

TRINITY TIDINGS

The mission of Trinity Church is to Worship God in Christ, Welcome all people, Rejoice in fellowship, Grow in knowledge, Give of ourselves, Care for one another, Serve the world, and Proclaim the good news of God in Christ.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury, Pennsylvania

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Holy Week and Easter at Trinity

– Rev. Marshall Shelly

As early as the fourth century of the Common Era, we have records of people in the Christian West observing the time between Palm, or Passion, Sunday and the Sunday of Easter with *Proper*, or particular, liturgies. Some even made the point of making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to walk in the presumably same places Our Lord did in his last days. Marking these days leading from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, through his experience in the city, up through his "last supper" with his friends, into his arrest and ultimate crucifixion has been an experience Christians have sought for millennia. We, too, take that same journey each year. From Palm Sunday, through the youth presentation of the Stations of the Cross, from Maundy Thursday and the

Nightwatch over the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel to the sorrow of Good Friday, from the hollow grief of Holy Saturday to the witness of that awesome Light being rekindled at the Great Vigil. Each moment, each liturgy, takes us into being with Jesus in His Passion's walk through joy and grief, death and pain, into new and resurrected life.

The following are descriptions and testimonies about the richness that is Holy Week here at Trinity. I pray that, after the completion of the observance of a Holy Lent, you will find yourself here on the campus throughout this week's liturgies and find out for yourself just what a powerful journey this path from gate to cross to tomb to life truly can be for each of us in our walk with Christ....

Palm Sunday – Susan Wells, Worship and Spiritual Life Ministry

Palm Sunday, a.k.a. Passion Sunday, is Sunday, April 9, the Sunday before Easter. This is when the church celebrates Jesus' final and triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Trinity begins this celebration with a triumphal procession complete with a horse, palms (this year we will use spring branches from our homes since palms are not readily available), choir and excited children! Real palm leaves or crosses made from palms are distributed to the congregation.

Upon entering the church everyone will notice that

the color of the liturgical vestments will be crimson, the color of martyrdom. This color of vestments will remain through Holy Week, except when we use white vestments on Maundy Thursday. In many Episcopal congregations, including Trinity, the passion narrative is read during worship. The spiritual energy of the celebration and service moves from joy to sobriety, from loud jubilation to quiet reflection, to sorrow and silence, as we prepare for the special services of the week.



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Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday – April 9

8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist & Blessing of Palms - Church

Holy Monday – April 10

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Church

Holy Tuesday – April 11

8:00 a.m. Centering Prayer - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Church

Holy Wednesday – April 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Chapel

Maundy Thursday – April 13

6:30 p.m. Agape Dinner - McArthur Hall
7:30 p.m. Foot Washing and Eucharist - Church
9:00 p.m. Nightwatch - Chapel

Good Friday – April 14

8:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy - Chapel
3:00 p.m. Tenebrae - Chapel
7:30 p.m. Proper Liturgy - Church

Holy Saturday – April 15

8:00 a.m. Proper Liturgy - Chapel
8:00 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter - Church

Easter Day – April 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns - Church
9:15 a.m. Resurrection of the Alleluias - Mason Brower Garden
9:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist - Church
Easter Egg Hunt Follows
11:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist - Church

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Passion Sunday is a term the churches of the Anglican Communion adopted in 1976. In Anglican churches that choose to follow the Sarum Rite (a term referring to the liturgical practices of the earliest Christian communities in Salisbury, England); crimson vestments are pressed into service on this day –

replacing either purple or the Lenten array (unbleached muslin cloth) of Lent. The entire week is often called Passion Week. Yet, as in the case of Palm Sunday, most Anglican, Roman Catholic and Protestant laity alike, continue to refer to the last week before Easter by its original name – Holy Week.

Remembering the Time Between

– Geraldine Broadbent, Vestry Liaison, Worship and Spiritual Life Ministry

Holy Week is the time when we decidedly step out of our routines and enter into a new season of worship and mindfulness. The Gospel readings of Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Holy Wednesday tell us what Jesus was doing during the time between his arrival in Jerusalem and the final supper he shared with his friends on Thursday evening.

Holy Monday – On this day we learn that while Jesus stayed with friends in Bethany, a woman anointed his feet with costly perfume. Some who were there were angered by this, saying it was wasteful. Jesus revealed that she had anointed his body beforehand in preparation for his burial.

Holy Tuesday – The Gospel reading for Holy Tuesday tells of his visit to the temple in Jerusalem. There he drove out the people who were selling animals for sacrifice and overturned the tables of the

moneychangers. They were exchanging common currency for temple money, thus exploiting the poor and all who came to worship. The chief priests and scribes were angered and began to plan to kill him.

Holy Wednesday – On Wednesday evening the Trinity Youth Group will lead a candlelight devotional of the Stations of the Cross. This evening time was chosen so that families and children would be able to experience this solemn and beautiful service. The youth use a combination of original writing and art or drama in the depiction of each of the fourteen steps of Christ's passion. The stations are followed by a Holy Eucharist service. In the Holy Wednesday Gospel, Jesus, at supper with his disciples, is troubled and tells them that one of them will betray him. He indicates Judas and tells him to do quickly that which he is going to do.

The Triduum – Caroline McCarthy, Lay Assistant

A funny-sounding Latin word meaning “three days,” the Triduum (pronounced TRID-uh-wum) refers to the great rituals and central events of the Christian liturgical year coming at the end of Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

Maundy Thursday – “Maundy” is a medieval English form of the Latin

word *man datum*, meaning “commandment.” It refers to Jesus’ “new commandment” in John 13:34, “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.”

