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Pennings from your priest . . .

“A Christian community either lives by the intercessory prayers of its members for one another, or the community will be destroyed. I can no longer condemn or hate other Christians for whom I pray, no matter how much trouble they cause me. In intercessory prayer the face that may have been strange and intolerable to me is transformed into the face of one for whom Christ died, the face of a pardoned sinner. That is a blessed discovery for the Christian who is beginning to offer intercessory prayer for others. As far as we are concerned, there is no dislike, no personal tension, no disunity or strife that cannot be overcome by intercessory prayer. Intercessory prayer is the purifying bath into which the individual and the community must enter every day.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

A part of the liturgy every Sunday morning is the Prayers of the People. No matter what form (there are six in Rite Two) is used the intercessions follow the same outline. First, we pray for the Universal Church, its members and its mission; followed by the Nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed. The prayer for the whole state of Christ’s Church and the world – the Prayers of the People in Rite One – follows that same outline.

While all of those elements are intercessions, the type Bonhoeffer speaks of is intercessions for individuals. Perhaps you have had Bonhoeffer’s experience of no longer being able to

condemn or hate another person for whom you pray, no matter how much trouble they cause.

Bonhoeffer wrote and talked in the context of Christian community. But the comments he makes about no longer being able to condemn or hate the person for whom one is praying applies to anyone no matter their faith tradition.

A couple of months ago I found myself irritated by a Vermont friend who, for whatever reason, stopped communicating with me for over two months. He did not respond to a voicemail message I left, nor did he respond to emails.

I realized that I needed to start praying for my friend every week during the prayers of the people – and everyday as well. I had to give the situation over to God. I had to make the situation not about me.

My friend and I are back on track now. We chat by phone on a regular basis. I really could not be irritated with my friend once I had lifted him up in prayer. It seems Bonhoeffer was on to something.

The Autumn 2013 issue of *Anglican Digest* contained an article entitled “Intercessory Prayer.” The author, an Episcopal priest, began by telling of a prayer request posted on Facebook by a friend of his who asked her online community to pray for her son. He was sick, and she wanted her son and their family to be remembered in prayer.

Of course, the woman received numerous responses to her request including a one-word response, “Done.” The author of the article was struck by this response.

Can a prayer request be fulfilled as easily as that one-word response? "Surely," he noted, "prayer needs more attention than that. When I agree to pray for someone, am I not making more than a one-time commitment?"

That is so typical of our quick-fix attitude toward most things in life, is it not? Do it once and be done with it. Or do it once with no results? Well, I won't do *that* again. C.S. Lewis, the great Christian writer, once said that he did not pray to God because it changed God. He prayed to God because it changed him.

It takes time and discipline to develop and cultivate a rich prayer life. We will not always get the answer we expect – or necessarily want – when we pray. But it does not take much time to notice a difference. We will find that like C.S. Lewis we are changed – and for the better.

Blessings,

Rev. Ann



MEMBERSHIP

TRANSITIONS

Best Wishes to Marshal Carter who has moved to North Carolina

to Brian, Ashley, Lauren and Cole DeBeaubien who are attending St. James, Catholic Church

Welcome - the following are visitors or people who have been worshiping with us for several months. Please welcome them to Trinity.

Jerry Bruce
Kurt Carlstrom
Benjamin Harris
Nicola Imbracsio

Congratulations

to Stacey Kowalski and Matt DeRubeis who were
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married at Trinity on January 18, 2014

to Rayechel Neiman who announced her engagement to Nathan Berger to the choir at rehearsal on January 9, 2014

Sympathies

to the family and friends of Muriel Reif
to the family and friends of Tom Tabor, Sr.

Confirmation

Confirmation for the Diocese of Eastern Michigan will take place in Grand Blanc on Saturday, May 3, 2014. Call the church office for more information.

STAY CONNECTED

If you have access to the internet please visit the Trinity Web Site and our Facebook page. You should 'Like us' on Facebook.

Visit the web site for The Diocese of Eastern Michigan to sign up for the newsletter that goes out several times a month. You can also connect to the National Church's web site.

There are several conversations about the future of the Episcopal Church scheduled for February that you can sign up for as well.

MUSIC NOTES

FEBRUARY EVENSONG

Evensong is scheduled for February 23, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. If you have never attended an Evensong please try us out. It is a very special service, of prayer, hymns, canticles, and an anthem. Trinity is the only church in the Diocese offering a monthly Evensong. This service is celebrated by Anglican churches all over the world. Come, join us and bring a friend.

CHORISTERS

The Choristers sing for 10:00 a.m. worship on February 23, 2014 this month. We are always looking for new singers.

