

# THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,  
It's been a very full month; the new year began, many hours were spent preparing for the Annual Meeting, our Newcomers/Episcopal Church 101 class is wrapping up and many people have stepped up to keep our music at Trinity alive and well.

Bob Sabourin's resignation has been a huge change in the life of Trinity. I want to thank Dorothy Marinan who played the piano the first two Sundays of January and Greg Largent who played the organ the last two Sundays of January.

Many of our choir members have been stepping up to help as well. Mary K Freel has worked countless hours – with a team of choir members – to organize, uncover and file choir music. She's coordinating and gathering music from Exultate Deo and communicating with the choirs to keep them updated.

Initially, the choir sang on Sundays providing us with their wonderful vocal leadership but they missed singing an anthem. Rayechel Berger stepped forward to bring this to my attention and she and Mary K are working on providing appropriate music for them to sing. Rayechel has directed and Dorothy has accompanied the choir rehearsals.

I want to reassure you that it is my intent to keep our music program alive, vibrant and moving forward. During this time of transition, we are in a unique position to explore all kinds of possibilities. I, along with the Vestry and Personnel Committee, have come up with a six-to-nine-month plan as we begin this journey. From now through Trinity Sunday (June 16) we will have three positions to fill the bulk of our music needs. One will choose anthems and

direct choir rehearsals. One will accompany the choir during rehearsals. And one will be a Sunday organist/pianist who rehearses the prepared choir before worship.

Rayechel Berger has agreed to choose anthems and direct choir rehearsals. Dorothy Marinan has agreed to accompany the choir at Thursday rehearsals as she is able. Greg Largent will be our organist through February and following that both he and Jim Gladstone are working out a schedule through the summer. It is possible that we will have a pianist on Sundays from time to time.

I Have also been in touch with Nick Schmelter, our Artist-in-Residence. He has agreed to play the organ and direct the prepared choir for our monthly Evensongs with a revised schedule to be determined. The Choristers are also an important ministry. Bob used a very specified curriculum and Nick is assisting us in finding a good option for supporting our children's singing. Please stay tuned.  
Let us pause...and give thanks.

Gracious God, thank you for the gift of life and Love. Thank you for the many people that are working so diligently to support worship at Trinity through vocal and instrumental leadership. Thank you for Bob, our brother in Christ. Thank you for his leadership and love of You and music. Bless him and Emilee during this time of treatment. Bring him healing and comfort. Bless us in our time of transition and bring us joy and excitement in the possibilities to which you are providing. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*

## The Church of the Lighted Crosses

For many years, Trinity Episcopal Church was known as “The Church of the Lighted Crosses.” By the mid-1980s, however, it was already quite a number of years that many parts of the stained glass forming the crosses were broken or missing, and the symbols of our faith did not shine down to passersby on Center Avenue and Grant Street.

But thanks to Captain Roy Atkinson, a retired Navy captain, and Fr. Herbert Catlin, rector of Trinity, the church once again lived up to its old name in the summer of 1985.

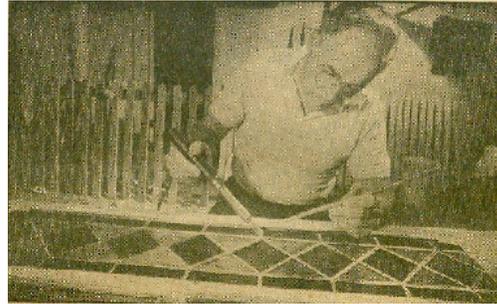
As both a memorial to Vivian Lambert, a long-time parishioner, and in honor of the church’s approaching centennial, (1987), Atkinson decided that he would undertake restoring the windows.

Little matter that he had never done any stained glass before, twice now retired, “Captain Roy,” as he was affectionately known, decided to try his hand at the restoration.

