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# The Trinity Times

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



### The Power of Pentecost

At the conclusion of the good news according to St. Matthew (28: 19 – 20) we hear these words:

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

What an audacious challenge to these people! Most of them had fled during the final days of the life of Jesus of Nazareth, and even after the resurrection, in the presence of the risen Jesus, St. Matthew states, "some doubted." Nevertheless, Jesus commissions them — **Go and make disciples of all nations.**

With Jesus always as our partner, we are to change the world, to change the world so it more closely resembles the Kingdom of God, where God's will is done on earth more fully as it is in heaven.

One of my favorite periodicals is *Fast Company*. In the March issue it focuses on the world's most innovative companies of the year. This year they selected Google, the internet search and advertising company. Here are a few comments about Google found in the article.

- Google has "a creative fearlessness and desire" to change the world.
- One of their interview questions for new hires is this -- "If you could change the world using Google's resources, what would you build?"
- Google believes that "information is a natural resource that can be mined and... distributed."
- An operative question is "Are we taking advantage of what we've got here?" "Are we doing enough?" "Are we doing everything we can?"
- Google is "a go figure it out place."
- Google is always looking at revision rather than waiting until something is perfect before it is rolled out for use.
- "People (at Google) don't start with conclusions. They start with questions. If you are open..., respectful of others, and really driven to execute, you'll be successful."

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## Parish Life

### June 7 Youth Sunday at 10

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

### June 14 Choir Retrospective at 10

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

### June 21

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
1 p.m. B-Mets Baseball Game

### June 28

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



## GOOD STEWARDSHIP

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

*Matthew 10:16*

INCOME	Apr 09	YTD	YTD
		Actual	Budget
Offering	\$19,035	\$75,380	\$77,496
Endowments			
	\$11,091	\$55,458	\$55,666
Other			
Income	\$10,895	\$18,982	\$17,690
<b>TOTAL</b>			
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$41,021</b>	<b>\$149,820</b>	<b>\$150,851</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
	<b>\$37,893</b>	<b>\$146,488</b>	<b>\$149,960</b>

### SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

\$3,128 \$3,332

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

## From the Rector, continued

*(Continued from page 1)*

I wonder how much of what we do at Trinity Memorial is similar to the very successful Google?

Do we also have a desire to change the world, or at least our corner of it?

Do we believe our faith is a resource to be explored, to be mined, to be shared?

Are we doing enough? Are there more ministries that we might consider? Are there more spaces in this ministry platform (our building) that could be put to use?

Do we encourage people to struggle with their faith, to explore it, to stretch it?

Are we open to asking, could we do this better, more effectively, more faithfully?

Do we respect each other's viewpoints, and seek to learn through our conversations, rather than just seeking support for our own point of view?

The Spirit of Pentecost challenges us to go beyond where we are, and where we are comfortable, with the Spirit of the Risen Jesus as our partner.

Yes, I think **we are to change the world**. As with any journey, it starts with a single step, and then another, and then another. We are stepping out with each other, and with the senior partner, Jesus, the risen one.

Paul C. Donecker, Interim Rector

## A Note from Richard



I again want to thank everyone at Trinity Memorial for all the kindness, friendship and warmth shown to me during my time with you. Your gift of the stole with the Trinity symbol will be worn with pride.

I have to tell you that after I got home on May 10 I was exhausted but I decided to do some yard work. (I was afraid if I took a nap I would sleep until midnight.) Around 4 in the afternoon I decided to stop and build a fire in my outdoor fireplace. As I sat in front of the fire sipping a glass of wine, I took a deep breath and reflected on the day that had just transpired and realized that there was an empty spot in my life. I was missing you already.

Best of luck in your search for a new rector.

