



Trinity Tidings

February 2020

The Presentation of Our Lord



This Sunday, February 2, we will observe the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. As told in the Gospel of Luke, Mary and Joseph took their first-born son to the Temple as prescribed in the Book of Exodus: every first-born son was to be taken to Temple forty days after his birth and dedicated to God in commemoration of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt.

This presentation, of course, included a ritual sacrifice. If the parents could afford the expense, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or turtle dove. If they could not, which was the case for Mary and Joseph, the sacrifice was to be two pigeons or two turtle doves.

When Mary and Joseph arrived at Temple, they were met by an old man named Simeon, described as a holy and learned man. Simeon spent much of his time in study and in prayer for the arrival of Messiah. It was while in prayer that, one day, he heard the voice of God. Simeon was promised that he would not die until he had truly seen the Messiah.

As he met Mary and Joseph, Simeon saw Jesus and took him into his arms and proclaimed: *Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see. A Light to*

enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel (Luke 2:29-32).

The placing of Jesus into the arms of Simeon announced the meeting of what we recognize as the Old and the New Dispensations. The old sacrifices – lambs, pigeons, and turtle doves – are no more. A new and perfect offering has been provided by God with Jesus: an offering of the Son, made once for all on the cross.

The words of Simeon at the meeting of Jesus has become a canticle, *The Song of Simeon*. Also known as *Nunc dimittis*, meaning “now let depart” in Latin, this canticle is principally used during the Daily Office of Evening Prayer (Book of Common Prayer, p. 120).

As we recite *The Song of Simeon*, we recall the meaning of that unique event at Temple: the presence of Jesus into this world transformed both our relationship with and our understanding of God. The burnt offerings of old are no more and are no longer required.

That said, by way of our response to God's gesture towards humanity for this new relationship and understanding, we present a different type of offering to God. This is so eloquently expressed in Eucharistic Prayer I, Rite One: *and here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee* (BCP, p. 336).

Simeon held in his arms the tangible essence of salvation. The feast day of *The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple* reminds us that we all share in the receiving of this divine gift.

Peace, Fr. Jim

Important dates in February:

TECW Meeting: Feb. 1, 10 a.m., Garland Hall.
Trinity Episcopal Church Women meeting.

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service
on First and Third Wednesdays of the month, Feb.
5 and 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Fredonia Place: Holy Communion in the Garden-
view Room; Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: Garland Hall, Feb. 18, 6:00 p.m.

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The Season of Lent: begins February 26.

We enter into the season of Lent during the last week of February. Beginning the first Thursday in March, the 5th, I will present a five-week Lenten series. More information about this series will be forthcoming, especially in the March newsletter.

So, save the dates on Thursdays evenings, March 5 through April 2. We will gather together at 5:30 p.m. for Holy Communion, followed by a Lenten Supper at 6:00 p.m. in Garland Hall. I hope everyone will take the opportunity to join together in community and discover a new and more meaningful Lent. (JMC)

Ash Wednesday Service Schedule Feb. 26:

7:30 a.m. – Liturgy for Ash Wednesday;
Imposition of Ashes (*said service*).

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition
of Ashes (*said service*).

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of
Ashes, with Hymns.

News from around the Diocese

School Partnership Expands Vision at St. Paul's, Harris Hill *January 8, 2020*

Six years ago, the people of St. Paul's, Harris Hill, prepared for Christmas by filling tote bags with books for the children of Buffalo Public School 6. The next year, they added hats and gloves to the bags, and the year after that, socks. This year, the bags were so plentiful that they lined the aisles of the church and wrapped around the Christmas tree, under the credence table, around the Advent wreath, and spilled into the baptismal font.

St. Paul's began its partnership with School 6, whose students are nearly all economically disadvantaged, eight years ago. In addition to Christmas tote bags, which include mittens and books donated by the families of suburban Harris Hill Elementary, the congregation provides School 6 students school supplies in the fall, coats at the beginning of winter, pencils for the state exams and bikes for the school's student leadership program.

Seeing the difference between Harris Hill Elementary, where the congregation also has a partnership, and School 6, "has opened the door for conversations about systemic poverty, refugee issues and systemic racism in a way that moves beyond the theoretical," said the Rev. Vicki Züst, rector of St. Paul's.

In addition to seasonal collections, St. Paul's members volunteer in classrooms and help distribute weekend food bags for children whose families struggle with food insecurity. Beginning this month, the congregation will stock a hygiene closet for the school.

