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Dear Friends,

I have always felt that the season of Lent echoes nature. Just as many are beginning to feel the last grip of winter, when the brightness and warmth of the sun are most needed, the scriptural texts and mood of worship calls Christians into the deepest contemplation of the whole Church year. As light and warmth return and tiny buds begin to form, the darkness and the destructive forces of death and human brokenness become central themes.

At the imposition of ashes during the Ash Wednesday service, we are vividly reminded of our mortality and invited to the

"observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 265). God's grace and forgiveness, our Redeemer Jesus Christ's passion, takes us by the hand and leads us to the Risen One. For the early Christians, Lent was a time of preparation and renewal.

Examining our life and pondering God's presence, contrasting our sinfulness and God's forgiveness, acknowledging our hatred and God's love can be a profoundly healing activity. Ignoring or pretending that any one of these components is not a reality can undermine an individual's or community's capacity to function effectively in the world or to enter into meaningful relationships. Ours has become a culture which seems to foster "victims." Everything is everybody else's fault. Others are always to blame. This victim attitude is a widespread syndrome. It engenders a sense of helplessness. As a result it is difficult for most of us to see the responsibility we have in helping to determine the quality and spirit of our world.

For many people, Lent is a time of fasting. But what is it that we choose to give up? Perhaps it would be advantageous to fast from blame and complaint, to withdraw into our innermost selves . . . our souls and to think about the events and circumstances of our lives and the individuals we have encountered. How have we related to them? What have we learned? How often do we give thanks? Do we express our concern and appreciation? Do we acknowledge the hurt we have caused? Once we admit our responsibility, and our Christian call, our true human dignity will be restored, and we will better understand our responsibilities and have more compassion for one another.

Lent does not have to be only a dark and sorrowful time. It can be a time of healing. The choice is ours. It can be a time of transformation. Easter has no meaning apart from Lent. Here in the last grips of winter we look toward spring. Let this Lent be a time in which you pause . . . to heal, to grow, to bloom. Do not be afraid to journey into the depths of your being. It is in those depths that God meets us, walks with us, and leads us into the springtime of the spirit!

In Christ,

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Denzil J. Luckritz, Rector



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Upcoming Events

- Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 3 pm Aaron Tan Organ Concert followed by a reception
- Sunday, April 5th, 2020 -Palm Sunday with IDOM and a pot luck luncheon to follow.
- Thursday, April 9, 2020 6 pm - Agape Dinner followed by Maundy Thursday Service.
- Friday, April 10, 2020 -Good Friday Services at Noon and 7 pm.
- Saturday, April 11, 2020: Easter Vigil 7 pm
- Sunday, April 12, 2020 at 9 am - Easter Service
- Wednesday, April 22, 2020 - Earth Day Service.
- Sunday, May 17, 2020— Bethlehem Brass Concert



Financial Snapshot YTD (Month Ending February 29, 2020)

Income:

Pledge and Plate	\$11,450
Year to date budgete Budget	ed pledge and Plate \$12,565
Endowment Income	\$10,441
Year to date budgete come	ed Endowment In- \$14,250
Total Income	\$32,420
Budgeted Income	\$36,685
Net Income	(\$2,265)

Expense

Building and Grounds	\$7,099*
Year to Date Building Budget)	and Grounds \$4,593
Office & Admin	\$1,817
Year to date Office and Budget	d Administration \$ 769
Total Expense	\$33,072
Budgeted YTD Exp. Excess of Expense over	\$29,847 er Income -\$652.44

Funds (As of 2/29/20)

Endowment Balance \$650,958

On 12/31/2015 it was \$640,461. Memorial Balance \$142,296

On 12/31/2015 it was \$335,000

Checkbook Balance on January 1, 2018 was \$9,765

On 2/29/20. it was \$5,295

On December 31, 2018 Our Mission Fund Balance was \$9,675 On 2/29/20. it was \$15,352

Financial Notes

• Includes a \$2,970 payment to Michels Plumbing for pipe repair in the crawlspace.



