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FROM THE WARDENS



Dear People of God,

If there is one thing that is certain in this life, it is change. Nothing stays the same—we ourselves, our friends, our interests, our points of view—all change over time. And this is as it should be. We would hate to say that at our current ages (don't ask...) we are the exact same people we were when we were 21! We'd like to think that we have grown in those intervening years, and we hope that you find that true of yourselves as well.

Trinity Church has also changed. We began over 125 years ago as a parish established for the town of Lime Rock, and especially for the families and employees of the Barnums and Richardsons, proprietors of the local iron works. The Vestry met once a year, after Easter. The priest was supplied with a horse (the 1875 version of mileage allowance?) After Barnum-Richardson went out of business, the parish fell on hard times. During the cold months, services were suspended. The parish hall was in the basement and the kitchen was the size of a small walk in closet.

Today we comprise a very different group. None of us work for the Barnum Richardson enterprises. Many of us are here only on weekends. We park our cars in the parking area instead of hitching our horses out back. We have had two women priests in succession. Worship is led by the priest with the assistance of a host of worship assistants. We have a magnificent new addition for meetings and administration. We have Summer Sunday soccer! And...the Vestry meets at least monthly and communicates by email.

Indeed, the times have changed. And, once more, change is upon us with Beth's departure for St. Gregory the Great in Athens, GA and our preparation for the next rector of Trinity Church, Lime Rock.

We encourage you to spend some time thinking about what you feel our mission and ministry is here, and how we might accomplish those ends. The input of each of us will be important as we begin to describe the characteristics that will be important to us in our next priest.



Kitty Benedict is again coordinating our spring time visitor scheduling with the plan that each parishioner will be called upon. Please make yourselves available to your callers and share with them your hopes and dreams for Trinity. Our experience last year was that we got to know each other better and our bonds to our parish were strengthened.

Meanwhile, we ask you to continue to hold Trinity, our Vestry and our next rector, whoever he or she may be, in your prayers. We also encourage you to attend Sunday services and, especially with summer coming, to be current in your pledging.

Peace,

Linda Lloyd, Senior Warden

Alexis Dorf, Junior Warden

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to all who participated on our Holy Week and Easter services, especially Christine and the choir, who made, as always, a joyful noise unto the Lord.

The flowers were beautiful as a result of the careful planning of our flower committee and the generosity of all those who made donations in memory of loved ones.

The Rota of worship assistants for Holy Week is truly mind-boggling, and our parishioners rose to the occasion, much to the edification of Linda Lloyd, who makes the Rota assignments each quarter.

Last, but certainly not least, kudos to Danielle Gaherty in the office, who churned out reams of bulletins, notices and letters, with nary a typo among them!

MEMORIAL DAY TAG SALE IS MAY 27



Our annual Memorial Day Tag and Bake Sale will soon be upon us. Gently used household items, toys, **books**, pictures, posters and whatnots will be gratefully received. Please, no clothes, pocketbooks, shoes, Christmas materials or other seasonal items!

Not sure what to bring? Well, if you wouldn't allow it in your house, someone else probably won't allow it in his/hers either! If you really need help, check with Danielle in the office—860-435-2627. Danielle will also cheerfully sign you up to work any time between 10 am and 2 pm.

Additionally, we need bakers to supply hungry shoppers with fuel for their efforts; Alice Tweed (860-435-2058) will be asking for your contribution if you don't volunteer to her first!



PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

In the temporary absence of a resident member of the clergy at Trinity, please call Senior Warden Linda Lloyd (518-789-3295) or Junior Warden Alexis Dorf (860-364-0816) if you have a pastoral emergency. The warden will put you in contact with the appropriate priest.

SUNDAY SOCCER

The unstoppable Geoff Brown will be tying on his soccer cleats and starting up Sunday summer soccer on June 18. The format for



each week is a brief worship service under the trees and then soccer instruction and practice until time for Eucharist in the church. All young people are welcome; (more than a dozen have already signed up!) please talk to Geoff (860-824-0640) for details.

An anonymous donor has offered soccer t-shirts for all participants—Geoff is taking names and clothing sizes as well.

TELLING OUR STORY

On Sunday, June 25, the congregation will meet with Bishop Smith, The Rev. Canon JoAnn Munro (the Diocesan clergy deployment officer), The Rev. Erik Larsen, (our search consultant), and if s/he has been appointed by then, our interim clergyperson. This event is scheduled from 4-8 pm, and we encourage everyone to attend. A light supper will be served.

The purpose of the meeting is to talk about Trinity's past in order to learn from it, and then to begin the conversation about who we are *now*, where we are headed *now*, and what our mission is *now*. All these elements will be of essence as we begin to discern the characteristics we would like in our next rector.

Until fairly recently, the whole search process was done in a more closed manner; a search committee was appointed, did its work, reported periodically to the Vestry and congregation and, ultimately, *voilà!* A new rector was introduced to the parish. Today, the entire membership of the church is invited to participate in the discernment process, and to take responsibility for the initial direction in which the congregation heads.

A search committee will be appointed by the Vestry after the June 25 meeting and then

begin the actual process. For further information about the Diocesan guidelines and procedures, please see the website, www.trinitylimerock.org.

ANOTHER APPROACH....

In my research on how translations affect our understanding of Biblical passages, I came across a translation of the Lord's Prayer from the Aramaic:

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos,

Focus your light within us—make it useful;

Create your reign of unity now -

Your one desire then acts with ours,
As in all light, so in all forms.

Grant what we need each day in bread and insight.

Loosen the cords of mistakes binding us,
As we release the strands we hold
of others' guilt.

Don't let surface things delude us,

But free us from what holds us back.

From you is born all ruling will,
The power and the life to do,
The song that beautifies all,
From age to age it renews.

Truly—power to these statements -
May they be the ground from which all
My actions grow: Amen.

Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations of the Aramaic Words of Jesus translated and with commentary by Neil Douglas Klotz

-Alexis Dorf

CELEBRATE WITH US!

We will celebrate Trinity's Name Day on (surprisingly!) Trinity Sunday, June 11. Following the 10:30 service we will hold a picnic outside (or in Walker Hall, if the weather is uncooperative) and hope that all parishioners will join us for this happy event.

Please bring something for the table—breads, salads, beverages, chips, and desserts are all welcome. We have much to be grateful for, and this event is a special way to celebrate our life together in our parish. Friends and neighbors are welcome as well!

Questions? Comments? Your wardens (Linda at 518-789-3295) and Alexis (at 860-354-0816) will solve all your problems, including cooking, gardening and childrearing practices....



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