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# Trinity Newsletter

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**Please remember our Food Pantry ministry.** If you have non perishable items or would like to donate money please contact Janet Gordon or Deacon Mueller.

**BEING LIFTED UP IN EASTER**

In the third week of Easter, something odd happened. Trinity Church got closer to God. That's right, Trinity Church got lifted up ten feet closer to God. Over the course of several weeks, the foundation will be built up until it can hold the church at this new elevation.

This adjustment in the elevation of the church will help Trinity Church to be more storm resistant. The first floor of the school across the street is at 21 feet above sea level. We are going to be very close to that as well.

Our architect, Leah McBride, has designed a porch to be built on the east side of the church. It will be about ten feet in the air as well. After a church service, you go down a couple of steps and walk around to the east side which will be in the shade in the afternoon. It will be quite lovely.

The renovation of the church includes this lifting of the church, but it also includes the addition of two transepts at the altar end of the building. They will be larger than the transepts we had before the storm. Because they are larger, we will be able to add two classrooms upstairs on each side. Four Sunday school rooms should be enough for the time being. The adults will have a couple of places to meet as well.

We will also have a warming kitchen, a full set of bathrooms, a small sacristy, a nursery, and a chapel to seat 145 or so. We are still talking about the decision to use chairs or pews. This is kind of tricky. Pews may actually be less expensive, but they don't allow any flexibility in the use of the



**The Rev Christopher Colby, Rector**

**A Clear Vision of the Cross**

Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

I Peter 3:18 NIV

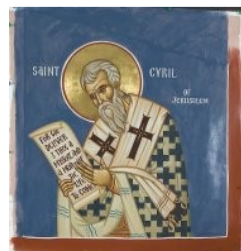
One of the reference points of London is the Charing Cross. It is near the geographical center of the city and serves as a navigational tool for those confused by the streets.

A little girl was lost in the great city. A policeman found her. Between sobs and tears, she explained she didn't know her way home. He asked her if she knew her address. She didn't. He asked her phone number; she didn't know that either. But when he asked her what she knew, suddenly her face lit up.

"I know the Cross," she said. "Show me the Cross and I can find my way home from there."

So can you. Keep a clear vision of the cross on your horizon and you can find your way home.

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**Top Story for May: Easter leads to Pentecost!**

space. Where will we hold parish suppers? Where do we have any events that require large spaces? Until we construct a new parish hall, this is it.

I hope you will drive by and admire what is under construction and thank God that we are finally at long last seeing our church home being repaired.

Please keep Trinity Church in your prayers at this time. Much is being done, but there are many things waiting for us to get done with the building.

Your brother in Christ,

The Reverend Christopher Colby

**Trinity Clergy, Staff, and Vestry**

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**Trinity Church Summer Programs....**We have found a home for our summer programs! We will have two weeks of summer programs at the First Baptist Church of Pass Christian. The first week will be June 15th through the 19th. We will be studying the Ten Commandments, and play soccer. Great News: We will have the help of the Pass High School soccer coaches along with some of their players to help with morning drills at camp this summer!

The second week will June 22nd through the 26th. The week is entitled Kingdom of the Son Vacation Bible School. We will be studying the Lord's Prayer. We will have additional assistance during Vacation Bible School by our friends from Fort Smith Arkansas. We will need help with both of these weeks, from Playground duty between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM at War Memorial Park and during the lunch hour to Nap Time, Crafts, Lunch and Snack, and Sports help.

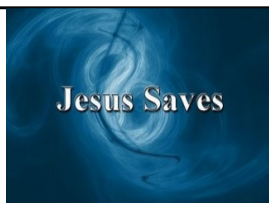
**Mission Trip.....**Plans are under way for a mission trip to Memphis,

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The Rev. Jeremy D. Blauvelt, Curate & Assistant Pastor



We will be staying at Meeman Shelby State Park, and we will be working with Fr. Colenzo Hubbard at the Emmanuel Episcopal Center. The mission trip will be between June 7th and 13th 2009. We will commission the trip at the Contemporary service on June 6th and then leave on Sunday June 7th. We will return on the 12th, and invite as many people as can to join us on June 13th to set up for Camp at the First Baptist Church of Pass Christian. If you are interested in this trip, please call Fr. Blauvelt at the Church Office. If you cannot go, you can help sponsor someone on the trip. Any funds raised beyond expenses will be given to the Emmanuel Episcopal Center. We are also raising money through the sale of items at the Church, including candy, chips, and soda for \$1.

