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SPECIAL EVENTS

Jan. 6 -	Pre-Baptism Meeting,	Rector's Office	7:30P.M
Jan. 9 -	Christmas Pageant	noon service	
Jan, 16 -	Via Media	Parish Hall	5:00 P.M.
Jan. 19 -	Picture taking for directory begins,	Parish Hall	4:00 P.M. -9:30 P.M.
Jan. 21 -	Spaghetti Dinner,	Parish Hall	6:00 P.M.
Jan. 22 -	Cub Pack 403 Rain Gutter Regatta, 1	Parish Hall	5:00 P.M.
Jan. 28&29 -	Diocesan Convention	Washington Cathedral	

JANUARY CALENDAR

Sunday –	Voices for Quality Care (3 rd Sunday)	Parish Hall	2:30P.M.
	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 P.M.
Monday -	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 P.M.
	Children's Choir	Church	5:00 P.M.
Tuesday -	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday	AA	Room 208	8:30 P.M.
	Brownies (2 nd and 4 th Wed)	Room 200	3:15 P.M.
	Rector Readers	Rectory	8:00A.M.
	Education for Ministry (EFM)	Rectory	7:30 P.M.
Thursday	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall, Room 208 and Nursery	7:30 P.M.
	Adult Choir	Church	7:30 P.M.
	Vestry (3 rd Thur)	Rector's Office	7:30 P.M.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 A.M

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(w/Children's)
Chapel 2nd-5th Sunday – Parish Hall)
12:00 noon Contemporary Service
(2nd & 4th Sunday, Sept.-May)
10:45 -Fellowship & Education
Sunday School
Youth Group
Discussion Hour
Adult Bible Study

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**HOLY TRINITY CALLS ASSISTANT RECTOR, THE
REV. MARIANN BABNIS**

Tom Andrews

Given Mariann's communication skills and particular interest in pastoral calling, and her fit with our growth and outreach to the community, the Vestry voted to offer her a part-time contract as Assistant Rector beginning Dec. 1.

Mariann was ordained a Deacon in the Church by Bishop John Chane on June 12, after graduating in May from Virginia Theological Seminary. While looking for a position she graciously volunteered her services here at Holy Trinity. And with assistance with salary and health insurance from the Diocese, the Vestry decided that it was time to take this needed step, a step that has been under discussion for quite some time.

Mariann will assist with Sunday services, and be in Bowie for part of the day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, doing pastoral calling on current and prospective members.

She and four other Deacons from the Diocese are planning their service of Ordination to the Priesthood, which will take place in Washington Cathedral, at 10 am on Saturday, January 22. Mariann has asked the Holy Trinity's Adult Choir along with the choirs from churches of the other Deacons to lead the music for that service.

You are invited to attend and take part in this service as Mariann begins this new phase of her journey. The Vestry also invites everyone to a reception welcoming Mariann to Holy Trinity after the 9:30 a.m. service on January 23.

When she is not here at Holy Trinity you can reach her at home at 703-671-2537 or at mbabnis@comcast.net

MARIANN BABNIS CALLED TO PRIESTHOOD BY "STILL SMALL VOICE"

Evelyn Kirby

Our new deacon, the Rev. Mariann Babnis says her call to the priesthood did not come as a "Shazam moment," but as 'a still small voice' during my childhood", in Sharon, a small town in Western Penna. The call continued into college where she wrote an essay on why women should be priests. But she never thought it applied to her because she was Roman Catholic.

Later, after receiving her master's degree in speech and mass communication, and teaching in college in Ohio, she moved to Washington, DC to work in public policy for a trade group in the cable industry.

There the "still small voice" continued until a friend invited her to worship at St.Alban's and her life was forever changed. The voice became more persistent. She became an Episcopalian, entered the discernment process and started along the path to ordination.

The road to ordination is not an easy one and Mariann thinks if the three years spent in seminary had not been in answer to God's call, she would never have finished the program. But since she knew the call was from God, Mariann says, "I couldn't do anything else."

Mariann says she is "grateful to Tom for taking me in and giving me a place to hang my collar as a volunteer. Holy Trinity is a strong, welcoming parish, with a strong foundation upon which to build. Now, as a member of the staff, I am anticipating looking at all the pieces to see how they are integrated. I'm excited about meeting people and working together to get our story out."