Johnathan Scott







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Birthdays and Anniversaries

	March/April Anniversaries
3/05	Rubis, Tim & Kimberly
3/06	Borchert, Rob & Jean
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Mardi Gras



After Painting

Presentation at the Temple



More Pipes

Pipe Repair







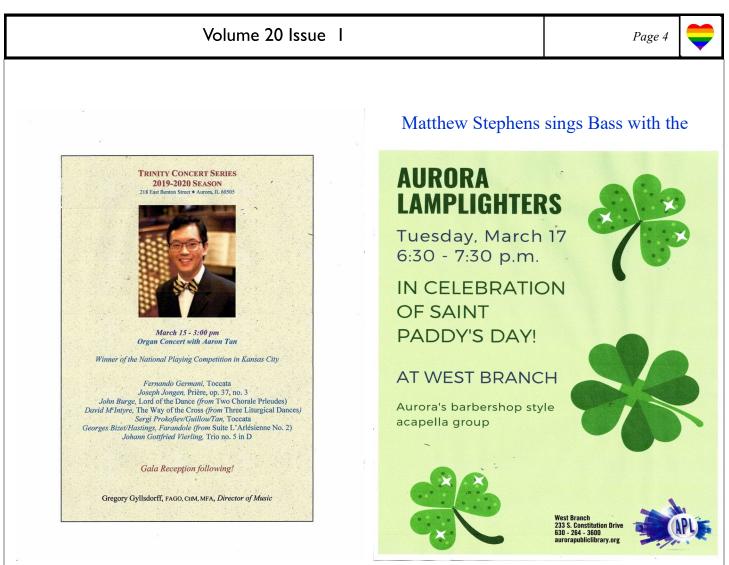
Electrical Repair



Trinity in our Attic







Building and Grounds Report

- We are looking forward to working with our new neighbor, Joy as we seek to collaborate on making our parking lot more attractive and functional. He has already purchased Trinity Signs, and provided us with stickers for people who are allowed to use the lot. He also gave us visitor car signs.
- Michels Plumbing was out in January. The pipe we patched last year at the back of the Church was leaking again. They patched it again, but it will need to be replaced because the way it is installed it will continue to rot. They also fixed a problem with our pump that boosts the steam into the church that has caused that pump to need to be replaced twice in the last 8 years.
- With Gary being out, we are doing our best with fulfilling the Sexton responsibilities. We have a Community Service Worker who has promised he will be here every Friday to sweep and mop the kitchen and parish hall floors, vacuum the Church and clean the bathrooms. Please bear with us.
- The city is responsible for snow removal on our sidewalks. Their snow blower has left deep ruts in our grass. I will be following up with the City to make sure they fix it.
- After the lights in the Church were fixed (what a project that was), we have recently lost power to the three lights at the entrance to the Church. We are hopeful that we can get them fixed before Easter.
- After 1-800 Junk removed two truck loads of stuff from the apartment and basement, we continue our deep cleaning. Gary had disassembled a bunch of lockers from the Choir Room and stored the metal in the basement. We set them out on the curb and they were gone within a half an hour. Future projects include cleaning up the tool room and getting out the detritus from the crawl spaces!



Around the Church

Jubilee Ministry notes:

Sandwich Board: Since we are no longer recycling, we (the churches) have been taking a lot of it home. This really helps with sustainability. Right now I am looking into ways to help reduce our waste as this has really increased in what we throw out.

What we do recycle: we are currently recycling aluminum cans (recycle container in the kitchen). Wine bottle corks – they go to a country in Central America where the people make sandals out of them. Tabs – from cans, they to either Ronald McDonald House or St. Jude's Hospital (container on window sill in kitchen).

Amnesty Center: Hoping that my next meeting and Immigration brings good news.

