

Trinity Episcopal Church

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January Birthdays

- 2 - Samantha Simatos, Harry Ebling, Jean Bedford
- 3 - Mary Louise Heller
- 4 - Carla Kauffman
- 5 - James Simatos
- 7 - Courtney Rauco, Margaret Keyworth, Caitlin Shellhamer,
Wanda Dodds
- 8 - Herbert Harris, Jr.
- 9 - Tish Malarkey, Elizabeth Circelli
- 11 - Tara Hess
- 15 - Pat Moody
- 16- Daniel Hopkins
- 18 - Raven Eckert
- 21 - David Hess
- 22 - Joanne Kraft, Timothy Bortner, Melissa Schreppel
- 23- Jeff Bruce
- 25 - Erin Brown
- 26 - Karen Portland
- 27 - Ann Bacon
- 28 - Martha Kline
- 30 - Al Portland, Daniel Albertini
- 31 - Carol Greiner





A word from Fr. Jim

Dear People of God at Trinity,

In just a few days we move into the Season of Epiphany. It begins on January 6th with the celebration of The Feast of the Epiphany and continues until Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. The word “*Epiphany*” comes from a Greek word which means “*manifestation*” or “*showing forth.*” And so during this season our readings focus on the manifestation and showing forth of God’s glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are told the story of the star leading the Wise Men from the East to the manger in Bethlehem. We are there on the banks of the Jordan River when Jesus is baptized by John and the voice comes from heaven and the dove descends upon him. We witness his first miracle at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. We share the excitement of Andrew as he declares to his brother Peter, “*We have found the Messiah!*” And on the last Sunday of Epiphany, each and every year we are there with Peter, James, and John to witness Jesus’ transfiguration on the mountain top.

These stories and images are set before us that we might recognize Jesus as the beloved of God, the Son in whom the glory of God is revealed. But, remember having been given this privilege and opportunity of having Christ manifest to us and in us, we have a duty and responsibility. Just as the “**LIGHT**” has been revealed to us, we are to make that “**LIGHT**” known to others. We are to fulfill the promise made in our baptismal covenant “*to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.*”

We are reminded in Epiphany that the Gospel is not for us alone. The Good News of Christ is to be made known and shared with others. May we this Epiphany Season and every other day “*let our light so shine*” that our words and our works will make Christ manifest in the world around us.

Yours in Christ – The Light of the World,



Trinity's Mission Statement

*“To be a Christ-centered parish, that knows Christ and makes Him known to others
by sharing our gifts, striving for justice,
and respecting the dignity of every human being.”*

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6TH

HOLY EUCHARIST

7:00PM

ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL



A Thought about Stewardship



We begin the Season of Epiphany by remembering the coming of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. They brought with them their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Each time we come to pay homage to the Lord, we also bring our gifts. Thank you for those gifts because through them you are enabling Trinity Church to continue to tell the story.

A word from "Trinity" the Church Mouse

Dear Parishioners,

I see that our Annual Meeting of the parish will take place on Sunday, January 22nd. You know, when I think of the annual meeting, I don't think of it primarily as a business meeting. In fact, I don't think of it as mostly a business meeting. No, I think of it as an opportunity for us as a parish to come together to celebrate what we have done in Christ's name and to share our hopes for our continued mission and ministry in the future. Hope to see you on the 22nd when I peek out from my niche in the corner.

Your friendly church mouse,

Trinity





“Let’s Talk about God”

**Is there anything we can say about God?
What words can we use to describe the Creator of Heaven and Earth?
Why talk about God at all?**

These and other such questions will highlight our Epiphany Study Group,
“Let’s Talk about God.”

Join us for fun, fellowship, and good discussion!!

