

TRINITY NEWS

May, 2006

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MT. POCONO PA

Mission Statement: Share God's unconditional love with everyone.

Episcopal News Service
Monday, April 10, 2006
Presiding Bishop's Easter Message

Alleluia!

Our Easter song

is more than a word.

It is, as St. Augustine tells us, a way of being
"from head to toe."

Christ rises in every particle of our being
and through baptism

we are part of him:

limbs and members of his risen body
and ministers of his deathless, reckless
reconciling love.

May we be given the grace
to embody our Easter song
for the sake of the world.

Frank T. Griswold

What a joy it is to greet you during Eastertide, the Great Fifty Days of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. With the arrival of this season and the promise of warmer days ahead, our energy is renewed. What an excellent time this is for all of us to attend to Jesus' words to his disciples: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19) and again "the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations" (Mark 13:10) and again "the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go" (Luke 10:1) and again "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21) and again and again...

We too are called to tell about our joy in the Lord and about God's gracious love. We are to invite people to come and discover what we have found. We are so blessed here at Trinity. What a wonderful congregation we are! I hear this over and over as people come for the first time or for a one time visit. Our seasonal members are always glad to be here. Later this month we will have the opportunity to tell about who we are at our "Living Website" ~ an open

house sponsored by the Evangelism Leadership Team. I can tell you that they have a lot of enthusiasm about this coming event! You will find more information elsewhere in this newsletter. Please plan to participate and share the fun!

The route 611 construction sure is a challenge for us as we seek to tell people how to find us! In case you are wondering, yes, we are working on our signage! We understand that the highway project will be going on into the fall. In the meantime, a dedicated group is working on being ready when signs can go up again. We will need to have new ones, of course, but the locations are still ours so far as the township is concerned. Some property has changed hands so appropriate contacts and conversations will need to take place. All of that is in the works. If you have ideas about what you think the signs should say, please speak with Merrill Nanton. Now is the time to submit ideas.

Not long ago I received a phone call from a gentleman who lives north of Scranton. He had heard about our Labyrinth and called with some questions. We spoke for the better part of a half of an hour. As you know we have a guest book at the kiosk. So the next day I went to look. Sure enough – he and his wife and come and walked the meditation path and the labyrinth. This is part of our life which we offer to the community around us. Our labyrinth is advertised on the web at the "World-Wide Labyrinth Locator." Put in our zip code and you will see the information.

As we seek to discern and claim our mission in our community, the Vestry and I are working on coordinating the many ministries that are ours in this place. Once we have this organizational work done, I will be meeting with those involved in each area to discuss discerning and claiming the mission of that particular ministry and its impact on the future, particularly on the children. You will hear more! Pray that God's work may be done with joy and love.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Ginny+



MAY, 2006

May 3 – 8:30-Noon Trinity at Food Pantry
6:15pm Potluck & Study, Parish Hall

May 6 – 12:30pm Hospitality Team Luncheon & Meeting,
Parish Hall

May 9 – 7pm Vestry, Library

May 10 – 9:30am Prayer Chain, Library
6:15pm Potluck & Study, Parish Hall

May 11,12,13 – Benedictine Retreat

May 13 – 8:30-11:30am Trinity at Food Pantry

May 17 – 6:15pm Potluck & Study, Parish Hall

May 20 – 7-10pm Arts on the Mountain, Parish Hall

May 21 - "Living Website"

May 23 – 7pm Evangelism Leadership Team, Library

May 24 – 6:15pm Potluck & Study, Parish Hall

May 25 – 7pm Holy Eucharist Ascension Day

May 31 – 6:15pm Potluck & Study, Parish Hall

MAY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

3 Donald Ayers
4 Bob Reiser
15 Natalie Krol
16 Erin Flaherty
16 Eleanor Price
17 Leroy Reaves
21 Michael Goodwin
22 Benjamin Gower
22 Theresa Goffreri
24 Darlene Schultz
27 Rosalie Osbaker
31 Thomas Johnson, Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES

3 Wendell & Jutta Moser
6 Joe & Mary Krol
16 Bob & Vickie O'Grady
19 Nelson & Chandanie Baboolal
23 Blake & Mary Flaherty

Pastoral Care News

Don't forget to sign up for the Home Visitation Training Event, led by Charley Day, to be held on Saturday, June 3, 2006. We'll start with Morning Prayer in the church at 9:00 a.m., followed by Charley's presentation from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We have people in the parish who would be delighted to have someone come visit and this is a great opportunity to get some insight in the best way to help out with this effort.

