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Excuse Please

We apologize for the lateness of this edition of the newsletter. We suffered another computer break down which required a complete reprogramming of the data base. Hopefully, we are back of the on the right track now and will be able to continue on a normal schedule. Thanks for your understanding.

The Bishop is Coming

We will be pleased to receive Bishop Richards on April 30th for his first official visit since his consecration as Bishop of this diocese. On this occasion, the Bishop will preach, celebrate the Mass and receive or confirm our new members to the parish. Shortly after his consecration, the Bishop made a courtesy visit to Trinity last year in May to see the church and meet some of our people. The Bishop came to the Episcopal Church after having been ordained as a pastor in the Baptist Church and like many of you was reared in the Baptist tradition. At this visit he will receive or confirm those of you having completed your confirmation class into the full membership of this church. Please feel free to invite your friends as the visit of a Bishop is often a highly ceremonial event. As we will be in full springtime at this visit, we hope to follow the Bishop's visit with a southern-style picnic under the shade trees on the parish green. Those of us who had the pleasure to meet the Bishop in May were much impressed and one of our members summed it up rather well when he said "he truly presents the dignity and bearing of a bishop, but underneath the scarlet and the purple still beats the kind and gentle heart of a parish priest. God save the IX Bishop.

The Assisting Deacon at Mass

During the Bishop's visit on April 30th, he will be assisted at the Mass by Trinity's good friend the Reverend Deacon Mary Jeffers, Resident Deacon to Grace Church, Anderson. Mary will lay the Lord's Table for the Eucharist, read the

Gospel and pronounce the closing Bidding. It will be a great pleasure to have the Reverend Deacon with us on this occasion.

Our Lenten Pilgrimage

On February 22nd we began our observance of the forty days of Lent with the Ash Wednesday Eucharist and the Imposition of the Ashes. During this entire season our churches are dark, our altars have no flowers and our mood is somber. Visitors to our churches are often stricken at the sight of our crosses under dark veils and a heavy ambiance of shadows and quiet demeanor. This, of course, is appropriate as we are engaged in the serious contemplation on the passion and resurrection of the Redeemer. For much of the Church's history, Lent was very strictly observed. Sadly, that is no longer the case. Many recent studies suggest that many modern Christians do not pay much attention to Lent at all. In the Episcopal Church we are called to observe the season by prayer, self-denial, self-examination and fasting. Some of our major theologians have written that the somberness of the season should lead us to psychologically spend some quiet time with Jesus in the wilderness and to stand (or kneel) on Good Friday at the foot of the cross in an attempt to capture some of the emotion of those cataclysmic events which were necessary to achieve the salvation of our souls. "Lent can often be a difficult time for those Episcopalians who are truly able to immerse themselves into the nature and essence of the season. (*Forward Day by Day*, 2019). But our reward comes on that Easter Sunday in April (9th), the highest feast of the Christian Church, when we are able to proclaim with the saints and the angels: *It is finished* (John 19:30).

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia. (Hymn #208.) Some of the thoughts in this article borrowed from the *Anglican Digest*, 2016.

Upcoming Cursillo Weekend

Have you ever wondered, "what is my purpose in life? Are faith and belief the same thing?" Consider attending a Cursillo weekend. Cursillo provides an opportunity to deepen one's faith and to experience the love of God in a supportive and prayerful community. People have described their Cursillo experiences in these ways: "My Cursillo weekend was far more than a retreat—it was a roadmap for a faith filled life." "I experienced the depth of God's love in new ways." "I have new tools to experience my spiritual journey and to share God's love with others." The March Cursillo will run from Thursday evening, March 16th, to Sunday, March 19th. There will also be another weekend in September. Learn more on the EDUSC website where application may be downloaded. Scholarships are also available. Many of our members, including, Father Tucker and Betty, have attended a Cursillo weekend and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Pancake Supper

Trinity's pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday was again a big success and much enjoyed by our members and many other people from the community. A special thank you to all of you who worked so hard to make the event a success. For the past few years, Trinity has presented the supper as a gift to the wider community and no charge is made for the supper. We are also grateful to our friends at the Sacred Heart who allowed us to use their parish hall which seats many more people than ours. Thank you for all you continue to do to make Trinity the special place that it is.

Special Intentions

During these days of Lent and Holy Week you might like to consider inviting some of your friends to join you for prayers at the labyrinth and a quiet lunch at the picnic tables—a good way to celebrate this holy season.

