemed appropriate by these criteria, their names and applications will be forwarded to our D&S Team. Judy explained that Bishop Joslin screened applicants and forwarded only three names to a parish. Bishop Adams' practice is to forward all names, if they are appropriate.

Forms must be completed with parish statistics and our Vestry must decide on a salary and benefits package. When these are submitted, our search for a rector will be listed in the national church database and on the "Positions Open" listing in the Diocese of Central New York. The status of our search will then be considered as "Receiving Names."

Detailed information about our parish and ministries, our history and our community are found on our new web site. We will continue to add new information for a potential rector candidate. We are in the process of preparing a Parish Profile brochure which Judy can take to deployment events and mail to candidates who express interest in our position. There is a major meeting of diocesan deployment officers in late September.

This is an exciting time and we look forward to the "receiving names" step in our discernment and search.

*Marcy Keeler, for the D&S Team*

## Garth Beautification

As you may have noticed, work continues on the Garth. The Garth volunteers have spent countless Saturday mornings pruning, weeding, mulching, and planting; etc. There is still much to be done.

Many thanks to Jean, Stephen, & Jack Shea; Paul Donecker; Randy Willis; Debbie Treadway; Sally Shumaker; Rick Shumaker; Ginny Hill; Sandra Card, Lari Jo Vickrey; Gale Bump Fortner; Ladene & Lionel Bourne; Katlyn Simpson; Kathy Luce; David & Ann Pooley; Jeff Fellows; and Joy Chuma. And thanks to those who have stopped by to lend their moral support.



We would like to see the Garth eventually become more of a meditation/memorial garden. Your suggestions and donations of plants or trees will be appreciated.

*Anita Evans, Garth Committee Chair*

## Episcopalians in El Salvador



Trinity member Connie Alexander represented the Diocese of Central New York at the annual convention of the Diocese of El Salvador in June. This is the second in a series of reports on the Episcopal Church in El Salvador. Connie accidentally deleted all her photos of her visit there. We regret not having current pictures to share!

The Episcopal Salvadorans are most proud of their three Episcopal primary schools (Pre-K through 6th or 8th grade).

Although the quality of education is much higher in the diocesan schools, tuition is about the same as the 'public' schools operated by the municipalities. The schools have several computers that are not used effectively as internet access for the school is too costly (less than \$75 per month). Books are very limited and shared by numerous students.

Students have had to drop out of school due to rampant unemployment (we are not the only country hurt by the economic downturn). These children range in age from 5-17 years old; yes, there is an eighth grader who is 17! Enrollment has dropped approximately 20%. Those children denied an education will eventually become gang members or (best case scenario) plantation or factory workers, working 12 hours a day and 6 or 7 days a week. However, those employment opportunities are limited. Average income is \$200 per month, with gas prices at \$3 per gallon and prices in the supermarkets comparable to what we pay. Of interesting note, priests in the diocese make \$200 per month with no mileage allotment. A large portion of their salary goes to members of their parishes who are in great financial need. Padre David and Irma Alvarado serve parishes that are from one to two hours away from their home. The day I left El Salvador, David's truck was in the garage in need of a new transmission. Until they acquire enough money to retrieve the vehicle, they both ride a motorcycle to their respective parish communities. On Ash Wednesday, Padre David celebrated mass at eight different churches!

The parishes in the diocese are in great need of Bibles and Books of Common Prayer. Parishioners in the Alvarados' churches share these sacred books with only a handful of books for each parish. Christian Education in the diocese lacks curriculum, and materials are scarce.

A dream for Irma is to have a cross at St Francis of Assisi, her newly assigned parish. A talented Episcopalian in the diocese has offered to design and construct a wooden cross to reflect the ideals of St. Francis.

Next month, I will write about health care, and the role the diocese plays in both providing medical assistance and assuring human rights.

*Connie Alexander*

## Thanks for Rectory Work

Many thanks to Paul Ives and Frank Donohue for removing two storm windows on the rectory porch and installing two screens. The added ventilation is great. Painting and glazing were also a part of this project.

