

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Visitor

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Deadline for next issue will be February 13th

TIME TO READ A GOOD BOOK

Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Why not read something?

On January 10 those of us who attended church renewed our Baptismal Covenant. We promised to “continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.” I asked the congregation to consider the last time they had read or studied anything that might be considered apostolic or Christian. I suggested then that Lent might be a good time to read.

The book some of us (Wednesday morning group) are going to read is *The Lent Factor* by Graham James, Bishop of Norwich. He presents 40 Lenten traveling companions, living or historical, famous or unknown, each has played a part in his Christian Formation. I have ordered books for the group and a few extra. This book is also available on Kindle or Nook.

Luke is the Gospel we will be reading most Sundays this year. I have made a schedule which divides the Gospel into forty sections, one for each day of Lent.

Take the Bible Challenge! Take a great journey through the Bible, a year-long reading adventure, with *The Bible Challenge*. Each day you will be accompanied by a meditation written by a church leader or biblical scholar. More than one hundred archbishops, bishops, deans, priests, and scholars have contributed essays. The Rev. Marek P. Zabriskie, founder of *The Bible Challenge* and editor of this volume, believes that our lives of faith will be enlivened and expanded by a sustained encounter with God’s word. If you never thought you could read the whole Bible, *The Bible Challenge* is a wonderful way to embark on a holy pilgrimage joined by others from around the world!

I will order *The Bible Challenge* for anyone who is interested. Please let me know if you would like a copy by January 31.

Faithfully,
Briggett+



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As you may be aware, Annette and I met with Bishop Mark Beckwith and Canon to the Ordinary Greg Jacobs on Tuesday night, January 12th, at Episcopal House. At this initial meeting, we discussed the transition process, and were given a number of materials to read through, including the 105-page search manual

that the diocese has put together. Over the next several months, the Vestry and Wardens will be working closely with the diocese on this next chapter--and, as you can imagine, this will include a review of our physical plant and financials, an update of our parish profile, and the appointment of a search committee.

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Many hands will make light the work, and it is our hope that you will give serious and prayerful consideration as to how you can put your talents and time to good use to ensure that the transition will be seamless and successful.

We will make every effort to keep the congregation up-to-date with developments as they happen.

Patty Bradley, Senior Warden

2016 PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

An updated Parish Directory is planned for publication in early February. Your assistance is requested by reviewing your information as it appears in the 2015 Parish Directory. Please advise Liz DeLaura if there are any changes (additions, deletions or corrections) by email (lizd1071@gmail.com) or phone (201) 666-2228.

A REASON TO REJOICE!

We have received a check for \$3,050 from the Diocese for the Ward Herbert to replace the Behringer Hall windows and fire doors in the hall and church. This represents 50% of the estimated cost, for those projects. The committee will be meeting soon to review estimates and assign work.

Total funds received are around \$40,000. Any parishioner who promised to pay a pledge this year is requested to do so. Any parishioner who has not pledged is encouraged to make a contribution so we can complete **all** the projects. You are always welcome to add to your contribution and you are encouraged to inquire whether your employer or prior employer will make a matching gift; Bill Ferara has a list of companies which make matching gifts.

Anyone subject to the Required Minimum Distribution may be able to direct part of the distribution to the Capital Campaign rather than take it as taxable income. If interested, he/she should contact either their tax advisor or IRA trustee.

Message from Charles Franzman

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members of Holy Trinity Church for the recognition, gifts and prayer at the January 3, 2016, Parish meeting. I was definitely surprised and overwhelmed.

As I mentioned at the meeting, a portion of the recognition belongs to everyone who participates at Holy Trinity: those who contribute or raise funds;

those who work to reduce costs; and the clergy, staff and lay individuals who supplied the financial data and advice that helped me keep the financial production line running smoothly. All of these people were part of an important team. I am very happy to report that we have a well-qualified replacement treasurer in Bill Ferara. I am very confident that he will be an excellent treasurer. Once again, thanks go to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Franzman, Treasurer (retired)

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to everyone who made a pledge for 2016 and/or fulfilled your pledge for 2015. If you have forgotten one or both, please take action. The Vestry budgets and plans based on pledged income; whatever happens we must pay for heat, light, insurance, salaries, etc. If you are behind in your pledge, please fulfill 2015. If you have not pledged for 2016, please consider doing so realistically. When income does not match outflow, we must take from our steadily decreasing savings to make up the difference.