FEBRUARY CHORAL MUSIC

- 2 The Presentation of the Lord
Lighting the Way
Will Todd

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Steven Cleobury

- 9 Epiphany 5 A
O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth
Christian Latrobe

- 16 Epiphany 6 A
O For A Closer Walk with God
C. V. Stanford

- 23 Epiphany 7 A
Teach Me, O Lord
Thomas Attwood

- 23 4:00 p.m. Evensong
Mag and Nunc
Robert J. Powell

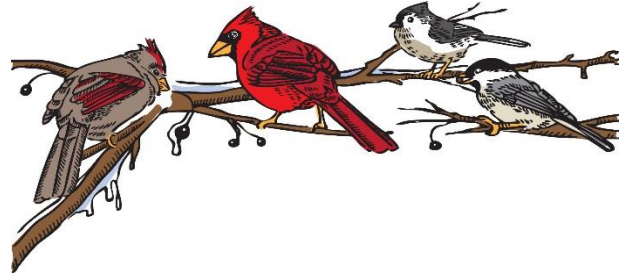
Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of Our Hearts
Henry Purcell

Birth Day:

Judy Laskowski	02/01
Robert Hayhurst	02/02
Val Syring	02/05
Janice Waldman	02/06
Victor Kolka	02/07
Elise Shannon	02/08
Shannon Lang	02/11
Cindy Sherbeck	02/11
Arliene Stremming	02/12
Mary Katharine Freel	02/18
Martin Foss	02/19
Sydney Shannon	02/23
Kyline Gray	02/25
Susan Hoyle	02/27
Maureen Alvarez	02/28
Mildred Owen	02/28

Anniversaries:

Guy and Jane Moulthrop	02/11
Sean and Dawn Brady	02/14
Ray and Jeanette Luebs	02/16
Guy and Stephanie Moulthrop	02/19



Alter Flowers have an available date on February 9. If you would like to donate flowers on that date please call the office or Elizabeth Campbell.

St. Elizabeth's Guild will meet for lunch on February 11 at 12:30 at Niko's Family Diner at 2020 Broadway.

St. Elizabeth's is open to all women of the church and we look forward to seeing you there.

Trinity Church - Her People, Her Building, Then and Now

Alois Lang, Sculptor of Trinity's Reredos

Born in Oberammergau, Bavaria (southwestern Germany), in 1872, Alois Lang came from a family with a long heritage of woodcarving. The town itself has a tradition of woodcarving going back to the eleventh century. Around the young age of 14, he was apprenticed to relatives, and so he began to hone his skills in this fine craft. In 1890, he immigrated to the U.S., soon finding work on homes in the Boston area; eventually, in 1903, he moved westward, starting to work for the American Seating Company which had offices in

Manitowac, Wisconsin, and Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In 1923, Trinity Church commissioned the reredos (ornately carved screen) behind the High Altar. Though we don't know the exact date Mr. Lang started the oak carvings, we can assume it was fairly soon for such a large task - three high-relief sculptured panels of the Crucifixion, Transfiguration and Supper at Emmaus, flanked by figures of St. Peter and St. Paul executed in 'sculpture in the round.' Parish records tell us Mr. Lang was present when Michigan Bishop Page dedicated them to the Glory of God on October 5, 1924. Many Trinitarians still remember Aggie Finn, the last living parishioner who was present as a very young girl of 9 or 10 when this significant work was dedicated and a reception was held in Mr. Lang's honor. It must have been very moving for such a young girl to have witnessed this event and to have met a man credited among the most responsible for bringing the medieval art of ecclesiastical carving to life in the United States.

Alois Lang was in his early fifties when he executed Trinity's reredos. He went to his eternal home in 1954 in his early eighties. When we look closely at his work, we can see Christ's suffering and the sorrow in St. Mary's, St. John's and St. Mary Magdalene's faces as they were present during Our Lord's Crucifixion. Alois's deep faith, personal devotion, and patient skill have brought the gospel story to life. His legacy and fine craftsmanship live on today as his work still tells the story of our faith and salvation. May we with our own unique talents do no less.

Temple Terms

Reredos -(pronounced RIHR dos or rare-re-doss) - a screen or a decorated part of the wall behind an altar; the screen is usually made of stone or wood. The word goes back to Middle English, originally from the Anglo-French, areredos and Middle French arrere behind + dos back; the present form reredos is from the 14th century.

Relief - in art, is sculpture in which the figures or

designs project from their background. In high relief figures project more than half of their implied thickness. High relief is often called by its Italian name alto-relievo. The three central panels (the Crucifixion, the Transfiguration and the Supper at Emmaus) behind the High Altar at Trinity are sculpted in high relief.