In the first few centuries of the church's life, worship took place in the form of an *agape* meal, or “love feast.” To expe-

The Triduum – continued

rience the tradition of Trinity's Agape Supper is to experience the same wonderful sense of joy and grace freely given that must have been present then. Trinity parishioners gather together on the evening of Maundy Thursday and all present are given a feast of fresh bread, dried fruit, wine and cheese.



Afterwards, all share in the moving Washing of Feet service and Stripping of the Altar, a ritual in which all outward signs of the Christ are removed from the church sanctuary. Because Jesus washed his disciples' feet at the Last Supper, the early Christian church continued that custom by incorporating washing each other's feet into their liturgies.

After the Maundy Thursday service, many parishioners join in Trinity's *Nightwatch with Christ*. Beginning on the night of Maundy Thursday, through to Good Friday morning, members give reverence to Christ's time in the Garden of Gethsemane, sitting quietly in the candle-lit Chapel for an hour at a time, taking turns through the night, to "watch" with Christ in silence.

Good Friday – On this day, Christians remember and meditate upon the crucifixion of Jesus through fasting and special devotion. Though everyone gathers in devotion together, Eucharist is not celebrated. The church is bare having been stripped the night before. The crosses are veiled in black and communion is given from the reserved sacrament.

Tenebrae – Held in the candlelit Chapel, Tenebrae is a quiet and powerful dramatic interpretation of the traditional Roman rite. During this half-hour service on Good Friday, there are readings and music from Peter Gabriel's

"Passion." Candles are gradually extinguished, signifying the abandonment of Jesus by his friends and the encroaching threat of death and darkness. Tenebrae is an offering by the Youth Group for all members of Trinity.

The Great Vigil of Easter – This ancient rite is filled with dramatic flare that starts with the kindling of the "new fire," the lighting of the Paschal Candle, and the spreading of the Easter "light" by candle throughout the church. The Saturday evening service tells the story of our redemption culminating in the resurrection. The service includes baptism and the bringing back of the Alleluia. So bring a bell and help "ring in" the new dawn of Easter. After the service, join your fellow parishioners for a light feast in McArthur Hall.

Easter Day – This is the feast of Christ's resurrection. There will be three services from which to select. The 8:00 a.m. service is a more traditional Eucharist with the addition of hymns. The 9:15 a.m. service is filled with family joy and excitement at Trinity. Children of all ages gather in the Mason Brower Garden at 9:30 a.m. to resurrect the Alleluia banner. All participants will process with the Senior Choir and help to hang the banner in the main sanctuary. Following this service, all children head outside for the annual Easter Egg Hunt (bring your own basket!). Finally, the 11:30 a.m. service will be a service featuring the Senior Choir.

In Closing – Palm Sunday, Holy Week and all the opportunities for reflection and worship, ending with the celebration of Easter, through the Vigil and Easter morning, all bring us together in our understanding that Jesus is Lord. So join us for the journey through this week and bring your Easter bonnet for the celebration of the Risen Christ!

Feast Day in April

– Rev. Marshall Shelly

St. Mark, April 25 (Contemplative Eucharist, 8:00 a.m., Chapel)

Mark is mentioned several times in the Gospels as being one of the followers of Jesus. Several stories refer to a "Mark," and if taken together give us a picture of someone who sat in the wider circle of disciples ... but who later became one of the more active apostles, joining Paul and Barnabas on their missions to Asia Minor and Cyprus. There was a Mark with Paul in Rome after his arrest. Earlier stories hold that Mark's mother may have owned the house in which Jesus observed the "Last Supper" with his friends. He may also have been the young man who ran away naked during Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Mark is generally believed to have been the author of the Gospel bearing his name, this idea originating sometime in the second century outside of Hieropolis in Asia Minor. Mark is seen as the patron of Alexandria which claims him as its first bishop and martyr. There is also the great church of St. Mark in Venice, commemorating Mark's transformation from "the disciple who progressed from turning back while on a missionary journey

with Paul and Barnabas to proclaiming in his Gospel Jesus of Nazareth as Son of God, and bearing witness to that faith in his later life as friend and companion to the apostles Peter and Paul."



Trinity Forum – Maire Vieth – Forum Committee

During this Easter season, Trinity Forum continues its theme of “Call and Discernment” by celebrating the artistic expression of Christ in our midst.

April 23

The Call of the Resurrected Christ: Stations of the Resurrection,

Offered by Elizabeth Augenblick and her daughter, Trinity member Lisa Leydon. For centuries Christians have paid homage to Christ's suffering, especially during Lent, by praying before 14 *Stations of the Cross*. Forty-five years ago, a Brazilian priest promulgated the notion that the story of Christ's life was incomplete without recognition of the joy that followed His death on Good Friday. Noted Bucks County artist and author, Elizabeth Augenblick, was commissioned to paint 14 panels illustrating the traditional way of the cross. On the reverse side of each panel, she painted the joyous events of Christ's life that began with the Resurrection. These paintings have been combined with poetry and music many times over the years as a celebration of joy entitled “*The Reversible Dream*.” The original paintings are now in the Church of Saint Lucy in Brazil. Join us for this Forum as Elizabeth Augenblick presents her slide program featuring her paintings and meditations on the risen Christ.

Special Note: Throughout this issue of *Tidings*, look for some examples of Elizabeth Augenblick's paintings with special reflections.