When Mariann is not at Holy Trinity she likes to read mysteries, garden, listen to all types of music and practice yoga.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Leading Holy Trinity's Delegation at the Diocesan Convention on Friday and Saturday, January 28 and 29, will be Evelyn Kirby and Gerry Perez, and Tom Andrews, as well as Alternate Delegates, Craig Ryan and Diane Clark. A highlight of this year's meeting will be the Convention Eucharist preacher, Lloyd Allen, the Bishop of Honduras, our Companion Diocese. All are invited.

*By the Grace of God
and the people consenting
The Right Reverend John Bryson Chane
Bishop of Washington
will ordain*

*Mariann Catherine Babnis
Paula Clark Green
Anne-Marie Jeffry
Maguerite Henninger Steadman
David Coats Wacast*

*to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic
Church*

*on Saturday, January 22, 2005
at 10:00 a.m.*

*at the
Cathedral Church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul
Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia*

*Your prayers and presence are requested
Reception following*

GOD HAS NO HANDS, BUT OUR HANDS

Arleen Dale Kirtland

Would you be interested in joining a ministry to make prayer shawls? Knitting or crocheting shawls for someone in need, praying and being still with God while your hands work?

If you think this is a way in which you might serve our Lord, please let me know. I can be reached at 240-305-6514 or lawnranger@unidial.com. I will be happy to chat with you about what the prayer shawl ministry is and I would like your input as to how to form a group here at Holy Trinity. You may visit www.shawlministry.com for more information also.

ADVENT EVENT

Visit Holy Trinity's website to see photos of the Advent Event. www.edow.org/holytrinitybowie.

**“CLAM CHOWDER” RAISES \$250 FOR
HUNGER RELIEF**

Peg Johnson

YOU MISSED IT?? Pity! It was lovely.

The main attraction, the musical group known as Clam Chowder consisting of four splendid voices, two electric bass guitars, one drum and one harp, entertained us one October evening with songs, music and lots of fun.

Although best known for their folk music, there were a number of songs that made contemporary references that brought down the house with laughter. Along with the foot stomping, hand clapping and boisterous laughing, a joyous, raucous evening invaded the parish hall at Holy Trinity and stole our hearts away.

A member of our parish, Kathy Sobanski, has been involved with the group since its beginning in 1977. She says the group just seemed to come together and they realized they were to remain a group. They love what they are doing and it is so obvious when they perform. Both they and the audience experience that joy together.

Thanks Kathy and your group for a memorable evening, thanks Ed for all your invaluable behind the scenes contributions. Finally, the Hunger Committee thanks all of you for your generous contribution of \$250.00. It will be put to good use, especially at this time of the year. Hope to see you soon again.

**HOLY TRINITY DONATES 2500
SANDWICHES TO MARTHA’S TABLE**

Elizabeth Chamberlain

I think wonderful congratulations are in order. Together Holy Trinity under the auspices of the Hunger Committee made and donated over 600 sandwiches to Martha’s Table during November. That brings our total to over 2500 for the 2004

calendar year! Take a moment and think about how many people appreciated those sandwiches.

This month we will start a new year, and I know that we can do as well. We will make more sandwiches on January 30 after the 8:00 and 9:30 service. Once again the Hunger Committee is asking for donations of bread, jelly, cheese, bologna, and sandwich bags, and as always, your assistance making these sandwiches.

It is surprising how quickly the sandwiches are made when many people are able to help. All the sandwiches are usually made and packed and the cleanup is done by 11:40. After the sandwiches are made, they must be delivered to Martha’s Table on 14th Street NW. If you are available to help with delivery, please contact me, Elizabeth Chamberlain, at 301 464-5897.

**LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF
HONDURAS**

The following is an excerpt from a letter written to Peg Johnson by Bishop Allen of Honduras.

Greetings and Peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As per your inquiry concerning Ana Roselia Aguilar, she has not been ordained as yet. We are currently on the final stage of that ordination process. It is my hope and expectation that she will be ordained in the coming year. Once I have met with the standing Committee on the 21st of next month we will have a better idea of what that time frame will look like.

Yes, she is still the Lay Vicar in charge of the congregation of San Fernando de Omoa in the community with the same name.

I will also ask my diocesan treasurer to provide you with a report on the way those \$ 4,000 were allocated to and how they are currently being disbursed.

