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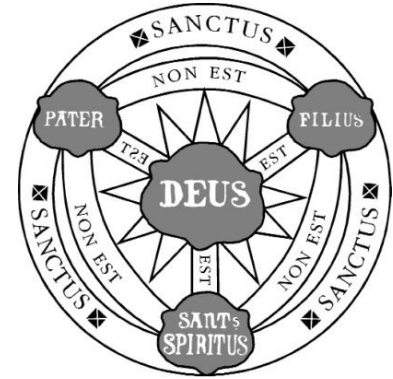
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The Holy Trinity

On June 19th the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Trinity. We will have a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10AM at which the Rt. Rev. Herbert Donovan, assisting bishop of the Diocese of New York, will preside.

The feast of the Holy Trinity is unique in the Church calendar in that it celebrates a theological concept, not an event. We celebrate God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the stained glass depicts, God (Deus) is One, but experienced as Father (Pater), Son (Filius), and Holy Spirit (Santa Spiritus). It is this experience which defines Christian belief in the One Holy and Undivided Trinity.



Each Sunday we proclaim our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. At Baptisms we use the Apostle's Creed. Both articulate who God is for us. The Apostle's Creed was probably formulated in the 2nd Century as a statement of faith of those who were converting to Christianity in Baptism. Traces of it can be found in early N.T. writings. Paul speaks of the "form of teaching" delivered to converts (Romans 6:17) and reminds Timothy of "the good confession" he has made in the sight of many witnesses (1 Timothy 6:12). The Nicene Creed was first agreed upon by an Ecumenical Council in 325CE. The Nicene Creed sought to settle disputes as to the nature of Jesus as fully God and fully human. It has become the symbol of faith for Churches both in Eastern and Western Christianity.

A fuller explanation of the Creeds and who God is can be found in the Catechism on pages 845-853 in the *Book of Common Prayer*. It explains the experience which we have received of God who is the Creator of all; who creates human kind in the image of God. The first person of the Trinity is identified in many ways in scripture: a rock, shepherd, eagle, baker woman, Mother of Israel and Father of Jesus Christ. We believe that Jesus is the Son of God, the perfect image of God who became fully human. We believe that Jesus was obedient even to suffering and death through which he has opened the way of new life for all through his resurrection and ascension into heaven. We believe in the Holy Spirit whose presence continues among us to lead us into all truth and enables us to grow in the likeness of Christ.

At Trinity Church we are blessed with a beautiful depiction of the Trinity in our stained glass window. God is known as one in the circle which has no beginning or end. But within the circle are moments of God acting in the human journey, of God's presence in our lives. Every time we come to pray, we experience the Holy Trinity. For me the liturgy, the prayer of the Church, is an encounter with God. If you look at our prayers, our prayer is addressed to God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the very act of praying, we enter into this wondrous mystery of the being of God which we describe as the Holy Trinity. We can say who God is for us only through our experience of God. God is ultimately a mystery; beyond human comprehension. It is this mystery which continues to empower and enliven our life together as a community of faith. May we gather this Trinity Sunday to give thanks and praise to God for our life lived in this wondrous mystery

The Rev. Jean Campbell
Rector

Our Ministry of Music

MUSIC NOTES

Easter and Christmas always draw large crowds at Church. Pentecost, the other really big festival of the church year, seems so go unnoticed by casual church goers and even many of the faithful find it hard to get excited about the day. It is much easier to thrill to the birth of a baby or gasp in awe at the idea of the resurrection. But what do we do with the Holy Spirit? Even the church has had a hard time answering that question.

In our Hymnal we have 38 songs in the Christmas section, 39 in the Easter portion and only 8 under the Pentecost category. And yet, almost every liturgical prayer ends with a formula that includes Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Many of our Pentecost hymns from the past have lacked the vivid images of the Holy Spirit that are described for us in the book of Acts (2:1-11). Hymn 506, *Praise the Spirit in creation*, is a wonderful text that helps fill that void. The Hymnal Companion says it very well: “The text, with its vivid biblical allusions, adds a fresh, vibrant dimension to our hymnody for the Holy Spirit in its encompassing of the whole range of the Spirit’s work. The first three stanzas call our attention to the work of the Spirit in creation, in our lives, and in history. In st. 3 the poet also includes the intriguing concept of the Holy Spirit acting in the world as ‘the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord.’ The power of the Spirit, manifested at Pentecost, is the theme of st. 4, while st. 5 is a prayer that the Spirit will enflame us to go out into the world to do God’s will.” The final verse praises the Trinity through whom we know the Lord.”

I share the text with you here so that you can read it before we sing it on Pentecost (as we have done before) and meditate on what the Holy Spirit means to us in our lives as Christians.

Praise the Spirit in creation, breath of God, life’s origin;
Spirit, moving on the waters quickening worlds to life within,
Source of breath to all things breathing, life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion of our inmost thoughts and ways;
Who, in showing us God’s wonders, is himself the power to gaze;
And God’s will, to those who listen, by a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit, who enlightened priests and prophets with the word;
His the truth behind the wisdoms which as yet know not our Lord;
By whose love and power, in Jesus God himself was seen and heard.

Tell of how the ascended Jesus armed a people for his own;
How a hundred men and women turned the known world upside down,
To its dark and furthest corners by the wind of heaven blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, on our lives descend in might;
Let your flame break out within us, fire our hearts and clear our sight,
Till, white-hot in your possession, we, too, set the world a light.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit, praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration, Trinity in deep accord:
Through your voice which speaks within us we, your creatures, call you Lord.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will indeed come to us this Pentecost and set us on fire for the Lord.