The First Station of the Cross: Pilate Condemns Jesus

*Lord, in bearing injustice You share in
the cruelty of man to man. Help us bring
justice and truth to our imperfect world.*

Stewardship and Thanksgiving – Jenn Blumenstock, Stewardship Ministry

*“All good gifts around us are sent from
heav’n above; Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord, for all his love.”*
Hymnal 291

The words of this familiar Thanksgiving Day hymn may seem strange at this time of the year. But we think it is very appropriate. Our Stewardship Ministry emphasizes the importance of giving thanks, always, and especially now as we conclude our annual pledges for 2006. We want to share with you a summary of the results for 2006. Most

especially we give thanks for all that we have been given and for the many ways each of us gives to further the mission and the ministry of Trinity.

This Trinity community is incredible at giving time to each other, especially in times of need or to celebrate times of joy. We are stewards to each other and to God. We use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to embrace each other and to continue to strengthen the Trinity community and spirit, to enable us to continue to reach out to others not only

within our family – but beyond our church walls.

Time and Talents – As we move into April and May, the Stewardship Ministry will be continuing with a call to the Trinity family to share their time and talents! We want to know from **you** ways you do give and can give of your time and share your many talents with the Trinity community. Look for a time and talents survey coming your way soon!

Pledge History

Year	No. of Pledges	Amount (\$)	Average Pledge
2003	216	\$ 497,100	\$ 2,301
2004	185	\$ 465,519	\$ 2,516
2005	185	\$ 492,497	\$ 2,662
2006	191	\$ 583,282	\$ 3,054

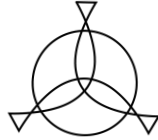
Pledge for 2006

Pledge	No. of Pledges	Amount (\$)
New (or returning) member	42	\$ 83,321
Increased from 2005	102	\$392,036
No change from 2005	22	\$ 60,230
Decreased from 2005	25	\$47,695
Totals	191*	\$ 583,282

* Representing 70 percent of the total number of parish families of 274

Trinity Launches New Website

– Jon Hayward and Laura Shelly



Communications Survey and Tidings

– Carlie Zaroff



Check out the new look and style of Trinity's newly re-launched website. No need to change your "favorites" address ... same place on the web at www.trinitysolebury.org ... just an updated look!

There are also some new features:

- Simplified look and feel
- Complete church calendar for the next several months
- Weekly bulletins and notices posted by the Saturday before services
- Current and past issues of *Tidings*
- Password Protected area: Ushers, Lectors, Counters, Acolytes Schedules and Instructions seen by members only in a secured section (Please call the office for username/password)
- Special events page: Clothing Sale, Lobsterfest, Mission Philadelphia, and House Tour
- Adjustable text size for the visually impaired
- Trinity Bookstore page: Topical books available from Amazon (your purchases help support Trinity at the same time)

Special thanks to Debbie Stedman, Sinyung Jung, Robert Hanak, Allana Simons and Roger White for all their hard work leading up to and including the creation of the website design; Jon Hayward and Laura Shelly for their work on the initial setup for the site. Parish involvement will be necessary to keep the site vital and relevant for all. To accomplish this, we want to build a team of "website editors," who take a turn at monitoring and maintaining the site for one month. Sound interesting? We want this site to be a useful tool for our worship community as well as to allow the outside world to see how we strive to be a living community in Christ's image. All are invited to join the team.

Take a moment to check out the "new" and improved website. If you have an interest in participating in this vital ministry, contact Jon Hayward at (215) 297-8566 or email jhayward@jhayward.net or Laura Shelly at (215) 230-4842 or email lmbshelly@aol.com.

Communication. It is one of the most vital links that we use every single day. We talk to one another: face-to-face; over the phone; via email; etc. Some of us are even "tech-savvy" to the point that we use text messaging. We also receive information through print and other means. As Trinity moves forward and continues to grow, we want to revisit how we communicate with each other about what is happening at the church.

In the center of *Tidings* this month is a **Communications Survey**. I encourage *each individual* to complete this survey and return it to the Church Office by the deadline: April 16. This is your opportunity to share with us about how you receive information, what works for you, and what you think about how we've been communicating to date.

Tidings Newsletter – On another note, we are looking for volunteers to take on continuing the ministry of this monthly newsletter. We have revisited the overall tasks and divided them up into smaller roles versus trying to fill this important ministry with a single volunteer. While we have some volunteers who are continuing to fill some of the roles, we have openings that need your help. Typically these roles do require someone with basic computer skills, especially in Microsoft products. Also, many of these roles can be shared or you can volunteer for a specific period of time (i.e., one quarter, six months, etc.). The open roles and time commitment estimates are as follows:

Committee Chair: 3 to 5 Hours/Month

Planning: 8 to 10 Hours/Month

Material Formatting: 5 to 7 Hours/Month

Editing and Flow: 15 to 20 Hours/Month

Photograph and Graphic Editing: 8 to 10 Hours/Month

There are also roles associated with layout, printing, production and mailing. At this point in time, we have volunteers or church staff committed to these processes. We are also looking for anyone with an interest in writing articles or in taking photographs. For more information, contact Audria White or Roger White at (215) 297-0294 or email communications@trinitysolebury.org.



Vestry Corner — Nancy Cullen, People's Warden



This month we welcomed Dick Henriques (Rector's Warden) and Renee Leister (Special Events) to their first vestry meeting. Jean Evans (Outreach) was away in Florida and will be welcomed at the April meeting.

The call to Rector's Warden is not an easy one and I am thrilled that **Dick Henriques** has accepted the position. For those of you who don't know Dick very well, let me introduce you.



