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SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday	March 6	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING	Parish Hall	10:30 a.m.
Thursday	March 10	Communications Ministry	Conf Rm – Daisey Ln	10:00 a.m.
Sundays	March 13, 20, 27	Via Media	Parish Hall	5:00 p.m.
Saturday	March 12	Day School Auction and Dinner	Crofton Country Club	6:30 p.m.
Sunday	March 13	Healing Garden Guild	Media Center	10:30 a.m.
Various	Mar 6-31	Dining for Hunger	Glory Days Grill	Dinner hour
Saturday	March 19	Lenten Retreat	Rectory	9:00 a.m.
Thursday	March 24	Seder Dinner	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
Saturday	March 26	Easter Egg Dying	Parish Hall	10:00 a.m.

MARCH CALENDAR

Sunday	Voices for Quality Care (3 rd Sunday)	Parish Hall	2:30 p.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 Wednesday)	Room 200	3:25 p.m.
	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Education for Ministry (EFM)	Rectory	7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall, Rm 208 & Nursery	7:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir	Church	7:30 p.m.
	Vestry (3 rd Thursday)	Rector's Office	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.

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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 WEEK

Tom Andrews

Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion, calling us to enter into the great mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. On Palm Sunday, March 20, this year, we celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. We will gather outside for the Liturgy of the Palms, weather permitting, reading Matthew 21:1-11 and blessing the palms. After processing into the church we move from shouts of "hosanna," to shouts of "crucify;" from hailing him as our king, to walking up to Golgotha, to Jesus' passion and death on a cross.

Holy Week will continue with the Seder Meal on Thursday at 6:30 in the Parish Hall. The Education for Ministry group will lead us in the meal Jesus shared with his followers, the seder of Passover they were sharing, and our understanding of the beginning of our Eucharistic meal. All are invited to take part in the Seder, and walk the way of passion as our Holy Week observance moves along toward crucifixion.

Good Friday's Liturgy will be observed at St. George's, Glenn Dale, at Noon. Folks from Holy Trinity, St. James' and St. George's will join together there for this stop along our Holy Week journey. This journey the will continue here at Holy Trinity at 8:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter on Easter Eve at 8:00 p.m. will be observed with the darkened church and the lighting of the new great candle, the Paschal candle, leading us as we hear the ancient song of our deliverance, the Exsultet. We will proceed into the tomb-like church with our candles lighted, Christ's light overcoming the darkness. We will hear some of our history retold. We will baptize new Christians. We will celebrate Christ's resurrection at the first Eucharist of Easter with shouts of, "alleluia, He is risen."

Come and take part in this great mystery, this liturgical refreshing of our understanding of ourselves as forgiven, reconciled with God, those for whom Christ lived and died and rose again on Easter, the day of Resurrection.

Have a blessed Lent and a joyful Easter.

BISHOP LLOYD ALLEN OF HONDURAS VISITS THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Peggy Johnson

Although Bishop Lloyd Allen's prime reason for coming to the Diocesan Convention was to preach, a reception in his honor also was held. Susan Croft, Sally Gilbert, Mary Ann Babnis and I were among those privileged to attend where he gave us all an update on Honduras. Here are some things he shared.

Colonia Episcopal (CE) is almost completed. Electricity, streets, sanitary facilities are near completion. Social workers are organizing groups to find ways for them to earn money. Two teachers currently paid by a group in D.C. will be paid by the government soon. The time is near when our diocese can turn CE over to the city government in Puerta Cortes AND the residents will own their own homes and receive the deeds to them. (Holy Trinity has paid for two of the homes.) Bishop Allen urged us to join them on the day of that celebration. At that time, our role becomes pastoral.

Ordinations for thirty seminarian students have been approved. No date has been set.

The Diocese of Honduras has grown from 87 congregations to 142 in three years plus 26 other kinds of missions such as school and clinics. Seventy-five percent of these are in rural areas, and clergy must use four wheeled vehicles to reach them.

So many people want the Episcopal Church to be their church but there is no money to pay clergy, build churches, etc. that those people have to go on a waiting list known as the "Lay Away Plan". Bishop Allen said it is not easy to come and ask for our help but they just do not have enough money. His saddest day of the month is the day he signs the clergy paychecks. He agonizes over how they can exist on the small amount they get.