St. Margaret's Guild

Well, the holidays are over! Our December meeting was held at the Bickford where Betty Giles is a resident. We have a wonderful time with her and everyone was glad to share our time with her. We were happy to have the quilt raffle over and done with. It was a long time coming, but thanks to the hard work of Karen Dolan – it was a success. The quilt was won by one of our volunteers, Sherry, from St. John, Naperville. See the photos of Mutual Ground being presented with a check and Sherry receiving the quilt. Thanks to all who made this a success.

Our first bake sale of 2020 was held on January 16th. That too was a success. You don't have to be a member of the Guild to help us out. Our next sale will be March 15th. Looking forward we are going to do a Spring Basket to be raffled off in May, date TBA.

At our last meeting we looked at ways to gain membership. We will have a nightly get together when the weather is warmer and the time changes. This gathering will be known as the infamous Episcopal Tea! We will keep you posted on this event. We are also going to invite the ladies from St. David and Calvary to join us.

Looking ahead the Episcopal Church Women's 2020 Annual Meeting & Convention, "Creation Care, Paths to Sustainability" on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 9-3 at the Cathedral. More information and registration form on the Parish Hall bulletin board or you can register on line at: <u>treasurer@ecwchicago.org</u>. Cost for early registration (by mail postmarked by March 31): is \$25. It sounds like a wonderful program.

Communication Committee

Our next meeting is March 9th at 9 am in the Church Office. All are welcome! The goal of the committee is to spread the word about all the great things going on at Trinity. Some of our past accomplishments are: the development of four brochures about the Church; New Parish Signs outside: new seasonal Banners on poles outside. Better lighting in the Parish Hall, Exterior signage showing hours of operation and services; new railings in the parking lot and on the stairs; and Advertising for the Concert Series. If you have ideas on what we can do to get the word out, please let us know! Hope to see you on the 9th!

Updates

Gary Gorney is recuperating from his surgery. So far the reports are wonderful! He intends to get back to work as soon as he can. Please keep him and Inga in your prayers.

The Talented 10 program led by Natalie Bonner continues to upgrade the basement in preparation for becoming a Day Care Center. The walls have been repainted and the mounds of equipment that she brought has been sorted through and streamlined. I'm thinking about a grand opening in May.

We recently received a donation of two flat screen TVs. One from James Athos and one from the Luckritz's. Father purchased a mobile TV stand out of discretionary funds and after 3 days of trying to get existing Church equipment to connect to the TV, we purchased a new CD player. The outcome? We are now able to conduct Adult Education Sessions from Father's extensive library. It is quite exciting!

As spring approaches, it is wonderful to note that our boiler has had a nearly maintenance free season after all the problems we had last year. Next up replacing the pipes that we have band-aided over the last two years!

We received a thank you letter from Mutual Ground for the Quilt Fund Raiser which has some how has been misplaced. My apologies to St. Margaret's Guild for this gaffe!



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2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

For those of you who weren't able to attend our annual meeting which was held on February 9, 2020.