Dick and his family have been parishioners of Trinity for 13 years. He and his wife, Sally, live in New Hope, PA and have three children, Alice, Jay, and Caroline.

Prior to becoming Rector's Warden, Dick has served Trinity as a Sunday School teacher, Finance Committee member and Vestry member. Over the years Sally has served as volunteer for many special events and Caroline is currently an active member of the Youth Group and is a sophomore at the George School.

As Rector's Warden, Dick's responsibilities include advising the Rector on a broad range of issues facing the parish or individual parishioners and provide strategic, operational and administrative guidance as appropriate. The by-laws of Trinity indicate that as Rectors Warden,

Dick is an officer of the Corporation. In this capacity, Dick would welcome any perspectives from the parish.

Renee Leister's call to the Special Events Ministry is a call to a ministry in the making – a new position for Trinity. It is my pleasure to introduce Renee and her family.



Renee and her husband, Scott, have been parishioners of Trinity for 4 years. The Leister family resides in New Hope, PA with their three children, Gwen, Grace, and Collin. Renee has volunteered for many events at Trinity. Most recently she put together a "Mothers with Young Children Cookie Bake Day." By setting up daycare for a few hours on a particular day, Renee gathered mothers with young children for a fun afternoon of baking and decorating cookies for Cookie Bake – not to mention fostering new friendships and lots of great conversation!

Renee accepted the call to the Vestry in a new ministry (Special Events) that will be feeling its way for the first year. The ability to have a specific Vestry Liaison who will be able to work with all committee chairs for Trinity's special events is a new concept. Trinity is growing in numbers and the size of our special events is growing as well. Prior to Renee's position, all events were "slotted" under various ministries and left to basically "run themselves." With Renee's help, all Special Events will have a "voice" in Vestry that will help them create the best event possible!

The basis of this ministry is to assist the committees with their needs, bring their concerns/needs to Vestry, keep Vestry informed of the progress of the events, keep budgetary needs in mind, see

how all events fits into Trinity's Vision, assist committees with being able to tap into other Trinity ministries for addition assistance, and being an overall support source.

If you are on a Special Events committee, please extend an invitation to your next committee meeting to Renee so that she can meet your committee and begin to put her ministry into action.

Jean Evans is no stranger to Outreach at Trinity and it was with great joy that I accepted her telephone call – all the way from Florida – to be our new Vestry Liaison for



Outreach! Jean and her husband, Frank, live in New Hope, PA and when I asked Jean how long she and Frank have been attending Trinity she stated "about 8 years ago – we were 'gym joiners.' We began attending when Trinity was holding services in the gymnasium across the street."

Jean is no stranger to outreach: she has been a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader; worked in New Jersey counseling drug abusers (mostly methadone users); volunteered in the Office of Aging helping the aged with Medicare issues; worked with VITA – income tax prep for low income families; made an outreach trip to Guatemala with her husband for Trinity; and participated in both Aid for Friends and the Seaman's Church knitting project. For the past four year Jean has also been the Tuesday afternoon Trinity office volunteer, polishing her outreach skills on anyone who calls the office!

Jean held her first Outreach Ministry meeting on March 9. Her committee was very welcoming! It was a meeting filled with lots of great ideas and hopes

Vestry Corner – continued

for the future of Outreach at Trinity. One of the highlights was the discussion of the Powell family's recent trip to Guatemala – something Jean was quite familiar with! There will be lots of opportunity for Outreach volunteers and new members are always welcome! If you would like to join Jean by giving of your time and talent within Outreach, please let her know.

Please join me in welcoming Dick, Renee, and Jean to Vestry. When you see them at church, thank them for accepting their call to ministry and encourage them in their call. Contact information for all Vestry members is included in the parish directory and is available at the website: www.trinitysolebury.org.

Thanks be to God

The Fourteenth Station of the Cross: Jesus Laid in the Tomb

*By Your suffering You redeemed us.
We give You thanks for leaving us new
purpose in life, new value in death.*



Pipe Organ Nearing Completion

– Carlie Zaroff



You have probably noticed that the outside of the new pipe organ has “settled.” However, the inside continues to grow as Martin Pasi completes the installation of the many pipes and works on the tuning and voicing process.

Easter Celebration – The Great Easter Vigil and the festival Eucharist services on Easter morning will feature the sounds of the “Chamade.” These are the horizontal, trumpets that extend beyond the front of the pipe organ case. Be sure to listen for their amazing sound coming from the front of the pipe organ at these services.

Inaugural Recital – There will be two inaugural organ recitals: Friday, May 5 and Saturday, May 6, both at 7:30 p.m. The recitals, featuring our own Organist/Choirmaster, Tim Harrell, will include works by Buxtehude, Bach,

Sweelinck, Franck, and Rheinberger. A reception will follow in McArthur Hall. The recital is free to all. Tickets will be available soon through the Church Office.

Dedication of the Pipe Organ – The official dedication will be Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m. with Choral Evensong. Most of our choirs will be featured: Senior, Chamber and Junior Choirs. The music for the service will include the *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis in B minor* by T. Tertius Noble and hymn arrangement of “*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” by Mack Wilberg. A reception will follow in McArthur Hall.

For more information or recital tickets, contact the Church Office at (215) 297-5135.

Serving with Honor – Special Update

– Susie Rorer

1st Lt. Brian Tinklepaugh, nephew of Alice Kessler, has been in our prayers and we have received an update about him. Brian returned home a few weeks ago. He has since been awarded two Bronze Stars. One is for meritorious service, and the other for valor.