Be sure to keep us posted if you need some help, such as a ride to church, or if you know of someone who has a need. We can't help if we don't know that a problem exists. And, of course, we'll be happy to hear from you if you can help out others who may be housebound or have a need that we can address.

Kathie Herling

Thought for the day – "Love thy neighbor."

Mark – A Study in Depth – Beginning April 26, 2006

The Gospel According to Mark presents us with the shortest, most concise telling of the story of the life of our Lord. In Year B of our lectionary cycle, Mark is the primary source for the Gospel readings during the Eucharistic liturgies.

We will begin our study with material on background and context. This will include some consideration of the two later additions, known as the Shorter Ending and the Longer Ending of Mark. In the following weeks we will carefully review the various stories presented by the writer, beginning with the first verse of the first chapter and continuing through the eighth verse of the sixteenth chapter. For this work we will make use of a number of commentaries and other resources so that our understanding will be enhanced.

If you are interested in learning more about The Gospel According to Mark, this study is for you. There is no previous work or knowledge required. It may be helpful to you to read through the book before the first session in order to grasp the flow.

Social Concerns: By An Earth Day Penitent

A Catholic friend who visited Trinity years ago looked through our Sunday leaflet before the service and was appalled to see it included a "general confession". She assumed this meant we would all have to get up and tell in public the private sins that Catholics rightly reserve to the individual and often anonymous relationship of the confessional. It was a great relief to find that we Episcopalians are a one size fits all bunch of sinners who can confess them in a more generic as well as general prayer.

Still, there may be times when public confession of private shortcomings can serve a useful purpose. It at least provides entertainment value when the preacher has to admit he doesn't always practice what he preaches. In this spirit then, I have to admit that, in spite of years of environmental activism going back to scrap drives during World War II, for forty years I have kept a burning barrel in my back yard for all that daily flow of paper which still threatens to drown us in our supposed "paperless society". Then we got a county-wide burning ban and I quickly learned I had not been doing enough. My wife Linda and I have always prided ourselves on recycling our cans, bottles, plastics and newspapers at recycling centers we helped establish and even turning kitchen scraps and leaves into garden compost. But the burning ban made us aware how much we were not doing.

When I was asked to do a study of recycling by the County Commissioners 30 years ago, I found the conventional wisdom was that you couldn't change people's habits to make them do it. That turned out not to be true. From the first Earth Day held at ESU in 1970, people in Monroe County eagerly embraced the idea of recycling and co-operated with every effort to establish it, culminating in the blue bins you can now use at several central locations. In my native Vermont, a deposit law for cans and bottles in the '70's immediately cleared the roadsides of trash. (One wishes there could be a deposit on fast food wrappings as well, but that is still a dream.)

In the same way, I found it was a matter of a few minutes to find a box and start using it for the daily flow of discarded paper, magazines and even books (with their covers removed). We still have what Linda long ago christened "sneakers and light bulbs" and a few other landfill items, but paper had been the biggest component, by far, of our unrecycled household trash. It isn't any more.

So the preacher, having gotten his act together after 40 years of sin, urges you to do the same in just a week and to please remember we have been providing a box in the Parish Hall for recycling all such paper at Trinity. That would include, when you're done with them, those Sunday leaflets offering a place for the general confession of our sins.

In other news, we're glad to report that, thanks to your support, the Arts on the Mountain programs for Katrina relief raised \$1200 to send South, adding to Trinity's initial \$4500 for that purpose. I still hope to provide a comprehensive report on this subject. But then there's the sin of sloth... For now, I'll leave you with this Earth Day thought from a dear friend: "There are many things to be concerned about in the world, but none of them are going to matter if we can't save the planet itself. That has to be our primary earthly concern."

In another form of recycling we have filled our third "Big Green Box" with used batteries. To continue this program we need a contribution of \$53.00 for the next box. Please let me or Jan Anglemire in the office know if you are able to help.

Peter Salmon

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WITH EVERYONE.**

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Our Prayers have been requested for:

Ed Benintende
Steve Clark
Joyce DeGasperi
Bob Dexter
Al Eisenecker
Theresa Goffreri
Bill Lord
Flora Rinker
Rudy Roscher
Jon Ross
Ester Stein
Allistair Stewart

Rhonda Treible
Marion Braithwaite
Lauren Boyadis
Jacob Gower
Pamela Bender
Nancy Curtis
Jeff Landi
Raphael Bannister
Stacey
Martin Kilanowski
Phyllis Chase

TREASURER'S REPORT

It is time for us to take a look at our Financial situation at Trinity for the first three months of 2006.

