



Trinity Matters

Epiphany 2021

Reverend Ann's Ramblings

It's been a whirlwind month as we celebrated Advent and Christmas. We had a beautiful, festive Christmas Eve Eucharist service and a calmer, more reflective Christmas Day service of Morning Prayer. Our Christmas Eve Eucharist followed our Rite II Eucharist service without the distribution of communion due to safety protocols in place due to the pandemic. Our Christmas morning service brought together members of Trinity as well as members of Good Shepherd. It was nice to join together to worship and there will be more opportunities to do so as the year progresses.

We held an Advent Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7:00 during the Advent season. We followed a program developed by the Lutheran Church which included prayer, scripture reading, meditation, questions and discussion. It was fun and fruitful. We would like to continue to gather on Wednesday evenings and will be reading and discussing a book (to be determined) over the next several weeks before entering into a Lenten study.

On a sad note, we lost a member of our congregation on December 29, 2020. Frank Pugliese passed away from complications due to COVID-19. A graveside service was held with the family on December 31, 2020. Please keep Frank's wife Judy and their daughters Amy and Rebecca in your prayers. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

I am looking forward to our Annual Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 31, at 10:30 am following Morning Prayer. The meeting will be held via Zoom this year because of COVID-19. We have two openings on vestry so please let me or the wardens know if you are interested in serving. This is an exciting time to serve as we take a look at who we want to be moving forward!

I am still hopeful that we will be able to gather in person within the next several months. I anticipate that we will initially do so outside and then eventually head back into our sanctuary to worship. In the meantime, we will continue to gather virtually on Sunday mornings at 9:30 via the Zoom platform. You can access our service using a computer, iPad or by using your phone to call in and participate. We hope you can join us.

One quick reminder. Please return your pledge card if you have not already done so. Your pledge of time, talent and treasure is critical to developing a thriving community here at Trinity so we can gather together for

worship, build and strengthen relationships with each other and the community and engage in community outreach. Everyone has gifts to bear and no one gift is greater than any other gift we have to offer. Wishing you a Happy and Blessed New Year!

Peace and Blessings,
Reverend Ann+

Warden's Report - January 2021

Hi Everyone –

As we move from the very unusual, difficult year of 2020, I would like to take a moment to give thanks for the signs of light that came through the darkness. True, it was a time like no other for most of us. It was a sad year for many of us – so much loss, so much change, so much turmoil. We all feel it – some more deeply than others depending on what happened in our lives and the lives of our loved ones.

Even in the darkness, God is watching over us. We, as a community have been blessed.

Thank you for all you have done to share in navigating this journey. Thank you for being part of Trinity. For coming together for prayer. For joining together as we said goodbye to Fr. Freeman and Jeff Plante. For welcoming Rev. Ann Scannell. For the gift of Bob, our new Sexton, and the talents of our music director Chris and our indispensable administrator Sue. For the joy of seeing people (safely) during the tree sale as we brightened their Christmas. For everyone's patience and help as we virtually held hands to walk in this new world. For the many people who have given their time and talent in devoted service to God's people at Trinity. For our openness to standing for justice and Christ's love in our community.

January 2021. It's a new year, a new season, a new start. We begin the season of Epiphany today. Epiphany is a season of light, a time to see God's light shining on us in our hearts and lives. I look forward to the light 2021 will bring. I look forward to being with you on the journey.

Blessings to you. Pax –

Catherine Foster, Senior Warden
January 6, 2021

Notice of The Annual Meeting of Trinity Parish

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, following our 9:30 am worship service. Both worship and the annual meeting will be held via Zoom. In order that we have the annual report compiled and distributed prior to the meeting, Annual Reports from Ministries and Activities are requested by **Monday, January 25**.

At Annual Meeting, we will:
Elect Vestry Officers, Vestry Members and Convention Delegates
Accept the 2021 Budget and Reports
Review 2020 and Plan for the Future

And such "other business as may legally come before the annual meeting."