Feast Days in March:

Saint Joseph

On March 20th we celebrate the *Feast of Saint Joseph*, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-parent to Jesus. The feast is celebrated as a solemnity in the Roman Catholic Church where it is observed as a first class feast. It is also a major feast in all the provinces of the Anglican Communion, and a feast in the Lutheran Church. In many parts of the world St. Joseph altars are decorated with elaborate food items, flowers and images. Since the feast always falls during Lent, a season of abstinence, the traditional Saint Joseph's table is covered with many various meatless dishes. Everything we know about Saint Joseph comes from Scripture. He was a carpenter and a hard-working man. He was not rich because when he accompanied Mary and presented Jesus in the temple, he offered a sacrifice of two pigeons or two turtle doves which was allowed for those who could not afford a lamb (Leviticus 12:8). Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Matthew and Luke focus on different details of Jesus' genealogy, but both mark the Lord's descent from King David. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public ministry, at his death or Resurrection, many historians believe he died before Jesus began his ministry. Tradition holds that Joseph was a very honorable man who followed the law in caring for the Blessed Mother and the Messiah. St. Joseph is venerated throughout the Christian world for the protection he gave to the Theotokos (Mother of God) and to the Redeemer. Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the universal church, unborn children, fathers, workers, immigrants and a peaceful death.

Collect for Saint Joseph

O God, who from the family of thy servant David, didst raise up Joseph to be the guardian of thy incarnate Son and the spouse of his Virgin Mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to thy commands; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, Amen. BCP, p. 239

The Annunciation

We Celebrate the Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Anglicized from the Latin Vulgate, Luke 1:26-39, *Annuntiatio nativitatis Christi*) on March 25th. It is the Christian celebration of

the announcement of the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus, the Son of God, marking his Incarnation. Gabriel told Mary to name her son Jesus, meaning "Savior." This feast falls nine full months before Christmas, the ceremonial birthday of Jesus. According to the Gospel of Luke (1:26), the Annunciation occurred in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John the Baptist. Approximating the normal vernal equinox, the date of the Annunciation also marked the New Year in many places, including England, where it is also called *Lady Day*. A separate annunciation, which is briefer, but in the same vein as the one in Luke, is given to Joseph in the Matthew Gospel (1:18-21). The *Feast of the Annunciation* is one of the twelve great feasts of the Church and among the eight that are considered as *Feasts of the Lord*. The Annunciation is also mentioned in the Muslim Holy Book (the Quoran) in Sura 003.045: *Behold! The angels said: O Mary! Allah giveth thee good tidings of a word from Him: his name will be Christ Jesus, the Son of Mary, held in honor in this world and the hereafter and of (the company of) those nearest to Allah.*

Ave Maria

Hail Mary, full of grace, the lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus: for thou hast brought unto us the Savior of our souls. Alleluia and Amen.

Laetare Sunday

Laetare Sunday (March 19), so-called from the beginning of the Introit for Mass, *Laetare Jerusalem*, (O be joyful Jerusalem, Isaiah 66:10) is the name used to denote the fourth Sunday of Lent. This Sunday is also known as *Mothering Sunday*, *Refreshment Sunday* and *Rose Sunday* (because of the golden rose sent by the popes to the Catholic sovereigns which were blessed on this Sunday). The day was also known as the "Sunday of the five loaves," referring to the traditional Gospel reading appointed for this day. This is the only Sunday in Lent when the rigors of Lent are relaxed with flowers allowed on the altars and the full musical compliment to the Mass. It is a day of hope with the joys of Easter, at last, within sight.

Scam Alert!!

The diocese has reported that many members of the diocese have reported the receipt of requests for credit card donations and various other

means of receiving cash for some diocesan projects which are recommended by the Bishop and his staff. Please be advised that this is a scam and the Bishop has made no such requests. This scam seems to resurface every few years and the perpetrators have been able to successfully fool many people. In the event that the Bishop ever wishes you to know about a project he is supporting you will be advised through his official channel on the diocesan website. **DO NOT BE FOOLED!!** Is there a special place in hell for those who scam old people? Probably.

House of Bishops

The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church USA met for their spring conclave on March 8th at the McDowell Conference and Retreat Center in the Diocese of Alabama. Located on the edge of Bankhead National Forest on the banks of Clear Creek and nestled among breathtaking canyons, waterfalls and forests, McDowell provided an excellent atmosphere for our distinguished bishops to pray, sing, meditate and conduct the business of our beloved Episcopal Church. Our own Bishop Richards was in attendance. The House of Bishops is made up of all bishops, active and retired. The House of Bishops sits in executive session twice a year. The meeting usually lasts for about five days. The Episcopal Church is governed by its General Convention which sits in executive session every three years and is composed of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. The House of Deputies is composed of priests, deacons and lay people from the nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church USA.