His focus in the churches is stewardship, to become self-supporting and to pay their own clergy. Stewardship is unknown in the Diocese of Honduras and it will take at least 10 years for this to become a way of life.

Finally, he wants to do something special for us as our relationship is a two way street. He has thought about it so many times and wondered what kind of gift the Diocese of Honduras could give to us. He decided that since we have so many Hispanics here, he would send someone here to help us to learn to speak Spanish. It would help both of us in becoming "one" as we travel our two-way street together. But he has one most important requirement. This person cannot stay in the U.S. They must go back to Honduras. As he said, "Let my people go!"

Bishop Allen also met with the Holy Trinity people for about a half hour to discuss Holy Trinity's next direction with Honduras. More Later.

Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School

Attention Alumni of Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School!

Scoop up your HTEDS classmates
and join us for the

HTEDS Alumni Sundaes Social Sunday, April 10, 2005

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Daisey Lane Campus

**Join us as we celebrate Peggy Reiber's
25 years of service to HTEDS.**

Enjoy ice cream and all the fixings.
Visit with friends, old and new.
Tour the Middle School Art Show.

RSVP by April 1, 2005 to
Lisa Hawkins at:
lhawkins@htrinity.org

YAC'S PARENTS' NIGHT OFF

Craig Ryan and Cathy Clark

Congratulations and thanks again to Holy Trinity's YAC group (grades 10–12) for another successful fundraiser on February 12. They provided babysitting for 17 children, from ages one to ten, for 3 hours, while parents took some pre-Valentine's Day time for themselves. The group raised \$310.00, which will be donated to the Episcopal Relief and Development, Emergency Relief Fund to aid the tsunami victims of South Asia.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Holy Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall Sunday, March 6, following the 9:30 service. Plan to be present to hear about plans for the future of the Parish and reports from various groups, and see a movie. We will have an opportunity to meet Marcy Cathey, new Head of Holy Trinity School. The Vestry will present the 2005 budget. We'll elect new vestry members, convention delegates and day school board members. We will be voting on a change in the bylaws recommended by the Vestry, to simplify the list of requirements for membership, by eliminating "are confirmed adult communicants."

SEDER DINNER. CELEBRATING A CHRISTIAN PASSOVER

Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Steve Cone

Education For Ministry invites all parishioners and their families to join together for the Seder Dinner again this year on Maundy Thursday, March 24, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. EFM is continuing its tradition of hosting and serving this meal.

The Seder meal is a celebration of the Passover that relives God's saving activity when the Jews were slaves in Egypt. Moses asked the Pharaoh to free the Jews but the Pharaoh refused. Only after nine plagues were brought by God through Moses did Pharaoh consider letting the Jews go.

A tenth plague took place as the Jewish people were eating supper. The Angel of Death came and killed the firstborn of the land. Because the Jews had placed the blood of a lamb on their door posts, the Angel passed over their houses, leaving their firstborn alive. After this tenth plague, the Jews quickly gathered their belongings and fled from Egypt.

This event is important to Christians for two reasons. First, the God who redeemed the Egyptian Jews is our God, the God of salvation. Remembering Passover is a way of remembering our heritage of faith. Second, the Last Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ was a Passover meal. To this meal, Jesus added the direction that we remember his sacrifice for our sakes, through which our redemption from sin and death was achieved.

Following the meal, we will conclude our Christian Passover by reciting a psalm and hearing our Lord's preparation for his death on the Cross. In this way, together in community we will set the stage for the coming days from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. Please make plans to join us!

NEW ROADSIDE SIGN

Craig Ryan

Progress continues on the design and coordination of the new v-shaped sign for the front of the church property. The Vestry has picked Kerley Signs, from proposals submitted by three companies, and it is the intent to have construction begin this spring.

The Vestry showed plans for the proposed sign at Sunday Discussion in early January where parishioners offered many good ideas towards its final design. Now, John Reger is working with the State Highway Administration to clarify location, and with BGE to coordinate the electrical service needs.

The total cost will be between eighteen and twenty thousand dollars, with the day school and the church each paying half. Parishioners have provided financial support but more funds are still needed. Please consider making a contribution. It is important to let more people know that there is, in fact, a church back there on the property. We have a great church family here and more people should know about us.