Lt. Tinklepaugh, along with a sergeant, went into dangerous territory in Iraq to rescue two pilots whose helicopter had crashed. Neither pilot was badly hurt. After seeing to the safety of the pilots, Lt. Tinklepaugh and his sergeant returned to the downed helicopter to retrieve sensitive material. Both safely accomplished their second mission.



Around the Parish ...



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper...

Monastic Retreat – Buncney Brooks

When I signed up for Trinity's monastic retreat to the Episcopal Convent of St. Helena, I had no idea what to expect. I simply knew that I needed to have my spiritual batteries recharged. St. Helena's was the right place at the right time – a perfect "port of prayer." The beauty, the silence, the nurturing of the Anglican sisters – it was a perfect Epiphany for me. I read my notes of Sister Ellen Shephen's meditative reflections before going to sleep at night. They will hold me in good stead until the next time!



Lent at Trinity



From Youth Eucharist to the Junior Choir to Mozart's Requiem ... it was a time with beautiful music!

... February into March



To Bury the Alleluia and Burning of Palms

Mwamba Representative Visits

– Gregory J. Allen, Ph.D., U.S. Coordinator, Mwamba Church Ministries International, Inc.

Mrs. Dina Katina visited the U.S. to speak before the United Nations regarding women's health issues, specifically the prevention of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). She also celebrated with Mwamba during services held at Trinity. Mrs. Katina, her husband and family generously open their home to Mwamba travelers during our annual visit.



Time to **SPRING-CLEAN** Your Closet and More!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT GRANDMA'S ATTIC, TOO! – Joan Worthington and Gail Harbaugh

Spring is in the air and it's time to start thinking about the upcoming *Clothing Sale and Grandma's Attic* event. We've expanded the sale hours to include Friday evening May 19, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. plus Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Grandma's Attic is new for 2006! Grandma's Attic (not a garage sale) will be found in the Chapel. It will feature *quality treasures* from our parishioners, that are "re-salable" and in "usable" condition. Please note: this is not intended to replace your own garage sale. Highly unique *treasures* donated at this time may be held over for the Silent Auction held in mid June to support Lobsterfest. If you have something you're not certain is right for Grandma's Attic, contact Gail Harbaugh (see contact information at end).



Everyone Can Help – We all have items in our closets and throughout our households that are in great condition but we're just a little tired of them. This is your perfect opportunity to support Trinity and make room in your house for new stuff (even stuff you might "swap" out at the sale!).

Donations may be dropped off at McArthur Hall starting on Sunday, May 14 through Thursday, May 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Here's what we're looking for:

Clothing Donations –

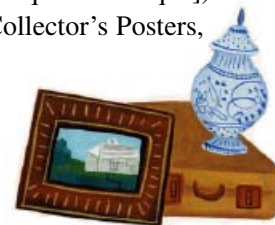
- All types, all sizes, for all ages, in any colors (in good condition, cleaned and ready to wear)
- Leave clothing on hangers
- Include size information, *especially for men's clothing* (can be on masking tape inside the collar or waistband or on a slip of paper sticking out of the pocket)
- No shoes



Items for Grandma's Attic – Household Items (No Electronics)

- Linens (Bed Linens, Tablecloths, Napkin sets, etc.)
- Silverware (Stainless or Sterling [place setting for 4 minimum], New or Antique, Silver Serving Pieces, Candlesticks, Trays, Vases, etc.)
- Dishes (Dinnerware [place setting for 4 minimum], Crystal

- or Cut Glass, Candlesticks, Vases [Unique or Antique]
- Pictures – Framed or Not Framed (Collector's Posters, Original Artwork, Numbered Prints, Collector's Photographs, etc.)
- Frames – Reusable (Empty or Not)
- Jewelry – In Good Condition (Costume, Antique or Collectibles)



Volunteers Needed – This is a great activity to really get to know other parishioners (and you'll get a preview of what great items will be on sale at the event!). Come help for an hour, the morning or the entire day. Help is needed to sort clothes, set-up the various viewing areas, and set-up Grandma's Attic in the Chapel. On the two sale days, helpers are needed as cashiers and general sales help for our "clientele." If you have a full-length mirror you can lend for the 2-days of the sale, contact the Church Office.

Watch for the sign-up sheet in McArthur Hall later in April. Hours for volunteers are Monday, May 15 through Thursday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday, May 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We'll also need some volunteers to help with cleanup after the sale. For information contact: Clothing Sale – Joan Worthington at (215) 862-2812; Grandma's Attic – Gail Harbaugh at (215) 230-0796.

Mark Your Calendar – Don't miss this wonderful sale on May 19 and May 20! You might find just the bargain you've been looking for!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PEACEMEAL DATE CHANGE

April Peacemeal – Due to Easter Sunday falling on the third Sunday, Peacemeal in April will be moved to the fourth Sunday, April 23. Same time, same place.

May Peacemeal – There will be a regular Peacemeal on Sunday, May 21.

June Peacemeal Invitation – Peacemeal participants will be invited, as usual, to attend Lobsterfest as Trinity's guests, on Saturday, June 10.

If you have never helped at a Peacemeal, or if you haven't helped in a while, please join us on April 23. It is a wonderful community Outreach opportunity. For more information, contact Lori Opdyke at (609) 397-9741 or Cindy Young at (215) 862-6644.

Men's Breakfast – April and May

– Roger Stikeleather

We are very fortunate to have two Trinity parishioners scheduled to speak at the Men's Breakfast meetings scheduled for Saturday, April 1, and Saturday, May 6.