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Concerning the situation with Maria Lidia the late Rev. Galeano wife and kids, they are currently still staying in the same house, however that may change within the coming year. The girls and the younger boy are continuing their education in San Pedro Sula and Martin Jr. is currently working in the San Pedro Sula area. They are being supported by the Church Pension fund. Praise to the Lord that we cleared that problem before Fr. Martin passed away.

If you have any further questions please feel free to e-mail me at any time

In Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Emmanuel Allen, D.D.
III Diocesan Bishop of Honduras

**BOWIE FARMER'S MARKET AND
HUNGER COMMITTEE WORK
TOGETHER**

Peggy Johnson

Thanks to Denise Howe Swisher, the Farmer's Market worked through Holy Trinity's Hunger Committee to channel their extra produce to needy places. Linda Swisher, Denise's mother in law, who had a stall at the market this summer, asked Denise if she knew of any way to do that. Denise spoke to the Hunger Committee and within the week it was up and running.

Our first volunteers, Denise, Mary and Craig Ryan and Peg Johnson picked up and delivered the extra produce to Henderson House, our assisted living home for seniors, who were pleasantly surprised.

Next Miracle. Jessie Lackey, along with her Girl Scout Troop, volunteered to take care of doing this every single Sunday. And they did splendid job. How happy the seniors were to see Jesse and her young friends come through the door on Sunday.

Not only did they bring good food to eat, they brought another kind of food - food for the soul. Hats off to this very special group.

Thanks be to God for the Farmer's Market, Linda and Denise for initiating this worthy cause and for

Jesse, the Girl Scouts and all Holy Trinity folks for making this dream become reality. Amazing!

**DAY SCHOOL STUDENTS HONOR THE
SPIRIT OF GIVING**

The spirit of giving filled the halls of the day school this holiday season as students organized various gift drives to brighten the celebration for those in need. Every student, from the 3- and 4-year old preschoolers to eighth-graders, had a role to play in this undertaking, which began before Thanksgiving and continued until Christmas Vacation. Students collected canned goods, coats, hats and mittens for families in need, sponsored over 100 children and purchased gifts for them to enjoy at Christmas, filled gift boxes to

overflowing with personal care items and special treats for homeless individuals, and more.



The hallway at the Daisey Lane campus was piled high with bags containing the more than 1,000 coats collected through the day school's annual coat

drive. The coat drive benefits families served by the Children's Clinic at Prince George's Community College.

**ANN WILDMAN'S NEW ADDRESS AND
PHONE NUMBER**

Ann has moved to the Evergreen Apartments located behind the Bowie New Town Center.

Her new address and phone number are:

3800 Enfield Chase, Apt 324

Bowie, MD 20716

301-249-1155

Directions: From Rt 197, turn west on Northview, then left at the second street. At the stoplight turn right, and then a quick left and you will see the Evergreen Apartments.

In the main entrance are instructions for buzzing her so she can let you in.

COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY SETS OBJECTIVES AND CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Bob Laurenson

The Communications Ministry team is reviewing the ways we communicate at Holy Trinity. To guide our activities we wrote the following mission statement:

Provide programmatic structure and guidance for the effective and efficient communication of the ministry and mission of Holy Trinity Church and Day School to the congregation, school, and surrounding community.

Our initial activities have been to identify and evaluate the current ways we communicate between the vestry and the congregation, within the congregation, with the community, and between the congregation and day school. We have identified 21 methods of communication presently being used at Holy Trinity. We are now evaluating these techniques in terms of their timeliness, coverage, content, and input process. When this evaluation is complete, we will report to the vestry with recommended near-term new or updated communication initiatives.

There are currently seven people helping with our activities. We would welcome the help of any interested individuals. The only skill required is a commitment to work for improvement, but any communications experience would be an added bonus. Please contact Bob Laurenson (410) 721-9289, or Dan Howe (vestry liaison) (301) 262-1524, for more information.

CRABFEAST

Peg Johnson

Just a final thought. By this time, most know what a splendiferous day and event it was, with well over 200 attending.

Perfect weather, perfect crabs, chicken, & hot dogs, perfect people, perfect occasion, perfect spirit, perfect event - not much more can be said but I will.

