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Dear Friends,

What are we expecting from this Easter Season? Perhaps a nice (short) and sweetly worded message? Perhaps some thoughts to make the loneliness, pain and brokenness of our world today more tolerable? Or, by chance, are you desiring an intellectual exercise - something to help make sense out of what you "seem" to believe? What exactly is it that we're seeking? Easter Sunday is a day all about seeking; it is about those "hidden" Easter Eggs.

The early Christians, the followers of Jesus of Nazareth, whose body the Church today "claims" itself to be; they too were seeking. They sought to learn more about the one whose message just simply would not go away. They were seeking to know more about the life and ministry of

Jesus, their lord and master. We too gather as seekers, people wanting to know more and who are praying to learn about the incredible, good news we call the "Gospel."

Paul told the Colossians (3:1-4) to "seek what is above." In the Gospel, we read on Easter Sunday that Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb, seeking the Lord's body to anoint it. We again heard the resurrection story.

For some, this is a once-a-year journey. We gather to reconnect with foundational memories:

- the glorious smell of Easter lilies
- the glorious sound of organ and instrumental music, and of voices raised in glorious celebration
- the glorious streams of sun rays breaking through the stained-glass windows - casting glorious rainbows
- the glorious memories – all central to our very being!

For some, the worship of the Easter Season is the culmination of a serious Lenten journey when the Easter egg that will bring peace and solace might finally be found. Perhaps this is an opportunity to once again seek and find a sense of hope and of new life or the offering of a mysterious "something" you haven't yet heard, the good news and the promise of peace.

What is it that you seek in this season? Whatever it may be, may you receive as a gift from God what you expected and more. Mary received much more than she expected. The disciples all received more than they ever expected. The followers of Jesus received abundantly more than they ever dreamed they would. But note! It wasn't at all exactly what any of them truly expected. It wasn't exactly what they were seeking!

When we began our Lenten journey, we had no idea that we would find ourselves worshipping via Zoom or on Facebook. And, just like the disciples and Mary, we have found something unexpected. They found, in place of an empty tomb a joy that now echoes though all time! Unexpectedly, we too have found the joy of gathering with many who would not otherwise be gathering with us. People have been joining our worship from places all over the county, from the east coast to the west coast, and it is a joy to have them worshipping with us.

All of us celebrating the Easter Season are gathered as the Living Body of Christ, no matter where we are. As that Body, may we be reminded of our call as followers of the Truth, to share the unexpected joy that is in our midst today. The Easter commission to all of us is to continue the work of Love. In Christ's name, let us be inspired by all those who have gone before us and those whose faith on Easter Day proclaimed that the tomb is empty.

Let us go forth each day, reminded of the Good News of God's Love, and ready to continue to seek those things from God that enable us to do the work we have been given to do! For Christ has risen and is rising in YOU!

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

In Christ,

Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector



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Upcoming Events

- Monday through Friday
9 am Morning Prayer
7 pm Evening Prayer
- Sunday at 9am
Morning Prayer
All services on Trinity's Facebook Page.
- On May 7th and 28th, Trinity hosts the Sandwich Board. .
- Upon re-opening, we will have a brass quartet!



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month ending March 31st, 2020)

<u>Income:</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Funds (As of 3/31/20)</u>
Pledge and Plate \$23,294	Building and Grounds \$8,662	Endowment Balance \$547,188*
(Year to date budgeted pledge and Plate Budget) \$19,855	Year to Date Building and Grounds Budget) \$6,958	Memorial Balance \$125,624
Endowment Income \$12,445	Office & Admin \$2,227	On 12/31/2015 it was \$335,368
Year to date budgeted Endowment Income) \$15,450	Year to date Office and Administration Budget \$1,458	Mission Fund Balance \$17,710
Total Income \$55,523*	Total Expense \$51,321	
Budgeted Income \$50,382	Budgeted YTD Exp. \$44,786	
Net Income \$ 5,141	Excess of Expense over Income \$4,202	

Financial Notes

- Includes our scheduled \$4/1/2020 drawdown of \$4,167
- Both the Endowment Fund and the Memorial Fund have decreased in values due to the current recession. They should bounce back when the economy recovers.
- Trinity has applied for Federal payroll assistance funds. We'll let you know how that turns out

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

April

Daniel Akimyuwa April 8
 Bianca Cantu April 9
 Louis Halper April 21
 Dolores Palmquist April 25
 Johnathon Scott April 28