DISTRICT EVENT

The district 9 Epiphany party was a great success. Approximately 75 representatives from 6 churches socialized, ate, listened and danced to a live band and generally had fun. The suggestion has been made that we host a district wide event in the fall. Anyone interested in chairing such an activity? Contact Libby Morley

BISHOP'S VISIT

Bishop Beckwith will visit Holy Trinity Sunday February 10th "to help the congregation claim its mission and identity as a unique part of the body of Christ." He will facilitate a forum starting at 9:00 am and then conduct service at 10:00. There will be some time for questions and conversation at the forum and at coffee hour. The Vestry will then have lunch with him. **Please mark your calendar and plan to come to church at 9:00 am on Feb 10th.**

HELPING HAND FOOD PANTRY

"Show Your Love" drive for Valentine's Day! Please donate disposable diapers sizes 3, 4, 5 only, and baby wipes to the Pantry. Diapers cost on average at least \$100 a month. (The monthly food stamp grant for a mother & one child is about \$200, and it can not be used to purchase anything but food.) Bags will be available in breezeway for deposit now thru Sunday, February 14th. If you have any questions, contact Diane Tekirian, [973-638-1529](tel:973-638-1529) or dianetekirian@yahoo.com. Thank you for your generosity!!

Consistently needed pantry items include

Parmalat milk	Sugar	Flour
Juice	Mayo	Ketchup
Cooking oil	Peanut butter	Jelly
Canned fruits	Jello	Boxed potatoes
Cookies	Crackers	Pancake mix
Canned meats (chicken, ham, spam, hash stew)		

You can support the food pantry by donating grocery coupons purchased at coffee hour the 3rd Sunday in the month. And, anytime you make a purchase through Amazon.com, go to **Amazon Smile** at check out and pick Helping Hand Food Pantry as your **Amazon Smile** recipient...

CHECK THE WEBSITE

<http://www.holytrinityhillsdale.org>.

This is the public image of Holy Trinity as well as a place for you to see pictures, get updates and find out what is going on. News to post? Send to fitzpatricksl@optimum.net.

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EVENING WITH THE DEVILS

Parishioners, friends, and family members are invited to join us on a fun trip to a New Jersey Devils hockey game on Thursday Night, April 7th against the Tampa Bay Lightning. Tickets are \$50 each for center ice seating, in the 200 level. A portion of each ticket purchased will benefit Holy Trinity. Tickets are going to sell out fast, so be sure to speak to Chris Fitzpatrick to reserve your spot!

CHILI COOKOFF

The 4th Annual Holy Trinity Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday night, April 2nd! Last year this flagship fundraising event drew more than 110 patrons, and this year is poised to be the best yet! We are looking for nice donations for the Silent Auction, as well as chili chefs to volunteer to enter the competition. If you have any questions, to make a donation, or to enter a chili, please reach out to Chris Fitzpatrick via e-mail at Fitzpatricksl@optimum.net or via phone at [\(973\) 271-9849](tel:973-271-9849).



EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL

Saint Dominic Academy, 2572 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City will host an Open House for anyone interested in its 7th and 8th Grade Program on Tuesday, February 23 at 6:00 p.m. The events will feature complete information about this accelerated program for young girls, including Shadow Day opportunities, curriculum review, project presentations, tours of the school and details about the application process for Grades 7 and 8 for September 2016. More information can be found on the website www.stdominicacad.com. Questions can be directed at any time to Andrea Apruzzese, Director of Admissions at [201-434-5938](tel:201-434-5938), ext. 14 or to aapruzzese@stdominicacad.com

*"A little bit of mercy makes the world
less cold and more just."*

"We all have the duty to do good."

Pope Francis

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/19 Jane Arlin
- 1/21 Valerie Atwater
- 1/22 Charles Franzman
- 1/23 *Bill & Judy Bauer*
- 1/27 Troy Galan
- 1/28 Jessica Donovan & Justin Hendrix

FEBRUARY

- 2/5 Bobby Braverman
- 2/8 Jean Looes and Caroline Wates
- 2/11 Abbie Tekirian
- 2/12 Jeff Kay
- 2/13 Sam Braverman
- 2/14 Ernest Wigfield and Allison Bell
- 2/18 Annette Loblanco
- 2/21 Suzanne Rocos, Sydney Ayer, Greg Stalb
- 2/22 *Cheryl & John Lane*

*We are inheritors of the Biblical Dream.
We have the responsibility to carry that
Dream into the world...in moments if not
movements of justice and blessing.*

Bishop Mark Beckwith

SAVE THE DATE

February 7th Bishop's Visit, forum 9 AM

Ash Wednesday 5 PM Children's Service

followed by pizza

7 PM HE followed by pizza

Maundy Thursday 6PM Agape pot luck meal

7:30 PM Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday 5 PM Children's Service

7:30 PM Good Friday Liturgy



April 2nd Chili Cook-off

April 7th Devils Game

**April 10th Confirmation, 3:00 pm, Trinity &
St. Philips Cathedral, Newark**

May 8th Mother's Day Breakfast

June 12th Service in the Park & picnic



September 12th Golf Outing