Blessings,  
Richard Schaal

## Vestry Highlights—May 11, 2009

- Received **Interim Rector's report** showing stable attendance over the last five years for the month of April. He commented on the richness of worship during Palm/Passion Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. His report ends with the statement: "During this month of April I have experienced the incredible spirit of God blowing through the people of Trinity. This is a congregation on mission that is palpable through our worship and ministry."
- Received final **report from Diocesan Intern** Richard Schaal in which he reviewed his activities for April and May and concluded with this statement: "I would like to end by thanking Paul for all his guidance during this Internship. His guidance took many forms and often was a challenge for me, which is exactly what I needed."
- Approved **Treasurer's report** showing income and expense generally tracking to plan. While year-to-date net income exceeds budget, little progress has been made to close the annual deficit of \$28,198.
- Received **Finance Commission report** for its meeting of May 4 and passed the following resolutions:
  - Authority to borrow, if needed, up to \$425,000 from the Frances Jennings Building Fund to meet **cash-flow needs** of roof and stone repair work, the money to be repaid, without interest, from capital campaign pledges.
  - Authority to expend \$9,776 for a **new stove**, oven and fire suppression system and up to \$4,000 for 16 **round tables** and new table cloths for dinners in the gymnasium.
- Received **report of Canteen Board** meeting of April 19, concerning various action items, including preparation of a sign outside the Oak Street door with canteen hours and worship information.
- Received **report of the Mutual Ministry Review** meeting of May 5, including the statement from our facilitator, the Rev. Chris Day, that recent developments since the arrival of the Interim Rector showed a "huge shift" in the congregation moving from a corporate to program mentality.

*John Keeler, Senior Warden*

## Acolyte Fundraiser

The acolytes held a very successful fundraiser on Sunday evening, May 17. Over 40 people shared a baked ziti supper and some wonderful entertainment from our very talented young people. We raised just over \$300 toward our October trip to the National Cathedral for the 2009 National Acolyte Festival. Some parishioners have asked about making donations. We will happily accept gifts. Just mark your donation "Acolyte Festival," and it will be credited toward our trip. More fundraisers will be held this summer and fall. Thank you all for your support!

*Phyllis Amenda, Acolyte Coordinator*

## Stewardship Interview

*Jim Albert recently interviewed Susan Hanes. Susan & her husband Christopher are professors in the Economics Department at Binghamton University. With their sons, Peter and Thomas, they have attended Trinity for about four years.*

*Q: How has Trinity made a difference in your life?*



*A: My husband, children and I very much enjoy the Trinity community. There are many people whom we enjoy at the church, and we feel that we learn from them.*

*Q: What is special about our church for you?*

*A: The warmth and kindness of the community, and the beautiful music. It is a good environment for children because of Trebles and the Young Readers' program.*

*Q: How were you introduced to Trinity?*

*A: We were friends with the Sheas, and we heard of Trinity from various Binghamton University contacts.*

*Q: How would you introduce friends to Trinity?*

*A: The best way would be to invite them to attend a service.*

*Jim Albert*

## Ordination in El Salvador

Congratulations to **Rosa Irma Guerra de Alvarado** who will be ordained to the diaconate on June 5, 2009. She graduated from seminary in 2007, and will be ordained at the upcoming diocesan convention in San Salvador.

Irma is the wife of the **Rev. David Alvarado**, a priest in El Salvador. She is the first native Latin American female to be ordained in the Episcopal Church in our companion diocese of El Salvador.

**Connie Alexander** will be attending this momentous event, representing our diocese. She will take a beautiful stole, made by **Sheila Morrison**, as a gift to the ordinand. Look for a full report in the next Trinity Times.

## Juneteenth 2009

The Broome County Urban League and the Broome-Tioga Branch NAACP are sponsoring Juneteenth 2009. The event will take place on Friday, June 12 and Saturday, June 13 from 12 -6 p.m. at Columbus Park in Binghamton. Juneteenth promotes unity and builds self-esteem through reflection, education, and acknowledgement of achievements. There will be information on financial fitness, jobs, health, and education.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Ayana Goddard-Marshall** who received her PhD in Bioengineering this month from Binghamton University's Watson School.

## Garth Helpers

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to spruce up the Garth on May 9. Thanks to **Paul Donecker; Joy Chuma, Sally Shumaker; Gale Bump Fortner; Melissa Bump; Ginny Nolan; Jean, Stephen and Jack Shea; Sardilla Frank; and Rick Shumaker.**

*Anita Evans*

## Youth News

Youth Sunday will be held at 10 a.m. on June 7. Look for photos of our young people in the Hoyt Room.

Flower planting around the church is planned for June. Our Trinity children will be decorating place mats for the residents at Bridgewater Nursing Facility to commemorate the 4th of July holiday.

Christine and Katrin Baxter and their mother, Susannah Gal, attended Nightwatch at St. John the Divine in New York City on May 1. Ask them for their impressions of this magnificent cathedral! They will write a "report" for the next *Trinity Times*.

Reminder: Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. All groups meet upstairs in their respective rooms, and return to their families in church at the Peace.

## Reflections on CHOW



We always have a great response for our CHOW ingathering each month and I am grateful for that.

