



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 ...FEEDING ALL IN BODY, MIND AND SOUL

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Welcome to TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Mary Magdalene went
 and announced to the
 disciples...*

"I have seen the LORD!"

DIocese OF
 BETHLEHEM



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The Prayer List

Here are the names of Trinity people who have health problems or personal problems and who wish to be remembered in our prayers. If you or a loved one has health problems or other problems, and if you would like the prayerful help of Trinity friends, you are invited to add your name to the list. Please contact the office, 610-867-4741.

Trinity is a praying church. We love to pray for people...and we keep on praying for them. But sometimes, people get "parked" on the parish prayer list. The policy is to put people on the Prayers of the People list and to read their names for two weeks in a row, UNLESS you ask us to keep them on. They will also be put on the prayer list in the Bulletin. We keep them on the Bulletin list for two months, UNLESS you ask us to keep them on. We are very happy to keep people on either or both lists, but please do tell us. Call the office or give a note to one of the clergy.



KEEP ON PRAYING!

For those in the Armed Services

- 1Lt. Andrew Bowling
- Spc. Kevin Butler
- 1Lt. Jeffery Cox
- 2Lt. Andrew Dalton
- 2Lt. Benjamin Dalton
- 1Sgt. John Knight
- SSgt. Rob Norman
- 1Lt. Brian Powell
- A-1 Kenneth Roman
- 1Lt. Joseph Salgado
- 1Lt. Sara Toliver

For those in need

- Pat Austin
- Al Barr
- Bud Barr
- Marjorie Miller Bergey
- Dennis Bergey

- Beth Birl
- Jane Breininger
- Harlan Breininger
- Bryan Brozoski family
- Dorothy Comegys
- Cindy Derr
- Hannah Fletcher
- Lori Folweiler
- David Giaretta
- Ginny Gress
- Sally Hampson
- Lois Howell
- Eileen Kessler
- Fr. Joe Leo
- Robert Lukens
- Fr. Mac
- Patricia McCooley
- Joe McCullough
- Deacon Elizabeth Miller
- Terry Miller
- Resurrection Lutheran Church
- Jim Riggs
- Mo. Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril
- Sean Romeril
- Joan Sheldrake
- Jim Stanton
- Rick Sumner
- Edna Sweet
- Dennis Taylor
- Pat Talijan
- Tracey & Tiffany Weaver
- Joleita Yurchak
- Sr. Mary Esther
- Shayna
- the children of Kajo
- Keji

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

- 1 Xinyuan Leidy
- Sophie Neumann
- 2 Daniel Palmeri
- 3 Joseph Palmeri
- 4 Angeline Ruch
- 5 Samuel Bachman
- 6 Suzanne Boundy
- Jakob Dickey
- 7 William Vitalos
- 8 Flex Illick
- Jonathan Neumann
- 9 Michael Palmeri
- 10 C. Don Bowyer
- 11 Margaret Cotton
- 12 Kicran Baukal
- 14 Alfred Barr
- Susan Post
- 15 Lisa Heffner
- 16 David Sisson
- Victoria Sweet
- 17 Brian Post
- 18 Daniel George
- 22 Wendi Kerr
- Sara Phillips King
- 23 Georgiana Johnson
- 24 George Gee
- Thomas Molinaro
- Joan Sheldrake
- Sean Butler
- 26 Joleita Yurchak
- 28 Taylor Schlener
- 29 Chris Connors
- 30 Richard Kerr
- Genevieve McArdle

Anniversaries

- 3 Sandra & William Latshaw
- 12 Marjorie & Walter Buckley
- 15 Joanne & David Gulya
- 22 Lisa & Terry Heffner
- 23 Charmaine & Christopher Roman
- 27 Judith & Robert Featenby

Celebration of Saints During April

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow **your** blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

- 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest and Theologian 1872
- 2 James Lloyd Breck, Priest 1876
- 3 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
- 4 Martin Luther King, Jr., Civil Rights Leader, 1968
- 7 Tikhon, Patriarch of Russia, Confessor and Ecumenist, 1925
- 8 William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877
- 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945
- 10 William Law, Priest, 1761
- 11 George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand, and of Lichfield, 1878
- 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Martyr, 1012
- 21 Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109
- 25 St. Mark the Evangelist
- 29 Catherine of Siena, 1380

Sunday Readings

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

April 6 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- Luke 24:13-35

April 13 (4th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23:1-6
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

April 20 (5th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- 1 Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

April 27 (6th Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21



PARISH LOGO

That star-circle-arrows-compass thing that appears on our newsletter and weekly bulletins is Trinity Episcopal Church's own personal logo. In case you didn't read the newsletter article that introduced it about eight years ago, here is an explanation of its symbolism.

