

# Trinity Tidings

## MARCH 2006



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### EVENTS FOR MARCH 2006

Wednesday	March 1	Ash Wednesday		
Thursday	March 2	Communications Ministry	Daisey Lane	10:00a.m.
Saturday	March 4	“Swing into Spring”	Renditions G.C.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	March 5	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Hall	10:45 a.m.
Sunday	March 19	2006 HTEDS Alumni Social	Daisey Lane Campus	3:00 p.m.
Friday	March 31	Annual Talent Show	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.

### MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Children’s Choir	Church	5:00 p.m.
	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist	Church	10:15 a.m.
	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
	Girl Scouts	Room 206-208	6:30 p.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 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday)	Rector’s Office	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Brownies (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday)	Room 204	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.
	Quilt Group (3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday)	Parish Hall	10:00 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  
2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Parish Hall)  
10:45 -Fellowship & Education  
Sunday School  
Youth Group  
Discussion Hour  
Adult Bible Study

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**Promises to Keep: A Lenten Journey**

*By Mariann Babnis*

At Easter Vigil we will, once again, renew our baptismal promises, as we welcome the newest little Christians into our community. This rite of reaffirming our commitment to God can be deepened during Lent by examining how we live into our Baptismal Covenant.

The five full weeks of Lent offer us time to reflect on the five promises we make to God in the Baptismal Covenant (pages 304-305, *Book of Common Prayer*). We promise to:

- Continue in the apostles' teachings and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers;
- Persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord;
- Proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ;
- Seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself; and
- Strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.

Take one promise each week and reflect on how you are living into this commitment. Ask God to guide you into even deeper union with God as you seek new ways of exploring each vow. By the time Easter rolls around you will have a new appreciation of the Christian life into which we are baptized!

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**Vestry News**


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**Stewardship During Lent**


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*By Tom Lackey, Vestry Member  
Vestry Meeting of February 15, 2006*

This was a special meeting of the vestry lead by Bishop John Bryson Chane. Also present, besides the members of the vestry, were Canon Carol Cole Flangan, Marcy Cathey, Head of the Day School, and several members of the Board of Governors of the Day School.

The Bishop and Canon reviewed the process that Holy Trinity was about to start: the search, the role of the vestry, the role of the Search Committee, a timeline for action, "supply functions", the roles of our church and the Diocese in these actions, and the "call".

They stressed that the important focus for us now was to say "goodbye" to Father Tom Andrews and to celebrate his ministry with us. They also highlighted the importance of a "search consultant" during the coming months. We should have "a proper goodbye, a proper search and a proper welcome".

It is the policy of the Diocese that neither the interim rector (who has special training for such a position), nor the new rector can be a part of the present leadership of this church.

The Search Committee will be appointed by the vestry and should be a separate body which is representative of the parish. The vestry will select the interim rector and no Search Committee will be formed until the interim rector is in place. The normal period of time for "an interim" is between 12 to 18 months. It will be important for the Committee to continually communicate what is being done in "the process". The Bishop stressed the importance of prayer throughout this process. A person is already out there waiting for the "call". It is up to both sides to discern that "call".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Tom Lackey, Stewardship Ministry*

If you had not yet noticed, the entire month of March will be during Lent season. Ash Wednesday is on March 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Holy Week will not come until early in April. So March is Lent this year!

For me, Lent is a time of reflection on how to be a better steward of what God has given me. If I can't give more of my time or treasure, maybe I can give more of my talent. If I can't give more treasure or talent, maybe more time to the Church. If more talent and time cannot be give, maybe more treasure. There are many opportunities for all of us, now and in the coming year, to be more involved in the life of Holy Trinity and in the lives our church touches. This year, take time during Lent to think about how you, in some way, could return a little more of your time, treasure and talent to God's work through Holy Trinity.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

On Sunday, March 5, 2006, following the 9:30 a.m. service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for the Annual Parish Meeting to elect (or re-elect) Wardens and Vestry members, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention, and Representatives to the Day School Board of Governors. There will be financial reports and reports from the Day School and other business. Please plan to attend.

### **Ash Wednesday Services**

Wednesday, March 1 begins our time of Lenten preparation for Holy Week and Easter. There will be four services of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes:

**8:45 a.m. with the Lower School**

**10:00 a.m. with the Middle School**

**12:00 noon joint service with St. George's and St. James' and the Rev. Caroline Fairless of St.**

**James' preaching**

**7:30 p.m. with the Adult Choir**

Plan to begin your observance of a holy Lent on Ash Wednesday.

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## Rectory Readers Move On

*By Harold Sandy*

The club just finished Jim Wallis' book *God's Politics – Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*. The author, who has worked with our Bishop John Chane on various social and cultural issues, sees a third option, where the religious right and left join in a middle way effort to help politicians and churches to do more for reducing the world's poverty, and to positively address other social problems of concern to Christians. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, we begin discussing Charles Jones' book, *The View From Mars Hill*, about Christianity and other world religions. Professor Jones, from Catholic University, will visit Holy Trinity for three Sundays in April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> during the Adult Discussion Hour to discuss his book and world religion issues. Copies of his book are available in the Church Office for \$9.35.