AREA YOUTH MINISTRY

Craig Ryan

Representatives of the four parishes involved in the Area Youth Ministry begun two years ago (Holy Trinity, St. George's – Glenn Dale, St. Christopher's – New Carrollton, and St. Andrew's – College Park), met on Tuesday, February 15. This is a regular group that meets quarterly to review the Area Youth Ministry, and consists of the four Rectors, an adult youth leader, and a youth from each parish. Holy Trinity is represented by Father Andrews, Craig Ryan, and Kathryn Zarate, with Kristen Lackey also taking part at this meeting. Paul Canady, Youth Director for the Diocese, took part as well.

Strong support was voiced by all in attendance that the four-church Area Youth Ministry should continue, and that a new youth minister would be hired as soon as possible. Paul Canady will begin placing ads and helping with the search, immediately.

Another pressing item was the mission trip for this summer. It was decided that the group will go to Camp Joy again this year, and the application has since been sent. It will again be one of the last weeks of July (stay tuned for information on which week we will be assigned). Because of the large number of youth taken last year (a good problem to have), the group decided that only high schoolers (grades 9 – 12) would go this year, with a cap of forty, plus a minimum of eight adults. Craig Ryan will again handle the coordination of the construction aspects of the week, (work crews, materials, etc.), but we'll be looking for someone to take over the other leadership parts of the trip (coordinating rides, camp organization, etc.). Adult chaperones are also needed, with and without construction knowledge. Please think about it, and contact Craig.

Another week, middle schoolers will have their own local trips to area missions, with an overnigher at the end of the week. Volunteers unable to commit to the whole week of Camp Joy should consider helping out here. We'll be again looking for adult chaperones and mission ideas.

Please keep in mind these other upcoming Area Youth Ministry events:

Stations of the Cross, March 23rd (time to be announced), on the grounds of Holy Trinity. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a continuation of the monthly middle school gatherings, with each parish hosting the event on a rotating basis. Holy Trinity will host the one in March, with the date still to be decided (notification will be sent to all families of the middle schoolers).

NEW "APPRENTICE" WANTED

Narmeen Reger

Don't worry, you don't have to complete a task and you won't hear, "You're fired!" The Communications Ministry is looking for someone to step into the first year of a three-year cycle as Tidings editor. The first year is like an apprenticeship where you learn the workings, write articles, encourage submissions, etc. The order right now is Editor, Evelyn Kirby and co-editor, Narmeen Reger. In April, Evelyn will move to the third year position of assisting when and where needed. Narmeen moves to Editor and we need someone to step into Narmeen's position of co-editor. As you can see, this is a 3-year commitment, with year number 2 being the most involved. Years one and three are a bit more relaxed. No experience is necessary, just an enthusiasm to make the Tidings the best! If you're interested, please contact Bob Laurenson, Dan Howe, Evelyn Kirby or Narmeen Reger – we are all in the directory!

MAKE SANDWICHES FOR MARTHA'S KITCHEN

Despite uncooperative weather, the Hunger Committee is still getting off to a great start with our sandwich making this year. Please mark your calendars to make sandwiches for Martha's Kitchen on March 20, April 17, and May 23 this spring. We always need donations of bread and other supplies, so if you would like to lend a hand, and please call Elizabeth Chamberlain.

BLESSING OF HEALING GARDEN SET

Ames Perry

The Garden Guild plans a blessing of the grounds on Palm Sunday, March 20, after the 9:30 a.m. service. The media will be invited and Healing Prayer will be offered after the blessing.

The Garden Guild met in front of the Church on February 19, to begin clearing the path and to mark a triangle where the Trinity Knot Labyrinth will go. Garden plans are evolving; stop and check it out. We will be working on the path, again, on Saturday, March 12 and Saturday, March 19 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and welcome to come and help. Service hours are available for our youth.

Healing Prayer will be offered at least one hour per week. A birdhouse/mailbox will receive prayer requests left at times when a healing minister is not present. Suggestions for a convenient time for healing prayer are appreciated.

The Garden Committee will meet again on March 13, after the 9:30 a.m. service in the Media Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

UPCOMING DISCUSSION ON HOMOSEXUALITY

Ryan Kuratko

The Christian Education Ministry invites all members and visitors to Holy Trinity to engage with us in prayerful discussion around the issue of homosexuality. Starting this April after Easter, parishioners will meet for several weeks based to study the excellent adult curriculum developed by our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA). The curriculum is designed to give voice and ear to all people's side on the issue, and in particular to give voice to and room for all perspectives so that we all might learn from and teach one another. The Christian Education Committee hopes that the gatherings, focused on prayer, scripture, and our life together as the body of Christ, will provide a place for everyone at Holy Trinity as we continue to discern together our calling in a time of church tension.