The circle is the group, the congregation, us, united through friendship and mutual caring and shared beliefs.

Within the circle, arrows point inwards to our deepest selves, and there we find a star, the Light. However this is interpreted, it is wonderful.

Outside the circle is the world. The compass points were first conceived as outward-pointing arrows (reciprocals of the inward-pointing ones), symbolizing our active concern for the welfare of our own community and of the community of people everywhere.

As compass points, modified arrows, they still symbolize all that, with perhaps more emphasis on the world.

So, here in the logo, starting at the center, are spirituality, fellowship, and outreach--which make up our whole.

**On April 19th
from 9am-1pm**

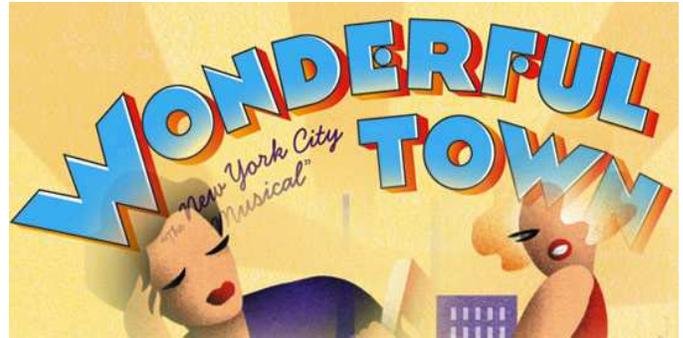
Please join us for an Earth Day clean-up

at Friendship (Tank) Park located at
E. North St. and Penn St. in Bethlehem.

Show your support for our community and Mother Earth by helping to clean garbage and debris from the ground, eliminate vandalism, spread mulch and plant flowers!

We will provide a bagged lunch, you provide the gloves, tools and labor!

Contact: Elyn Siftar—ellyn@trinitybeth.org—610-867-4741X307



Theatre Party Fundraiser for Soup Kitchen

Sue & Dick Ditterline will be performing this April in their 31st annual production with the Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre in Langhorne. The show is the Tony Award-winning (1953) *WONDERFUL TOWN*, with music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Betty Comden & Adolph Green. Based on the book *My Sister Eileen*, we follow two sisters from a small town in Ohio who come to the Big Apple in 1935, naïve but determined to conquer the big city. They end up in Greenwich Village during the "Bohemian Days," where they meet a ton of kooky, eccentric characters.

Trinity has secured a block of tickets for the final performance, a 2:00 p.m. matinee at the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope on Sunday, April 27. OUR SOUP KITCHEN will benefit from each ticket sold! Adults are \$18 and children (thru high school) are \$12.50. [Military in uniform FREE.] Father Dick is handling the ticket sales. Contact him at 610-838-8206 or rcditterline@ptd.net; or catch him at the church if you can!

Italian Buffet

The Northeast Ministry will hold an Italian Buffet on Saturday, April 19th at 4pm at East Hills Moravian Church, 1830 Butztown Road, Bethlehem. Cost children 6-12 \$5.00, Adults \$10 and children under 5 free. For tickets call Steve Godbolt at 610-691-3355. All proceeds to benefit youth programs and scholarship to summer camps.

ADULT FORUM 2008

APRIL 6, 2008

Dr. Peter Sutton

"Philosophers on Faith: Pt. 1:

Do we have free will?"

APRIL 13, 2008

Dr. Cathy Sutton

"Philosophers on Faith: Pt. 2:

The life of the world to come: immortality of the soul, resurrection of the body, or both?"

APRIL 20, 2008

Outreach / Agency Fair

APRIL 27, 2008

Dr. Carol Jones, Executive Director of the Adult Literacy Center of the Lehigh Valley and Rick Subber, Board of Directors of the Adult Literacy Center

"Literacy Needs and Services in the Lehigh Valley"

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD OR CHILDREN IN COLLEGE OR MILITARY SERVICE?

One of Trinity's pastoral care programs for over 30 years is our Contact Program with those from the parish who are away at school or in the Military. Use the form below to tell us who, and where, they are.

PLEASE PRINT

Parent(s) Name

Address

Parent(s) Phone

Parent(s) email address if available

Name of Student or Military Person *

Academic or Military Address

Email address if appropriate

Course of study if known

Expected year of graduation

Student/Military Birthday

Please place this form in the offering plate or send to the church office.



PRAYER BEADS MINISTRY

Members of our parish and from a variety of other parishes in the Diocese, are active in a "Prayer Beads Ministry". This group prayerfully makes and distributes prayer beads and provides workshop leadership both in the creation of and use of prayer beads.

We have been invited to lead workshops in churches and at retreat centers in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia.

