



Holy Trinity's Mission: Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries.

The Epiphany

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Matthew 2.1-2



"The Three Wise Men" by Sherrill Bower

The Epiphany

By Karen Sharp, *Tidings* Co-Editor



We in the Episcopal Church celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany (the revelation of God in human form) on January 6 to commemorate the Magis' visit from the East to the baby Jesus, bearing gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Though no names for these three wise men are mentioned in the Bible, tradition has it that they are linked to Old Testament prophecies such as in Isaiah 60:3, describing the Messiah as being worshipped by kings. Tradition identifies them as Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior. Prior to their visit to the Christ child, while in the Holy City, a fearful Herod summoned them and asked them to search diligently for the child and, when they had found him, to bring him word so that he could also go to pay Jesus homage. After finding the infant, they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so the three kings returned to their country by another route.

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.



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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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Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering By Kimberly Evans



Photo by Kimberly Evans

Barbara Kornreich, Nora Das and Arleen Kirtland are just a few of the missionaries participating in the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

- For fellowship and fun – Join us.
- For a practical ministry to help others – Join us.
- For joy in sharing our gifts – Join us.
- For healing, both physical and spiritual – Join us.

Sunday, January 17, 2010, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Gloria Jarmon's home
**2212 Bermondsey Drive
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All are welcome, from experienced knitters to rank beginners. Knitting instructions freely available by our resident professional. Please bring size 13 knitting needles if you can. We have yarn and some extra knitting needles. Questions? Contact Arleen Kirtland at lawnranger@unidial.com or Kimberly Evans at kimbrevans@verizon.net

A Thank You Note to the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Dear Arlene:

This Sunday (Nov. 29) I was surprised and moved and comforted greatly when you placed the [prayer]shawl around me! Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. I will wear the shawl each day, as its warmth permeates my spirit and comforts me greatly. I realize I am still in mourning over the death of my beloved mother on Oct. 11. You only get one (mother, that is) and mine is gone....but to a better place....So the shawl is a great help to me. Most of all, thank you for thinking about me, praying for me and comforting me at this time. Your thoughtfulness is a great source of strength for me....Have a blessed holiday season and thank you all knitters for the lovely gift.

With much love,
Fran Harwood



115th Diocesan Convention

The 115th Diocesan Convention is set for January 29-30, 2010, at Washington National Cathedral. The preacher at the Friday night Eucharist will be Byron Rushing from the Diocese of Massachusetts. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Thomas Brackett, Program Officer: Church Planting Specialist, Evangelism & Congregational Life Center, from the Episcopal Church Center.

Holy Trinity's Delegate to this Convention is Kirt Kirtland; Jim Diggs is Holy Trinity's Alternate Delegate.

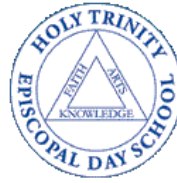
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Chili Cook-Off Save the Date: Saturday, February 27 By Karen Sharp, Hunger Committee



Holy Trinity Hunger Committee's "Heat Up the Night" 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off is Saturday, February 27, from 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$10.00 a ticket (maximum \$25.00 per family), 6th grade and under free. Contact Susan Croft for more information at 301-262-8970.

Look for the Hunger Committee flyer announcement in upcoming late January Sunday bulletins and next month's issue of *The Tidings*.



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

The HTS Drama Club delighted families, friends, faculty and staff with a wonderful performance of Disney's "The Aristocats Kids." Under the talented guidance of Mrs. Patricia Firmani, the 5th and 6th graders sang and dance their way through the show. The students not only acted in the show; several of them were stage and light techies. We thank Mrs. R. Grant (Assistant Director), Molly Scrivens (Stage Manager), and Mr. O'Malley for his help with lighting and sound. As usual, Band Directors Brian Hollar and Sara Delvillano worked their magic with the Middle School band musicians and they awed the audience who attended the winter concert.

This year, six bands were featured: two cadet bands, concert, symphonic, wind, and jazz ensemble. The songs varied from First Winter's Sleigh Ride to the Sesame Street Theme.

Both the production of the play and the winter concert were made possible by the generosity of Annual Fund for Excellence donors. Only with this support, can Holy Trinity sustain the drama and band opportunities to HTEDS students.

Rectory Readers By Mary Yuhas



All of us in the book club wish all of Holy Trinity a healthy, happy and blessed new year.

Sometime in January we will finish reading *Mysteries of the Middle Ages* and will begin our next reading adventure with *The Faith Club*.

If a not-too-ambitious reading program sounds like something you'd enjoy and are able to join us on Wednesdays, 8:00 AM - 10 AM, please call me at 301-262-1827.