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## FROM THE VICAR'S DESK:

The Gospel reading for the first Sunday in July ends with Jesus' comforting words, "Come to me all you that are weary...and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28) As the quieter months of July and August come into view I think this is a good time to look back on our "program year" at Trinity and think about all we've done since the Fall of 2010. It is time for a well deserved rest for all who have worked tirelessly.



We have so many active committees that continue to make Trinity a place of companionship along the Way; a community with a giving, and loving spirit. Many people have labored for hundreds of hours to help us make ends meet in our budget, and to foster good will in our community. I'm thinking about all who work on the Art Show, and on the ECW fundraisers - the Christmas Bazaar and the Memorial Day Tag Sale.

We added two new committees this last year; the Budget Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee. Both of these groups put in many hours so that we could be sure that Trinity is headed in the direction that best fits our goals. The Men's Group, the Altar Guild, the Flower Guild, Hospitality Groups have all given so much to keep Trinity going smoothly this year.

We had a changing of the guard with our wardens and vestry this year, and I am eternally grateful to both the old guard and the new guard in the vestry. Everyone is committed to this work and I am indebted to all of you.



We had the loveliest music this year, and especially for Christmas, Holy Week and Easter thanks to Christine Gevert's outstanding leadership. Of course, we were thrilled to host the Trinity Wall Street Choir again last September. The instrumentalists that Christine has gathered together for us have given just the right touch. How wonderful it was too, to have the gift of Tricia van Oers' recorder music, and then be able to be present to support her, and celebrate with her at her marriage to Bob Reimer. The choir has been blessed to have Jacqueline Kuhn and Diana Mundy join with the ever stalwart group to make a truly lovely sound. This is one ministry that takes a great deal of commitment, but the rewards we reap are tremendous. It may be hard for some to believe because the years fly by, but Christine will be celebrating her tenth anniversary with Trinity Church this Fall.

There is MUCH other good work that has gone on in this last year. I think that the Pageant and the Youth Sundays were a hit and I hope to build on that success in the next program year.

We are blessed with dedicated parishioners who have provided rides for our Trinity Glen friends each Sunday. This is an important ministry that we intend to continue with in the year ahead.



On the administrative end, Trinity "techies" keep our office computers running smoothly and internet viruses at bay! Our Trinity Update provides up to the minute information about goings-on here, and our website is second to none.

I particularly also want to mention the Outreach Committee. You will see an article from their new chairpersons later in this newsletter. Under Lynn Gaffney's fine leadership so much was accomplished and now Katrina and Lou Piezzo are taking over where Lynn left off. They plan to continue to build Christ's presence in the community, the nation, and the world through our hands and feet. Please support Lou and Katrina in whatever way you are able in the months and years ahead. The Mission of God is our mission too. We thank God for the will to the work God gives us to do.

Last, but certainly not least, we welcome the newcomers among us, who have brought us a variety of gifts in themselves as well as by their participation in our parish life.

*Pastor Heidi*

## NOTES FROM THE VESTRY



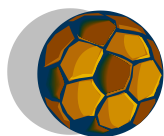
As we enter Ordinary Time and the summer months, the Vestry has been evaluating our accomplishments in the last year and planning for the upcoming one.

We have completed the Trinity Facelift projects with the exception of the interior painting of the church. Because of a few cost overruns and the need to install pew supports, which was not in the original plan, we will need to raise further funds to complete the planned (and much needed) painting of our worship space.

Further discussion of the use of the field has been undertaken. The recent power outage reminded us of the importance of planning for unanticipated events and

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the vagaries of the weather in New England!



### SUMMER SPORTS UNDERWAY!

Geoff Brown, assisted by Terri Brennan, will be meeting with our youngsters at 10:15 on Sunday mornings on Reid Field for a variety of activities. The children will join the adults in church at 11:15 for the Eucharist.

All children, guests, nieces and nephews, out of town relatives, grandchildren and neighbors are invited to join the fun. Anyone not wishing to attend the Eucharist must be met by a parent or other adult on the field by 11:15. For further information: Geoff at 860-824-0640 or [Geoff@betweenthelakes.com](mailto:Geoff@betweenthelakes.com).