We are completely self-sustaining, depending on donations and sales of high-quality prayer beads available at workshops and on the Internet (www.gigibeads.net).

We have changed our traditional meeting night and beginning in April, will meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month at Gaby Whittier's home, gathering at 5:30 for a shared meal at 6:00, followed by an evening of fellowship, beading, prayer and workshop preparation. Please contact Gaby at the church (610-867-4741 x301), at home (610-867-0735) or via email (gaby@trinitybeth.org) for more information or to let her know to expect you.

JOIN THE FUN!!!

Cruising to Equity Campaign

...make a boatload of difference for kids



Creating a Safe Harbor of
Hope & Health Care
For ALL Children

Child Advocacy Campaign 2007-2008

CURRENTLY COLLECTING

(through May 11, 2008)

A Safe Start—Every day, almost 8,000 children are reported victims of abuse and neglect. Gather items for children going into foster care.

Duffel bags
Suitcases
Cuddly toys
Nightlights
Nap Blankets



Journaling as Spiritual Practice ...

...will meet on Mondays, April 14th and 28th, from 6 pm - 7:30 pm. A light meal is provided, followed by a brief meditation or discussion led by a group member. We then enter a period of 30 - 45 minutes of quiet journaling, and conclude with optional sharing of what we have explored. All are welcome.

Each week is a separate event -- there is no need to have attended previously. Please bring pen and paper (or laptop computer).



Trinity's Group Involving Fellowship ...

...met for fellowship and handbell ringing with the help of Cynthia Weber who currently directs two handbell choirs in the Lehigh Valley. All ages joined us in their white gloves to learn proper handling and ringing techniques. We did our best reading and playing a piece of music...and we had fun!

Cynthia is currently getting a Master's degree in church music with a specialty in handbell music and invites all to join her for a concert with bells and other instruments at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday, April 27th at 3pm. The church is located at Tilghman Street and Route 309 in Allentown.

**PLEASE JOIN TGIF FOR
OUR NEXT POTLUCK
DINNER ON FRIDAY,
APRIL 11TH AT 6PM.**

Details to follow.

May 16-18th we will camping together at Robin Hill Resort in Lenhartsville.

Please contact Jennifer Bradley at 610-694-9805 if you are interested in reserving a cabin.

BEOWULF DISCUSSION GROUP

April Wednesdays, 6:00

We churchgoers regularly listen to Old Testament stories that have been read and listened to for many thousands of years. We may not be easily awed by the antiquity of a story written down a mere one thousand years ago.

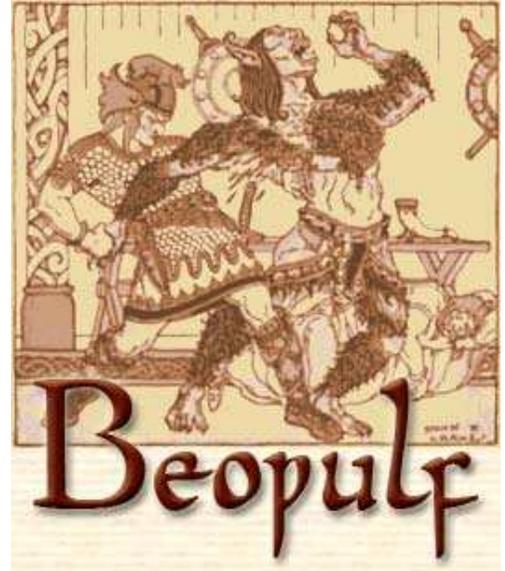
But this particular story, *Beowulf*, is rather special for speakers of English because it is one of the first literary works composed in our language - or at least in a language with the name "English" - Old English, that is, spoken by some of the earliest people to be defined as "English," the Anglo-Saxons.

The language of *Beowulf* is strange to us. Its literary form, some of the values and beliefs of its characters, and some of the characters themselves are different. An interpreter is needed, and he is Jack Vickrey, retired LU Professor of English, specializing in Old English language and literature. Jack will guide us Early-Medieval adventurers through a world of trolls, dragons, and alliterative poetry, back when superheroes were superheroes.

This will happen on every Wednesday evening in April (2, 9, 16, 23, and 30), 6:00 to 7:00 (or later), in the Parish Hall.

The edition of *Beowulf* being used is the dual-language version translated and edited by Howell Chickering. Mo. Laura has reduced-price copies for \$11.00.

All are welcome...you...your friends...everyone.



Daughters of the King - An Invitation to Join Us

Constance and her Companions extend 'An Invitation to Join Us'. If you are thinking about becoming a Daughter and/or are curious to learn more about the Order, new member classes will be starting up soon. There is a prepared study guide that is followed and the hourly sessions run between 10-12 weeks. Please contact Violet McCandless (610-865-4651) for more information.