CHOW is a wonderful program that helps many people. Having a suggested "food of the month" and announcing it well ahead of time adds another dimension to our contributions. It gives us an opportunity to involve our children and teach them to be good shoppers at the same time.

For example, in June the choice is pasta. Just looking at the coupons in the Sunday paper insert, I saw a \$1.00 off coupon for any two Ronzoni pasta products and a \$1.00 off coupon on a microwavable one- serving pasta meal. There was a sale of buy-one-pasta, get-one-free.

Last month's selection of cereal opened the opportunity of letting a child pick the cereal and having the child decide on a healthy choice for someone else. The month before, when the option was cake mixes, presented a good opportunity to help a child read the nutrition label and explain why you want to get a product with zero trans-fats. In any economic climate, it is wise to be a good shopper, reading the ads for good buys and reading the labels for healthy buys. Combining these skills with being able to help someone provides us with a win-win situation.

*Sandy Card, Junior Warden*

### **CHOW Food of the Month for June:**

#### **PASTA**



## Discernment and Search: Parish Survey



We have completed our Parish Survey, an important step in our discernment and search process as we seek the tenth rector of Trinity Church. A total of 125 surveys were submitted—90 were completed on-line and 35 chose to hand in paper surveys. The statisticians tell us that a return of 125 surveys from a parish of 307 baptized members is a good result.

We now await the survey results. Holy Cow Consulting will have data for us shortly. The D&S Team met on Sunday, May 17 to plan our next steps. We will hold **two pairs of information and discussion events** for the parish to discuss the survey results.

### **Mark Your Calendars! Save the Dates!**

We will focus our discussion of the survey results on two areas. Choose to attend one session for each topic. (Of course, you may attend three or all four sessions.)

#### **WHERE ARE WE NOW?**

Sunday, June 7, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **OR**  
Tuesday, June 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

#### **WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?**

Sunday, June 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **OR**  
Tuesday, June 16, 6:30-8 p.m.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Hoyt Room, or RSVP to the church office, (phone 723-3593 or e-mail [trinity@trinitymemorial.org](mailto:trinity@trinitymemorial.org)) so we can plan handouts.

We thank all who took the time to complete the survey. We hope you will join us in analysis and discussion of the results.

*Marcy Keeler, D&S Team member*

## Gay Pride Parade: June 20 in Syracuse

Last year, three parishes of our diocese walked in the Central New York Gay Pride Parade in Syracuse. Organizers are hoping a few more parishes will participate this year, sending both gay and straight members to walk behind a banner that simply says "THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU."



In 2008, each parish group held a large sign with its name and the name of their town. Barbara & John Chaffee, John Keeler, and Bill Palmer represented Trinity. If you are interested in participating in this year's parade on Saturday, June 20, please contact Pete Williams at (315) 727-8189 or e-mail him at [peterawill@juno.com](mailto:peterawill@juno.com).

## Members in the Military



**Members  
in the  
Military**

Please keep these people in the armed services in your prayers:

**Thomas Bennett**

**Kyle Bolles**,  
Private First Class,  
US Army, stationed  
at Fort Drum, NY;  
son of Michael & Jill Bolles.

**Michael Bolles**, Sergeant, US Army  
National Guard, Syracuse, NY.

**Andrew W. Bourne**, Sergeant, US  
Marine Corps, stationed at Camp  
Lejeune, NC; son of Lionel and Ladene  
Miles Bourne.

**Christopher M. Bourne**, Colonel, US  
Marine Corps, stationed in Camp  
Pendleton, CA ; son of Lionel and  
Ladene Miles Bourne.

**Darlene Croston**, Yeoman Petty Officer  
Second Class, US Navy Reserves,  
stationed at Navy Operational Support  
Center, Syracuse, NY.

**Christopher Fleming**, Specialist, US  
Army National Guard, stationed in  
Albany, NY; son of Diane Fleming.

**Alexander Flowers**, Corporal, US  
Marine Corps; son of Annemarie Cruise.

**Erich Goldstein**, Corporal, US Marine  
Corps, stationed in Quantico, VA; son of  
Debra Goldstein.

**David M. Jensen**, Sergeant, US Army,  
stationed in South Korea; friend of the  
Ghilardi family.

**David Komar**, Colonel, US Army,  
stationed at the Pentagon, Washington,  
DC; son of Paul and Teri Komar.

**Justin Pooley**, Master Sergeant, US Air  
Force, stationed in Valdosta, GA; son of  
David and Ann Pooley.

**Rasheem Ramnarine-Singh**, Private  
First Class, US Army National Guard,  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO; son of Diane  
Ramnarine-Singh.

