

THE CHIMES

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The Presentation of our Lord



Rite I

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Rite II

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Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-4

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.



THANK YOU TO

Ann Shea for putting together the Annual Report and to Shelley Anderson who helped assemble them.

Don Middleton for completing his second 3-year term and Michelle Hunsberger for completing her first 3-year term on Vestry.

Carolyn Pawlaczyk, Steve Beckert, Brenda Weaver and Patrick Gray for all they do to prepare the financials for the Annual Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

Michelle Hunsberger and Jami Kelly for being elected to the Vestry for a 3-year term and to Grace Gray for being elected to the Vestry for a 2-year term.



OUR SYMPATHIES TO

Rev. Sue on the death of her father, Cmdr. James C. Rich, who died on January 17, 2025.

The family of Roxann K Barrigar, who passed away on January 12, 2025

The Family of John Owen, who passed away on January 22, 2025

To Anne Trahan and Family on the death of her brother, James Michael "Mike" Shutt.



BIRTHDAYS

- Judy Laskowski
- Bob Hayhurst
- Camden Garcia
- Janice Waldman
- Victor Kolka
- Elise Shannon
- Shannon Lang
- Cindy Sherbeck
- Mary Katharine Freel
- Sydney Shannon
- Kathryn Middleton
- Kyline Gray
- Susan Hoyle
- Maureen Alvarez

ANNIVERSARIES

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- Guy & Stephanie Moulthrop

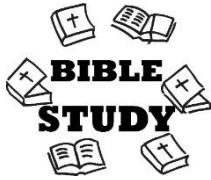
TRINITY SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Super Bowl Party

Our annual Super Bowl Party is on Sunday, Feb. 9. It will begin at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Hot dogs will be provided - please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. There will be a squares board, so bring some cash! Half of the proceeds will go to Trinity and the other half to the winners! If football is not your thing - bring a board game to play in the Guild Room. Wear your favorite football attire and get ready to watch the game on the BIG screen!



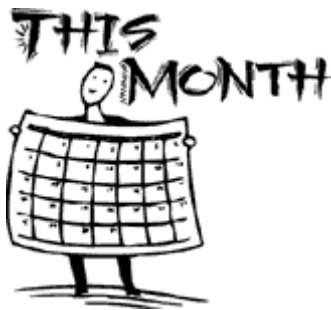
BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN IN MARCH



The 26 Healing Miracles of Jesus Bible Study will begin in March. Speak with Archie Duncan or Rev. Sue if interested.

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time. Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org, click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.



SPECIAL FEBRUARY DATES

- Sun, Feb 9, 5:30pm – Super Bowl Party 5:30pm potluck
- Tues, Feb 11, 11am at church to write cards then 12:30pm – St. Elizabeth Guild lunch at Coonan's Irish Pub
- Tues, Feb 11, 2pm – Finance Committee
- Tues, Feb 18, 6:30pm – Vestry



TRINITY FOOD PANTRY

Our Christmas Tote Bags were a huge success. We served 18 families - 36 people. Each family received two tote bags filled with delicious food items and fun surprises. Our community Caseworkers are very grateful on behalf of their clients.

Thank you to:

Mary K Freel: 36 tote bags, Ann Mosley: Stuffing Mix and assisting with packing tote bags, Diane Rapson Gabil and Family: Christmas cards, coloring books and crayons and adult word find books, Pat Maxim: Oatmeal and Hot Chocolate Packets and Elizabeth Campbell and Friends: 18 Knitted Dish Towels.

We are now looking forward to Easter Tote Bags for community families in need.

Katharine Freel
Jan Waldman



ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

February 11th.
11am at Trinity to write cards.
12:30pm lunch at Coonan's Irish Pub

on Wilder Road. All are invited!

MEN'S OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Just an update, lunch was cancelled for February, but Krysiak's is scheduled for March.

Sunday School and Church Youth

Now that the New Year is here and we have had our Church Annual Meeting, I would like to share some ideas we have for the coming year for our Trinity Youth and Children. We would like to engage our younger members more and provide them with activities that are interesting and welcoming.