May

Hannah Stephens May 4
 Robert Scott May 10
 Mary Jacobsen May 12
 Aiden Lantgen May 14
 Ruth Waters May 14
 Lori Fecht May 17
 Judy Stefanick May 19
 Janet Stephens May 19
 Robert Hansen May 23
 Matthew Stephens May 30
 Gary Gorney May 31

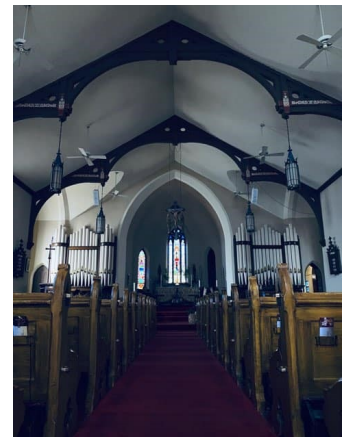
Anniversaries

April

Jean & Rob Borchert April 29

May

Trish & Bella Tousignant May 9



Prayer List

Jay, Jane, Kathy, Peter, Linda B., Derek, Iveth, Ruth, Seon, Denise, Lynn, Karen, Edelma, Shereen, Mike, Tom, Sue, Sandy, Carol, Diana, Virg, Michael, Joe, Don, Gary, Tom, Pete, Maidell, Dick, Nan, Elizabeth, Rosie, Kevin, Alvin, nieces, ages 17 & 21, of a friend of Trinity, Brian, Chireen, Fr. Jim, Sheila, Maria, Susan, Georgia, Griffin, Sally Anne, Bobbie, Jason, Diane, Missy, Thomas, Denise, Joyce, Wanda, Marty, Trish, Bella, Cathie, Andrew David, Irene, Millie, Cecilia, Andrea, Robert, Dan, Joseph, Jay, Dorothy, Wally, Sheila, Walter, Robin, Christie, Lisa, Mary, James, Dolores, Bill, John, Richard, Talon, Taylor, Ty, Linda J, Malcolm, Austin, Rodney, Leo, Loki, Ted, Greg.



Catherine of Siena, 1380 - Feast Day, April 29



Catherine Benincasa was the youngest of twenty-five children of a wealthy dyer of Siena. At six years of age, she had a remarkable vision that probably decided her life's vocation. Walking home from a visit, she stopped on the road and gazed upward, oblivious to everything around her. "I beheld our Lord seated in glory with St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John." She went on to say, later, that the Savior smiled on her and blessed her.

From then on, Catherine spent most of her time in prayer and meditation, despite her mother's attempts to force her to be like other girls. To settle matters, Catherine cut off her hair, her chief beauty. The family harassed her continually; but in the end, convinced that she was deaf to all opposition, her father let her do as she would: close herself away in a darkened room, fast, and sleep on boards. Eventually, she was accepted as a Dominican postulant.

Catherine had numerous visions, and was also tried most severely by loathsome temptations and degrading images. Frequently, she felt totally abandoned by the Lord. At last, in 1366, the Savior appeared with Mary and the Heavenly Host, and espoused her to himself, so ending her years of lonely prayer and struggle. She became a nurse, as Dominicans regularly did, caring for patients with leprosy and cancer whom other nurses disliked to treat.

Opinion in Siena was sharply divided about whether she was a saint or a fanatic, but when the Bishop of Capua was appointed her confessor, he helped her to win full support from the Dominican Mother House. Catherine was a courageous worker in time of severe plague; she visited prisoners condemned to death; she constantly was called upon to arbitrate feuds and to prepare troubled sinners for confession.

During the great schism of the papacy, with rival popes in Rome and Avignon, Catherine wrote tirelessly to princes, kings, and popes, urging them to restore the unity of the Church. She even went to Rome to press further for the cause.

Besides her many letters to all manner of people, Catherine wrote a *Dialogue*, a mystical work dictated in ecstasy. Exhausted and paralyzed, she died at the age of thirty-three.

Everlasting God, you so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of your Son our Savior, that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death, and rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.





Back Door Reading From your Health Ministries



Depression

Even in laughter, the heart is sad.
Proverbs 14:13a

My sighing comes like my bread,
and my groanings are poured out
like water. Job 3:24



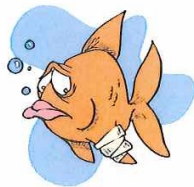
Recognize Symptoms

Get help!