## Groundwork is Coming

*By Tom Andrews*

This is a resource to help us dig deeper in engaging Holy Scripture and the mission of God's Church. Using the Scripture readings for the first five Sundays in Lent, each week we'll see what covenants and commitments we make as baptized people of God, and think about how we can live into them as individuals and as a Christian community. Meeting at 11:45 a.m. in my office, we'll look at the Bible readings and think together about what it means to be God's people in the Church. Are you new to Holy Trinity: This is for you. Are you looking for Confirmation, making a sacramental commitment to live into your baptismal vows? This program is for you. Everyone is welcome to take part.

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## Jesus Saves, But How?

*By Ryan Kuratko*

So, we've all heard: Jesus died for our sins.

But have you ever wondered: wait, why is that supposed to make things better???

If you look up the Nicene Creed, which we read every week, you'll see that we say "for our sake" when we speak of the reason for Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. However, notice that it doesn't say *how* Jesus saves us, the way that Jesus makes things better.

The reason for this is that we Christians have never agreed on precisely *how* salvation works. This coming Lent, as a part of Lent's call to us at Holy Trinity to refocus our lives on the spiritual, I will be leading a group called "**Being at One with God**" that will be looking at three different ways to understand the metaphors of salvation. We will meet during the regular forum hour time-slot after the 9:30 a.m. service for a time of lively discussion, with some short presentations, music, singing, or a page or two of readings to start us off.

The schedule will be as follows:

March 12<sup>th</sup>: "Atonement: At-One-Ment with God"  
 March 19<sup>th</sup>: "Solidarity: Christ Our Inspiration"  
 April 2<sup>nd</sup>: "Satisfaction: Christ Our Judge"  
 April 9<sup>th</sup>: "Ransom" Christ Our Redeemer"

This will be one of my last offerings as the seminarian for Holy Trinity, and so I am looking forward to our time together to learn from one another.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet for a knit-in on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the home of Arleen Kirtland (5042 Church Road, Bowie) at 10:00 a.m. We welcome anyone who would like to join us in this ministry. Knowing how to knit is not a prerequisite – lessons provided!!! For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry to the get-together, please call Arleen at [lawnranger@unidial.com](mailto:lawnranger@unidial.com).

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## Ministry of the Acolyte

*By Diane Clark*

The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church defines an acolyte as “the highest order of the four Minor Orders of the Latin Church, the duties of the acolyte are to light the altar candles, carry the candles in procession, prepare the wine and water for Mass, and to assist the Sacred Ministers at Mass”. Acolytes are mentioned as early as a letter of Pope Cornelius to Fabius of Anitoch in 252 A.D. They assisted deacons and subdeacons at the preparation of the table and carried fragments of consecrated bread at the papal Mass to other churches. Eventually lay servers performed the duties of the acolytes and the order of the acolyte was part of the training for the priesthood.

Some of the duties of the acolyte are: lighting and extinguishing the Paschal and altar candles, acting as crucifer, banner-bearer, participating in the Gospel procession, holding the baptismal candle, and many other activities. The role of the acolyte is important because he/she is leading us into worship and they perform duties throughout the service.

The acolyte ministry is one of service. Acolytes and other lay ministers in the Episcopal Church are responsible for carrying out their ministry according to the questions and answers found in the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer. Anyone, regardless of age can become an acolyte. It is a ministry full of tradition and symbolism. Training to be an acolyte builds community not only with the other acolytes that serve, but also with all the people of God. Every year the Washington National Cathedral has an Acolyte Festival. Acolytes from all over the country come to attend workshops and meet fellow acolytes. It is a great opportunity to meet other acolytes and share personal stories.

For all of you that are current acolytes or anyone that has considered the possibility of becoming an acolyte, please come to a training session on Saturday, April 1, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the church. The Rev. Mariann Babnis will conduct the training session.

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## What We Don't Want to Talk About

*By Rev. Mariann Babnis*

Racism remains the “dirty little secret” no one wants to talk about – because of denial, fear, apathy, or the subject is just too hard to address. Yet as Christians we are called to work together to face continuing racism in our world, our diocese and ourselves, and move toward racial reconciliation.

To help us address this critical issue the Diocesan Racial Reconciliation Task Force is sponsoring a **Workshop on Racial Reconciliation** on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Church of the Epiphany, Washington, D.C. The Workshop offers the opportunity to create a “do talk” culture in a society that would deny the existence of this ‘elephant in the room’ – racism. Participants explore how they participate in the culture of racism, and how they can change their participation in this culture and move toward healing. We believe that so long as racism exists we can never be **‘one body in Christ’** and many of our gifts are lost or diminished.

The Workshop, which will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is free and open to all. To register contact me at [mbabnis@htrinity.org](mailto:mbabnis@htrinity.org).

### Attention Day School Alumni

The invitations are out to join your day school classmates and their families on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> for the 2006 Alumni Sundaes Social. The event will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Daisey Lane Campus. Enjoy ice cream and all the fixings, visit with friends, and tour the Middle School Art Show that will be on display. To RSVP, please call Lisa Hawkins at [lhawkins@htrinity.org](mailto:lhawkins@htrinity.org).