Concert

We will be having our summer concert series on three dates this summer, May 29th, June 26th and July 24th. We will begin on May 29th with a concert by Jones Unleashed and Center Tree. Both are returning bands from last year, and Center Tree opened at Praise in the Park for Casting Crowns. Location is still being worked out, but tickets will be \$10 for each concert. If you would like to donate toward the concerts that would be helpful.

Gabriela Cavalcanti has been living with Nina & Jeremy Holton as an exchange student at Pass High School this year

My name is Gabriela Cavalcanti and I'm 17. I'm from Brazil and last year I decided to come to America to be an exchange student and spend my senior year in an American High School. I love traveling and experiencing new things, but leaving my parents and friends to come to a place with a different culture, different language to live with people that I didn't even know was a challenge to me. My parents always encouraged me to come, and after spending almost eight months here I can say that it really is a great experience. The people that I met here and the moments that I shared with them will be remembered forever. In June I will be going back to Brazil. There, our school year starts in February and finishes in December, so when I get back I will still have a semester of school left, and only then I will graduate from High School. The test we have to make to get into college is very hard, and the grade I will make on it you determine when I am going to go to college. My biggest dream for after graduation is to get accepted for medical school and make a tour around Europe with my sister and my friend while waiting for it to start. After starting college, I want to find an internship which will help me to acquire experience for my future job.

I pray that God may help me to reach my goals, and I'm working hard on what I can now to build my future.

Parish Prayer List

Jane, Howard, Le An, Bill, Helen, Michael, Jason, Frances, Peter, Jamie, Rev Lloyd, Valerie, Tom, Li, Mary, Amy, Janet, Danny, Chris, Bob, Peggy, Judi, Lynn, Orlando, Burton, Dale, Billy, Lynn, Fenvrick, Tyler, Cloinda, Holt Family, Betz Family

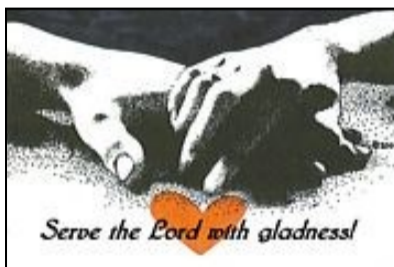
All our Troops, especially those serving overseas

Diocese of Mississippi

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of North America; Robert Duncan, Bishop

Trinity Senior's Appreciation Event



Around the Parish.....

Trinity Church 160th Year Celebration (1849 to 2009)

Worship Service on June 7, 2009 at 10 a.m. (only service of the day)

on the Trinity Church property at the corner of Church Avenue and West Second Street.

Suggested dress is picnic casual.

A catered Picnic lunch will follow the Service. An RSVP would be helpful for planning and can be accomplished by: calling Trinity Church at 452-4563; Lou at 216-1121 or Jeanne at 452-3415 email [jtagge@goldinc.com](mailto:jtagge@goldinc.com) (TC 160 in subject line) sending ground mail response to P. O. Box 459, Pass Christian, MS 39571

However, don't let the lack of an RSVP keep you from attending. If you cannot be there in person, your prayers for our continued recovery and growth are appreciated.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We are working on a display of Trinity's history. If you have any pre-Camille and older pictures or other information, please send copies to Trinity Church at the P.O. Box address above.

Having an Event? Send us a notice before and send us pictures and a little story afterwards to [newsletter@trinitychurchpc.com](mailto:newsletter@trinitychurchpc.com)



**Trinity Activities for May and Beyond**

**Health Corner**

By Debbie Colby



**The "Trinity Twirlers"** gather for an hour of stretching and socializing at the First United Methodist Church of Pass Christian, on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please consider joining us.

**"Start of Summer" Live Oaks** at the home of Don & Minna Doyle, 23444 Woodland Way, Pass Christian, MS

Friday, June 26, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. Co-hosted by Kevin & Gloria Reimherr

Please bring a covered dish to share, and your favorite beverage, and join in the fun and fellowship. R.S.V.P. to Doyles at 452-4867 or Reimherr at 586-0369

**DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS** Martha Chapter of Trinity Church

Please support our **Raffle Benefitting Graduates** to receive scholarships this year. To be raffled will be a Mosaic Porch Table and a Ceramic Platter by local Artists, as well as a Semi-Precious multi-color Stone Necklace and Earrings set from African Ministries. Raffle Tickets: \$5 each; 3 for \$10. Drawing will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour following the 11:15 a.m. Service. You do not have to be present to win. For more information please contact Minna Doyle at 452-4867 or Wilma Rizzardi at 452-0161.