Below is the web address for guide on which we will base our time together so that you can view the anchor for the conversation (beginning in scripture and moving toward baptism and mission) and begin to have a sense of the mutuality, respect, and love involved.

<http://www.elca.org/faithfuljourney/study02.html>

Thanks, and we hope to see you there.

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

Dan Howe

Most of us are familiar with the catch phrase used by Al Michaels during the US/USSR hockey match in the 1980 Olympics. Well, I felt just that way on Sunday, January 23. I had been sitting all evening watching the Steelers vs. Patriots football game. At the end of the game I got up and went directly up the stairs (13) to my computer room. I entered, turned to switch on the light on my desk and at that point I blacked out. The next thing I recall was laying at the bottom of the stairs with my wife Pat yelling my name. It was like waking from a dream. I thought, "Why is she so excited? Must be something in the street". I quickly realized why she had been shouting as there was blood on the floor and my head and ear hurt something fierce and when I put my hand on my head it was covered in blood. Pat called our daughter Dawn, who lives less than a mile away. She had her husband call 911 and she came to the house. I was taken by ambulance to PG Hospital and spent the remainder of the night in X-ray and cat scan mode. I also had two staples to close my head wound and some stitches in my ear. I was released at noon on Monday. When I got back home, I looked at the stairs and realized how very fortunate I had been. God surely does work in strange ways.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Violeta Vasquez, Leader

The adult Bible study group is now reading and discussing Rick Warren's, *The Purpose Driven Life*. The author is founder and senior pastor of a 20,000-member church in California. The book is now read and discussed by members of churches of all kinds across the country. The author has an unusual ability to quote from the Bible and other sources and educate and inspire on topics of central interest to all of us. These are set up into 40 daily readings of a few pages each, and make for exciting discussion and reflection.

If you can, please participate in this venture with us Sundays at 11:00 a.m., Room 204.

A NOTE FROM THE ALTAR GUILD

Liz Biddle, Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who purchased a poinsettia at Christmas; they always make the church look beautiful. Which leads me into letting you know Sally Gilbert will be taking orders for Easter lilies. If she hasn't contacted you yet she will, or you can always catch her after the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday or call her at her home. The price of the lilies is \$15.00. Make sure you make the checks out to Holy Trinity Altar Guild. Thanks again for all your support.

VESTRY NEWS

Tom Lackey, Vestry Member

The vestry of Holy Trinity meets on the third Thursday of each month to conduct the formal business of the church. This article is to publicize the activities of the vestry meeting. You are invited to comment to vestry members about past actions and future directions for Holy Trinity.

Vestry meeting, Thursday, February 17, 2005:

Actions:

- The resignation of Area Youth Minister, Erin Iverson was noted. The rectors of the 4 churches involved agreed to continue to compensate Erin through the month of February. The Holy Trinity vestry supported the action by an email vote.
- A Mutual Ministry Review was conducted. It is the vestry evaluation of the progress of the church in the past year, its own work and that of the rector.

Continuing Business:

- Craig Ryan gave an update on work for a Permanent Sign for Holy Trinity. See article on page 4.
- The Vestry is considering a request from a parishioner for Holy Trinity to administer a charitable fund established by the parishioner's

employees for the short-term benefit of the children of a deceased co-worker. He made the request after all other avenues of assistance did not work out. The vestry agreed that if the donations were an acknowledgment of a charitable contribution, the church would be able to be a conduit for this purpose. A separate bank account would be established.

Committee Reports:

- Stewardship – 2005 Pledges total \$205,000
- Day School –
 - A Board of Governors/Vestry Visitation Day is Feb. 23. Members of the vestry are invited to tour the Lower School and Middle School campuses during the school day.
 - Marcy Cathay, will be installed Day School Head on Sept. 8, 2005 at the Daisey Lane Campus. Bishop Chane will be there and parents and parishioners are invited.
- Gordon Stewart and Carl Vettel, members of the Prayer Garden Group updated the vestry on the preliminary designs for a labyrinth area and meditation path. The Prayer Garden group is going to seek a grant for some of the funding for the development of this area. A Blessing of the Ground for this project is scheduled for Palm Sunday.