It was a special day. A day of camaraderie, a day of being together to honor our first family, the Andrews, for their thirty years of dedicated service at Holy Trinity. So many came to this very special event to honor and pay tribute to the Andrews in this way. What better way to express our feelings than to have a joyous fun time

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together. We thank all the Andrews for giving us the pleasure of sharing this time and their lives with us. Many, many thanks from all the gang.

I would also like to mention that the \$1,100.00 raised by this Hunger Committee sponsored event has been sent to Movable Feast in honor of the Andrews family. This organization helps supply food to those who are unable to purchase it, to prepare it, or to go get it. We are pleased to support Movable Feast, one of the Andrews' favorite charities.

In response to popular demand, the Hunger Committee has decided to hold next years Crab Feast here at Holy Trinity. There's one hitch though. More people are need to stay after the feast to cleanup.

Well, only 10 more months till the next crab feast. Do your best to enjoy the nasty cold weather. Our spaghetti dinner in January will help us through.

PROCEEDS
HUNGER
RELIEF

SPAGHETTI
DINNER

HOLY TRINITY
Rt. 450 (Between Hillmeade & Highbridge)

"WHERE THE ELITE MEET TO EAT"

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21st
6 - 7:30 PM

PreSchoolers: **FREE!** Adults: **\$7**
Students & Seniors: **\$5** Family (max.): **\$25**

BABY SITTING & CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE!

**SPAGHETTI • ITALIAN BREAD • SALAD
CAKE • BEVERAGE**

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE**8:00 A.M.**

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Jan 2	S. Fallon M. Yuhas	J. Diggs	D. Robinson		T. Kirby R. Trisko
Jan 9	J. Scott D. Jarry	J. Trisko	S. Cone		R. Curbelo H. Tucker
Jan 16	V. Esmacher R. Curbelo	S. Esmacher	S. Allen		L. Anderson T. Kirby
Jan 23	P. Ballish C. Wehrenberg	S. Cone	J. Diggs		R. Trisko R. Curbelo
Jan 30	S. Bower B. Spehr	R. Longmire	S. Gilbert		L. Anderson H. Tucker

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Jan 2	K. Wenzel E. Chamberlain	R. Stimpert	M. Ryan T. Lackey	S. Spehr, R. Bowen, J. Judd	B. Kallal A. Sparks
Jan 9	J. Gordon G. Harwood	K. Kirtland	D. Leilich S. McGeiver	W. Gordon S. Spehr	M. Powell R. Stimpert
Jan 16	T. Lackey J. Mondale	L. Eisenhart	D. Clark G. Perez	D. Townsend-Gray K. Townsend-Gray G. Sparks	R. Blass A. Beckley
Jan 23	N. Reger N. Short	J. Findlay	R. Beckley C. Harman	S. Cloutier H. Cloutier C. Hamel	G. Perez K. Kowalewski
Jan 30	D. Dunwiddie C. Ryan	L. Zarate	E. Mauer T. Cloutier	A. Jarmon D. Nelson A. Nelson	K. Kirtland J. Walker

Altar Guild: January 1-15 Ila Burnell, Bonnie Williams
January 16-31: Janice Vettel, Betty Spehr,

Acolytes are responsible for finding
a substitute if they cannot service

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:00 Holy Eucharist - Rite I (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)

9:30 Holy Eucharist - Rite II (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)

Nursery care provided for your infant, 9:15a.m – noon, for those who wish it

Children's Chapel - Ages 3-6. - Parish hall (*except 1st Sunday: Children attend church with their families*).

10:45 Fellowship & Refreshments –Start in the parish hall and then on to:

11:00 Education Hour – (September-mid-June)

Programs run concurrently and you may choose which one to attend.

Sunday School - various rooms in the parish hall

Rite 13 - Ages 12-13 - in the rectory

Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Ages 14-15 - in the rectory

Youth Adults in Church (YAC) Ages 16+ - in the rectory

Discussion Hour - Topics of current interest and fellowship in an informal setting*

Bible Study - Room 204 (September -June)

12:00 Holy Eucharist -Contemporary Service (Second and fourth Sunday, Sept-May)

*Discussion Hour Programs

Please visit our website at www.edow.org/holytrinitybowie, look in the Sunday bulletin, or call the church office for updated information. The Discussion Hour schedule is updated frequently.

January 23 - Reception Honoring The Rev. Marianne Babnis

January 30 Making Sandwiches for Martha's Kitchen (following 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. services)