

The Trinity Tidings

APRIL 2009

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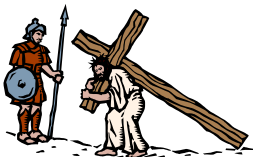
This year's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Holy Trinity was a great success. Youth, their parents, Youth Minister Chaplain John Daniels, and Youth Group sponsors Trish Butler and Ken Wenzel all agree that "many hands make little work."

The Episcopal Church historically marks Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday and the observance of Lent, with the eating of pancakes, a feast before the liturgical fast. Here at Holy Trinity, the Youth Group has traditionally sponsored this annual supper. Learn more about it at:
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shrove_Tuesday



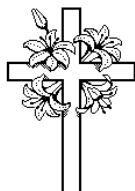
Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, April 5, 2009
Liturgy of the Palms, 8:00 AM
Liturgy of the Palms, 9:30 AM



Easter Week Services

Thursday, April 9, 2009
Maundy Thursday, 7:30 PM
Friday, April 10, 2009
Good Friday, 12 NOON at St. George's
Good Friday, 7:30 PM



Saturday, April 11, 2009
The Great Vigil of Easter, 8:00 PM
Sunday, April 12, 2009
8:00 AM
10:00 AM (Please note change in time from usual 9:30 AM service)

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall

10:45 AM – Fellowship & Education,

Sunday School, Youth Group,

Discussion Hour, and Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

10:15 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Going into the Darkness...Emerging in Light by The Rev. Leslie M. St. Louis

It has been said that the loudest sound the world has ever heard is the sound of silence the morning after a loved one dies. This is the silence that we enter on Good Friday, until the stone is rolled away and a new light bathes the world, the light of the Risen Christ!

Good Friday afternoon and evening and on through Saturday are always uneasy times for me. It is as if everything, the normal noises of a day, even the air has been sucked down into the depths of hell with Christ as he makes his descent amongst the dead. It is a place of breathless waiting, holding one's breath for that first proclamation of the Resurrection.

"What if it doesn't happen?" the little child who associates more with Thomas than I would like to admit sometimes prays. "What if I miss it?" wonders the one who wants more than anything to be there in the garden when his first steps he takes. "What if it's not for me?" the one who doubts the value of even the sparrow, silently fears? "What if?"

It's easy, isn't it, to live in the *what ifs* and not in the promises, isn't it? But Easter is all about the promises! The empty tomb is about the promise of eternal life and we all are invited, year after year, to come to the garden, to feel the rush of wind as the stone is rolled away, to shield our eyes from the bright display of light, and to walk in the assurance, that It (the Resurrection) did happen and does happen and will happen, that we will never miss it nor be left out of it!

Holy Week begins this year on April 5 with the procession of the palms and the reading of the Passion. We will have a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing at 7:30 PM on Thursday April 9, there will be a three-church Good Friday Service at Noon on Friday, April 10, at St. George's, and an evening Good Friday liturgy at 7:30 PM at Holy Trinity. The first celebration of the Resurrection will be at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday April 11 at 8:00 PM, with the lighting of the new light of Christ and Baptisms! And of course there will be Easter Morning (April 12) services at 8 and 10 (please note the change in time). I hope I will see you there, peering into the empty tomb with me and shouting, "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!"



**Replacement of Failed Brick
on the Church**
by Curt Reiber, Buildings & Grounds
Ministry

Mr. Gilbert Taylor provided for the replacement of failed brick on the south end of the Church. Several bricks were replaced at the 20-foot level. The failed brick allowed moisture to penetrate the wall area near the Baptism Font. Additional bricks were replaced on the Church wall to the left and right side of the Church entrance. We thank Gilbert for this much needed work on the Church.



<http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org/>

**High School Retreat for Grades 9-12
by Chaplain John Daniels, Youth Minister**

The Diocese of Washington's High School Retreat at Camp Letts, in Edgewater, MD, is scheduled for April 17-19. Applications were handed out on March 8 and 15 in Sunday School and will continue to be available in the church office until **Sunday, April 5, the application deadline**. The total cost is \$85.00 for the weekend. However, Holy Trinity families pay only \$50.00 per student; the youth ministry budget will contribute \$35.00 per student out of fundraising proceeds. If needed, scholarships are also available.