**John Tondeur**, Private First Class, US  
Army; son of LeeAnn Tondeur and Ian  
Tondeur.

## June Celebrations

### Happy Birthday

1	Fritz Huff
3	Lois Brown
7	Doris Aldrich
7	Rick Gebler
8	Al Ortiz
9	Billie Palmer
10	Jim Ford
11	Anita Evans
11	Becky Lacey
14	David Hunt
14	John Lynn
14	Ben Crossley-Marra
15	Andrew Creagh
16	Dale Held
16	John Shea
16	Myles Brown
18	Ed Thompson
18	Bill Gonz
18	Mary Gere-Penna
20	Bill Heald
20	Stephen Miller
22	Eleanor Hough
24	Paul Komar
25	Jo May Ives
26	Vida Hill
28	Gloria Rexer
28	Finbarr Huff
29	Molly Brown
30	Paul Ives

### Happy Anniversary!

2	Howard & Billie Palmer
8	Kent & Barbara Turner
18	John & Nancy Pille
20	Gerry & Susan Hough
20	Bob & Nancy Howe
21	Milton & Gale Fortner
21	Chris & Susan Hanes
30	Robert & Dawn Roessing



## From the Archives: Stained Glass Windows

*This is the second in a three-part series on our stained glass windows.*

### Gothic Revival

Sharing the often transitory nature of artistic trends, the Tiffany style fell out of favor by around 1910. A new group of architects and designers began returning to a more medieval or Gothic style in churches and church stained glass. This Gothic Revival style became the norm, and that fact is reflected in the windows installed at Trinity after 1900.

Nine windows made after 1900 are Gothic Revival in style. They represent an attempt on the part of American and English artists and craftsmen to recreate the color palette, imagery, and techniques of church stained glass windows of the European medieval period. Five windows in the nave are by **Nicola D'Ascenzo**, while two are from the English firm of **J. Wippell & Company, Ltd.** Two windows in the transept are by the English firm of **Wippell Mowbray Studios.**

**Nicola D'Ascenzo** (1871-1954) was born in Italy and studied, taught, and practiced in Philadelphia. A painter and muralist as well as a stained glass artist, D'Ascenzo produced many highly regarded works. He is famous for stained glass windows at, among many other places, Princeton University, the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC, the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, and Riverside Church in New York City.

His windows at Trinity can be separated into two groups. The **Christ and the Little Children** window and the **Palm Sunday** window are so similar in color and technique that they make a fine pair next to each other. (4th & 5th on the left side of the church, facing the altar).



The **Woman at the Well, Behold an Israelite**, (1st & 3rd on the left) and **Nativity** (4th on the right) windows all share a common feeling, and all three have a "ribbon" of words worked into the glass referring to the subjects depicted.

The **Mary and Martha** and **Loaves and Fishes** windows stand across the nave from each other (2nd on each side) and are by the English church supply and stained glass company of **J. Wippell and Company, Ltd.** They are both beautifully colored, with expressive and charming figures.

Trinity's newest windows are the **Jesus Healing** and **Baptism of Jesus** windows in the west transept. Dating from 1976, they are elegant examples of the Gothic Revival look. The representation of Jesus' feet in the water is especially striking. They are by the English firm of **Wippell Mowbray Studios**, Exeter, England.

*Jim Albert, Archivist*

## Music Notes:



### TREBLE CHOIR CAMP

We are planning this summer's Treble Choir Camp for **Thursday through Saturday, August 20-22**. As we have for the past several years, we will spend Thursday and Friday in rehearsals, Bible study, and crafts and games; and then, weather permitting, spend Saturday boating and picnicking. Once again, we'll conclude the Friday session with a Service of Choral Evensong sung by the camp participants and open to the parish at large.

If your child is interested in attending, please contact me at the church for more information on schedule and registration. Children must be entering at least the third grade in the fall to be eligible for membership in the Treble Choir. Girls continue to be eligible through high school, and boys until voice change.

### CHOIR RETROSPECTIVE

This year's Mixed Choir Retrospective will be held on **Sunday, June 14, at the 10:00 a.m. service**. Music selected by the choir includes William Byrd's (1543-1623) "Ave Verum Corpus", "Jubilate Deo" by Henry Purcell (1659-1695), "God Is Gone Up" by Gerald Finzi (1901-1956), and Bruce Borton's "Love Never Ends", among others. This year, the Chime Choir will be playing as part of the special music of the day, so please plan on coming a few minutes early to hear the chime prelude, as well.