The congregation, known as "the church that children built," was founded as an ecumenical Sunday School during World War II, and the congregation's interest in school partnerships stems from its founding, Züst says.

"Our partnership with School 6 has expanded our vision of what it means to be a part of our community."

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

December 10, 2019

As approved at the January 2020 Meeting

Present: William Roberts, Senior Warden; Melisa Eichmann, Junior Warden; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Lucille Bryant; Doreen Gould; Jack Torrance; Sue Torrance; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector; Cathy Berner joined the meeting by telephone.

Excused:

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., followed with opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Lucille Bryant to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2019 meeting, with a second by Melisa Eichmann. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. A motion was by Lucille Bryant to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached. Monthly financial statement from Bahgat Firm not available due to the date of this meeting.

- To date, response to the 2020 Stewardship Campaign is \$103,152.
- No-Interest Single Payment Loan – The balance on the loan is \$16,000.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The current balance is \$4,266.28, with no activity since November meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- The elevator-lift was inspected this afternoon.
- Received an invoice from A.W. Farrell Roofing for the tower roof patching that was done several weeks ago. Several photographs were included with the invoice,

demonstrating the overall issue with this roof section.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- All is well at this time.

Outreach: Fr. Clement reported.

- Donations continue for the local food pantry.
- Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 17, for the local family we have sponsored for Christmas.
- Mitten Tree donations accepted until Sunday, December 15.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- Wonderful holiday gathering held at the residence of Judy Reynolds on Friday, December 6.
- Annual Plated Cookie Sale will be held on Friday, December 13.

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Currently, there is a balance of \$720.25 in the account. Activity since last meeting:
- Two deposits made in the amount of \$342.50.
 - Payment to *Fresh and Fancy Florist* in the amount of \$195.00.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Attended Emmaus Gathering at the Diocesan Ministry Center on Sunday, December 8.
- Attended ECW Christmas gathering on December 6.
- Reminder of Christmas service schedule: Christmas Eve – Holy Eucharist and Pageant at 5:00 pm.; Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist, with hymns at 9:00 a.m.
- The Reverend Paul Mertzluft will be celebrant and preacher for services on the Sundays of December 29 and January 5. Fr. Clement is taking vacation time.

Old Business:

- Stewardship Committee – Proposed 2020 Budget: discussion continued with regard to the proposed operating budget, which was presented by the treasurer at the November meeting. As treasurer, Virginia Becker recused herself from the vote.

Cathy Berner made a motion, and seconded by Lucille Bryant, to approve the proposed budget with 5% income from investment dividends. Doreen Gould made a motion to amend, and seconded by Jack Torrance, with the addition of \$4,000 to the budget. The addition of these funds will allow for compensation of a certain number of choristers to continue until May 31, 2020. The motion to amend carried. The motion to approve the 2020 proposed budget was presented for a vote. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

New Business:

- Sue Torrance made a motion, seconded by Cathy Berner, for the parish treasurer to contact National Grid and National Fuel and sign-up for Balanced Billing with these utilities. The motion carried.
- Parish Meeting: the 2020 Annual Meeting will take place after the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, January 26. There will be no 8:00 a.m. service on this day. A potluck dinner will be held in Garland Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. with a motion made by William Roberts. Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by: Melisa Eichmann,
Acting Clerk.

Trinity Masterworks Choir

**Concert date:
Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.**

Ola Gjeilo's *'Sunrise Mass'*

February Rehearsals

Sundays: Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23.
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays: Feb. 6, 20.
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Parish Notes

Dear Trinity Family,
My heart is full of thanks and gratitude for all the prayers, cards, food, texts and calls from many of you during my recent health issues. I'm sure it is because of this support that I'm am responding well to treatment and my goal to getting to my granddaughter's graduation will be reached. Fred and I are so grateful for you all. Hope to be seeing you each Sunday.
Love, Bonnie

February Outreach Children's Pajamas



Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center is part of the New York State Agribusiness Child Development Program (ABCD). Founded in 1946, ABCD provides the highest quality of early childhood education and social services to farm worker and other eligible families across New York

State. This state program serves between 1,500 and 1,800 children per year in 11 licensed childcare centers.

Trinity's outreach is to collect pajamas for children aged 2 months to 5 years old. These will be donated to the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center. There are currently around fifty children in this program in Fredonia.