Please contact Chaplain John Daniels at jdaniels@htrinity.org with your questions or concerns.

**Easter Greetings
from the Day School Head**
by Marcy E. Cathey

Greetings to Holy Trinity Church,

The Day School continues to thrive and grow. By this point in the year we are on the flip side of the school year and learning is at peak. While there is a great deal of uncertainty in the world, our goal remains constant and true. The School is a safe haven for our students and families, and we are blessed.

In February, the Kindergarteners had their annual shoe-tying event. This is a great opportunity for students to show their dexterity and many could also do the hallowed "double knot" when demonstrating their skills.

The Lower School has started a new character education program called Wooden Nickel. Its purpose is to promote positive student behavior and develop strong character traits. Mr. Antonelli has worked with the faculty to launch this program which has been well-received by the students and parents.

In the Middle School, Mrs. Patricia Firmani and Mr. Dan Giordano started a Shakespeare Club—since Mrs. Sledz teaches a unit on Shakespeare which is augmented by a visit from Bill's Buddies, the traveling, teaching Shakespeare troupe from the Folger Theatre—and the club members performed the "balcony scene" from Romeo and Juliet at the Folger Festival 2009. The Festival included other area middle and high schools. Two of our young actors were recognized by the panel for their portrayal of Juliet.

Our basketball teams did extremely well in post-season play. The Boys C Team (5/6 graders) and Boys A Team (7/8 graders) won their championships in the Greater Metropolitan Christian Athletic Conference (GMCAC). Our Girls C Team placed second in this tournament. The Girls A Team game also took second place in the Lutheran Concordia tournament. Our current trophy case will no longer be able to accommodate all trophies HT's student athletes have won over the past four years!

The Dixie Classic band competition will take place on April 3, in Richmond, Virginia. Our wind ensemble, under the guidance of the talented Mr. Brian Hollar, is hoping to extend its run of Superior rating to a fourth year.

May you have a blessed Easter and a wonderful spring!



**News from
the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School**
by Laykin Zarro, Director of Marketing and Communications



photo by Laykin Zarro

Opera Singer (and Holy Trinity parishioner) Yvette Lewis recently presented her SO THIS IS OPERA program to Lower School students.

Opera Comes to Holy Trinity School

"Now, when someone asks you if you know about opera, you can say, 'Not only do I know about opera, I can sing it in German!'" says Yvette Lewis to the Lower School students at Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School, Bowie. The young students listened intently to the woman behind the piano who guided them through lines from Mozart's tale of fantasy, "The Magic Flute" in German. "Das klinget, sö herlich. Das klinget, so schoe'n," they sang with her.

Yvette Lewis is a lyric soprano who has performed at The Washington Opera, The Baltimore Opera, The Opera Theatre in Northern Virginia, The Baltimore Symphony and The Spoleto Festival in Melbourne, Australia. Ms. Lewis has been a finalist in both the Metropolitan Opera Mid-Atlantic Region and the Opera Company of Philadelphia/Luciano Pavarotti competitions. Lewis has created an innovative multifaceted program to introduce young audiences to the world of opera with each component of SO THIS IS OPERA carefully crafted to enhance the operatic learning experience of students. Lewis very generously donated her time and skills to Holy Trinity when she visited the School to share her knowledge with the students at the Lower School. During the one-hour session, the students were enthralled as they learned that opera tells a story and, in the story, everyone sings. Before Lewis is through, the children have unwittingly learned the definitions for opera, aria (song), cue, orchestra, soloist and conductor. "Before I start singing I have to do exercises," she told Holy Trinity students. She took a deep breath and counted to 100. Then, she took another. The students joined in, took deep breaths, counted to 50, and realized how difficult this exercise can be.

Lewis told the stories of "The Magic Flute" and "Hansel and Gretel" and guided the students through song lyrics and a dance. In closing, several students had the opportunity to be in the orchestra and played pieces on xylophones as their friends sang the songs. "This was a fabulous program! The students were fascinated by Yvette and it was incredible how quickly they learned the songs. What a wonderful way to introduce opera to young children!" says Ms. Marcy Cathey, Head of Holy Trinity. Lewis visits schools throughout Maryland, where she lives, and in Virginia, Washington, DC, and New Jersey.