“FILL AN ARK” PROJECT

The Hunger Committee is asking once again for your help to “fill an ark,” during this Lenten Season. The arks will be available beginning the first Sunday in Lent for all who are interested. The filled arks will be collected on April 10 at all the services and all proceeds will go to Heifer International.

Nearly a billion people worldwide suffer from malnutrition. The money put in the arks offers hope to people all around the world who receive one of the 20 different species of animals and fowl. We would love to “fill an entire ark” with chicks, cows, goats, llamas, pigs, rabbits, sheep, water buffalo, bees, fish, camels, ducks, and geese.

Please be generous in filling your ark, as always the need is great!

HYMN HISTORY

Arleen Dale Kirtland

*Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**, our recessional hymn for February 27, first appeared in 1745. Written by William Williams, a Welsh evangelist known as “sweet singer of Wales,” it is the only one of his *800 plus* hymns to be widely known in our day! (Williams wrote the lyrics to his hymns in Welsh and thus they had to be translated before publication.) Our hymnal notes that the version of this hymn used was the one translated by Peter Williams (not a relative) in 1771.

As with so many of our hymn writers, Williams began his life in the church as an Anglican priest, but soon left to follow the style of the Wesleys, and became an itinerant preacher, evangelizing throughout Wales. The Welsh people are a people of song and Williams had his greatest impact in his hymnody.

The imagery is a comparison of the Israelites 40 day sojourn in the wilderness and the Christian life. Look for references to “bread of heaven”, “fire and cloudy pillar”, Jordan and Canaan. During these days of Lent, it is fitting to leave our worship by reminding ourselves that, though we do not know the route, we can count on God to guide us.

Sources:

101 Hymn Stories; Kenneth Osbeck; Kregel Publishers; P.O. Box 2607, Grand Rapids, MI 49501; 1982.

The One Year Book of Hymns; Brown & Norton; Tyndale House, Wheaton, Illinois; 1995.

Jehovah is a term we all recognize as a name for God. Did you know Petrus Galatinus conceived it about 1520 as pronunciation of the Hebrew letters, “YHWH”? To the Hebrews, God’s name contained so much power that it was forbidden to speak the name aloud, and after 538 bc, the term “Yahweh” was withdrawn for fear it would be profaned. If you were reading scripture and needed to say YHWH, you added vowels that hid the real name! Other such substitutes besides Jehovah are Adonai and Elohim. (*Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*)

SHAWL MINISTRY

Arleen Dale Kirtland

The Shawl Ministry at Holy Trinity has made a beginning! We are currently working on 2 shawls. Knitting is done in your own time – *there are no meetings to attend!* We will join together briefly to bless the completed shawls from time to time.

If you would like to experience the many gifts to be found in knitting a prayer shawl for someone in need, but do not know how to knit and would like to learn, please contact me. Knitting lessons are FREE to anyone who will agree to make *one* shawl. This offer applies to anyone 12 and older! You may reach me at lawnranger@unidual.com or my home phone.. Again, you may learn about the ministry by visiting www.shawlministry.com God *has no hands but our hands....*

HTEDS ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION BENEFITS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

Tickets are currently available for the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School Association's annual silent auction/dinner on Saturday, March 12, 2005, from 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm at the Crofton Country Club. Enjoy an evening of “All the Jazz,” with radio personalities David Haines and Triscinia Gray as our guest emcees for the evening. Bid on everything from flying lessons to Wizards tickets and more. Proceeds will go toward enhancing the school’s information technology program. Tickets are \$35 per person. For tickets or more information, please contact Tonya Muse at twmuse67@aol.com, or her home phone.

PRAYERS FOR HONDURAS CHANGED IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

San Pablo is no longer our Companion Congregation because, happily, construction of their church building, which Holy Trinity funded, is completed.

We are now helping Ana Rosalia Aguilar, Lay Vicar to the congregation of San Fernando Rey en Omoa, Honduras, so this will now be reflected in the Sunday Prayers of the People.

**HOLY TRINITY HOSTS DIOCESAN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S 122ND
ANNUAL MEETING**

Rose Longmire

On February 19, over 100 women representing more than 20 churches in the Diocese of Washington shared a morning and afternoon of fellowship, worship and spiritual enrichment.