Or fill out the form below, cut it out of the newsletter and put it in the Prayer Box in the rear of the Sanctuary where a Daughter will find it.

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I am interested in learning more about the Order of the Daughters of the King.
Please contact me.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Arthur Isaiah's Daily Office



Last month I told you what my day looks like. I've added a few new and exciting activities. The best day is Friday when I go to play group with all my friends. They're small humans, called kids or "Honey" by the moms. I have to pass approval of the moms before I am allowed to play. These new friends have helped me behave myself and play more gently. I try hard not to use my claws and jaws except on some of my toys.

I occasionally play hide and seek with one of my toys. I still prefer pencils for the high speed right to left paw hockey, but I can't always fish them back out of the places they find to hide. I'll play with paper clips or money or anything you leave on Gaby's desk. She's taken to hiding everything in her middle desk drawer. If not there, she tells everyone to put things in her box in the mailroom, and I'm not allowed in there.

I still haven't caught the "church mouse" and hope I can spot him soon, since I have a few toys that look like him, I think. I know you're all eager for me to tell you who this is, but I've got to catch him first, and he's very elusive.

One of the Soup Kitchen members visits me every day to see that I have fresh food and water and clean litter. I made eyes at him from my perch on the windowsill, and he couldn't resist my charm. I look for him every day.

I have a reputation for being rambunctious. One grown man refuses to put his coat in Gaby's office any longer so he doesn't have to tangle with the "Wild Beast", but I have actually begun snuggling for a little cuddling now and then. Ask Gaby. Or better yet, come in for a visit, but don't forget to shut the door.

OUTREACH FAIR!

Sunday, April 20, 9:00-1:00

Social-service agencies will be here with displays, handouts, and people to answer your questions.

If you keep wanting to Change the World and all its lacks and wrongs, but it just doesn't seem to work out, how about Changing a Little Bit of the Lehigh Valley? Real life, real results, and, at the OUTREACH FAIR, real people to talk with you about it.

It's too soon to know the complete list of agencies to be on hand, but here are some possible ways you might find to be of service:

- *Provide necessities to battered women at Turning Point's shelter.*
- *Do the same for at-risk babies through the VNA's Nurse-Family Partnership mentoring program.*
- *Help cook meals at Trinity's Soup Kitchen or help deliver meals to the elderly/disabled for Meals on Wheels.*
- *Do office work.*
- *Do building maintenance.*
- *Tutor a child, teen, adult.*
- *Stuff envelopes; you could probably make a career out of helping various agencies with their mailings.*
- *Donate money—it's always a basic need.*

Find YOUR special place, one with a mission that is near to your heart, one where your abilities and qualities will be needed, and

HELP THE HELPERS.

The Fair will open after the first service on April 20 and end at 1:00. Parish Hall. ALL welcome! Please encourage your friends to come and shop for their own special places, too.

For further information, please contact Outreach Committee chair Marcie Lightwood, milightwood@hotmail.com.

Calling All Booklovers

February has come and gone but while it was here, it was Black History month. I found some wonderful books at the Bethlehem Public Library in the children's section. One in particular, about the Harlem renaissance, set me to thinking about the lives of others outside of my everyday realm. The stories of the artists, writers, lawyers and educators inspired me and I felt connected to these folks so much like me and also so different.

When my grandparents came to Bethlehem, they left their families and their heritage behind so that they could be "American". My grandmother, who in Europe spoke five languages, forbade anything but English to be spoken in the home so that her children would have a better chance of succeeding without their heritage and accent giving cause for discrimination. In this way I can empathize with the absence of cultural identity that some African-Americans feel, but that is where our stories diverge. My grandmother chose to leave her ethnicity behind. For Africans who came to this country as slaves, that was not the case.

Today's local newspaper featured an article about a minister from Slovenia whose church prepares and sells strudel. That is one reason that I continue to make this place my home - it is a harbor for other descendents who hold on to the threads of their forbears in whatever way they can, while still being "American". Food, music, language, literature: all these things tie us to those places and people from whom we descended. Many people of color in this country do not have any of those ties. I wonder, how do they feel about this? What is their identity in the absence of stories, language?

Being a mother of four with most of my family living locally, I tend not venture too far from home these days. My point of view becomes limited when I do not make the effort to get out of my comfort zone and experience new things. I guess it's the same way for most folks. Imagine being a young adult of color growing up in the projects where few people ever leave and outside influences rarely penetrate the culture. Now imagine a path out of the cycle of violence, teen pregnancy and under-education that plagues inner-city youth of color. Boston's Promise and Pastor LaurieAnn Yeisley-Drogin of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Roxbury, Mass. are doing just that.