Parish Milestones

Birth

Gavin Christopher Fallon, son of Melissa Deckman and Sean Fallon
Sunday, December 21, 2008

"Whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself."

Baptisms

Gavin Christopher Fallon, son of Melissa Deckman and Sean Fallon
Carl Whitney Bentzel, son of Suzanne and Carl Bentzel
Linda Brooke Bentzel, daughter of Suzanne and Carl Bentzel
Saturday, April 11, 2009

"We receive you into the household of God."

Deaths

William Martin Whorton, Jr., husband of Della Whorton
Sunday, March 8, 2009

Doris Bantz, mother of Susan Croft
Monday, February 23, 2009

Ernie Betts, father of Deborah Brasel
Saturday, February 7, 2007

Elnathan Cokar, brother of Annie Beckley
Thursday, February 5, 2009
"Give rest, O Christ, to your servants."



Holy Trinity's Vision

...to become a dynamic spiritual center that reflects our community in its diversity. Here people will be welcomed and accepted and will find growth and fulfillment in the vitality of the Spirit.

Holy Trinity Foster Child
by Chris Wehrenberg

The Holy Trinity Foster Child remains Cristy Sencio of the Philippines. In November, Cristy turned 18 and is about halfway through a 3-year Computer Operation and Programming course. Christian Children's Fund asked us to continue Cristy's support until mid-2010, when she is scheduled to graduate and will have the means to support herself. Cristy works hard on her studies and the program reports highly favorable progress and growth. The generous financial support of Holy Trinity—primarily through the Hunger Committee—has made a lasting, life-altering difference for Cristy and her family.

I am grateful to the Hunger Committee for its financial support to this ministry, providing \$35 per month each year. However, we all know that our Hunger Committee supports and gives to so many needs; to relieve some of that burden, *I am asking congregation members to consider contributing to Cristy's support by donating \$25 for her Birthday or Christmas gift, \$35 to provide for a month of support, or any amount you can.* Thank you in advance for your consideration and to those who have contributed to date.

If you can give, please make your check payable to "Christian Children's Fund, Inc." and forward it to the Parish Secretary or the "Holy Trinity Foster Child Coordinator." Your gift will be used to support Cristy in 2009. Equally important is to send cards or letters, especially nice at Easter. Forward these to me to send for you or use the below address (Airmail is best/2-week delivery):

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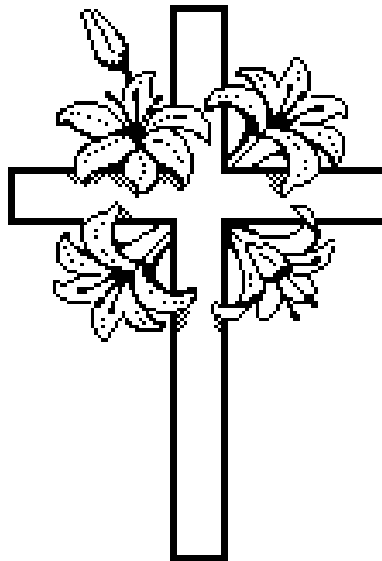
In a letter from Cristy just after Christmas, she wrote, "*Christmas is a journey of the heart bringing peace and happiness to all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas.*" Knowing that we play a small part in the development of such a warm and thoughtful young lady gives me an overwhelming sense of pride and peace. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.

Easter Lilies

Every Easter Holy Trinity decorates the church with lilies paid with memorial donations from parishioners, brightening the atmosphere and adding to the joy of our celebration of Christ's rising. With each donation, a tribute is added to the Easter service bulletins acknowledging contributions for loved ones or for other celebrations and/or thanksgivings.

Please use the order form found below, in the weekly bulletin or simply go online to the Holy Trinity website, <http://holytrinitybowie.edow.org/liliesform.html>. Alternately, you can also contact Pam Harman at 301-464-5244 or harmanp@comcast.net or Julie Jones at 301-262-8923 or mjjscout@verizon.net of the Altar Guild directly.

Payment is due to the Altar Guild by April 8; you are welcome to put the check or cash in the collection plate during services. Each flower costs \$23. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church; in the memo field indicate "Altar Guild, lily." What a lovely way to honor or remember family, friends and faith as well as adorn our sanctuary during the Easter season.



Name: _____
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Tribute: (In honor of, In memory of.....)_____