*Paul Donecker*

## Vestry Highlights: July 13

- Received **Interim Rector's report** showing that he worked 68 hours per week in June. He also reported attending a newly formed interfaith clergy group sponsored by the Broome County Council of Churches.
- Received **Treasurer's report** indicating that payment of pledges is slow but that most expenses are under control and are tracking to budget.
- Engaged in a process of identifying some elements of Trinity's growth and progress as we look to creating a more up-to-date and detailed **parish mission statement** at our next meeting.
- Held a preliminary discussion of a compensation package for the tenth rector of Trinity. The package will be finalized upon report from the Finance Commission at the next Vestry meeting.
- Received a **gift of \$100** in memory of Walter Aldrich.
- Received **report of the Investment Committee** indicating that Trinity was made whole with the restoration of \$36,000 to the endowment fund upon investment in new bond funds. It was reported that there has been an increase in value of the endowment as of June 21, compared to March 31.
- Received **report of the Stewardship Steering Committee** and reviewed a draft of a stewardship brochure and template of a personal note to be sent to all members by the Stewardship Team.
- Received letter from the Church Insurance Agency Corporation concerning an **independent appraisal of church properties** to be conducted for all insured churches this year.

*John Keeler, Senior Warden*

## August Celebrations

### Happy August Birthday!

- 1 Barbara Chaffee
- 2 Allison Lynn Hesco
- 3 Connie Alexander
- 3 Alison Greek
- 4 Betty Hartman
- 6 Dolores Cebula
- 9 Darlene Croston
- 10 Ed Creagh
- 11 Elaine Sage
- 12 Bill Greek
- 16 Debra Byron
- 16 Bill Rexer, III
- 18 Debra Parmelee
- 20 Virginia Chatterton
- 20 Lisa Palmer
- 20 Ayana Goddard-Marshall
- 22 Carol Booth
- 23 Leonor Maston
- 25 Marcy Keeler
- 25 Emily Lacey
- 26 Ed Byron
- 28 Matthew Card
- 29 Ferris Akel, III
- 29 Sophie Miller
- 31 Aidan Cavanaugh

### Happy Anniversary

- 3 John & Jean Shea
- 4 David & Diane Hunt
- 14 Peter & Drieux Koeppel
- 18 Paul & Teri Komar
- 26 Allan & Gwen Cave

## From the Coveys

To our Trinity Family:

Thank you so much for our "send-off" Sunday. The prayers, reception, and chime memento were so very thoughtful and reminded us how much we will miss Trinity. We have already chosen the location in our new house for "The Chime," and know it will be quite the conversation piece. We also hope to use it eventually to convince St. Paul's in Greenville to start a chime choir. Thank you for the wonderful day for us, but mostly for being our faith home and family for almost 30 years. Love, Burrell and Paul

## From the Family of Betty Usas

To Paul and the Trinity Family:

Thank you for all you have done for our mom and for us. The Memorial Service was beautiful. Paul, you made everyone feel welcome and comfortable. And your homily was true to our mom.

It was wonderful to have Richard Schaal as part of the service. Our mom had enjoyed his visits and he must have been listening to her, because he knew all about us.

Peter Browne's music was, of course, just the best. We have gotten regular reports on what Peter plays each week and what the kids sing and how great all of it is.

Having all grown up in Trinity, we enjoyed being there again and appreciate how clean and well-kept it is.

When we saw the tables all set with nice linens, pretty napkins and gorgeous fresh flowers, I knew how much you all loved our mom. She would have been so pleased. So thank you, Jeff, for the flowers—they would have made her feel special and they touched us!

And thank you to Cora Hasbrouck, Dr. Beverly Dorsey and all who brought her communion. There were times when she just didn't feel up to going to church and she was glad to be remembered.

After our mom was first diagnosed, she often said what a great gift she was given as she received cards and phone calls from so many people letting her know how much she was loved and cared about.

So thank you everyone! We really do appreciate all that you have done.

With our love,  
Bill, Jim and Jeff Usas and Susan Walthers

## Camp JCC Adopts Canteen

Camp JCC, a summer day camp at the Jewish Community Center for 3-16 year-olds, has adopted the Canteen for their mitzvah (act of human kindness) organization this summer. Each year they collect to give to a cause. The younger children will bring in their change for their tzedakah (charity) boxes and the money will go to the Canteen. In addition, the older children are organizing a food drive to collect items we commonly use. This is such a great opportunity for Trinity, the Canteen, and the JCC to learn a little bit about each other.

(Last month a group from Temple Concord volunteered at Canteen. They had a great experience doing so and have expressed a desire to return. We are excited about this new connection between church and temple.)