Will Rivinus

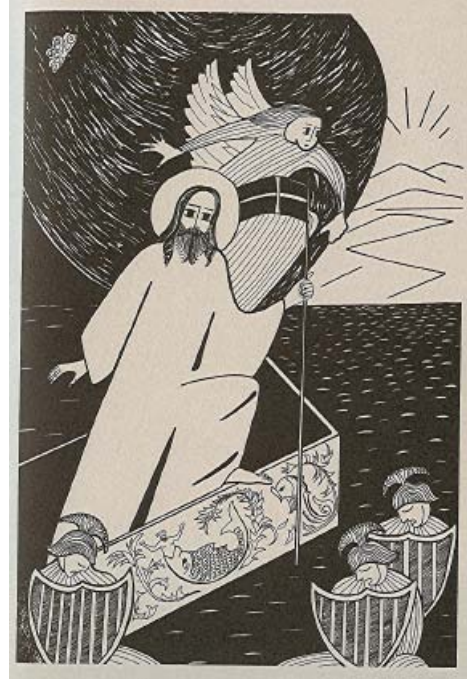
April 1 – Will Rivinus, speaker emeritus, will talk to us and answer questions about our Delaware Canal. Will has been a scholar of our canal for many years, and has much history to share with us.

May 6 – Bill Wolf will be with us to talk about his life-long passion and hobby as a silversmith. Bill has created many beautiful pieces for Trinity and it's parishioners over the years, and will show and speak about some of his works.



Bill Wolf

These programs promise to be exciting and informative learning opportunities for us. Please plan on attending. The breakfasts start at 8:00 a.m. in McArthur Hall and conclude by 9:30 a.m. If you can make it, please RSVP Roger Stikeleather at rstike@comcast.net. Feel free to bring a friend or two!



The Third Station of Joy: The Resurrection

In rising, You changed the world. Life triumphs over death. You live in us. We live in You, forever. Hear our praise and alleluias.

Diocesan Update: A Call to Convention

– Rev. Marshall Shelly

At press, the Bishop had just called for a special convention to be held at Episcopal Academy in order to address a question left open by the 2005 annual Diocesan Convention. According to the canons of the Diocese and the national Church, the Bishop can call for a special convention in order to discuss a particular point of business. This means that the agenda is, effectively, “locked” to the one point noted in his call to convention – the adoption of a budget for fiscal year 2006 for the Diocese. Pursuant to this Convention, Diocesan Council has met and called for an audit of the funds held in trust by both the Diocese and the Bishop. That audit was due to Council the week of March 5. An annual report on the finances of the Diocese was mailed to many homes the following week. At present, there is no “news” regarding the mediation process being facilitated by Bishop Clayton Matthews, who arrived in late February to lead the Bishop, Council, the Standing Committee and the Council of Area Deans in a series of meetings seeking to resolve the conflict that has been reported to you.

Tidings will seek to keep the parish informed as more information comes to light.



Deadline for the May issue of *Tidings* is Monday, April 10.

Anything not submitted by this date will appear in the next issue.



Spreading the News – The Day School Program

– Cindy Bove, Director, Trinity Day School

Trinity Day School has provided excellence in preschool and kindergarten education to Solebury and the surrounding communities for 47 years. Through the years we have filled our classrooms simply through word-of-mouth. Our satisfied families and proud parishioners did more to sell our school than any form of paid advertising could.

However, times have changed. With the New Hope Solebury school district providing full day kindergarten beginning in the fall of 2006, the Day School Board anticipates a decline in our kindergarten enrollment. Yet, the Day School Board remains committed to continue to offer our excellent kindergarten program to those parents who seek a small, nurturing, private academic kindergarten experience on a part-time or full-time basis.

With the generous assistance of parishioners Roger and Audria White and their advertising firm V2, we have developed a concrete plan to advertise the school.

As part of this effort, we will be conducting a mailing to 2,000 families in Solebury and the surrounding communities. A copy of this postcard is enclosed with this issue of *Tidings*.

This is where we need your help. Please help spread the word about our kindergarten program to your friends, families, neighbors, and colleagues. Our accredited kindergarten program (both half and full-day) offers instruction tailored to the child's individual needs. Our curriculum is balanced with self expression through play, arts and crafts, music, and nature exploration. Trinity Day School emphasizes social and emotional development through academics, field trips, and outdoor play. Our long-standing, experienced staff is dedicated to the total development of the young child, and our faith-based principles support a homelike environment. Help us spread the news!

For more information, feel free to contact me at (215) 297-5510 or email cbove@trinitysolebury.org.

Church School Ministry News

– Lorri Perkins, Vestry Liaison



A big thank you to the teachers for helping to make the change in the Church School format so successful! Current teachers, please begin to think about your plans for next year. We will be setting up teaching teams for the 2006-2007 Church School year in April and May!

New teachers are **welcome!** We plan to have our teaching teams for next year put together by the end of May. Let us know if you would like to join the Church School Ministry team as a teacher or another important role like Hall Monitor, Snack Coordinator, and many more! Contact Kyle Evans at (215) 297-5135, Ext. 229 or email kevans@trinitysolebury.org, Lorri Perkins at (215)862-1167 or email churchschool@trinitysolebury.org, or Cinda Ball at (215) 862-4848 or email cncball@comcast.net.

11th Annual Lobsterfest – Jon Martin

Save the date – June 10, 2006 – for our biggest fundraising event of the year: **Lobsterfest!!** What a wonderful way for you, your family, and friends to get together, and all for a good cause. We expect over 1,000 people to enjoy the festivities on Trinity grounds as we raise funds for Trinity Youth Group and *Mission Philadelphia*. Guests will be treated to delicious lobster dinners, our famous clam chowder, a variety of entertainment, a wonderful silent auction, children's activities, and more!