- 1. Father Luckritz Called the Meeting to order at 10:50 am 2/9/2020
- 2. Father said the opening prayer.
- 3. Father reviewed the requirements for parish membership.
- 4. A motion was made, seconded and passed to name Borchert as meeting clerk.
- 5. Father introduced Trinity's new neighbor, Michael Joy who purchased and is renovating a building across the parking lot from Trinity. Michael shares our interest in beautifying the parking lot and entrance to both buildings. He purchased and installed Trinity Parking signs and is working with us to develop a parking sticker procedure for the lot. It is wonderful to have an interested, supportive and dynamic neighbor like Michael.
- 6. A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the Agenda as presented.
- 7. A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes.
- 8. Father reviewed the Nominating Committee's report and thanked Tom Herget and Cathie Patterson for their service. See page 6 of the Annual Report for the new Vestry. Tom will continue as Treasurer, but not as a voting member of the Vestry.
- 9. Named the delegates and alternates to the 2020 Convention: Greg Gyllsdorff, Linda Barber, and Cathie Patterson with Gale Blogg and Pat Wilson as alternates.
- 10. A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the Vestry and Delegate slate.
- 11. Rector's Report. Father referred to his written report on page 7. He noted that we had come significant losses during the year and especially remembered Gloria Maudsley, Peter Barber and Ken Palmquist. He also mentioned making renewed contact with three families: Joanne Maynard and Karen Zimmerman. Attendance averaged 49 for the year, but will be difficult to maintain in the coming year. A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the Rector's verbal and written report.
- 12. Sr. Warden Report: Marilou Clohessy referred members to her written report. Father thanked Marilou for her exemplary service.
- 13. Jr. Warden's Report: Ken Adam referred to his building and grounds report in the Annual Report and stressed what a wonderful year of progress we have made! Father thanked Ken and Rob.
- 14. A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the Warden reports.
- 15. The winners of the fence auction were announced. Guy Stephens won one section; Cathie Patterson won the other two!
- 16. Father praised the work that Maria Ulloa and Gary Gorney, keep our grounds beautifully maintained during the year.
- 17. The Finance Report was presented by Tom Herget who reviewed:

The final results of the 2019 Budget and the 2020 Budget

2019 Significant Enhancements to Building and Grounds

Trinity's Asset Allocation report

Report of Funds Under Control of the Church

Mission Funds Report.

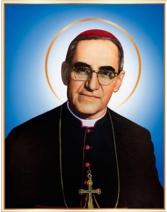
Questions were asked and answered.

A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the reports as presented.

- 18. The Outreach Report detailed the accomplishments of our outreach program in 2019 and reported that the same four outreach projects will be done this year.
- 19. The Communications Committee felt that the tearing down of the Masonic Temple had greatly enhanced the beauty of our neighborhood.
- 20. Music: Greg Gyllsdorff thanked everyone who made our music program great last year. He also stated that there is an opening on the Bell Choir and asked for volunteers.
- 21. Sandwich Board: Gale Blogg reported that the Sandwich Board continues to do great work and that Trinity has expanded the number of times it hosts it. More support from the Congregation is needed.
- 22. St. Margaret's Guild: The had a wonderful Christmas Party with Betty Giles at Bickford on Galena. They are looking to add some evening events to allow more women to attend. They had a successful Quilt fund-raiser and many bake sales during the year.

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Óscar Romero and the Martyrs of El Salvador, Archbishop of San Salvador, 1980



Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdémez was born on August 15, 1917, in San Salvador. At the age of twelve, he was apprenticed to a carpenter, but was later able to attend seminary. His family's economic circumstances forced him to withdraw to work in a gold mine. Ultimately he entered another seminary and was eventually sent to the Gregorian University in Rome to study theology. After his ordination to the priesthood, he returned to his native land, where he worked among the poor, served as an administrator for the Church, and started an Alcoholics Anonymous group in San Miguel.

When he was appointed a bishop, radicals distrusted his conservative sympathies. However, after his appointment as Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, a progressive Jesuit friend of his, Rutilio Grande, was assassinated, and Romero began protesting the government's injustice to the poor and its policies of torture. He met with Pope John Paul II in 1980 and complained that the leaders of El Salvador engaged in terror and assassinations. He also pleaded with the American government to stop military aid to his country, but this

request was ignored.

Romero was shot to death while celebrating Mass at a small chapel near his cathedral on March 24, 1980. The previous day, he preached a sermon calling on soldiers to disobey orders that violated human rights. He had said, "A bishop will die, but the Church of God which is the people will never perish." The Roman Catholic Church declared him "a servant of God," and he is honored as a martyr by many Christian denominations worldwide.

Almost nine months after Romero's assassination, four Maryknoll nuns were also killed in the course of their duties by the El Salvadoran army. Nine Jesuit priests were similarly murdered in November of1989. A statue of Romero stands at the door of Westminster Abbey as part of a commemoration of twentieth-century martyrs.