March 2006.

Gross Income : \$ 9,021.14
Expenses : \$ 11,204.16
Net income: \$ - 2,183.02

For the period January thru March 2006 total contributions = \$32,884.67

Income: = \$ 32,884.67
Expenses: = \$ 35,896.34

Net Income: = \$ -3,011.67

Our largest expenses are in the areas of Administration and Rector, these were held to within a few percentage points of the expenses for the same period in 2005. Worship ministry showed a decrease of 20% in expenses compared with last year.

Our greatest increase was in utilities both at the rectory and the church building itself, this represented an average increase of about one third over the same quarter last year due to increased energy costs.

Income for the period Jan-Mar 2006 was up almost 17% compared with the same period last year. Our total deficit between income and expenditure was cut in half compared to the same quarter last year.

We are on the right course of action, pray for guidance and financial stability.

Michael Goodwin
Treasurer

LIVING WEBSITE

A story has been told of a priest visiting a church in an unfamiliar town while traveling. As he entered the hall it was dimly lit, with just a few people huddled together. They were singing some old slow funeral type song that was depressing. Later that day he took a walk downtown and came upon a jewelry store. It was some sort of grand opening and there were bright lights and a greeter at the door to welcome you in with a smile. Inside there was a celebration going on. There were refreshments and people having a good time talking and laughing with each other. They welcomed him and offered him some punch. He said that after attending both the church and the jewelry store, if the jewelry store had offered an invitation, he would have joined the jewelry store!

The Evangelism Leadership Team will be hosting a "Living Website" on Sunday May 21 2006. The Living Website is the 21st Century version of an "Open House" and will feature all of what Trinity Mount Pocono has to offer as well as The Episcopal Church at large.

Beginning at 1:00 that Sunday afternoon, visitors will be welcomed to tour the Church building and learn of the history behind Trinity as well as our beautiful stained Glass windows. Members of our congregation will also be available to offer information on our Memorial Garden, Meditation Path, Labyrinth and Church School. Tables will showcase our various ministries throughout the Parish Hall, which will be graced with the hangings of a new art show through Arts On The Mountain. Rather than "end", the day will send us forth at 4:00 with our first "Trinity Praise" featuring praise music and singing. Visions of the future of Trinity will be abundant.

This is a great opportunity to share our spiritual life as well as our community life with our neighbors and with those who might be seeking a path toward God. I can think of no better gift than to share our life with others.

As you hear more about this during announcements, please offer yourself to help if a representative of the Evangelism Leadership Team asks. After all ... we ARE that jewelry store!

Rob McMahon
Chair, Evangelism Leadership Team

Organists and Choirmasters preparing for the American Guild of Organists Sunday at Trinity Episcopal Church, Mt. Pocono PA May 7, 2006 at the 10:00am Service

A Sunday in May is traditionally recognized as "Guild Sunday" and members are encouraged to provide more music than usual and to provide an awareness of the Guild's purposes in respective worship services throughout the United States and abroad.

The American Guild of Organists (AGO) is the national professional organization serving the organ and choral music fields. Founded in New York City on April 14, 1896, as both an educational and service organization, it sets and maintains high musical standards and promotes the understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music.

The purpose of the AGO is to promote the organ in its historic and evolving roles, to encourage excellence in the performance of organ and choral music, and to provide a forum for mutual support, inspiration, education, and certification of Guild members. The Guild currently serves more than 21,000 members in more than 340 local chapters and nearly 140 student groups throughout the United States and abroad.

The "Northeastern Pennsylvania, Chapter of the American Guild of Organists" was established in Scranton and was one of the first chartered chapters in the state. In 1933, with increasing memberships from the Wyoming Valley, the Wilkes-Barre chapter was formed. The Scranton area then joined with their colleagues in Wilkes-Barre, and in 1991 the Wilkes-Barre chapter was renamed the Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter in response to the growth.

Virginia Parry and Tom Salmon are active members of the American Guild of Organists, Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter.

GOD WILLING
THE RIGHT REVEREND PAUL VICTOR
MARSHALL
VIII BISHOP OF BETHLEHEM
WILL ORDAIN
MARY LOU HOOVER DIVIS
TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS
IN CHRIST'S ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH
ON WEDNESDAY
THE 17TH OF MAY 2006
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH
OF THE NATIVITY
321 WYANDOTTE STREET
BETHLEHEM, PA 18015
AT 7:00 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.
YOUR PRAYERS AND PRESENCE
ARE REQUESTED.