Are you depressed?

- ☛ Is your sleep disturbed most nights?
- ☛ Are there major changes in your appetite?
- ☛ Do you feel hopeless?
- ☛ Have you lost interest in your hobbies?
- ☛ Do you stay home more now?
- ☛ Is your concentration or memory decreased?
- ☛ Have you been more irritable than usual?
- ☛ Does your future appear bleak?



Any yes answer deserves further thought. The more yes answers you have, the more likely that professional help and/or medication will be helpful.



Depression is treatable

One book that
may be helpful is



New Light on Depression

by David Biebel, D.Min.
and
Harold Koenig, M.D.

Depression Facts

- ☛ Depression is a real illness
- ☛ Each year about 7% of the US population has a depressive disorder.
- ☛ Only about 20% of those affected will get adequate help.
- ☛ Women are affected twice as often as men.

Get help for yourself or a loved one.

First, see your primary care provider to see if there is a physical cause for depression. Other treatment may include medications and/or counseling.



Pictures from the 1940 Acolyte

Issued on the occasion of the Seventieth Anniversary of the Erection of the Church
And the Consecration of the Chapel of All Souls



EXTERIOR OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



MAIN BODY OF THE CHURCH

Here numerous congregations have gathered to witness the Sacraments of the Church admitted to fellow members of the congregation and town people and from which the last farewell of the Church has been said for departed souls.



THE CHAPEL OF ALL SOULS

The Chapel of All Souls has been erected in the room beneath the apex of the Church and at one time was the only parish house, choir room and place of meeting that the parish had. Here services are held on Wednesdays and Holy Days during the week. The chapel will accommodate sixteen people.



TRINITY PARISH CHOIR

Reading from left to right, front row: Miss Dorothy Smith, Miss Lucetta Stubbs, Miss Lucetta Tellefsen, Miss Lucille Kane, Miss Ruth Michelson, Mrs. Kathryn Larabee, Miss Marjorie Lucobler, Mrs. Arthur Tschannag, second row: Miss Maybelle Matheson, Miss Charlotte Hiestad, Mrs. Royal Smith, Miss Margaret Thorpe, Mrs. Anton Stubbey (Choir Mother), Miss Jean Herrington, Miss Helen Richards, Mrs. Donald Hamilton, Mr. Charles Hamilton, organist, Back row: Mr. Herman Barnard, organist and choir master, Messrs. Bruce Hamilton, Ernest Bolling, Wm. Yngstrom, John Leif, Norman Fjeldbo, and William Gohren. Mrs. Elsa Macdonald, and Messrs. Frank Stubbs, George Fjeldbo and Ben Giles are not shown.

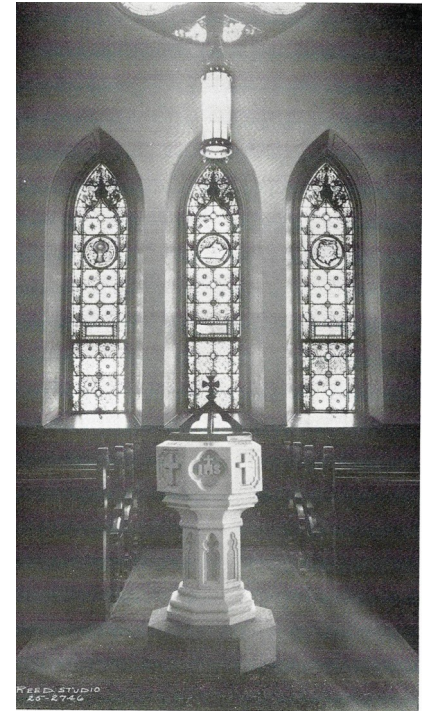


THE HIGH ALTAR

Here faithful communicants of the parish keep their tryst with our Lord and the Blessed Sacrament week in and week out and here for seventy years the path to God's Table has been worn by countless numbers seeking spiritual nourishment for their souls.



PULPIT AND CHOIR



THE FONT

Here hundreds of babies, boys and girls, and men and women have been made members of the Body of Christ, the Church, and have "started" through this "door," on the Christian pathway of life.



Greetings from Florida



A recent picture of Trish and Bella practicing social distancing in Florida!

To all in our beloved worship family at Trinity.