## “Swing into Spring”

Tickets are currently available for the Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School Association’s Annual “Swing into Spring” Silent Auction and Dinner on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. at Renditions Golf Club in Davidsonville, MD. Bid on everything from Redskins’ tickets, autographed professional sports memorabilia, golf outings and more. Tickets are \$50 per person. To order tickets please call Lisa Hawkins at [lhawkins@htrinity.org](mailto:lhawkins@htrinity.org).

### Day School Faculty Has Tree Planted in Memory of Teacher, Mrs. Jean Hines

*By Harold Sandy*

Mrs. Jean Hines taught our children for more than 20 years. The faculty, wishing to plant a tree in Mrs. Hines’ memory, asked the Building & Grounds Committee to choose a flowering tree and plant it at a place of their choice. We chose a Japanese Snowbell tree and planted it across from the playground, just to the left of the rail fence entrance to the Nature Trail. This lovely tree produces bell-like white flowers for 4 to 6 weeks between late Spring and early Summer, just after the dogwoods bloom. We look forward to this beautiful addition to our grounds and thank the faculty for their gracious tribute to Mrs. Hines.

### HELP!!! MY PICTURE IS LOST!!!

*By Dan Howe  
Website Coordinator*

Don’t panic, it is somewhere in your computer. Let’s do a search for it:

1. Go to START. This can be done by using the mouse and clicking on the START button; or if you are a keyboard user like me, you can invoke START by pressing the key with the Windows logo on it. It is between the Alt and Ctrl keys to the left and right of the Space Bar.
2. Go to SEARCH. Again, you can use the mouse and click on it or you can go up to it by

using the navigation arrows located on the bottom of the keyboard to the left of the number pad.

3. Select ALL FILES AND FOLDERS.
4. In the first (upper) window, put in \*.jpg. The \* is a “Wild Card”, which is a poker term for anything. Click on search and look at the pics that show up. You will be amazed at how many are on your computer. Most pics are .jpg, but you could also search for .bmp, .tif, etc.

Go ahead, try it!

### Honduras News Item

*By Peg Johnson*

GOOD NEWS! At last, Ana Roselia Aguilar Ramirez, along with 29 other seminary graduates, was ordained a deacon on October 27, 2005. The Diocesan Honduras Committee of Washington advises that Holy Trinity was the first parish in our diocese to sponsor a Honduran ordinand and that we served as their committee’s inspiration. Another communication states “You know by now, how much Bishop Allen and Ana Roselia treasure the faithful and generous support that you have offered her over the years. Your Parish has made an enormous difference in her life and in the lives that she touches every day.” Honduras has currently 142 congregations plus 26 missions equals 168 missions altogether. These 30 new clergy plus the 65 currently in seminary will make a significant difference in many lives.

### Dates to Remember

**Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Communications Ministry meets in the conference room at the Daisey Lane School Campus from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Parish Meeting, 10:45 a.m. in Parish Hall.

**Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>:** Deadline for articles to be submitted for the April 2006 Tidings. Email articles to [tidings@htrinity.org](mailto:tidings@htrinity.org).

**Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>:** Annual Talent Show – J2A Fundraiser for June Pilgrimage. \$15.00 entry fee. Contact Ames Perry

## ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

### 8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Mar 5	M. Yuhas S. Allen	J. Diggs	D. Robinson		T. Kirby H. Tucker
Mar 12	B. Spehr D. Whorton	R. Longmire	S. Cone		R. Curbelo L. Anderson
Mar 19	R. Anderson P. Ballish	S. Esmacher	S. Allen		T. Kirby H. Tucker
Mar 26	J. Brown B. Brown	S. Cone	S. Gilbert		R. Curbelo L. Anderson

### 9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Mar 5	A. Nelson L. Tompkins	R. Stimpert	T. Lackey G. Perez	W. Gordon, P. Gordon S. Eichhorn	N. Evans K. Kowalewski
Mar 12	J. Gordon G. Harwood	C. Ryan	T. Cloudier C. Harman	H. Cloutier D. Townsend-Gray K. Townsend-Gray	A. Beckley K. Kirtland
Mar 19	T. Jones A. Zarate	D. Clark	G. Jarmon B. Nelson	A. Jarmon, D. Nelson A. Nelson	M. Powell R. Stimpert
Mar 26	C. Townsend-Gray M. Baird	T. Lackey	E. Maurer A. Kirtland	R. Bowen, J. Judd G. Sparks	G. Perez T. Sykes

### 7:30 p.m.

<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Intercessor</i>	<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>	<i>Usher</i>
Mar 1	S. Cone V. Esmacher	S. Esmacher	S. Gilbert		G. Perez

**Altar Guild:**    *March 1 – 15: M. Laios, D. Whorton*  
                           *March 16 – 31: C. Zarate, B. Scott*

**Please remember:** *Acolytes are responsible for finding a substitute if they cannot serve on their assigned day.*

## 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. – 12:00 p.m.*  
           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)  
           Healing Prayers – Prayer Garden