### SHORT TAKES...



...please remember to bring food for the OWLS Food basket this summer! At a time when there is so much food around at

farmers markets and in our own gardens, we often forget that there are hungry folks in our communities. Children who are fed at school during the academic year do not have access to those meals during the summer, putting additional pressure on household food budgets.



...in summer we have only a single issue of the *Trinity Times*, so this is the time and place to mention Back-to-School backpacks! We will be collecting them for blessing and distribution in mid-August to

children whose families are unable to provide backpacks and their myriad contents as the children return to class.

This is an ideal project for parishioners to team up on! Terri Brennan is the person with the answers to your questions: 860—248-4491 or [terribrennan@mac.com](mailto:terribrennan@mac.com).

**ANNUAL INVITATIONAL ART SHOW**



The Art Show will open with a reception for the artists on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:00—7:00 pm and then be open daily from noon—4pm through Labor Day. Come and see offerings in many media from old friends and new faces!

This is our major fund raiser for the year and needs our support, as well as that of friends and neighbors. Further information from Tom and Susannah Schindler at 860-435-9961.

### SUNDAE SUNDAY



We will again celebrate the end of summer with our annual Sundae Sunday during the coffee hour on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ice cream and all the toppings are yours for the creating, while those among us with perhaps a little more discipline will find coffee, fruit and other comestibles.

### WHY DO OUTREACH?

*At Trinity we know what we **do** for outreach—food collection, backpacks, Christmas gifts for the elderly, spon-*

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sored walks, mission trips. But **why** do we put so much time, talent and treasure into these undertakings? New Outreach chair Katrina Piezzo (with help from co-chair husband Lou) reflects....-ed.

For better or worse, by nature I am a practical person and a 'doer' and probably for this reason I have always loved the book of James. In it James (Jesus' brother) explains that genuine faith must and will be accompanied by a consistent lifestyle. It is a short book but a very challenging one, full of practical wisdom.

*Dear friends, do you think you'll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense?*



So although it is our faith in God that saves us, I firmly believe that works and faith fit together hand in glove. I remember being told once that we are called to be 'Jesus with skin on' to the people around us. Whether we like it or not, people often judge God and Christianity on our characters and actions, or lack of them. On one hand this is quite a daunting responsibility, but on the other it is such a joy to be able to show love and hope to others, and see the positive result in their lives as they come to the realization that Jesus loves them.



The other scripture that comes to mind is Matthew 25:37-40. This to me is another reason I want to be involved in outreach – it is a way to serve God and show Him gratitude. When we are reaching out to people in need, it is like we are doing things directly for God.

*Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

Some of the things that attracted me to Trinity Church were the friendliness of the congregation and the emphasis on reaching out to the community to offer 'companionship along the way.' I was amazed at how many projects our little church was involved in, never dreaming that in a few years time I would have the privilege of chairing the outreach committee.



As I have got to know some of you, I am amazed by the pool of talent and resources that we have here at Trinity. As it says in Corinthians we are each a part of the body of Christ and we are called to use the gifts and talents that we have. When we work together the results will be remarkable. I see the role of the Outreach Committee as facilitating events and projects to provide opportunities for each of you to use your talents and gifts. Sometimes it is just the small things that make a difference not the big project stuff. Some of the practical ways you can be 'Jesus with skin on' that you might like to consider are:

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- Welcoming new people to the church and making a point to talk to them after the service
- Donating food to Owls kitchen
- Driving someone to church
- Cooking a meal for someone who is unwell
- Building on a Habitat house
- Sponsoring someone on the Crop Walk or the Bishops Fun Run
- Showing hospitality by inviting people for a meal
- Buying school supplies for school children

We have a number of events planned for the Outreach committee which will be posted on the notice board, website and in the weekly bulletins. We want to be able to meet the needs of our community, and to do that, we need everybody to be our eyes and ears. If you have an idea that you would like to explore with us, please let us know or even better get involved!

*-Katrina Piezzo*

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