# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Epiphany - Lent - February, 2020

### **February Highlights**

Holy Eucharist with music, each Sunday at 9 a.m. - Rite II



Sunday, February 2 - The Feast of the Presentation -Souper Bowl Sunday - We've

been participating in this national event for over 15 years and each year our donations have grown. Throughout the nation congregations of every denomination donate cash and food items which are all used in their local communities. Donate for each member of your family, extended family and even your pets. The soup pot will be at the base of the baptismal font.

**Sunday, February 16 - Vestry meets.** Everyone welcome.

# Farewell to Alleluia

Sunday, February 23 - The 7th and Last Sunday After the Epiphany - sometimes known as "Alleluia" Sunday because Lent begins during the coming week. Come and sing with gusto!



Tuesday, February 25 - 6 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Our volunteer cooks serve up a

feast that looks exactly like this picture It's our own *Mardi Gras* - Fat Tuesday, a delicious tradition begun to use up all the fats before the lean days of Lent.

February 26 - Ash Wednesday - Holy Eucharist I and Imposition of Ashes, Noon



#### Outreach

--We broke our own record this year with the **Mitten Tree**; **80** items were donated in Tioga County.

--Marie Bubniak continues to build **gift** baskets for the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center. In 2019 we donated 28 baskets, for kitchen, laundry, personal and bath and 18 personal care kits. You can read more in the Annual Meeting Report, available online or in the narthex. --For many years we have donated food items to the Athens United Methodist Church's food pantry. In 2020 our donations will go to the student food pantry at Sayre High. All nonperishable food items are welcome,

except peanut butter.

#### Our 178th Annual Meeting

was held on January 26. Our numbers may be small, but we had a rich and full year in 2019 with beautiful and meaningful worship and music, a strong Outreach program, and active and responsible vestry members who acted as good stewards of our finances and buildings. We are blessed to have Fr. Ben as our long-term supply priest, an excellent preacher and good friend of Trinity. We also had our first professional audit in many years and came through with a good report.

--Our current vestry members have agreed to serve another year: Daniel Gerhart, Nate Schwartzberg, Marny Gerhart, Marie Bubniak, and Laura Cama. With our grateful thanks, Marny Gerhart has retired from her many years as our diocesan convention delegate; our delegate for 2020 is Laura Cama. As Senior Warden Dan Gerhart says, we have small-church issues, but we can and will continue as long as you are all happy with what the vestry is doing. As always everyone is welcome at vestry meetings.



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**Epiphany Lent** 

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		Friday	Saturday
SOUPER B WIL	Place a dollar, or mor in the soup pot for each member of your family. Donations are used locally.	2/2 Ben, Andrea Steve and Heathe 2/16 Jon, Wendy,	and Theo Lentz. <b>2/9</b> Patricia Martin, <b>2/2</b> St. Patricia Martin Lake. <b>2/9</b> St. Lu			ter Diocese of Kajo Keji: aul Beliak Parish. uke, Bajur. 2/16 St. James, 2/23 St. Joseph, Lire and Parishes.	1
2 The Feast of the Presentation 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Souper Bowl Sunday	3 AA 8:00 pm	4	5 Intergroup 5:00 pm AA 7:30 pm Jonathan Ayres Alexandra Ayres	6 AA 5:15 and 8:00 pm		7	8  Hermine Shapiro
9 The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>10</b> AA 8:00 pm	11	12 AA 7:30 pm Chuck Cornell	<b>13</b> AA 5:15 and 8:00 pm		14	15
16 The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour —Vestry Meets—	17 AA 8:00 pm	<b>18</b> Peg Murray	<b>19</b> AA 7:30 pm	20 AA 5:15 and 8:00 pm		21	22 Logan Cornell
23 The Seventh Sunday after The Epiphany 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	AA 8:00 pm	25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6 p.m.	26 Ash Wednesday Noon - Holy Eucha- rist I and Imposition of Ashes (Grace will join us) AA 7:30 pm	<b>27</b> AA 5:15 and 8:00 pm		28	29

Anglicans around the World: 2/2 The Anglican Church of Burundi, Archbishop Martin Nyaboho. 2/9 The Anglican Church of Canada, Bishop Linda Nicholls. 2/16 The Church of the Province of Central Africa, Archbishop Albert Chama. 2/23 The Anglican Church of Central America, Bishop Julio Murray Thompson.

Diocese of Bethlehem. 2/2 North Parish, St. Clair & Ashland. 2/9 Trinity, Athens, Daniel Gerhart, SW; The Rev. Benjamin Lentz, Supply. Stewardship Commission. 2/16 Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Dean Anthony Pompa, Rector. 2/23 Trinity, Bethlehem, The Rev. Dr. Pamela Payne, Rector. Retired Clergy of the Diocese.

Coming in March: Daylight Savings begins next weekend - Spring Forward and lose an hour of sleep, or be late to church. Spring begins March 20.



Easter this year is April 12.