Trish and I miss you all so much and wish we could be with you during these troubling times. Its little consolation that none of us can really get together in person now, but it is just a warming thought to believe that soon we will be exchanging hugs along with the sign of Christ's peace as we have done so many times in the past. We all are people of great faith and we keep that shared belief in our hearts every day, 1400 Miles from our Brothers and Sisters at Trinity.

We are following the social distancing guidelines carefully. Sometimes it's a wonderful excuse to get away from each other (LOL), "I'm sorry Trish, I can't come to that end of the house, just being a responsible citizen". We have to be able to laugh anyway, right!

Seriously, though, it's very strange to see no cars at all when it is typically so overcrowded here that you can't get anywhere during the tourist season. I never thought I would long for the days of heavy traffic again but wouldn't it be wonderful to see cars full of people going places to enjoy time with their families and friends again? The things we take for granted are many but I never thought lots of traffic would be among them!

Like all of us, we don't know what our time frame is for coming home. We still hope to be able to travel sometime in May. It's a few overnights in Motels along the way so that is a concern. That and being in contact with so many people thru out several States. It might be June or even July, who knows at this point.

We have faith that this will end soon and we can get home and back to our friends at Trinity. We hope that every one of you are well, safe and healthy and we hope you had a Happy and Blessed Easter as we all realize the true meaning of this season of hope.

Let us all be Easter People and rise above these dark times!

With Christ's love. Trish and Bella Tousignant



Transcribing The Church Registers - Tom Herget



Not only does Trinity have a set of financial books, it has four sets of sacrament books. Safely locked away in the fire-retardant cabinet are ledgers recording baptisms, confirmations, marriages and burials.

Two years ago five of us embarked on a modern-day crusade to unlock these entries. The team of Linda Barber, Rob Borchert, Tom Herget, Judy Staphanic and Cathie Patterson is diligently decoding and deciphering these records.

These events regarding our congregational antecedents have been recorded in flourishing script and golden ink. Most entries have fared well, surviving years of storage and handling. The books start in 1854.

We undertook to transcribe all entries into spreadsheets. One person does the original deciphering and another checks the work.

We share with you some of the more interesting observations:

David Jones and Emma Stubbs were the first couple to be married in the *new* church, Thanksgiving 1871.

In the 1800's, children were baptized not just on Sundays but days apart. Parishioners came not only from Aurora but Batavia, Geneva, Sugar Grove, Big Rock, Sandwich, Plano and Naperville. The Rector journeyed to these destinations to perform the christening then recorded the baptism upon returning to the parish.

One 1863 baptism noted the father was away in the Army. St. John's in Naperville existed in 1862. Most names were of English origin; there were some of Dutch, French and Norwegian extract. Was there a pet blessing hidden amongst the baptisms? No. Upon closer inspection, "Jerbel" turned into "Jubal."

During the 1870's cause of death was recorded. Our members succumbed to diphtheria, consumption (tuberculosis), spasms, dropsy, gout, brain fever, lung fever, scarlet fever, smallpox, paralysis and delirium.

One girl's parents were apparently happy to be in this country; "Gladde America" was baptized. And the Smiths must have liked the wild west, naming their son "Sierra Nevada." Trinity apparently had a trophy wife; the spouse of Samuel Thompson was Trophina.

The Pooley family, whose heir Dorothea left Trinity a significant bequest thirty years ago, was prominent.

The term "DO" appeared often. What was this verb doing there? It wasn't a verb after all; it was shorthand for "ditto."

Why are Trinity's hospitality offerings so tasty? Maybe because a James Beard was a member in 1876.



Transcribing The Church Registers - Tom Herget (Cont.)

There are many entries for Ephraim Smith and Abby Elizabeth Allen*, whose names grace our stained glass windows.



There were other families frequenting the annals who also were benefactors, leaving more stained glass windows in testimony to their devotion.



Tenney, Creighton, Stuart, Shears, Stone and Jauriet.



We probably have another year to go before all entries are entered and verified. Once that is done, we will contemplate sending the original books to the Diocese for safe storage.