Over the past few months, Trinity's Friday morning playgroup and friends have gathered books to pass on to Pastor LaurieAnn, who will be visiting us in April. During her visit she will be collecting the books donated to the children of her parish to continue their education during the summer. Please consider donating a book about children of color or by people of color so the children in her program have the opportunity to own a book that inspires and links them to others in a positive way.

Contact me for a list of great multicultural books available for purchase and donation towards our goal of 36 new books for the summer reading program at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Roxbury, Mass.

Blessings,
Ellyn Siftar
Director of Youth Ministries
ellyn@trinitybeth.org
610-867-4741 x307



Trinity Episcopal Church Retreat May 8-10, 2008

A BENEDICTINE APPROACH TO WORK – FINDING YOUR CENTER IN THE
BUSYNESS

A RETREAT WITH ST. BENEDICT

*Is there anyone here who yearns for life and desires to see good days?
(Ps 34:13)*

If you hear this and your answer is “I do” especially in your daily work, then plan to join the Retreat to be held May 8-10, sponsored by Trinity Bethlehem and Trinity Mt. Pocono. Together we’ll explore how the sixth century Rule of Benedict can bring us closer to Christ-centered, Gospel-focused living in our nail-biting world!

With the Daily Office framing your day—Morning Prayer, Noonday Prayer, Evening Prayer and Compline, you will

- Learn about the Rule of St. Benedict and the abundant riches of Benedictine Spirituality for holistic and Christ-centered living
- Explore how the Benedictine concept of work can strengthen your connection with God and be a centering framework for the “business” and “busyness” of daily life
- Receive tools to bring the learning alive
- Take a break from normal responsibilities and activities in order to refresh and renew
- Have some quiet time with God and community time with others

Retreat Leader: The Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine, priest in the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey.

Location: St. Francis Center for Renewal (Monocacy Manor), Bethlehem.

More information: Mo. Laura Howell, laura@trinitybeth.org, 610-867-4741

Special things to bring on the retreat

In addition to what you normally bring when you go away...

- Small notebook, journal or paper
- Bible
- A tool of your paid, home or volunteer work. Examples: pen, paper, computer, cooking pan, spoon, diaper, a work form, cell phone (off please!), dust rag, daytimer, etc. (No forklifts, please!)
- A mind open to learn and a heart open to God

It’s important that we leave space for God to reach us. So try not to bring lots of extra reading for the silent times on retreat. Sometimes it is best just to sit quietly without words, or even partake in the one thing that we never seem to get enough of...sleep!

Brief Bio

The Rev. Dr. Jane Tomaine is a priest and retreat leader in the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. She received a Bachelor of Music degree from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Iowa, and a Master of Music degree from Ohio State University, both in organ performance. Following a career with the Bell System and AT&T she earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from the Theological School of Drew University in Madison, New Jersey.

Jane’s interest in the Rule of Benedict began in the late 1990’s through several summer courses at The General Theological Seminary in New York City. As a part of her doctoral program she introduced the Rule of Benedict to the parish where she was then rector through a parish-wide liturgical, study and renewal program. As a part of this project she wrote a book on the Rule of Benedict for her parish which was published by Morehouse Publishing in May, 2005. *St. Benedict’s Toolbox: The Nuts and Bolts of Everyday Benedictine Living* provides the reader with an in depth look at the Rule along with practical ways to apply Benedict’s teaching to daily life. Jane currently teaches courses and workshops on the Rule and Benedictine spirituality at parishes and retreat centers, and at the Newark School of Theology.



Ask the Rector...

Sometimes, several people will ask me the same questions. So I thought it might be worthwhile to answer them in a monthly column, with the assumption that people might be interested, but don't get a chance to ask. If you have questions you would like answered, please send me a note.

This month's question:

You moved your office...Why didn't you move your seat in church?

You realize that I am sitting with the basses in choir, right? They threatened me, and since there are a number of them, and they are all bigger than I am, I decided that staying put was the better part of valor. Besides *someone* needs to keep Bob Lukens in line on Sunday morning.

Seriously, Fr. Nick, Fr. Dick and Fr. Cliff are all tenors. It makes sense that they should sit on the tenor side of choir. In addition, the seat I am sitting in is closer to the pulpit. There is no special seat for the clergy—we sit wherever is most convenient, either for singing or for the job we are doing in a specific service. At Evening Prayer, I sit in what is usually Deacon Liz's seat, so there is a balance of voices.

There IS a special seat for the Bishop. You can see it to the left of the high altar. It is a large, ornately carved throne, technically called a *cathedra*. A cathedral, therefore, is the place of the bishop's official seat. All Episcopal churches have special seats for their bishop, as a way to show our respect and affection for our Chief Pastor and Father or Mother in Christ. We do not sit on the Bishop's Throne even when church is crowded. That way, we have the sense of the bishop's spiritual presence among us, even when the bishop is not there in person. Our very name--"Episcopal"-- reflects the importance of the bishop (episkopos, in Greek) to the life of our church.