Become a Lobsterfest Volunteer – We need your help to make this Lobsterfest the best ever. Will you consider volunteering and ask your friends to join in? Do you have some extra time, a talent, a connection that will help us reach our goals? We need to continue to fund *Mission Philadelphia* which has now been able to renovate properties in

Philadelphia with parks, gardens, and playgrounds for those children who have nothing but the street for playing. 2006 is *Mission Philadelphia's* 10th anniversary and the projects are ambitious – the installation of a play structure at Overbrook Elementary School and three new gardens in North and West Philadelphia. We are also looking for business sponsors. If you know of a store, shop or business and would be willing to approach them for a contribution or involvement in Lobsterfest, please let us know and we will provide you with an information packet. And remember, every Lobsterfest volunteer receives an originally designed commemorative t-shirt!

For more information, or to become a volunteer, contact Mark Glidden, Vestry Liaison for Youth, at (215) 651-1487 or email youthministry@trinitysolebury.org.

Mark Your Calendar ... Lobsterfest 2006 ...
Church Parking Lot ... Saturday, June 10 ... 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



Reflections on Guatemala

– Andrew and Diane Powell, Evan and Hannah



Guatemala is a country of contradictions. It is a magical landscape of volcanoes and lakes and a population that is rich in ancient traditions. But sadly, it is struggling to overcome a history of misrule and exploitation.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania has a long-standing “companion” relationship with the Diocese of Guatemala. This relationship is founded on

shared faith, warmth, and a network of friendships built up over years of personal interactions and “*encuentros*” (meetings).

Trinity has been very much involved in Guatemala, through the efforts of Frank and Jean Evans and many others. Our family was delighted, even as relatively new members of Trinity, to be called to continue this tradition by participating in the *encuentro* that took place this February.

The visit was arranged to introduce us to many pioneering priests and other non-governmental workers (including Americans and citizens of many other countries), who are devoting themselves to supporting the faith and improving the lives of the populace. We strove to understand the culture and strengths of the people, as well as the challenges they face (such as poverty, lack of health care, limited education, and a weak government). We also looked to identify opportunities for parishes within the Diocese to continue to be involved in meaningful ways.

We were able to deliver much needed and deeply appreciated clothes, toys, and other supplies, donated by Trinity members, to Padre Cuc for distribution to families in Solola. There we witnessed a Mayan “fire ceremony” to bless the seeds on the eve of the planting season, followed by Padre Cuc’s celebration of the Eucharist and a baptism – all in an outdoor parking lot, converted for worship by the local Mayan congregation. We were honored to receive a traditional woven cloth, given as a gift with “*mucho carino*” [great feeling] by the congregation of Solola for us to carry back to their “*companeros*” at Trinity.

We came home full of ideas and enthusiasm. As his high school graduation project, Evan identified and met with schools where he can help install and maintain rudimentary computers. Hannah took on a project to sponsor desks and chairs for a kindergarten class. I am delighted to report that through many generous contributions from Trinity, plus fundraising efforts with her schoolmates, she was able to send the funds to Guatemala with another visiting priest. On a much broader level, I was also able to explore how we might develop a plan, in cooperation with other Bucks County churches, to eventually fund the construction of a church building for the burgeoning new Episcopal community in Solola.

This brief summary hardly begins to convey the wonderful, enlightening experiences and opportunities Guatemala demonstrated to us in just one short week. The trip has inspired us to share our stories and continue to solicit others to learn more about our companion Diocese. We thank all of you for your support and encourage you to get involved in this unique experience of faith and fellowship.

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Tabasamu 2006

– Dr. Trey Wilson

Ready to have your life changed from the inside-out? Do you want to be part of an experience that is part “Extreme Makeover – Healthcare” and part “National Geographic?” If so, please plan to attend an organizational meeting for Tabasamu 2006 on Sunday, April 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. A group of 12 to 15 volunteers is planning a 1-2 week visit from September 30 to October 14 to Kitale, Kenya.

We would love to have you join us! Details of this ministry will be discussed and questions regarding security, travel logistics, nature of the program, and fees, will be answered. No experience required, just a heart of potter’s clay! For more information about Tabasamu, contact Trey Wilson at (215) 297-9942 or email drtreywil@covad.net.



Parish News

– Debbie Stedman, Parish Administrator

Baptisms

Kathleen Elizabeth Keyes, daughter of Brian and Erin Keyes

Rector's Reflections – Rev. Marshall Shelly



Marking a year, looking to the future, appreciating the past...

As I write this column, it is March 14, 2006. Only one year ago on this day, I entered the doors of the Rectory Offices to begin my service to God as your Rector and priest. Only one year and yet so much has passed! Those first few days were a flurry of activity. I met with wardens, staff and Gerry Broadbent as the chair of Worship and Spiritual Life in order to prepare for Holy Week ... which was to begin in just five days on March 19, Palm Sunday. In the course of those first few weeks, I greeted over 800 souls of this parish as we prayed together in observance of Our Lord's death and resurrection. It was both a material and symbolic journey for us as we went from strangers to friends with each passing service ... and that experience of coming to know each other has continued to this day.

It has been a year of changes and transitions. Some of those are welcome, some have been difficult indeed. For many, the hope of calling a new rector to serve the parish held a great many expectations: that the tumult of transition would ease; that we, finding ourselves together, would "tune" easily into one body; that life would "settle down." Well, in some ways, it has panned out that way. In some ways, it has not.