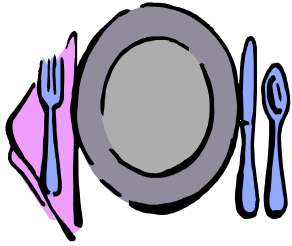
**Mondays at 7:00pm
or
Wednesdays at 11:00am**

January 16th through February 15th



Vestry Highlights

- Jack Mansell’s and Henry Beaver’s Vestry terms are up with the end of 2011. We thank them for their service to Trinity.
- Howard Mitchell and Ernie Haddad have agreed to take Jack’s and Henry’s open Vestry positions for next year. We are grateful for their commitment.
- Allen Brennan will continue another term on the Marion Price Trust Board.
- The Consecration Sunday Program has been a huge success. Most recent numbers show an overall 21% increase in estimates of giving as well as 17 new estimates made for this next year from people who had not done so in previous years.
- The bell tower project is complete, and \$4500 in donations have been received so far for this work.
- Charles Baber Cemetery’s 501c3 nonprofit status process is continuing toward completion.



Meatloaf Dinner at Trinity

Saturday, January 21st, - 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
in the Parish Hall

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll
and dessert

Adults \$8.00

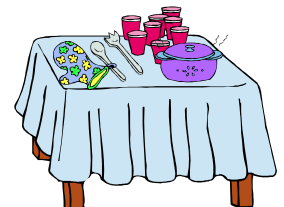
Children \$4.00

Take-Outs Available

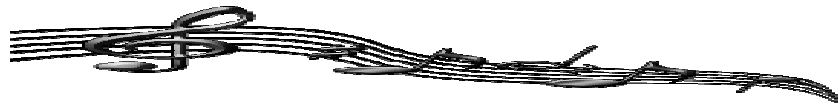
Tickets will be made available to parishioners and also
at the door.

Enjoy a great dinner and fellowship!

And bring your friends!



THE MUSIC CORNER *by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach*



The awe and wonder of the Christmas liturgy was obvious to all at both services. Whether it was the touching procession of the children to the crèche at the Family Service or the beautiful anthem “Snow on Snow” at the Festal Eucharist, the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior can continue to transform our lives. Thank you to all who helped in the celebration – the Church School children singing so well under the tutelage of Lea Bortner, our instrumentalists Jacquelyn Curtis, Cole Demcher and Lindsey Strouse and our dedicated choir. What a stunning evening!

The choir has already begun work on Epiphany anthems and will soon begin preparing for the Lenten season.

Our next concert in this year’s series is not until April 15, but what a concert it is!! Please mark the date on your calendars for Canon Mark Laubach, one of the finest organists of his generation. I will be privileged to sing with him in the powerful “The Way to Emmaus” by Jaromir Weinberger. What an incredible way to continue our Easter celebration. Watch for further details.

Wishing all of you a new year filled with the incredible gift of God’s Love to us – one that is always with us, never to be returned or exchanged – a gift that is beyond our understanding, but one in which we can continually grow and serve.



Parish Directory Updates and Changes

This is a section where we will post changes and updates to the parish directory. Please call the office at 622-8720, or e-mail babercem@verizon.net with any changes.



A BIG Thank You!!!!!!!

A BIG Thank You goes out to the Christmas-candy-making crew! Their efforts along with the donation of all the ingredients helped raised over \$1300 for the parish and sent out a lot of "sweet" goodwill to many.

They are: Russell & Anne Frantz, Carla Kauffman, Doris Kauffman, Nancy Buehler, Nancy Depsky, Bob Bednar, Rick Brennan, Jean Ebling, Susie Franko, Tish Malarkey, and Corinne Gearhart.

NOTICE

In accordance with the Laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania governing non-profit and religious organizations and the canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church, USA, I hereby announce the Annual Meeting of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Said meeting will take place at Trinity Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012 beginning at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of said meeting will be to elect three (3) Vestry members each serving a three (3) year term and to conduct other business that is duly and rightly brought before said meeting.

The Rev. James A. Rinehart
19th Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church

December 18, 2011

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those serving in the armed forces especially:

Michael Steinruck, Cassie Kauffman Holm, Tom Austerberry, Joseph Nangle, Erik Ryland, Larry Reedy, II, Stephen M. Reier, Michael J. Reier, Jeffrey J. Bohanick, Ethan Garrity, Jake Shirey, Eric Walls, Cory Maurer, Robert Petlansky

Those sick or in need of healing: especially:

Fr. Cal Adams, Milton Anchorstar, George Barlow, Duane Barnhart, Anne Barton, Ray Barton, M. Jean Bedford, Henry Bigg, Walter Bohnenblust, Alexis Bohr, Ron Boris Jr., Ron Boris Sr., Darlene Bouch, Betty Bradley, Ivana Bradley, Joan Cake, Sara Conlen, Phyllis DeMarco, Jean Ebling, Norm Emery, Jerry Field, Ken Fisher, Margaret Frederick, Dorothy Frye, Ed Harris, Ida Heckman, Holly Hedstrom, Will Heffner, Walter Howells, Robert Hubler, Larry Kachelries, Martha Kline, Barbara Kull, George LaHoop, Lena Levkolic, Jeff Lippencott, Anthony Merlino, Jr., Rose Morgan, Rita Murphy, Wendy Nabholz, Heidi Nangle, James Oerther, Michael O'Malley, Maxine Peroutka, Elizabeth Pritiskutch, Courtney Rauco, Mark Rauco, Audrey Reiber, Sally Ring, Jennifer Robinson, Donna Ross, John Ross, David Rupnow, Bill & Tina Rutecky, Julie Sells, Rayne Slackus, Abigail Smith, Heather Anne Smith, Vivian Smulley, George R. Stone Jr., Wendy Stone, Kathy Strouse, Lora Hart Wentzel, Tish Wetherill, Sophie White, Peter Williams, Mary Witman, Shirley Woodring, Charlene & Carl Yost, Arlen Zerbe, Ron, Bob, Joan, Judy, Lea & Trent, Mike, John, Paul, Betty, Jen, Linda, Ben, Kim, Jessica, Tom, Jane, Lois, Deno, Walter, Betty, Dot, Bonnie, Ronnie

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST

Welcome to 2012!

I was recently asked:

“Just what is the Marion C. Price Trust Fund about?”

“What does it do and how is it funded?”

Originally the Marion C. Price Trust Fund (MPTF) was created to establish a nursing home for elderly Episcopalians in Schuylkill County. When this proved not feasible, the fund established a vision of providing support and care for elderly Episcopalians of Schuylkill County.

Our Mission Statement states that “We are to provide a community of support to elderly Schuylkill County Episcopalians and their families and to assist clients in their efforts to maintain their dignity as an adjunct to the spiritual ministry offered by each parish within Schuylkill County.”

How do we do that?

Today services are provided to elderly Episcopalians in their homes, a relative’s home, the hospital, or a nursing home or personal care facility.

In my dual role as Administrator of Marion Price Trust and Parish Nurse, I balance the themes of wellness (health promotion, disease prevention) with healing (disease, recovery, and death.) As parish nurse, I focus on enhancing the well-being of parishioners and the parish as a whole. I am also available and present in times of sickness and dying. In short, I am involved in the continuum of health.

As parish nurse, I do not do “hands-on nursing” in the traditional health professional sense. However, there are many other functions that a parish nurse carries out. These include assessing health needs, teaching, referring parishioners to services in the community, coordinating health care, counseling regarding health-related concerns, and advocating for those who need a voice.

When an elderly parishioner has a need—such as Meals on Wheels, help understanding Medicare, or reviewing their will, assistance is always available through my office. When the need is financial, a confidential application is completed and it is taken to the MPTF Board for consideration.

Confidentiality in all our services is paramount.

The Trust was originally established with a bequest from the last will and testament of the late Marion C. Price. It continues to thrive through interest income from the original bequest and with donations from parishioners and the public. Like many other endowment funds we have suffered some losses due to the recent economic slump, but despite this we still have been able to maintain our program of care as well as allocate over \$43,000 in grants over the past five years to assist elderly parishioners with fuel, medication, personal care aide, etc.

There is no denying that Schuylkill County has an aging population. My hope is that the Marion C. Price Trust Fund will continue to help more and more elderly Episcopalians so that they may age with respect and dignity.

There are two ways you can help make this possible. One way you can help right now is by making a donation of any amount. No donation is too small or too large. Another way is to make a lasting gift by remembering The Marion C. Price Trust in your will. Either way you will be ensuring that this program of love and care for the elderly will continue well into the future.

For more information or questions, please contact my office at 621-3220.