- The author must report an interesting story. My mom, Mary Ellen, was at the communion rail in September, 1960. She was 8 ½ months pregnant. She looked up and saw this stained glass window. She so admired it, she named her soon-to-be-born daughter, my sister, Abby Elizabeth.
- Interesting items from the Death Register,
 - Death notice - 71 year old Mr. Cooley died in 1911: "Overheated - ate Ice Cream"
 - Other interesting Causes of Death: Old Age, Mumps; 3 Railroad accidents; one killed by a runaway horse; a 1915 automobile accident and 10 dead from operations that didn't work



Around the Parish

- Please note that the office is open weekdays from 8:45 until noon.
- Trinity has 2 Sandwich Board Thursdays in May. The 7th and the 28th. Other Churches have been giving us 30 bagged lunches to give out. Thanks to Pat Wilson for all her help packing and distributing the lunches and to the other Churches who still, in this time of shut down and hibernation, cared enough about The Sandwich Board to continue to donate their time and goods. More info to come shortly.
- While thanking people, I want to thank Denzil for setting up a Zoom account and giving live services of Morning and Evening Prayer. The technology is daunting but quickly mastered (well, maybe coped with) but devout and connecting. Greg has been wonderful supplying music and His friend and student, Andrew Mertenich who sings so beautifully! If you want Zoom, Please email me your email address and I will forward it on to Denzil so he can put you on his distribution list. Or you can watch on our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/191161715155/?ref=bookmarks>.
- As you can see from his article on pages 6 and 7, Tom Herget has been hard at work digitalizing the Church's Registers. He also prepared and submitted a grant request to the Federal Government for payroll assistance in these trying times. Thanks, Tom!
- Our Sexton, Gary Gorney, has been ruled cancer free after his surgery and is planning to return to work soon. We have many projects for him to catch up on!
- We have had two recent deaths of former parishioners. Larry Taylor succumbed to the virus on April 8 th, 2020 and Jim Reiter, Trinity's long time organist who died March 21st, 2020 after a long battle with bronchitis.



Larry Eugene Taylor

November 20, 1939 - April 2, 2020

Larry Eugene Taylor of Sugar Grove, IL, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, from complications of COVID-19. He was born November 20, 1939 in Shawnee, OK, the son of Ivy and Henry Taylor. Larry chose Higher Education as his profession; he completed a BA in English and Art from Oklahoma Baptist University, 1961. A National Defense Scholarship (1961) made his Ph.D. possible in 1969. Larry was an artist, a scholar, publishing a well-received work on John Updike. Some of Larry's watercolors are on permanent exhibit at the University of Oklahoma.

He survived by his loving wife Hanni, his children, Jeff (Tina) of Mill Valley, CA, Christine (Michael) McClean of Sugar Grove, IL, his beloved grandchildren, one sister, Wynona of Mustang, OK, his nephews, Michael and Mark, and his dear friend Jim.

He was preceded by his parents and siblings, Geraldine, Aline, Jack, Jim, and Bill.

Private Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to Trinity Episcopal Church Aurora, IL or the charity of the donor's choice. For more information or to sign our online guest book, go to www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com

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James Reiter, 1932-2020

I regret to share with you that our brother in Christ, Jim Reiter, died Saturday morning, March 21 at Peppi's House Hospice, after suffering with acute bronchitis since February, after a fall in November. With his partner Steve, Jim led our Contemplative Prayer Group, and was also the founder of our Taizé Worship service.

Jim was the organist/choirmaster at Trinity primarily during the time Father Burden was rector. Jim & Father Burden were very close. There'd be a few people at least that are members of your church that would remember Jim. The one friend he was very close to was Linda Barber.

Please join me in praying for the repose of Jim's soul:

Father of all, we pray to you for Jim, whom we love, but see no longer: Grant him your peace; let light perpetual shine upon him; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in him the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

David Benedict Hedges, BSG
Rector



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3 9:00 AM Eucharist 10:45 AM Choir Sharing Sunday - Back to School	4 [Monnica]	5	6	7 Trinity	8 [Julian of Norwich]	9 10:45 AM Ringers [Gregory Nazianus]																																																																																																		
10 9:00 AM Eucharist Mother's Day	11 9:00 AM Communication 10:15 AM Finance	12	13	14 Saint Matthias, Apostle St. Andrew's, Downers Grove	15	16 Armed Forces Day																																																																																																		
17 9:00 AM Eucharist 3:00 PM Bethlehem Brass Concert	18 6:30 PM Vestry	19 12:00 PM St. Margaret's Guild [Dunstan of Canterbury]	20 12:30 PM Deanery Meeting	21 Ascension Day St. Marks, Geneva	22	23																																																																																																		
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31 9:00 AM Eucharist Pentecost The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin																																																																																																								



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