Participants registered in the Parish Hall, and then shared a continental breakfast prepared by Holy Trinity's ECW. A brief business meeting was conducted to approve the 2005 budget, hear reports from the United Thank Offering, Church Periodical Club, and the Memorial Scholarship Fund and elect officers. [Note from Tom Andrews: "Congratulations to Rose who was elected President, and to Joan Trisko who was elected Region 5 Representative"].

Holy Eucharist in the Church followed the business meeting. The Right Rev. Barbara C. Harris, the first woman Bishop in the Episcopal faith, was the

Celebrant assisted by Father Tom Andrews, Rev. Velma Brock and Rev. Mariann Babnis. After the Eucharist Sally Bucklee spoke on the "Roles of Women in the Church." Her speech included excerpts from a letter written by a young girl whose father was once the Priest at Holy Trinity in the early 1800's as well



as other trials, tribulations and accomplishments of women in the Church.

After lunch, Bishop Harris spoke about the need for us to be advocates on behalf of the victimized and exploited, especially our children. She said that new partnerships are needed between the secular, corporate and religious sectors. These partnerships can be a benefit to all because "what affects one directly, affects all indirectly." We were urged to make a difference and invest in our neighborhoods, our schools, and our communities. In closing she left us with an awesome and thought provoking sentence. "The power behind you is greater than the task ahead of you." Very apropos Episcopal Church Women continue our work to help the women of the Episcopal Church carryout Christ's work of reconciliation in the world.

THANK YOU "ANGEL AUNTIES"

Thank you to all our wonderful "Angel Aunties" for your help with our triplets. We are so blessed to have such a lovely group of ladies in our lives. Thank you for your time and tender loving care. Janet and Matt Gracie - proud parents to Paul, Amelia, and Lauren.

HOLY BAPTISM
February 13, 2005
Amelia Joanne Gracie
Lauren Louise Gracie
Paul Darren Gracie
Children of Janet and Matt Gracie
And grandchildren of Mary Yuhas

BRIEF NOTES:

New Tidings Deadline: The deadline is now the 20th of each month so, please use the Tidings to get the word out about all the opportunities for worship, study, service and fellowship. Send pictures, too!

Acolyte training is on March 20, following the 9:30 service. Father Tom will train new acolytes and help current ones polish up their technique so that everyone will do their best job during Easter week. New acolytes are encouraged to attend. So please invite your friends to join. Our newest acolyte, **Perry Gordon**, will serve on March 6. Welcome Perry.

Lenten Retreat Rev. Mariann Babnis will lead a Lenten Retreat based on Jesus' last words to us on Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and will conclude with a noon Eucharist. You are welcome to participate in all or any part of the day. See bulletins for more information

Easter Egg dying. It will be held on Saturday, March 26th from 10-12. All are invited to attend. Please bring a dozen hard boiled eggs to leave for the church as well as your own eggs to dye. We have plenty of dye kits so we just need eggs this year! Questions? Call Susan Townsend-Gray.

THAT ALL MAY BE ONE

Mariann Babnis

We like to give – money to the poor; time to work in a soup kitchen or baby sit for busy parents; clothing to the needy. All the while that we are giving, are we also open to receiving from those whom we are conditioned to help? What can the poor, the needy, the homeless, the helpless possibly offer to ‘us’ who have so much?

As long as ‘we’ insist on viewing other human beings as ‘them’ the relationship is only one-way. While our baptismal covenant teaches us to minister in the manner in which Christ did, we are also called upon to ‘respect the dignity of every human being.’ Inherent in respecting each other is the obligation to make the relationship a two-way street.

The Right Reverend Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras, spoke about two-way relationships during his sermon at the Diocesan Convention, entitled “That All May Be One.” Citing the relationship between the dioceses of Washington and Honduras, he said: “We are called to do God’s work together for the common good. [T]his relationship is a two-way street, that we are called to work together if we want the relationships that would be established to last.”

Honduras is the second poorest country in this hemisphere. Yet within the past two-and-a-half years in which Bishop Allen has led his diocese the number of Episcopal congregations has grown from 87 to 142; 30 seminarians have completed their theological training, and are ready to be ordained and begin serving these burgeoning parishes; and 89 families who did not own a home are about to move into their first homes in Colonia Episcopal, a joint project of the two dioceses.