The “Captain” is a lifetime title after submarine command and a stint as head of the Navy’s Oceanographic Programs Branch. He moved to Bay City, his home town, in 1973, and had a second career as assistant physical plant director at Delta College, retiring from that job in 1983.

With his engineer’s expertise and devotion to God, he eagerly tackled many projects at Trinity. Captain Roy always gave credit to Fr. Catlin saying it was a joint venture of restorer and rector. Both worked on making the wooden forms to hold the glass, and then, when Fr. Catlin had cataract surgery,

Captain Roy did a lot of the work. Some materials were bought, but Atkinson used panes from the original stained glass church windows that had been stored in the basement since they were replaced with memorial windows.



*Captain Roy working on the tower’s stained glass in the church basement workshop.*

Both Captain Roy and Fr. Catlin have since entered into their heavenly home. May we be thankful for their labors and the legacy of faith they have left behind. May we be inspired to our own unique work in God’s kingdom. To God be praise and glory!

(Much of the above information was gleaned from an article that Gay McGee, feature writer for the Bay City Times, former parishioner, and charter member of the Historical Guild had written for the July 7, 1985 article in the “dimensions” section of the newspaper.)

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

**St Elizabeth's Guild** will meet for lunch at Krzysiak on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. The address is 1605 Michigan Avenue. All are welcome and we would love to see you.



*St. Elizabeth Guild enjoying a meal with Rev. Sue at last month's gathering.*



**The Altar Guild** will meet on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the church in the Guild Room.

**THANK YOU**

to Jett Whitehead for three years of service on the Vestry and for serving as Senior Warden.

to Pat Maxim for three years of service on the Vestry.

**OUR SYMPATHY**

to the family of Mary Lou Greanleaf.

to the family of William Stange.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To Butch & Georgia Bean who were remarried at Trinity on January 15<sup>th</sup>.



**Birthdays**

- 01 Judy
- 02 Bob
- 04 Camden
- 06 Janice
- 07 Victor
- 11 Shannon
- 11 Cindy
- 18 Mary
- 19 Martin
- 25 Kathryn
- 25 Kylene
- 27 Susan
- 28 Maureen
- 28 Mildred

**Anniversaries**

- 11 Guy & Jane Moulthrop
- 14 Sean & Dawn Brady
- 19 Guy & Stephanie Moulthrop



# WITH LOVE FROM ABOVE

The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

*Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.*



God is our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,  
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

“Surely I am with you \_\_\_\_\_.” Matthew 28:20

And the \_\_\_\_\_ of God ... will guard  
your hearts and your minds in  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in \_\_\_\_\_ lives in God,  
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

\_\_\_\_\_ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18



## The Story of St. Valentine

St. Valentine was a Christian priest who lived in 270 A.D. At that time, the Roman government controlled much of the World. The Roman government needed many soldiers to protect its lands. The Emperor Claudius II decided that married men did not make good soldiers because they wanted to stay at home with their wives and children. He made a very

strange law that said young men were not allowed to marry. He also said that any priest who married a young couple would be put to death. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the Emperor. He secretly married many young couples. When the Emperor found it out, he had Valentine imprisoned. Since Valentine had helped lovers, the day he died became a day for people to express love for others.

# February, 2019

## Trinity Episcopal Church, Christian Holidays Feb 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
10am - Worship 2:30pm - Food	10am - Over- 7pm - N. A.		10am - A Course 11:30am - Wors 6pm - Bell Choir	7pm - Over-	8pm - N.A.	10am - Fellowship
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am - Worship 11am - Blood 11am - Noisy 2:30pm - Food	10am - Over- 4pm - Vestry 7pm - N. A.		10am - A Course 11:30am - Wors 6pm - Bell Choir	7pm - Over-	6pm - Perceptio 8pm - N.A.	7pm - Saginaw
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10am - Worship 2:30pm - Food	10am - Over- 7pm - N. A.	9:30am - Histori	10am - A Course 11:30am - Wors 6pm - Bell Choir	7pm - Over-	8pm - N.A.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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