January at Trinity

Wednesday, January 6 – The Epiphany

Sunday, January 10 – The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9:30 am Morning Prayer and Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom

Thursday, January 14

6:30 pm Vestry Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, January 17

9:30 am Morning Prayer and Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom

Monday, January 18 – The Confession of St. Peter, Apostle

No regular office hours - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed

Sunday, January 24

9:30 am Morning Prayer and Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom

Monday, January 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Please submit articles for Annual Report by Today

Sunday, January 31 – Annual Meeting

9:30 am Morning Prayer and the Annual Meeting of Trinity Parish via Zoom

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## January Celebrations

### ***This Month – Happy Birthday TO***

|                   |      |
|-------------------|------|
| Cayden Lewis      | 1/6  |
| Liam McDonough    | 1/6  |
| Liliana Peterson  | 1/10 |
| Brianna Peterson  | 1/11 |
| Linda Allen       | 1/15 |
| Taylor O'Connor   | 1/15 |
| Victoria Marshall | 1/16 |
| Anne Morse        | 1/16 |
| John Tyndall      | 1/16 |
| Walter Jepson     | 1/18 |
| Robert Nichols    | 1/24 |

### ***And Happy Anniversary TO:***

|                               |           |
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| Stephen & Liliana<br>Peterson | 1/24/1987 |
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Please let us know  
If any of this information  
Is incorrect  
Or if something has  
Been omitted.

## Altar Flowers for 2021

If you would like to donate flowers to beautify our Trinity altar this coming year, please contact the parish office. Please select a date, include your name, how you would like your donation listed in the bulletin (in memory of – in thanksgiving for) and enclose a check for \$35 payable to Trinity – with altar flowers listed in

the memo section. While we cannot predict when we will once again be gathering in person for worship. our Trinity altar is seen every Sunday at each on-line Zoom service. Flowers help to wo make our worship even more beautiful!

## OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKETS

When you use your offering envelopes you make things a little easier for our counters. We can arrange for contact-less pickup of your envelopes - just email the parish office. Because of the cost, we will avoid mailing them when possible – but if you prefer not to arrange for a pick up please let us know and we will get them to you!!

## IN OUR TRINITY FAMILY

### *Necrology:*

**Frank Pugliese** from Covid, on December 29. A graveside service was held on December 31. Frank leaves his wife, Judy, and daughters, Becca and Amy and extended family.

*May the souls of the Faithful Departed, by the Mercy of God, rest in Peace  
and rise in Glory!*

### *Quarantined for Covid:*

**Fr. Freeman and Debbie** at their new home in Tennessee. Appreciating our prayers. Thankfully their cases are apparently mild.

### *Holiday Greetings From:*

**Gail Ovian** to all her Trinity friends from San Diego. She shared a picture taken with her dog – enjoying a sandy beach with paws and toes in the water – likely the Pacific Ocean. Arrived on a day when we were experiencing blizzard-like conditions. Gail is doing well!

### *On the Move – to Maine:*

**Mike Tompkins** has moved to Portland, Maine.  
**Steve and Lilian Peterson** have moved to Casco, Maine.

Please contact the parish office if you would like more detailed information on their new addresses.



## THANK YOU FOR READING IN JANUARY

| DATE/TIME                                        | Reader #1      | Reader #2     | Reader #3        |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>January 10<br/>9:30 am</b>                    | Paula Green    | Dina Nichols  | Catherine Foster |
| <b>January 17<br/>9:30 am</b>                    | Allen Jarrell  | Joanne Cox    | Linda Taylor     |
| <b>January 24<br/>9:30 am</b>                    | Sherry Alarie  | Jeff Kalb     | Allyn Taylor     |
| <b>January 31<br/>9:30 am<br/>Annual Meeting</b> | Luanne Morgado | Judy Pugliese | Dan Morgado      |

\* **Schedules updated as of January 6, 2021.** Note: Schedules are distributed in advance of serving dates. Schedules month to month as above appear in the *monthly Trinity Matters*. Reminders/updates are sent by e-mail a couple of days prior to every Sunday as part of the weekly Trinity Matters E-Update. And if you ever have a question about when you are scheduled to serve, you can always contact the parish office!

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**Worship with us at 9:30 am Sundays on Zoom! Followed by virtual coffee hour.  
Parish Office Hours: Monday – Thursday; exact hours vary during the pandemic as much work is being done remotely. Please email if you would like an office appointment.**

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