These success stories are not so much due to how we in the Washington Diocese have helped grow the Episcopal Church or raise the standard of living in Honduras, although that growth has taken place. These statistics are the fruit born of the *companion relationship* between Honduras and several U.S. dioceses – all working together, side-by-side, as one people to further the kingdom of God in Central America.

What lessons can we draw from Bishop Allen’s examples? First, all that we are and all that we have

are gifts from God – no matter how much or how little this abundance seems in our eyes. Second, as Bishop Allen said in his sermon: “Let us remember that even though we are different, all are needed, all are important.” When we walk side by side with our fellow human beings, all facing God, we begin to understand our commonalities even through our differences. Finally, as we work together for a common good, we leave behind the ‘us/them’ dichotomy and open ourselves to learning and receiving from those with whom we are in relationship as children of God.

**HUNGER COMMITTEE DINING FOR
DOLLARS FUNDRAISER – KICKOFF
SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

Dine at a Glory Days Grill in Bowie Sunday thru Thursday, March 6 -March 31, and the restaurant will contribute 10% of your total food purchases to the Holy Trinity Hunger Committee. Bring your neighbors, friends, and relatives, because the 10% applies to the total food bill. Simply ask your server for a copy of your guest check (not credit card receipt),



and mail it to: Donna Smith
10302 Dubarry Street Glenn
Dale, MD 20769. Questions?
Call Donna Smith or email her at

kdlksmith@msc.com . You may also give your guest check to any member on the Hunger Committee.

Not combinable with any other promotions, offers or discounts. This 10% donation cannot apply to sales tax, alcoholic beverages, or to any guest check that receives any other type of discount, coupon, offer or promotion. See Fundraiser Rules for full details.

**RECTORY READERS CLUB MOVES ALONG
TO THIRD BOOK**

Harold Sandy

The Rectory Readers Book Club will finish reading, *Islam, Religion, History and Civilization*, by Sayyed Hossein Nazr, by March 9, and will have discussed a recording of Dr. Nazr and a former Anglican bishop from Jerusalem and nearby countries.

The club's next selection is Bruce Feiler's, *Abraham - A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths*, starting Wednesday morning, March 16. Anyone is welcome to the book club. Just call Harold Sandy 301-262-6463 to preorder your copy of the book.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
March 6	M. Fallon J. Scott	J. Diggs	S. Cone		H. Tucker L. Anderson
March 13	V. Esmacher R. Curbelo	D. Clark	S. Allen		T. Kirby R. Curbelo
March 20	P. Ballish D. Whorton	S. Cone	J. Diggs		H. Tucker L. Anderson
March 27 8:00 a.m.	C. Wehrenberg M. Yuhas	S. Esmacher	D. Robinson		T. Kirby R. Curbelo

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
March 6	E. Dunwiddie S. Curbelo	L. Zarate	E. Mauer T. Cloutier	D. Townsend-Gray C. Hamel, P. Gordon	K. Kirtland B. Kallal
March 13	E. Glover B. Sharland	R. Stimpert	D. Clark T. Lackey	A. Jarmon, R. Bowen G. Sparks	M. Powell A. Sparks
March 20	K. Wenzel M. Baird	K. Kirtland	D. Leilich S. McGeiver	D. Nelson, A. Nelson W. Gordon	R. Stimpert R. Blass
March 27 9:30 a.m.	C. Stimpert D. Dunwiddie	J. Findley	C. Harman	D. Townsend-Gray K. Townsend-Gray, S. Spehr	K. Kowalewski K. Kirtland

HOLY WEEK – Good Friday, Great Vigil

March 25, Noon Service at St. George’s Glen Dale, with St. James, and Holy Trinity

Date & Time	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
March 25 Good Fri. 8:00p.m.	D. Jarry S. Cone	L. Eisenhart		S. Spher	A. Beckley
March 26 Great Vigil 8:00 p.m.	S. Gilbert	D. Clark	T. Cloutier	S. Cloutier, H. Cloutier, W. Gordon	G. Perez

*Altar Guild: March 1-15: Sally Gilbert, Nancy Smith
March 16-31: Nancy Diggs, Charlotte Zarate, Liz Biddle*

Acolytes are responsible or finding a substitute if they cannot serve.

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, 9:15 a.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)
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.*