**The St. Monica Guild** will hold its annual Salad Luncheon on May 11th, 12 Noon, at the home of Wilma Rizzardi, 101 Hursey Ave., Pass Christian (southeast corner of Hursey Ave. and 2nd Street - between Espy Ave. and Shadowlawn). You do not have to be a member of St. Monica Guild to come, and please bring a friend. Co-Hostess will be Barbara Stewart. For more information (and RSVP would be appreciated), please contact Wilma Rizzardi at 228-452-0161 or cell: 228-216-3646.

**One aspect of a Healthy Lifestyle for Christians** that frequently gets overlooked is finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life. I'd like to share with you, **Listening to Your Soul:** A Balance Checklist from Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. Gentlemen, the same can apply to men, even though the book was written for women.

Because we were created for balance, we feel the difference in our souls when our lives tilt too far in one direction or another. The imbalance will show in our attitudes, our energy level, and in the way we interact with other people. Any of the following could be an indication that you need to tilt more toward either service or devotion. Signs that you may need more time in the Kitchen (Be more like Martha) Slight depression. You feel a vague unhappiness, a sense of being down.

Resentment of intrusion. Rather than welcoming people into your life, you find yourself wishing they'd do away.

Frustration over direction of life. You feel a sense of purposelessness and sometimes wonder, "Is this all there is?"

Increased self-indulgence. You feel an itch to treat yourself with favorite foods or shopping.

Apathetic attitude. You find that very little moves you. You know your compassion level is low, but part of you just doesn't care.

Low energy level. Like the Dead Sea, you may have many inlets, but no outlets-and therefore

**The next Vestry Meeting is at 7pm on May 20. All members of the parish are invited to attend and can ask questions.**

you're growing stagnant

Signs that you may need more time in the living room (Be more like Mary)

Irritability and frustration. You find yourself snapping at people, wound so tight you're about to "snap" yourself, and especially short-tempered with those you perceive as lazy or uncooperative.

Uncomfortable with quiet. Silence makes you nervous, so you're quick to turn on the TV or the radio.

Low joy threshold. It's been a long time since you've sensed that undercurrent of joy and abundance running through your heart.

A sense of isolation. You feel all alone-as if no one is there for you and no one understands.

Increased drivenness. You're haunted by a sense that you must do more and more. You keep volunteering for more projects and more committees, even though you know your plate is full.

Sense of dryness and emptiness. No wonder! You have many outlets and demands but no inlets or source of strength.

Most of us tend to be more of a Mary or more of a Martha. However, the Lord calls us to be both. Do either of the above sound familiar? If so, please pray for wisdom and the ability to discern when He is calling you to serve His Kingdom, and when He is calling you to worship and adore Him. Then, and only then, will we truly be the body of Christ he is calling each of us to be.

"Test me O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in your truth." Psalm 26: 2-3

**Vestry Minutes-March 2009** (full text on church website)

**Building Committee:** Lane DeBardleben; Structural engineer will make the final report available shortly. Final pricing will be available at the end of this month. Lifting/raising of the old building will occur shortly thereafter.

**Community:** Janet Gordon; Groceries are regularly being purchased for the food pantry. A collection in the park is being discussed. Programs with the Methodist church are also being discussed. As for evangelism, a preacher has been hired for the mission in Chile.

**Youth:** Fr. Jeremy Blauvelt; The contemporary Sunday service will have its one year anniversary; potluck and a movie will be enjoyed. Full sermons will be posted on tangle.com. Four baptisms will occur this month. Fr. Blauvelt is also working on summer programs in conjunction with the Baptist church facilities during the last two weeks of June 2009.

**To the Schools and the Town:** Katherine Foster,

Jeanne Tagge; Kaboom build had over 250 volunteers. Several projects were completed, and other volunteers were signed up. The Kaboom projects have now come to an end. DeLisle kindergarten roundup occurred on March 18, 2009, and new applications are now being taken. Fr. Colby proposed welcoming the new public school at the start of the new school year...possibly "welcome back" signs or a coffee hour.

**Hospitality:** Sarah Powell; Carol and Clark Smith were very pleased with their reception. The weekend went really well. The "cookie gap" noted at the last Vestry meeting has largely disappeared.