*Jean Shea teaches at the Jewish Community Center. She is a very active member at Trinity Church. She is co-chair with Bill Palmer of our Canteen lunch ministry and she is in charge of parish dinners. Jean serves on the Discernment & Search Team and has volunteered to teach Sunday School in the fall.*



## Music Notes: Choir Camp and Chimes



We will be holding Choir Camp this year on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, August 20-22. We will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday; on Friday we will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with **Choral Evensong beginning at 5:30**. On Saturday, weather permitting, we'll once again go to

Dorchester Park in Whitney Point for canoeing, kayaking, and swimming, followed by a picnic at the Brownes' house.



*Arts & crafts at Choir Camp 2008*

In addition to singing, our focus this year will include learning to play the chimes; our Evensong service will include at least a couple of pieces involving chimes. We will be looking at various forms of scales, and our major craft project will be making pentatonic wind chimes. Each day will include singing, craft work, indoor and outdoor games, and Bible study with the Interim Rector.

Membership in the Treble Choir is open to any child in the parish who will be entering third grade or above this fall (boys until voice change). Members of the choir must be able to participate appropriately in both rehearsals and services. If your child is younger, but has good reading skills (words, not music), and is able to carry a tune well, I'd be happy to meet with you to consider early placement in the choir.

Please let me know as soon as possible if your child will be planning to attend. In order to plan pieces for the chimes, I need to know how many ringers we will have. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the church (723-3593) or email me at [papaloon@mymailstation.com](mailto:papaloon@mymailstation.com).

### CHIME CHOIR

In order to continue our Chime Choir in the fall, we need several new members. Playing in the Chime Choir requires an understanding of note values (quarter notes, eighth notes, etc.), and a willingness to commit to regular rehearsals with the rest of the group. We practice from 5:00 until 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday beginning in mid-September and going through mid-June.

If you are interested in discussing the possibility of joining the Chime Choir, please call me at the church (723-3593) or e-mail me at [papaloon@mymailstation.com](mailto:papaloon@mymailstation.com).

*Peter Browne, Church Musician*



## Godspeed to Diane

**Diane Fleming**, a Trinity member for the past six years, is moving to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina this summer. She will live with her brother there and hopes to find accounting or office work.



Diane has been part of our healing ministry team and a Eucharistic visitor. We are grateful for her time and ministry with us and wish her well in this next chapter in her life.

Diane's new address will be  
723 Pepperbush Drive  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

## Bus to Convention

The Binghamton District will sponsor a bus to the diocesan convention Eucharist in Syracuse on Sunday, November 22, 2009 **if there is sufficient interest**. The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, will be the preacher and celebrant.

The bus will leave Binghamton at 8:45 and will return by 3 p.m. The cost will be \$20 per person.

If interested, please call Father John Martinichio at Christ Church, 607-722-2308 **by August 1**.

## On-line and in color

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**Ask the Church Mouse: Construction Update**



*Trinity Times: Why are you wearing your hard hat?*

*Church Mouse:* It can be a bit risky for a little mouse if I don't wear my hat. I have been spending a lot of time scurrying around the roof.

The contractors are working day and night to remove the old roof. There is asbestos in the roof and they are very careful. The workers work during the "second shift—from 3 to 11 p.m. They have really huge, bright lights turned on the building so they can see.

There is dust that seeps into the church and that is why we had to cover the pews and everything in plastic a week ago. We are being VERY careful to cover the organ pipes. Dust and debris in the organ pipes would NOT be a good thing.

Were you at worship on July 12? We had services in the gym and that was kind of neat! I heard several people say they liked it! We were sitting closer to one another—and we could hear each other singing. We didn't have—and we didn't need—microphones. That electronic keyboard Peter

Browne played sounded just like a harpsichord! And the "organ" setting was *almost* like being in church!

Did you know we have had lots of visitors inspecting our roof? You can view it from the second floor of the Parish House, over the church office area. If you are a bishop you can go out on the scaffolding and get a really close look at the project!

Bishop Skip Adams was in Binghamton on June 30. He met with the Binghamton District Clericus and also inspected our roof project. Paul Donecker showed the bishop what the new roof will look like.



Check our web site for Construction Updates and photos. Click on NEWS, then CONSTRUCTION.