Next month's question:

How, why and where did you learn so much about computers?

Newcomers/Fellowship Committee

Organizational Meeting

There will be an organizational meeting for a new "Newcomers/Fellowship Committee" on Sunday, April 6th, following the 10:30 service, in the Library. Anyone interested in this important work of the parish is encouraged to attend.

***"Good Things
are Happening
at Trinity!"***



The Quiet Contemplative Life at Trinity

Mondays-Fridays 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, Chapel
4:30 p.m. Evening Prayer, Church

Mondays 6:00 p.m. Going Deeper, Chapel
(1st and 3rd Mondays)
6:00 p.m. Spiritual Journaling Group,
Parish Hall
(2nd and 4th Mondays)

Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursdays 5:30 p.m. Prayer Bead Group
(3rd Thursday,
at Gaby Whittier's)

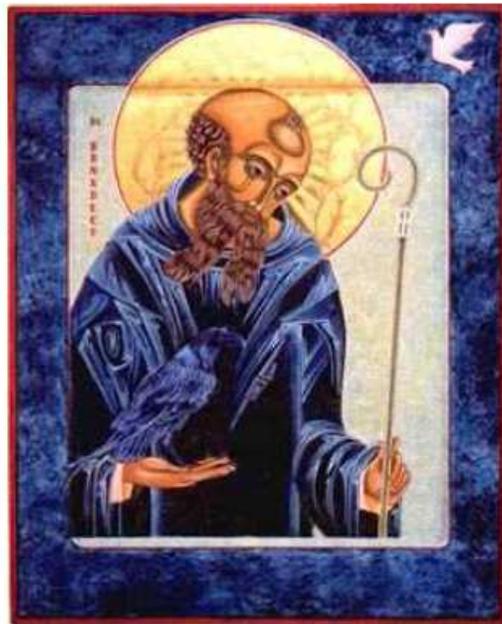
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi, Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
(Healing on First Saturday)

Sundays 5:00 p.m. Taize Evening Prayer,
Chapel (1st and 3rd Sundays)

May 8-10 Retreat: A Benedictine Approach to
Work—Finding your Center
in the Busyness

(Look for items in blue on the Calendar on page 14,
or articles with  on them.)

A Benedictine Exploration



Explore the Possibilities

Led by Br. Chad-Anselm, OSB and Sr. Brigid Obl./OSB
from the Companions of St. Luke

Br. Chad-Anselm and Sr. Brigid will discuss vowed life and Oblation living under the Rule of St. Benedict and the customs of the Companions of St. Luke—a Benedictine order in the Episcopal Church. We will talk about living “in the world” and our work to try not to be “part of the world”, and the challenges this involves. We will share our experiences of being members of both our local church community and a monastic community 1,200 miles from home. We will offer you an insight into what it means to be vowed (Br. Chad-Anselm) and oblate (Sr. Brigid) members and how we have been brought closer to Christ.

We will also describe the process of joining CSL as an Oblate and a vowed member as well and the Formation Process for each. We will have photos to show you about CSL. Most importantly there will be time for your questions.

Saturday, April 26, 2008
2:00 PM to 4:30PM

Parish Hall
(no cost)



May 2007

The HerbLady's Pond & Upper Arbor

Dixie Dugan White Bethlehem PA



February 2008

Mo. Laura's Sermon for Easter Morning

Acts 10:34-43
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

With the joy of Easter, comes the tradition that Jesus played a cosmic joke on evil and death by his resurrection. So we have the custom of telling jokes during Eastertide. Fasten your seat belts....

- What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its root upward? An icicle.
- What is small, red and whispers? Hint: it's not the clergy who are allergic to Easter lilies. A hoarse radish.
- How do you tell the difference between a weed and a valuable plant? Pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- And finally, what is the best way to garden? Put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. Take a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, and stand around telling somebody else where to dig.

Believe it or not, these jokes have something to do with my sermon topic. This is the first weekend of spring. How blessed and wonderful that it is also Easter, the first day of spring for our spiritual lives.

A couple of weeks ago, Dixie White sent me two photographs. Both are of exactly the same spot in her garden. They are on page 12. Do take a look. One was taken in February and one in May.