Almighty God, you called your servant Óscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and for ever. Amen.

Annual Meeting Minutes (Continued)

- 23. The Altar Guild. Father praised Pat Wilson for <u>all</u> her efforts behind the scenes and for the other members of the Guild.
- 24. A motion was made, seconded and passed accepting the committee reports (Continued on Page 6)
- 25. Final Comments: Father said that there was always someone who should have been thanked but was overlooked and apologized. He said it was a terrific year at Trinity and good things are ahead.
- 26. There was extra food. Members were asked to take some home.
- 27. Doug Tierney commented on how welcome he has felt since he began coming here and thanks us for being so inclusive.
- 27. Courtesy resolutions will be sent out as they have in the past.
- 28. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 am.

Respectfully Submitted

Rob Borchert Clerk





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Ritual, Reason, and Why -



Christian churches often have at least one lamp continually burning before the tabernacle, not only as an ornament of the altar, but for the purpose of worship. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal in the Catholic Church, for instance, states (in 316): "In accordance with traditional custom, near the tabernacle a special lamp, fueled by oil or wax, should be kept alight to indicate and honor the presence of Christ." The sanctuary lamp, also called a chancel lamp, is placed before the tabernacle or aumbry in Roman Catholic churches as a sign that the Lord is present, Old Catholic, and Anglican churches as a sign that the Blessed Sacrament is reserved or stored. It is also found in the chancel of Lutheran or Methodist churches to indicate the presence of Christ in the sanctuary, as well as a belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

The sanctuary lamp may also be seen in Eastern Orthodox Churches. Other Christian denominations burn the lamp to show that the light of Christ always burns in a sin-darkened world. With influence from Judaism in the Old Testament, God told Moses that a lamp filled with the pure oil should perpetually burn in the Tabernacle (Ex 27:20-21). This is the precedent for the Catholic Church's custom of burning a candle (at all times) before the tabernacle – the gold house where the Eucharistic Body of Christ is reserved under lock and key. In Jewish practice, this Altar lamp is known for its Hebrew name, **ner tamid** (Hebrew: בר קמיד).

In Judaism, the sanctuary lamp is known by its Hebrew name, **Ner Tamid** (Hebrew: "eternal flame" or "eternal light"). Hanging or standing in front of the <u>ark</u> in every Jewish <u>synagogue</u>, it is meant to represent the <u>menorah</u> of the <u>Temple in Jerusalem</u> as well as the continuously burning fire on the <u>altar</u> of burnt offerings in front of the Temple. It also symbolizes God's eternal presence and is therefore never extinguished. It is also intended to draw parallels between God and fire, or light, which is emphasized throughout the book of Exodus in the <u>Torah</u>. These lights are never allowed to dim or go out, and in the case of electric problems, alternative emergency energy sources are used to prevent it from diminishing. Though once fueled by oil, most today are electric lights

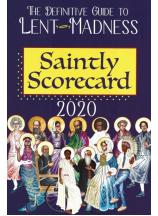
The eternal light is central to one of many stories behind the celebration of the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. When the ancient <u>Maccabees</u> rebelled and reclaimed the <u>Temple in Jerusalem</u>, they rekindled the eternal light. However, there was only enough oil to keep the flame burning for one day, and it took eight days to bring new oil. Miraculously, according to the story as recounted in the <u>Talmud</u>, the flame continued to burn until the new oil arrived.

Today, Jewish celebrations of Hanukkah include the lighting of the <u>Hanukkah menorah</u> (Hanukkiyah), which has nine branches: including one for the candle used to light the eight flames (candles or wicks in oil), recalling the story.