Beverly Simmons - Minister of Music

Worship Services

Saturday Service

An informal Holy Eucharist is held at 5 PM on Saturdays. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Come as you are.

Sunday Services

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Choral Service
9:45 AM Church School

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Dorothy M. Hirst, who died on, May 22nd at the age of 83.

John Vernicek, who died on May 17th at the age of 84. Our prayers are with Judy, Andrew and Tyler Eisele and with Barbara, Alfredo and Sarah Fonts that God may comfort them in their grief.

Patty McKinzie, who died on May 6th at the age of 69. Please pray for the comfort of Patty's family, especially her daughter Jeanne Mierzwa and granddaughter Lillian.

On May 7th a memorial service and interment of ashes convened for Lewis and Ruth Larson. Ruth O Larson died on March 13, 2010. She was born in Beacon, NY in 1920 where she lived until moving to Fishkill in the early 1950's. Mrs. Larson was a graduate of Beacon High School, where she later worked as secretary to the principal and to the Board of Education. She was a member of the altar guild here at Trinity.

Lewis P. Larson died on January 10, 2011. He was born in Binford, ND in 1919. Mr. Larson was a graduate of the University of Minnesota, came to Beacon in 1941 to work as a research chemist for Texaco, Inc. and married his wife of 67 years in 1943. He

served as Warden and vestry person at Trinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson are survived by a daughter, Linda Lafferty of Burlington, NC and a son, L. Peter Larson of Annapolis, MD, two grandsons and two great grandsons.

May they rest in peace.

Newsletter Articles

If you're interested in submitting articles for the newsletter, please do so to carolynsaldana@yahoo.com by the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please be mindful that articles must be consistent with Trinity's mission.

First Friday Gathering



All are invited to join a group who are gathering for scripture study, conversation and fellowship on the first Friday of the month. Our next gathering will be held on Friday, June 3rd at 7 PM in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Blanks at 896-3713.

College Graduate

Congratulations to High School Graduates: Michael Teed, son of David and Barbara Teed and Patrick Lewis, Grandson of Jean and Ed Winkler. May God bless you in all your future endeavors!



SOS SOS! MAYDAY MAYDAY! HELP HELP!

Trinity's Food Pantry needs help!

Our shelves are almost empty. Our bags are packed for households of 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Here is the list of items that go into the bags. Shop for food items on sale each week. If you don't shop you can always contribute financially to the Pantry; please write 'Food Pantry' on envelope.

Trinity's Food Pantry PLEASE CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT

Pantry Items that we always need and use **ESPECIALLY WHEN ON SALE** include pasta & sauce, chili, stew, 'canned pasta' (spagettio's etc.) baked beans, soup - chunky or condensed, tuna, veggies, fruit, rice, mac & cheese, crackers, peanut butter, oatmeal, cold cereal, and powdered milk.

OR

“Just One Can”

The Food Pantry's requested food items for the month of May are:

June 5st – pasta sauce

June 12th – tuna

June 19th – canned fruit

June 26nd – canned vegetables

Thank you for feeding those in need.
Trinity Food Pantry Volunteers

Engraved Memorial Bricks



Now that spring has arrived, we hope to proceed with the installation of a brick paver sidewalk between the Church and 20 Main St. To raise money for this project, we have been taking orders for “memorial bricks” that can be engraved with the names of friends and loved ones.

The cost per engraved brick is \$100. The bricks fit three lines of text, with a maximum of 13 characters per line. Memorial brick order forms are available in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Tetrault at (914) 213-0564.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Christopher Trent from Troop 41 Glenham, NY contacted Trinity Church as part of his Eagle Scout project. He is working with the Dutchess Economic Development Corp in conjunction with Dutchess County Tourism. He developed a Revolutionary Trail through Dutchess County. He has placed questions at each site and when all questions are answered participants can receive a special commemorative coin. You can find more information at the website of Dutchess County Tourism.

Can you find and answer the question at Trinity?

Happy Birthday!

6/2 Donna Taylor

6/4 Samantha Lecker

6/5 Jean Duff

6/9 Jane Long

6/10 Kelly Smith

6/11 Aidan McMillan

6/19 Thomas Bunker

6/20 Barbara Sparacio

6/20 Lloyd Stofko

6/21 J.C. Huston

6/23 George Goloway

6/25 Richard Deam

6/25 Tom Quackenbush

6/28 Claire Casaregola

6/29 Tom Kowalchuk

Hillcrest House

What is Hillcrest House?

If you are homeless, hungry, and live in Dutchess County, there is a "house" where you can get something to eat, take a shower, wash your clothes, sleep in a clean bed for the night, and get breakfast in the morning. Hillcrest House is an overnight shelter for homeless men and women in Poughkeepsie and is open every day of the year. Dinner is prepared and served by volunteers of churches, clubs and groups in the area. If you are interested in helping, please call Susan Quade at 765-1689.



We also continue to collect articles that are handed out to the overnight guests. The following items are always needed: small sample size bar soap, skin lotion, shampoo, tooth paste and tooth brushes (never used), comb in plastic wrapper, spray deodorant, white cotton socks (new or gently used).

Thank you to everyone who left items in the collection box in the Parish House. If you have any items at home to bring in, please leave them in the Parish Office marked "Hillcrest House." If you have any questions please call Rosemarie Waian at 297-5572.

A box will be in the Parish Hall for the collection. As you go on vacation this summer don't forget to collect the "goodies" that motels and hotels give out, soap, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste etc.