**Education:** Fr. Blauvelt advised that Sunday school and the adult class will be continued this summer.

**160th Anniversary Committee:** Lou Rizzardi and Jeanne Tagge volunteer to coordinate the 160th Anniversary Committee.

<b>Treasurer's Report</b>			
<b>Month of March, 2009</b>			
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year to</b>	
	<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	
Parish			
Receipts	\$ 17,087	\$ 69,757	
Parish			
Needs	20,148	78,128	
Overage			
(Deficit)	\$ (3,061)	\$ (8,371)	



## The Deacon's Corner

The Rev Warren B. Mueller

**In our Maundy Thursday Worship**, we heard these words from Jesus *"I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you"* (BCP, pg 275), this is said as we take turns washing each other's feet, as Jesus showed us in an example of servant ministry.

Recently, the clergy, vestry, and some parish leadership gathered with Donna Hurley from the Diocese of Louisiana. Donna is a consultant in management and team building. The purpose of our gathering was to explore ways we could work together better as teams, and of course, as a parish. In particular, Donna explained the 4 common models of decision making; Majority Rules, Consultative, Consensus, and Authoritarian. She offered this insight into the two most common models: the *Majority Rules* model is inherently a "win-lose" proposition (think about that). If used too often, a team (like a church for example) could find a large portion of its membership not in agreement with the direction that is being followed, and thus feeling "left out". The *Consensus Model* by contrast is a process where team members arrive at a decision that all can support and then all can be an advocate of the decision to the world outside the team. The idea is to not disenfranchise anyone.

There are pros and cons to both of these models for decision making. On the negative side, Majority Rules is win/lose, but on the positive side it is the only practical way to make decisions in large groups. For example, can you imagine trying to reach a consensus in a National Election? The Consensus Model has the appeal of finding common ground for team members, but on the negative side, it can take a lot of time and work to find that common ground.

Donna suggested that for our Vestry, and by extension all our small leadership groups, the Consensus Model was the best decision making strategy. The time spent in finding common ground would be "made up" when it is time to implement decisions because everyone is of common purpose. In addition, ideally no one should feel disenfranchised by the process—all should give in a little, all should perhaps have gained a little.

The words of Jesus from our Maundy Thursday worship resonated for me with what Donna had taught us in our meeting. Maybe if I am willing to spend more time working with my fellow church members to find common ground, instead of trying to get what I want, I will be closer to modeling the new commandment that Jesus gave to us as He was facing the prospect of His death on the Cross. In His life and ministry, Jesus never compromised what He believed in, but He took the time to be a teacher as well as a leader. He led by the example of humility in powerlessness. That in powerlessness, or in giving away power, there is power (for example, think of Mother Teresa).

Most of our work as a parish is in small groups. As we work together in these groups, remember the new commandment given to us by Jesus and contemplate the teachings offered to us by Donna. "He is Risen. The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia, alleluia!

### TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL NEWS - May

**"IMAGINATION" ART SHOW & PROGRAM:** Please mark Saturday, May 9, on your calendar, and plan to join us for our Annual Art Show/ Reception and Music Program to be held at TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL. The reception for the T/TH Class is from 9:00-9:45 A.M. At 9:30 A.M., the T/T Class will gather to sing for our guests. At 10:00 A.M., the M/W/F class will present a musical program to accompany this year's art show theme, "IMAGINATION". At the close of our musical portion, we will ask you to join us to enjoy our Art Show and have some refreshments.

**LENTEN PROJECT!:** Our 4-year-old class worked very hard on their lenten project. They did chores and collected \$88.25 in their food banks. We went to the grocery store and bought non-perishable food items which we delivered to the Pass Christian Food Bank.

TNS for 2009-2010: We still have openings in our T/Th Class and our M/W/F Class. Please let us know if you or anyone you know needs applications.

**TNS SUMMER DAY CAMP NOTES:** The dates and themes for our two sessions of Summer Day Camp are June 8-12, Session I - "OUR PLACE IN SPACE", and July 6-10, Session II - "WONDERS OF IMAGINATION". These camps are for children who are 4-9 years old. Applications have been sent and more may be obtained from Phyllis Brack or Shelly Loftin at T.N.S., or found in the office of the Church. We are planning some exciting projects and activities. For those already signed up, a schedule of events will be mailed to you close to the Camp dates.

**APRIL "THANK YOU!":** Martha & Lin Burdette, SAS Photography, Dale Pohl, Shelly Loftin, Candice Trochesset, Brenda Herring, Terry Hilliard, Mary Arnoult, Kimberly Shaw, Julia Moarles, Marie LaCroix, Margaret Schroeder, Marlen Matute, Justin Durning, Lauren Bentz, Yanory Cordova, Gloria Reimherr, Wendy Allard, Miss Anna, Otis Gates, Christian Concern Ministries (Pass Christian Food Pantry), Pam Freeman, and all our "Good Fairies".

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