Even in the face of some serious natural, social and economic upheaval, we have found ways to speak to each other, to learn from each other ... and of the ground we have yet to cover in order to grow closer together in service to the Body of Christ in this world. From flood to feast, from deficit to recovery, from loss to gain, we have walked together through one of the toughest first years I have ever seen in my ministry. I must say that as I look back I am moved by the spirit, love and energy that the people of Trinity offer up on a daily basis as we struggle together to find our way in a shared and mutual ministry. Still, I understand that there are places of yearning, worry and stress for some among us. I offer up once again the invitation to come to me and speak to whatever your concern may be. I want to welcome these moments to speak directly with anyone about anything.

If I don't hear from you, then I cannot respond. It takes two or three together, after all, to welcome the Christ into our midst.

There are, and will continue to be, places of yearning, worry and stress in our common life. Change is not something that we survive in order to find a respite. Change is a constant, even in the life of the Church, and in the past year Trinity has experienced that change in some remarkable ways. We saw a dramatic transition in leadership at the vestry level, with a significant turnover of membership due to the conclusion of term extensions (from the interim) and as a result of family and work transitions (Jim Jones, Gene Underwood, Cara Coreale and Rosemary Reshetar). Over half of your vestry leadership is "new" this year. The fiscal crisis during September of last year taught us that we need to find new ways to manage ourselves financially and with regard to stewardship. The Church School Advisory Board, working with Kyle Evans, Lorri Perkins and myself were able to make bold and mindful changes in the way we do Church School. Worship routines have been shifted: new services have been added, new times and new routines, new geographies have been tried on "for size." Some of that transition has been embraced. Some, we



Rector's Reflections – continued

still struggle with as we move through the experience together.

As your rector, I strive to hear the concerns that rise up in order to respond to them all. Sometimes, there is compromise to be found. Sometimes, there is comfort in a return to old ways. Sometimes new ways need to be embraced. Always, there is ... and will be, change. Even as you are changed as a parish with me as your rector, so also am I being changed by you as the parish I serve in leadership.

Church is not a place that we think of as a fluid environment. Most church buildings are built with intent to imply stability, continuity and a sense of peaceful permanence. Yet, in the life we live in God, is there ever a place outside of the Divine itself that we can find anything other than the illusion of that sense of permanence? Most of life is fluid. "Things" change all the time: our moods, our "situation in life," our health, etc. As an example of what a profound truth that is for us as humans, I invite you to look to our common (and now second together as priest and people) experience of Holy Week. Throughout that week's journey with Christ, we attempt to "lock down" our time with Christ. We don't want to reach the end of the tale when he is arrested, beaten and taken to the place of execution to be hanged on the Cross. We want

to prevent the changes that twist our story of joy in Christ to one of sorrow.

Yet, if we are to know the truth of life in God ... *true life* in God, then we have to be willing to accept that timeless lesson in "how things change." For in that experience of true change, new life shines forth. It is only through the gate of death, the greatest change you and I will ever know, that we find true life in God, in Christ. Easter requires Good Friday. The Kingdom of God realized needs change in order to break into our lives.

In Christ, we die to rise again. It is a simple idea and still the hardest lesson to learn. Because to learn it means that we are willing to enter into the stillness, permanence and power of the Kingdom of God *in order to be changed ... again, and again and again.* That, I believe, is the role of the life of the Church. It is also our greatest challenge. For, in embracing change, we are also embracing the willingness to be changed. As your rector, I pray and seek the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to lead you in that change ... and as your fellow in the Body of Christ, I rejoice to walk with you in the coming years as we embrace being Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury, over and over and over again.

Marshall †



**Trinity Episcopal Church,
Solebury / Service Information**

From early September through mid June, we celebrate Holy Eucharist services every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays at 9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:15 a.m., except during Lent when all services are Holy Eucharist. Youth Eucharist is celebrated every 3rd Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Chapel. Church School occurs each Sunday at 9:10 a.m., except on Youth Eucharist Sunday. On the first Sunday of the month, each service also offers healing prayers.

Childcare is available in the Nursery and Toddler Rooms during the 9:15 a.m. service. Mid-week services are held in our Chapel and include: Tuesday Centering Prayer, 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m., Wednesday Holy Eucharist, 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m., and Thursday Morning Prayer, 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 1, 2006
(Rain Date, Saturday, April 9)

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
(After the Men's Breakfast)

Join in this great day of fellowship:

- Clean the yard and gardens
- Fix playground equipment
- Trim the trees
- Clean the Rectory basement
- Clean the Chapel windows
- Improve Cemetery appearance
- Clean rain gutters
- And various items



*Easter Egg
Painting*



**Mark your calendars!
Trinity egg painting!
April 3 through April 7
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Wonderful Fellowship and Fun
Come for an Hour / Come for a
Day / Come Every Day!

All are welcome
No experience is required

Contact the Church Office for Directions

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday

Blessing of Palms, April 9
8:00 am – 9:15 am – 11:30 am

Services Each Day in Holy Week

Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday
April 10 and April 11,
Eucharist at 7:30 pm
Holy Wednesday, April 12
Eucharist, 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
Maundy Thursday, April 13
Agape Supper, 6:30 pm
Eucharist, 7:30 pm
Nightwatch, 9:00 pm
Good Friday, April 14
Proper Liturgy, 8:00 am and 7:30 pm
Tenebrae, 3:00 pm
Holy Saturday, April 15
Proper Liturgy, 8:00 am
Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Eucharist Services

8:00 am – 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Easter Egg Hunt Following 9:30 am Service