The February picture is a composition in shades of grey, slate and dim white. In the background are stretches of chain-link fence, some kind of shabby wooden construction, and the backs of neighborhood garages. There are many scrawny weeds and scruffy bushes poking up through a grimy coating of snow. A tree with dark rough leaves over-shadows a corner. A couple of statues stand sadly in the rubble—one is a bird of some sort, but it's too dull to be a flamingo. All in all, it appears to be a photo of an abandoned city lot, with some old boards and a heap of rocks, where careless passersby have thoughtlessly tossed their trash. Very depressing.

What a difference three months makes!!! Now, we see that the wooden construction is covered with masses of heavy green and purple wisteria sprays, scented like cloves. The once scraggy bush can barely be seen beneath clusters of sweet-smelling lilac blossoms. The tree's bright-green foliage is mottled with cardinal-red berries, and offers shade for magenta lunaria flowers. The blue heron stands alertly on the bank of a reed-filled rock pool, watching the pale fish-shadows, gliding beneath the water's cool surface.

As soon as I saw the photographs, I knew they had to be part of my Easter sermon. They are the perfect image of Holy Week's transition. In three days we experience the dread of Thursday's Garden of Gethsemane. The horror of Friday's torture and crucifixion. The cold darkness and crushing sorrow of Holy Saturday, when our beloved Lord lies dead in his tomb. There are few things more dead and forlorn than a February garden.

Sunday, we awaken to the excited awe and brilliance of Resurrection Morning. We discover not only that Jesus lives, but that he promises to raise us and also those we love. All the grays and blacks of the previous week have become amethyst, emerald, crimson, fuschia, radiant with jewel-like colors in the golden glow of the risen sun, the Son who has Risen.

On Holy Saturday, we read from an ancient homily:

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and he has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and hell trembles with fear. Christ says, "For the sake of you, exiled from the garden, I was betrayed in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden."

In this morning's Gospel, Mary Magdalene has come to the garden when it is still dark, in the dreary pre-dawn light. She looks into the tomb to see two angels. But she is still back in February, in the winter of the spirit, when all hope is lost. Only when she encounters Jesus and hears his words does she begin to appreciate that all the world around her is shouting with joy. As they say in Jerusalem, even the sun is dancing on Easter morning.

At first, Mary thinks that Jesus is the gardener. And in a way, he is. A garden doesn't simply spring up by itself. It requires substantial intervention. The soil must be dug to clear it of rocks and noxious weeds. The conditions of the

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April 2008

The Quiet Contemplative Life at Trinity

NOTE: This calendar does not include various occasional outside groups that use our facilities. Please check availability with the office before scheduling a meeting.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm— Daughters of the King— Library	2 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery—Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm—Class: Beowulf—Parish Hall	3	4 9:30 am— Parent-child Playgroup— Sunday School Wing	5
6 11:30 am— Newcomers/Fellowship Meeting—Library 5:00 pm— Taize— Chapel	7 6:00 pm— Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community—Chapel 7:30 pm— Worship Committee—Library	8	9 6:00 pm—Class: Beowulf—Parish Hall	10	11 9:30 am— Parent-child Playgroup— Sunday School Wing 6:00 pm—TGIF Pot Luck Supper—Parish Hall	12
13	14 6:00 pm— Spiritual Journaling Group— Parish Hall 7:00 pm—Holy Eucharist—Chapel 7:30 pm—Vestry Meeting—Library	15	16 7:30 am— A Spiritual Journey in Recovery—Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm—Class: Beowulf—Parish Hall	17 5:30 pm— Prayer Beaders—Whittier home	18 9:30 am— Parent-child Playgroup— Sunday School Wing 7:00 pm—The Spiritual Movie Group —Zukowski home	19 Earth Day Clean-up at Friendship Park
20 9:15 am— Outreach Fair—Parish Hall 5:00 pm— Taize— Chapel	21 6:00 pm— Going Deeper: A Contemplative Community—Chapel	22	23 6:00 pm—Class: Beowulf—Parish Hall	24	25 9:30 am— Parent-child Playgroup— Sunday School Wing	26 2:00 pm— "A Benedictine Exploration"—Parish Hall
27 2:00 pm— Play - Wonderful Town (Soup Kitchen Fund Raiser) - Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope	28 6:00 pm— Spiritual Journaling Group— Parish Hall	29	30 6:00 pm—Class: Beowulf—Parish Hall			

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Child Care, Sunday School & Adult Forum
9:45 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Coffee Hour

Weekdays (Mon through Fri)

9:00 am Morning Prayer
Noon Soup Kitchen
4:30 pm Evening Prayer
5:30 pm AA (Fellowship Hall)

Mondays

10:00 am Quilters (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesdays

6:00 pm Yoga (Chapel)
7:00 pm AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Wednesdays

9:30 am Holy Eucharist w/Healing

Thursdays

9:30 am Parent-Child Playgroup
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturdays

10:00 am Tai Chi (Chapel)
10:30 am AA (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Sermon