Lent Madness - Saintly Scorecard 2020

Thanks to Cathie Patterson, many of us are participating in our second Lent Madness competition!. Modeled after the NCCA's March Basketball Tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 Saints against each other, one on one with us, the participants voting on the match ups every day with the winner advancing to the next round. We are about half way through the first round of Competition. While this sounds kind of silly, it is quite fascinating! You read about two saintly figures every day that you have either never heard of or have never heard the whole story about and then have to vote for one or the other! Today pits Joshua vs. Joseph!

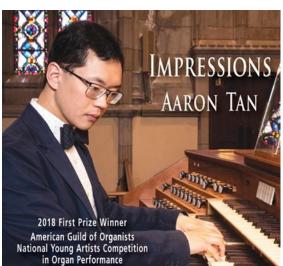
If you are connected to Trinity's Facebook page - https://www.facebook.com/ groups/191161715155/ - Marilou posts the matches daily, Or you can go to lentmadness.org and subscribe and they will send it to you daily.





NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Exciting Music Coming to Trinity



We have some wonderful special events and some exciting regular events coming to Trinity. The next event in our concert series is the fantastic organist Aaron Tan.

First Prize and Audience Prize winner of the 2018 American Guild of Organists National Young Artist Competition in Organ Performance, Aaron Tan is a Canadian concert organist and pianist who enjoys multifaceted careers both as a musician and a materials scientist.

His musical upbringing started on the piano and later on the violin. He received his Associate (ARCT) diploma in Piano Performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Canada at the age of twelve and went on to earn diplomas in Piano Performance from Trinity College of Music, London, England, at 13 and 15 years of age, respectively. When he was 18, he also completed his ARCT diploma in Violin Performance.

Aaron has served as Organ Scholar at St. John's Episcopal Church in Detroit, Michigan, Artist in Residence at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul,

Detroit, and Assistant Organist at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Currently, Aaron is studying at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University and also serves as Organ Scholar at The Church of the Resurrection, New York City.

Aaron's concert is at Trinity, March 15 at 3:00 pm. There will be a gala reception following the concert.

Holy Week is filled with drama, and times for reflection. **Palm Sunday** starts with a great procession while we sing the ancient hymn All Glory, Laud, and Honor. We hear the Passion Story, and reflect of Jesus' sacrifice for us.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are overflowing with times for reflection and self-examination. In their quiet simplicity, they provide us with an opportunity to look deep within ourselves.

Easter Vigil is one of the most beautiful liturgies in the whole year. Early Christians kept vigil with those who were to be baptized as new Christians this night. The stories of God's great actions were retold, and then, the great celebration of Easter with the first eucharist of the day began. It is a night filled with abundant readings, music and celebration.

Easter Day is always a time of great celebration at Trinity, with Brass, Bells, Choir and Organ. Festival settings of the Liturgy with Brass accompaniment, great hymns of the faith, spectacular choir anthems and Festival music for Organ and Brass.





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19 8:15 AM Choir 9:00 AM Eucharist 10:45 AM Choir	20 6:30 PM Vestry	21 12:00 PM St. Margaret's Guild	22	23 Trinity	24	25 Saint Mark, Evangelist		
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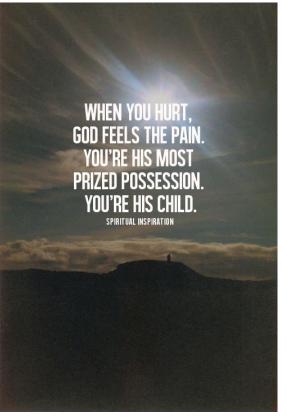
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Trinity is a congregation that strives to be a thriving, vibrant, open and affirming, diverse community of hope that, with God's help, heartily welcomes the stranger, joyously worships the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and lovingly serves 'the least of these,' a church that changes people's lives for the better.



Trinity Vestry

Pastor Rev. Denzil J. Luckritz Senior Warden: Marilou Clohessy Junior Warden: Ken Adam Members Rob Borchert Karen Dolan Mary Jacobsen Cathie Patterson Guy Stephens Trish Tousignant