Kathy Burda

2011 Parish Highlights



February—Diocesan Renewal Assembly



March—First Parish Dinner

Togetherness



Concert Series Reception



April—Arbor Day Ceremony at CBC

Outreach



Easter Festival Service



Assembling Care Packages for those Serving Overseas

Growth



Second Parish Dinner—July



Church School Bubble Sunday



Confirmation—September

Community

Third Parish
Dinner—October



Future

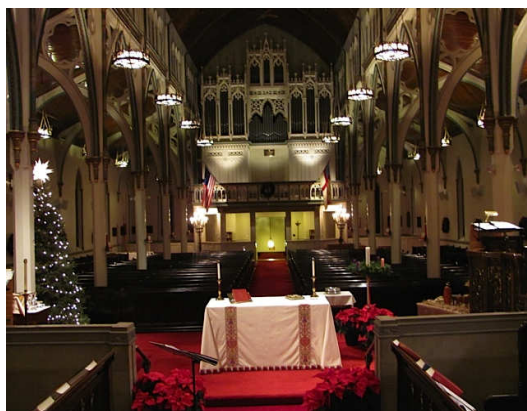


Church School with Bishop Paul



October—St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

Worship



Beautiful Trinity on Christmas Eve



Christmas Tea

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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>The Holy Name</i> 9:30am Holy Eucharist & Christmas Lessons & Carols (One Service)	2 <u>Office Closed</u>	3 7pm CBCPT Meeting	4 10:30am Zumba Class 12n Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Choir	5	6 <i>Epiphany</i> 7:00pm Holy Eucharist	7
8 8am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Church School 10am Holy Eucharist	9	10 7:00pm Vestry Mtg. (if necessary)	11 10:30am Zumba Class 12n Holy Eucharist	12 7:00pm HALOS	13 7:00pm Ballroom Dance	14 Rector @COM
15 8am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Church School 10am Holy Eucharist	16 <i>MLK Holiday</i> <u>Office Closed</u> 7:00pm Study Group	17	18 10:30am Zumba Class 11:00am Study Group 12n Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Choir	19	20 7:00pm Ballroom Dance	21 Meatloaf Dinner Fundraiser— 3:00--6:00 p.m. Parish Hall
22 9:30AM Holy Eucharist & Annual Meeting	23 4:30pm Soup Kitchen 7:00pm Study Group	24	25 10:30am Zumba Class 11:00am Study Group 12n Holy Eucharist 7:30pm Choir	26 7:00pm HALOS	27 7:00pm Ballroom Dance	28
29 8am Holy Eucharist 9:15am Church School 10am Holy Eucharist	30 7:00pm Study Group	31 2:00pm Clergy Bible Study 2:00pm HSC Mtg. 7:00pm MPT Mtg.				

DATE	READERS	ALTAR GUILD	CHALICE BEARERS/ ACOLYTES	GREETERS USHERS	COUNTERS	ALTAR FLOWERS	LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
January 1 9:30 a.m. (One Service Only!)	Readers will be needed for Christmas Lessons	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	A. Portland Acolytes Jacquelyn Curtis John Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	TUES JAN 3 H. Mitchell N. Buehler		None scheduled this month
January 8 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	C. Field OT F. Brocious NT P. Bortner POP H. Mitchell	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	B. Rutecky J. Mansell Acolytes C. Demcher C. Menuchak	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky J. Mansell T. Malarkey	A. Portland B. Bednar	In Thanksgiving for the Life of William C. Stone on the occasion of his Birthday, given by his loving Family	
January 15 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	D. Beausang OT J. Brocious NT F. Osenbach POP J. Bednar	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	G. Moyer H. Mitchell Acolytes John Curtis C. Demcher	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	H. Mitchell A. Portland		
January 22 9:30 a.m. (One Service Only!)	OT K. Kovalovich NT T. Malarkey POP J. Giansello	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	B. Rutecky Acolytes John Curtis Jacquelyn Curtis	J. Mansell T. Malarkey	B. Bednar N. Buehler	In Loving Memory of John P. and Ida E. Boris by Ron Boris, Janice Downey, and Carol Rowan	
January 29 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	C. Field OT A. Portland NT P. Bortner POP F. Brocious	K. Portland A. Portland B. Bacon	G. Moyer J. Bednar Acolytes C. Menuchak Jacquelyn Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	H. Mitchell B. Bednar		