Individual information for each child can be picked up in Garland Hall. This will help for each child to receive a pair of pajamas. Items can be dropped off in Garland Hall during the month.

Thank you for your support of Trinity's outreach program.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women

TECW meeting this Saturday, February 1, 2020 9:30am in Garland Hall. All women are welcome to attend.

Epiphany Tea will be happening this month-just waiting for confirmation from a hoped for speaker. Watch weekly church bulletins for final details. There will also be an email informing you of the final details, as well as Observer announcements. Hope to see many of you there.

Please, if you have not already done so, please pick up your Christmas Stocking Savings container from either Garland Hall or by the front door of the church and start your quarter savings now. You are only one quarter behind, so will only need to find a total of three by the end of February.

– Doreen Gould

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Shrove Tuesday Event Feb. 25, 5-7 pm!

Come one, come all! Everyone in the parish family and greater community is invited to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 25, beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The name “Shrove” comes from the old Middle English word “Shriven” which means to have gone to confession prior to the start of Lent. This day became known as “Shriven Tuesday” and later “Shrove Tuesday”. Come fill-up on pancakes and join the fun on the day before Ash Wednesday!

Parish Register

Deaths

Jane Ray Sutherland

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Lectionary Readings for Sundays in February: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, Feb.

Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3:1-4

Psalm 24:7-10

Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, Feb. 9

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalm 112:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Matthew 5:13-20

Sunday, Feb. 16

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

Sunday, Feb. 23

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Birthdays in February

- 2 Roberta Mosier
- 3 Sue Torrance
- 6 Victoria Jakiela
- 12 Aaron Levy
- 14 Shirley Coon
- 16 Robert Coon
- 20 Meghann Hudson
- 20 Adam K. Ingham
- 22 Jillian (Berner) Bentley
- 23 Grayson Adamczak
- 23 Jakub Adamczak
- 24 Allison Hadsell
- 26 Philip Tappan
- 26 Jared Cooper

Wedding Anniversaries in February

- 6 Rich and Robbie Mancuso

In Memoriam

- 2 Scott Albaugh
- 3 Ruth Hackman
- 4 Dorothy Schaufler
- 9 Howard Kinney
- 15 Tom Wienk
- 16 Milton Fenner
- 17 Catherine Gawron
- 18 John Everett III
- 19 Anne Cassidy
- 22 Laura Foster

Parish Clergy and Staff

The Revd. James Clement, *Rector*
rector@trinitychurchwny.org
Ji Hyun Woo, *Organist*
Phillip McMullen, *Choirmaster*
Sara Jagoda, *Sexton*

The Vestry of the Parish

William Roberts, Sr. Warden
Sue Torrance, Jr. Warden
Janeil Rey
Karin Wheelock
Lucille Bryant
Doreen Gould
Jack Torrance
Virginia Becker, Treasurer

Sunday School: Janeil Rey and Audrey Parker

Outreach: Diane Sercu

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould

Sunshine Group: Maureen Blackburn and Cathy Berner

Prayer Chain: Mary Lou Sherman

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Ann Sullivan

Altar Guild: Jeanette Adamczak

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann

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Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm



Christmas Eve 2019

Worship Server Schedule – February

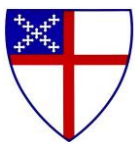
Date	Time	Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
Feb. 2	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	Sally Ludlum	Doreen Gould	(open)	Lisa Sedlmayer
Feb. 9	<u>8:00</u>	—	—	Ginny Becker	—	—
	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	Doreen Gould	Ginny Becker	Andy Wheelock Karin Wheelock	Karin Wheelock
Feb. 16	<u>8:00</u>	—	—	Ginny Becker	—	—
	<u>10:30</u>	Sally Ludlum	Lucy Bryant	Judy Reynolds	Vicky Jakiela Jeanette Adamczak	Judy Reynolds
Feb. 23	<u>10:30</u>	Lisa Schultz	Sally Ludlum	Lisa Schultz	Patti Cooper	Melisa Eichmann

Parish Support Schedule – February

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
Feb. 2	Melisa Eichmann	Vercant	Lucy Bryant Doreen Gould
Feb. 9	Jeanette Adamczak	Wheelock	Bill Roberts Lucy Bryant
Feb. 16	Lucy Bryant	(open)	Sue and Jack Torrance
Feb. 23	Diane Secu	(open)	Bill Roberts Lucy Bryant
Feb. 26 <i>Ash Wed.</i>	Maureen Blackburn	—	—

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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*