Some of the ideas we thought about for our youth to do this year are:

1. Hosting a coffee hour after church.
2. Start noisy offerings again
3. Make crafts or treats to sell for a fund raiser or church bazaar
4. Make out cards for shut-ins for holidays like Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, etc.
5. Social gathering like a Game Night, Movie Night, Karaoke, Puzzle Night, or a trip to a pumpkin patch in the Fall.
6. Inviting more youth and friends to join us.

If anyone would like to help donate cards, art supplies, or time to help with any of the above activities please let me know. I am always looking for anyone interested in helping with Sunday School also.

February 9th is the Super Bowl Party and the youth & children and all welcome to come. If they are not interested in watching the football game, there will be other games available to play as well as plenty of food to eat. They would just need to bring something to drink.

Sincerely, Michelle Hunsberger

FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Please make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel, like our Facebook page and then share our events and posts on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!



SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Mar 2 – Bury the Alleluias
Tues, Mar 4 – 5-7pm Shrove Tuesday
pancake supper
Wed, Mar 5 – 12pm & 7pm, Ash
Wednesday services
Sat, Mar 22 – Spring Bazaar

VESTRY CORNER

New Officers

Senior Warden – Archie Duncan

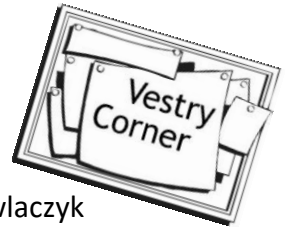
Junior Warden – Leo Borrello

Clerk – Michelle Hunsberger

Treasurer – Patrick Gray

Assistant Treasurer – Carolyn Pawlaczyk

We'd also like to welcome Grace Gray and Jami Kelly to our Vestry. Our Vestry has a new meeting schedule. We meet the 3rd Tuesday's at 6:30pm



REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from our prayer list, please email trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com or call the office at 989-892-5813.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.



NEWCOMER & CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will soon be partnering with St. Alban's again to offer a class to newcomers and those who would like to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal

Church, or renew their baptismal vows. Please speak with Rev. Sue if interested.

WEDNESDAY
During Lent
Soup Suppers

Wednesday Stations-Soup-Study during Lent.

Each Wednesday in Lent (March 12 – April 16), beginning at 6pm we will have Stations of the Cross in the church, followed by a simple soup and bread meal, and concluding with Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's lessons. Those who would like to provide soup and bread for one of the Wednesdays can sign up – see the bulletin board. We end at 8pm.

Spring
Bazaar
& Bake Sale

SPRING BAZAAR

Trinity's Spring Bazaar will be March 22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. WE NEED VENDORS!! Maybe you have a craft or items you'd like to sell? Maybe you have a relative who has some craft or sells something like Paprazzi or Tupperware or---you see where we're going with this. Contact Mary K Chief Organizer at sunbeam@att.net or call the office.



PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Sunday January 5th, Trinity held a progressive dinner. The Youth had a different schedule from the adults. Rev Sue, Grace Gray, and Michelle Hunsberger escorted the youth to several different fast food restaurants and indulged in different food items at each stop. It started with Cinnamon Twist at Taco Bell. Then next stop was for fries at McDonalds. Then it was on to KFC for chicken nuggets. After that we found our way to Wendy's for a burger or chicken sandwich. The last two stops were for cookies at Arby's and shakes at Culver's.

Throughout the evening, there was a lot of conversation. Everyone was asked which was their favorite stop. We even found out some trivia information, like bow tie on the KFC Colonel Sanders logo looks like a tiny stick figure body and the Arby's hat sign at the Euclid Ave Store is a very old sign and not many are still in use today. The kids enjoyed ringing the bell at Arby's too. At McDonald's, the youth enjoyed interacting with a light up table that responded to a person's touch, and video games while enjoying their fries.

Overall, everyone enjoyed themselves. Hopefully we can do it again next year and have more participants.



Did You Know?

For purification rites in the Mosaic law, the mother was to bring to the temple a lamb for a holocaust (burnt offering) and a young pigeon (turtle dove) for sin; if she was not able to offer a lamb and a pigeon, she was to take two turtle doves or two young pigeons. The priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed. (Leviticus 12:2-8). For a man-child, purification was 40 days after birth; for a girl-child, purification was 80 days after birth.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 4th from 5-7pm. \$6.
3 pancakes, 3 sausages, fruit, beverages.
Church office 989-892-5813.