### CHIME CHOIR

This summer, we will be saying goodbye to **Burrell and Paul Covey**, as they move south for new jobs. In addition to their many other contributions to the parish over the years, they have both been valued long-term members of the Chime Choir. Their departure brings to three the number of openings in the Chime Choir, and we can't continue to function without filling at least two of those. If you or someone you know might be interested in exploring membership in the group, please get in touch with me, either by phone or on a Sunday following church. We can set up a time to meet and discuss needed skills and experience. Some knowledge of reading music is a necessity, but proficiency in singing or on an instrument is not. We wish Burrell and Paul all the best in their new home—we'll miss them both!

*Peter Browne, Church Musician*

## Religious Perspectives on Stem Cell Research

Temple Concord Social Action Committee invites the community to an informative program on Religious Perspectives on Stem Cell Research on **Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.** at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Drive, Binghamton.

People facing diabetes, Parkinson's disease, ALS, spinal cord injury and other life-threatening medical conditions turn to stem cell research with hope for a cure. Rabbi Dennis Ross, director of Concerned Clergy for Choice, will discuss the compelling medical, ethical and religious support for this promising field of regenerative medicine.

All are invited to attend.

## Visit to Temple Concord

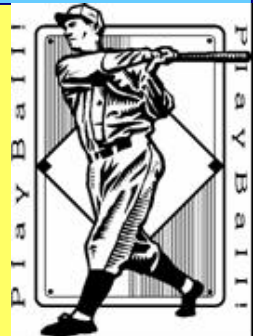
On Friday evening, May 1, Senior Warden **John Keeler** attended services at Temple Concord and presented the resolution extending condolences to the Temple members concerning the death of their member Roberta King in the American Civic Association massacre on April 3. The resolution had been passed by Vestry and signed by almost 90 members of the congregation.

He also delivered the condolence letter from St. Matthews Episcopal Church of Westerville, Ohio and the prayer shawl that accompanied the letter.

The resolutions and shawl were accepted by members of the King family who were present at the service. They expressed sincere appreciation for these gestures and asked that John convey their thanks to everyone at Trinity for remembering their mother in this way.

## B-Mets Baseball Game

We will attend a Binghamton Mets baseball game against the Trenton Thunder on **Sunday, June 21 at 1 p.m.** at N Y S E G



Stadium. Tickets will be \$4, and a bag lunch will be provided.

Seats are reserved bandstand seats behind home plate which will be shaded from the sun. Payment for tickets must be made to Connie Alexander by June 7. Over 50 people have signed up for the game. If you would like to attend but have not signed up, see Connie by June 7.



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**Ask the Church Mouse: Yankee Gutters**



*Trinity Times: When is our roof project going to begin?*

*Church Mouse: Soon! Very soon! Our scaffolding should be up any day now. Maybe it will be erected by the time you get this newsletter. I already have my hard hat on and I*

am eager for the construction work to begin.

I went to the Second Sunday program on the Third Monday, May 17. Our architect, **Bob Costello** from Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects and Engineers, spoke to the group of 20 parishioners. He had an interesting computer Powerpoint presentation on the work to be done. It showed all kinds of views and angles of our roof. We had a bird's eye view of the roof and the towers.

I had not realized that we have **two** towers! There is the big one on the front corner of the church and a smaller one on the Oak Street side near the door to the undercroft and the door at the west side of the sanctuary. Bob said that repair of the towers is going to cost a lot. It will be a significant part of our capital expense—and it much of it will be work we will never see!

*Trinity Times: The building people and architects talk about things I don't understand. Tell me, What are Yankee gutters?*

Church Mouse: Also known as built-in or integral gutters, Yankee gutters are a drainage system used in many homes and public buildings dating back to the 18th century. Rather than the exposed metal gutter systems that are commonly employed with contemporary building projects, Yankee gutters were incorporated into the cornice structure along the roofline and thus were not easily visible from the outside.

The earliest examples of Yankee gutters employed a combination of wood and metal to construct the body of the system. Wood was used as an external element to construct the shell for the gutters, while sheets of metal were used to line the interior. The gutters usually made use of a sloped bottom to help expedite the flow of water through the gutter. While various metals were used for the interior lining, copper emerged during the 19th century as a favored option.

Our Yankee gutters are made of stone. They will be lined first with a rubber material and then with copper. They will be very sturdy and should last a long time.

*For more information, see*  
<http://www.wisegeek.com/what-are-yankee-gutters.htm>