Remembering Gene Judd

We extend our sincerest condolences and love to Ann Judd at the recent death of her husband Gene. Gene was an active Lutheran and very much involved in church and community affairs benefiting the poor and those who Jesus referred to as "the least of these." Gene gave Trinity many gifts of his time and contributed to the development and care of our labyrinth. On the day of his death, Gene and Ann had fried up 150 sausage patties and had their crockpot ready to come to our pancake supper. Ann is an active member of our parish. Please remember Ann and Gene in your prayers.

+ *In Memorium* +

Gene Judd

May flights of Angles sing thee to thy rest.
Hamlet, Act 5, Scene 2

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And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. Mark 1:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Eucharistic Lectionary Year A Office Lectionary Year 1	Our Service Books: BCP—Book of Common Prayer BOS—Book of Occasional Services LFF—Lesser Feasts and Fasts The Hymnal 1982	All lessons and readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary.	1 Ember Day	2	3 Ember Day John and Charles Wesley Priests and Hymnists 1791, 1788 W	4 Ember Day
5 2 nd Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 3 rd Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 12:00 Noon Vestry Meets	13	14	15	16	17 Patrick of Ireland Missionary and Bishop 461, W.	18
19 4 th Lent <i>Laetare</i> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	20 Saint Joseph (Altar: White)	21	22	23	24	25 The Annunciation Of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Altar: White)
26 5 th Lent 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Holy Eucharist	27	28	29	30	31 John Donne Priest and Poet 1631, W	NOTE: Weekday Eucharistic Readings for use throughout the year are found in Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2006, Pages 498-528.

March 5, 2023 (2nd Sunday Lent)
Celebrant: Father Schnatterly
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Dick
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Color: Violet
1st Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm: 121 *Laetatus sum*
The Epistle: Romans 1:4-5, 13-17
The Gospel: John 3:1-17

March 12, 2023 (3rd Sunday Lent)
Celebrant: Father Schnatterly
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Charleen
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Myra
Altar Color: Violet
1st Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm: 95 *Venite, exultemus*
The Epistle: Romans 5:1-11
The Gospel: John 4:5-42

The Vestry meeting will meet on Sunday, March 12th, immediately following Mass.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10 KJV).

March 19, 2023 (*Laetare*)
Celebrant: Father Schnatterly
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Mary Anne
Acolyte: Andrew
Altar Guild: Michele
Altar Color: Violet (Pink)
1st Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm: 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*
The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21
The Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

March 26, 2023 (5th Sunday Lent)
Celebrant: Father Schnatterly
Eucharistic Minister: Lewis
Lector: Ruth
Acolytes: Andrew
Altar Guild: Lewis
Altar Color: Violet
1st Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm: 130 *De Profundis*
The Epistle: Romans 8:6-11
The Gospel: John 11:1-45

Excellent Bible Study with Hank every Sunday, 10:00 am, parish house. Great lessons and discussion. You are invited!

Daylight Savings Time begins March 12th at 2:00 am. Spring forward one hour.

Ember Days—In those months which contain Ember Days, someone always asks: What are Ember Days (Quattour Tempora)? Ember Days are three days which occur four times a year after St. Lucy's Day (December 13th), Ash Wednesday, Pentecost and Holy Cross Day (September 14th) which have become occasions for ordination, for which the Church prays and the candidates prepare themselves by prayer and retreat. Originally associated with sowing, harvest and vintage for which one fasted, prayed and gave alms. See Book of Common Prayer, pp. 256-257, 929. See calendar above.

Holy Communion—It is our duty and obligation to provide the Blessed Sacrament to any person wishing it and not able to attend Mass. We will be happy to carry communion to anyone requesting it to the home, hospital or nursing facility. The service will be provided by a Eucharistic Minister or a priest. Contact Cynthia or Lewis to make the arrangements. The Blessed Sacrament is the most perfect nourishment for the human soul.

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Our Mission Statement:

Joyfully proclaiming the love of Christ in worship, outreach, welcome and care.

Our Bishop

The Right Reverend Daniel Paul Richards
The IX Bishop

Our Vicar:

The Vicariate is currently vacant.