Sculpture in the round - the entire figure is sculpted on all sides. Trinity's reredos figures of Saints Peter and Paul are sculpted as sculpture in the round.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

Food Pantry Holiday Food Baskets

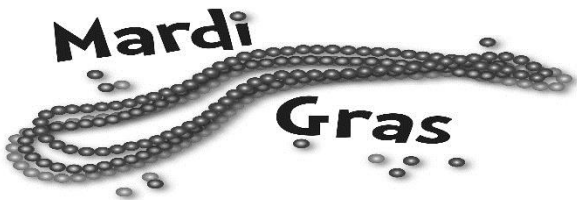
On behalf of the 21 families who received Holiday Baskets from Trinity, Thank You for your overwhelming generosity. As always, Trinity's baskets were outstanding. In addition to the usual Holiday meal fare, we added: Apples, Hot Chocolate Drink Mix (with marshmallows), Butternut Squash, Sugar and Bread. The Bay County Emergency Food Pantry Network provided vouchers for meat from Jack's Fruit Market. In addition to thanking all of you, I would like to thank The Michigan Sugar Growers for their donation of bags of sugar, the local farmer (through Hidden Harvest) who donated the butternut squash and Hidden Harvest for donating the bread.

Most of all I thank you, my Trinity Family, for all of your support for the Food Pantry. I could not not do this outreach program without your constant and generous help. Thank You.

Jan Waldman



The Sunday School with the help of the Trinity congregation are planning a spaghetti dinner on February 28th from 5:30 to 7:30pm to help the Trahan – Cipriano family with their various expenses. This will go not only for medical expenses but for all of the professional expertise needed to assist the family. Please put this on your calendar to support this event and bring family and friends. The Reivers band will be entertaining. Thank you !!!!!



Looking Ahead to March

(Not Your Mama's Pancake Supper)

A Mardi Gras dinner is being planned for March 4th for Shrove Tuesday, in lieu of the traditional Pancake Supper. The Sunday School will be preparing beignets and Chef Sean will be preparing a special meal including:

Jubilation Fruit Salad Back Bay Bayou Greens
 Jambalaya Apricot/Bourbon Chicken
 so add this to your calendar.

Acolyyte/Crucifer Schedule	
2	Madden Brady/Alex Hunsberger
9	Katie Hunsberger
16	Don Middleton/Matthew Smith

23	Craig Hool
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Lector Schedule	
2	Michelle Hunsberger
9	Steve Beckert
16	Mickie Leibrand
23	Jett Whitehead

Eucharistic Visitor Schedule		
		EV
9	Ardath/Kirk Timm	Nancy Mayhew
9	Jim Orford	Steve Beckert
23	Stella Angeloff	Monica Borrello

EM Schedules	Sun	Sun	Sun	Sun
	2	9	16	23
Assignments	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
	AM	AM	AM	AM
Steve Beckert		1		
Monica Borrello				
Bob Hayhurst				
Tony Hunsberger	1			
Mickie Leibrand			1	
Nancy Mayhew				
Denise Middleton			2	
Jett Whitehead				1
Leo Yacks				

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:00 am Noisy Offering 10:00 am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery	3 10:00 am Over-Eaters Anonymous 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm N. A. Meeting Parish Hall	4 4:30 pm Choristers	5 9:00 am Goal Seekers Weight Loss	6 5:00 pm Choristers 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Over-Eaters Anonymous	7	8
9 10:00 am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 11:00 am Blood Pressure Screening	10 10:00 am Over-Eaters Anonymous 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm N. A. Meeting Parish Hall	11 4:30 pm Choristers	12 9:00 am Goal Seekers Weight Loss 5:30 pm Ushers Dinner 5:30 PM	13 5:00 pm Choristers 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Over-Eaters Anonymous	14 St. Valentine's Day	15 4:00 pm Saginaw River Marine
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23 10:00 am Worship, Sunday School, Nursery 4:00 pm Evensong	24 10:00 am Over-Eaters Anonymous 6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00 pm N. A. Meeting Parish Hall	25 9:00 am Historical Committee Meeting 4:30 pm Choristers	26 9:00 am Goal Seekers Weight Loss 12:30 pm Altar Guild Meeting	27 5:00 pm Choristers 7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Over-Eaters Anonymous	28 Trahan – Cipriano Spaghetti Dinner	

Services

Sunday – 10:00AM Sung Worship
Food of Faith 2:30 – 4:00

Priest in charge

The Reverend Ann Grady

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