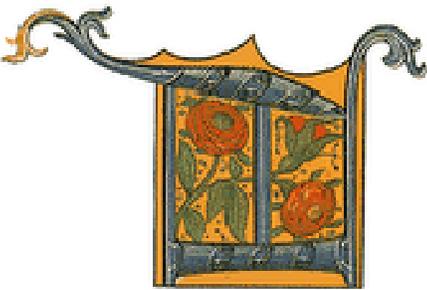
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area must be studied, so the appropriate plants will thrive there. Once they are in the ground, they must receive careful attention, so they have enough water, food and light. Those pesky weeds which creep back in surreptitiously must be rooted out. The result of all of this labor will be fragrant flowers, delicious vegetables, or healing herbs.

Christ the Gardener performs exactly this miracle in us. He takes our barren souls, works them carefully to remove the corrosive sins which will choke out the virtues he hopes to cultivate in us. He warms us with his gentle and glorious Light, gives us Living Water to drink and nourishes us with the Bread of Heaven. And if we work with him, the garden of our souls may also someday yield beauty and sustenance, and we will be transformed.

The choice is always ours. Our inner world can remain a cold, gray empty lot. Or we can allow the color and glory of the Resurrection to shine in us, and the most exquisite garden can burst forth.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Amen.



ALLELUIA
Christ is risen!

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS, April 6, 2008 – May 11, 2008
Compiled by Donna Lawrence

Date	Time	Altar Guild	Usher	Crucifier	Torch Bearer	Reader	Intercessor	Chalice	Nursery	Altar Flowers
4/6 2008	8:00 AM	Dawn Winterburn	Ann Szmania	--	--	Joe Fox	Bill Winterburn	Dawn Winterburn Bill Winterburn	--	--
4/13 2008	10:30 AM	Doris Eshbach	Marcie Lighthouse Suzanne Boundy	Clarrann Filko	Michael Palmeri Caroline Vail	Ken Magee Tracey McArdle	Marcie Lighthouse	Hatye Magee Donna Lawrence Virginia McQueen Lorraine Johnson	Heather Lawrence Elynn Siftar	Donna Lawrence
4/20 2008	8:00 AM	Dawn Winterburn	Ken Tarby	--	--	Francis Frey	Jane Frey	Lisa Heffner Mary Ann Swiatek Joan Jones Pat Sisson	--	--
4/27 2008	10:30 AM	Doris Eshbach	Tom Bradley Vince Garcia	Lindsay Heffner	Jenna Heffner Anna Siftar	Mary Ann Swiatek Anna Siftar	Carol Propsner	Steve Filko Jeanne Deets Violet McCandless	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Daniel Murano
5/4 2008	8:00 AM	Gloria Tarby	Elizabeth Gee	--	--	Bill Winterburn	Joe Fox	Steve Filko Jeanne Deets Bob Deets	--	--
5/11 2008	10:30 AM	Nancy Muzyka	Donna Lawrence Bob Lawrence	Clarrann Filko	Michael Palmeri Jonathan Palmeri	Joyce Meinke Jack Vickrey	Sue Ditterline	Gloria Tarby Elizabeth Gee	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Joyce Meinke
5/11 2008	8:00 AM	Sandy Utley	Ann Szmania	--	--	Bob Mickus	Ann Mickus	Linda Henry Sheri Majczan Michelle Fodor	--	--
5/11 2008	10:30 AM	Loretta Brobst	Joe Palmeri Bill Vitalos	Danny Palmeri	Julia Lega Phillip McIntosh	Sheri Majczan Charles O'Connell	Linda Henry	Linda Henry Sheri Majczan Bill Winterburn	Heather Lawrence Donna Lawrence	Hatye Magee
5/11 2008	8:00 AM	Sally McIntosh	Steve Filko	--	--	Clarrann Filko	Bill Winterburn	Donna Lawrence Bob Lawrence Hatye Magee	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Carol Propsner
5/11 2008	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Lynn Norman Jack Norman	Bobby Lawrence	Caroline Vail Anna Siftar	Tracey McArdle Ken Magee	Andrew McIntosh	Marie Guerra Ann Szmania	--	--
5/11 2008	10:30 AM	Sally McIntosh	Bill Harding	--	--	Jane Frey	Francis Frey	Lisa Heffner Dee Palmeri Kathleen Knaack	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	--
5/11 2008	10:30 AM	Jean Franz	Eugene Propsner Vince Garcia	Lindsay Heffner	Jenna Heffner Jonathan Palmeri	Michael Palmeri Carol Propsner	Kathleen Knaack	Lisa Heffner Dee Palmeri Kathleen Knaack	Heather Lawrence Vanessa Segaline	Jeanne Deets

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