The Vestry:

Cynthia Jefferies, Senior Warden (23)
Mary Lynn Lyle, Junior Warden (24)
Lewis Ashley (24)
Charleen Clark (25)
Ilona Anderson (23)
Dick Haldeman (25)

Parish Administrator and Registrar:

Dick Haldeman

Treasurer:

Ilona Anderson

Musicians:

John Pullin, Organist & Choirmaster
Lewis Ashley, Assistant Organist
Mary Anne Campbell, Cantor
Ruth Freeman, Cantor

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley

Worship Leaders:

Dick Haldeman
Lewis Ashley
Cynthia Jefferies
Hank Baggett
Jennie Leverich

Altar Guild:

Michele Wells, Chairman
Myra Keith
Ruth Freeman
Ear

Lectors (Lay Readers):

Dick Haldeman
Ruth Freeman
Mary Anne Campbell
Jennie Leverich
Charleen Clark

Acolytes:

Lewis Ashley
Andrew Hartsfield

Eucharistic Visitors:

Lewis Ashley
Hank Baggett
Cynthia Jefferies
Jennie Leverich

Greeters/Ushers

Ilona Anderson
Hank Baggett

Parish Historian:

May Hutchinson (In Memorium)

Children's Programs:

Jan Haldeman

Bulletins, Special Projects:

John Pullin

Sexton (Buildings & Grounds):

Buddy Wells

Diocesan Convention Delegation:

Lewis Ashley (voting)
Mike Clary (voting)
Alternate (to be determined)
Alternate (to be determined)

Newsletters:

Lewis Ashley

Sunday School/Bible Study:

Hank Baggett

For all who faithfully support this mission congregation, we give God thanks and praise

Saturday Afternoons at Trinity

We began Saturday Afternoons at Trinity over twenty years ago to give the many visitors to our church a place to be quiet, rest and pray. We have the church open each Saturday from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. Many visitors just sit quietly and watch the sun play in the beautiful stained glass and listen to quiet organ music. Others say their prayers in the Lady Chapel and light prayer candles for themselves, their loved-ones or friends. Sometimes young people come by to sing or bring their instruments to play along with the organ. We are now in the process of resuming this program which had to be discontinued for the three years we were out of the church. Before the closing, we were pleased to have many bus tours and hope they will start coming again. There have been many manifestations of the presence of the Holy Spirit which brought peace and joy to many of our guests. Many of you have joined us from time to time on a Saturday to help receive our visitors and this has been most helpful. During many of the city's festival Saturdays we have had as many as two hundred visitors. God has used Trinity for almost 200 years as a great beacon to the Faith and has drawn many of the downtrodden in to her altars to receive a special blessing from Him. Please join us on any Saturday that you can and give us any ideas you have that might enrich the program.

The following letters from over the years give a good example of how our Saturday Afternoons at Trinity have affected the lives of many of our visitors:

Letters from our friends

Dear Trinity Friends:

May we share our great news with you? Our 20-year-old son who will graduate from college in May, told

us last week that he has a calling to the Christian ministry and would like to become an Episcopal priest. Much of the credit goes to your church. He spent several years making many visits to Trinity attending your Saturday Afternoons at Trinity program at which he sang for your visitors, played his trumpet, and generally enjoyed the fellowship at Trinity on Saturdays. He is making his application to enter your seminary at Sewanee (University of the South) to study for the priesthood. We are very proud of him and very much appreciate your influence on this most important decision in his life. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Lawson

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lawson:

Of course, we know and love Sam. He will make a wonderful priest and draw many souls to Christ. May Christ be praised! Editor.

Dear Friends:

I recently visited Trinity on a Saturday afternoon when you folks were celebrating the Saturday afternoon before your official feast day, Trinity Sunday. I am new to Abbeville, but had been invited to visit with a friend who is an Abbeville native. I was stricken by the haunting beauty of the church; and after blessing myself with Holy Water, I felt the strong presence of the Holy Spirit. I was raised Roman Catholic, but have been away from the church for many years. I lit a candle in the Lady Chapel and said a prayer for the first time in a long time and felt renewed. It was so nice to sit in quiet contemplation, listen to quiet organ music and just rest. My personal life has been pretty much a mess for the last two years and it was really nice to be in an environment like your church. After most of my life in New York City, Abbeville feels so comfortable. I just wanted to say thank you for your kindness. I hope you don't mind me leaving this letter on the front door. I hope to visit again soon.
Winter

Jesus said "come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28, KJV.).

Check-out Our Scrap Book

Our church scrap book is now on display in the narthex. Many guests are commenting how well it depicts our church's life, work and history over the past years. It especially does a great job of highlighting some of Trinity's most successful programs throughout the years. Please check it out while it is on display. Jennie created the book several years ago for the church. Jennie is lifelong artist and a graduate of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY which is one of the best known art schools in the world.