Sundays:

Worship @ 10am
FOF doors open 1:30, meal served 2:30

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Narcotics Anonymous 7pm

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am

Thursdays:

Fun & Games 1pm
Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm
Overeaters Anonymous 7pm
Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm



St. Patrick's Race and Parade

Sunday, March 16th in front of Trinity, roads blocked off. We will be selling hotdogs, popcorn and water during the parade which will begin at 2pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Tues, April 1st, 5-7pm Chili Dinner



**“WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD,
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM.”**

MATTHEW 4:10, NRSV



WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.

Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

Candlemas

Candlemas is a Christian holy day observed on February 2nd. It commemorates the occasion of the Virgin Mary, who in obedience to Jewish law, went to the Temple in Jerusalem with Joseph, to be purified 40 days after the birth of Jesus, and to present Him to God as her firstborn son.

Known by several names the feast is often called Candlemas from the lit candles that people held during the liturgy of the day. Other names are the feast of the *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, the *Presentation of Our Lord*, and the *Holy Encounter* or the *Meeting* where the aged Simeon and the prophetess Anna meet Jesus.

This month we look back to the *Trinity Church Record*, an early church newsletter, and look at Rev. John Wright's (5th rector of Trinity Church) reflections on the feast in an 1872 article, Vol. III, Issue February and March.

The Purification

This feast is to commemorate the presenting of Christ in the Temple by His Mother when she went up to offer the customary sacrifice required of every woman who gave birth to a male child.

It corresponds to "The churching of women" in our Prayer Book – when women may make some offering to Him for His goodness.

The Virgin Mary brought her turtle-doves because [she was] too poor to bring a lamb. So should every mother bring her substance as God has blessed her, that with prayers and alms, she may appear before Him who has sanctified married life to the populating of the world, and the building up of His Kingdom.

In Candlemas we learn that Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews and observed the religious customs. We also become aware that this child was the promised Savior not only of the Jews but of the whole world. When Simeon holds the Christ Child, he praises God and says that Jesus would be "a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel" (King James Version).

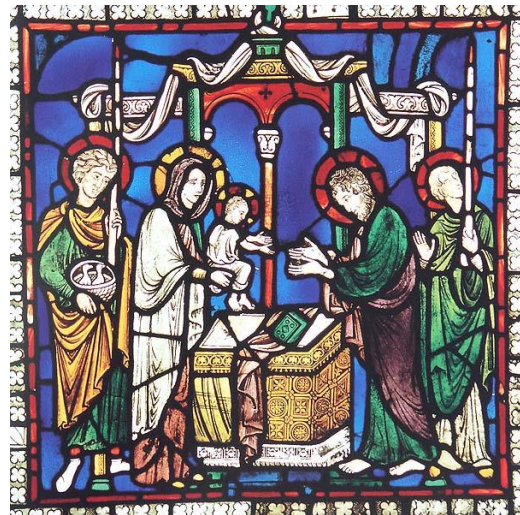
The Song of Simeon
Luke 2:29-32

Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the
world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations,
And the glory of your people, Israel.

The Book of Common Prayer
Morning Prayer, Rite II, p. 93.

Candlemas previously honored Mary's purification after the birth of Jesus. Modern observances have placed the emphasis of the day to the presentation of Jesus in the temple.



Above, the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem. The Virgin Mary presents Jesus to Simeon; Joseph, the foster father of Our Lord looks on as he holds the offering, two turtle doves (young pigeons). Canterbury Cathedral; 13th century stained glass.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

FOOD OF FAITH

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open

2:30PM – Meal served

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 1pm

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MISSION STATEMENT

To encourage growth through fellowship, follow the teachings of Jesus, and reach out to our community through prayer and service.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to grow the body of Christ by being a welcoming, vibrant, service-based faith community that actively lives our values, especially the commandment to “love God and our neighbor.”

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Clerk/Secretary – Michelle Hunsberger

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