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Praying the Baptismal Covenant

It is time for our New Year's resolutions. Lists are made. Promises are professed. We vow to lose weight and we really do mean it this time. We swear to exercise regularly and we have the new athletic shoes to prove it. We fill our fridges with nutritious foods determined to begin a healthier lifestyle—again. We will stop smoking—for good. Sound familiar?



As I listen to the news and hear yet again the impasses and lack of civility in our national, state, and local legislatures; as we see the needs of the unemployed and the sick; as I talk with people about their fears for their children's future; as I see people struggling to live a moral life while living with the pressures of corporate structures, I began to wonder if we are capable of transforming how we live with each other. How do we rekindle a sense of the common good in our society? How do we cultivate time for one another with the current pace of our lives? How do we reach out to one another as neighbors? We might find a new way of being in the world if we would all simply live out our Baptismal Covenant vows.

What if each and every one of us prayed (not just read) but really prayed The Baptismal Covenant every day of 2012? How might that change us? How might that change the way we think, act, interact and pray? How might it change us individually? How might it change us as the household of God known as Trinity Episcopal Church Fishkill? How might it change our relationship with each other, others, ourselves and God? Imagine it being our blueprint for daily living and the guiding wisdom as the vestry and other committees make decisions. Imagine the words becoming intimately familiar—as well known as The Lord's Prayer—not merely recited or memorized but instead imprinted upon our hearts.

The Baptismal Covenant is found on page 304 of *The Book of Common Prayer*. I invite us to specifically pray with intention upon the series of questions posed:

- Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
- Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
- Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
- Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
- Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Just dwell in the possibilities if we all undertook this daily prayer. It could, no; I am confident that it will lead us into becoming transformed individuals and a transformed community—more prayerful, loving, giving and forgiving—better able to discern God's call for us and to give voice to the cries of our hearts. Are you willing to try? I will, with God's help.

The Rev. Jean Campbell
Rector

Our Ministry of Music

MUSIC NOTES

This year we have two major events to celebrate Epiphany. You have been hearing about our Mystery Play for the actual evening of Epiphany, January 6th. I hope you have a ticket as it should be a lot of fun.

There is another event to which you are also invited. On Sunday afternoon, January 8th, there is a “Twelfth Night Concert” being presented at St. George’s, Newburgh. Our choir will be participating this year as they did last. There are at least 7 choirs from local (both sides of the river) Episcopal Churches. The purpose of this concert is not just to hear good music and have a good time, but also to raise funds for Episco-Build. This is the Greater Newburgh affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. They are currently raising funds for their 4th house in Washington Heights in Historic Newburgh. All donations received at this concert will go to this endeavor.

The participating choirs will each sing an anthem from their Advent/Christmas repertoire. Christ Church Poughkeepsie asked to join us in our piece and we in turn will join with them in a selection of their choosing. All the choirs will then come together to sing two pieces as a large choir.

It promises to be an interesting program. And refreshment will follow. So why not join us on January 8th at 3 p.m. at St. George’s, 105 Grand Street, Newburgh.

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
 9:30 AM Church School

Bishop's Visitation

On Sunday May 13th the Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of New York will be making an official visitation to Trinity Church. If you are interested in making a commitment of membership in the Episcopal Church through the community of Trinity Church, you are invited to speak with the Rector. Persons who have been baptized in another denomination or have moved to Trinity from another Episcopal Church are invited to be either Confirmed, Received into the communion of the Episcopal Church or to reaffirm your baptismal faith.

Funeral Announcements

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward F. Winkler, Sr., father of Ed Winkler, who died December 11th at the age of 87. May he rest in peace. Please keep Edward's wife, Helen, Ed & Jean Winkler and all their family in your prayers.

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.

Women's Book Club

There is no book club meeting in January.

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, December 2nd at 7 PM in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Blanks at 896-3713.

Calling Members of the Trinity Congregation to join in the Presentation of...

The Wakefield/York Mystery Cycle

The Trinity Mummies will present a **Medieval Miracle Play / Dinner Theater** On January 6th and we need Mummies (actors, dancers, musicians, etc.). If you are interested in participating in the play, please contact Jenn McMillan at 845-831-6789, or by email jenipete@optonline.net First meeting of the Mummies will be directly after the 10 a.m. service this Sunday, December 4th, in the Parish library. Rehearsals will be held every Sunday after service

Stewardship Campaign

Thank you to all who have submitted pledges for 2012. To date, we have received 85 pledge cards totaling \$168,262. As we prepare our budget for the coming year, our hope is that all of our parish families will make a financial commitment to the church's mission. Please place your pledge card in the alms basin or mail it to the office as soon as possible. Extra pledge cards are available online.

Benefit Concert for Episcobuild

Save the date! On January 8, 2012 the choir of Trinity will participate in an evening of music to raise money for Episcobuild, the Episcopal arm of Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh. Choirs from many

Episcopal Church will participate with offerings of music from the Christmas and Epiphany seasons. It will be held at St. George's Church on Grand St. in Newburgh, NY.

12th Night – the Feast of the Epiphany, January 6, 2012

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! On Friday, January 6, 2012 there will be a joyous gathering to celebrate the 12th day of Christmas, also known as the Epiphany. Come and enjoy pageantry, food, music, and fellowship in a medieval celebration of Christmas. If you would like to be part of the preparations, or part of the entertainment of music, dance, etc. please contact Jennifer McMillan, or Jean Winkler. Tickets will be available through the parish office.

STUFF SALE COMING SOON MARCH 2nd & 3rd

DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The holidays will soon have passed and then what shall we do? Well, of course, we can gather all the extra things we have taking up space in our home and donate it to our next STUFF SALE or as some like to call it Rummage Sale. And for those who want to know, at the Rummage Sale we have clothing and at the Stuff Sale we only have stuff, NO CLOTHING. And, remember save your spring and summer clothing for the next sale in June.

You may start bringing your stuff in on February 27 and not before. We do not have space to store the items. We will be collecting everything from the attic to the garage. Items must be clean and in working condition. Please wipe off the cobwebs. Also, it would be helpful if you will identify some items in question.

We start setting up on Monday, February 26, and we need all the help we can get.

Please set some time aside to help us. If you have any questions call Rosemarie Waian at 297-5572, June MacInnes at 896-9012. or Mary Kalan at 896-9596.

Happy Birthday!

Sharon Kowalchuk	January 1
Peg Harten	January 2
Erik Vice	January 5
David Hilscher	January 7
Jim Lippert	January 7
Frank Barile	January 8
Lois Whitford	January 9
Dean Engle	January 13
Anne Huston	January 17
Christina Rousseau	January 18
Emily Huston	January 20
Jake Teed	January 23
Jean Winkler	January 24
Deb Hillard	January 27
Nathaniel Hilscher	January 27
Carolyn Hunt	January 28
James Dotter	January 29
Laura Douglas	January 29
Janice Humbert	January 30
Cheryl Urquhart	January 30

SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY!

It's time to celebrate SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY!

Please bring in cans of hearty soup for the food pantry. The drop-off box will be in the Narthex and the Parish Hall. Begins January 22nd and ends February 5th.

Trinity's Food Pantry

PLEASE CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT

“Just One Can”

The Food Pantry's requested food items are:

January 1st - spaghettiO's

January 8th – canned fruit

January 15th –chili

January 22nd – rice (2 lb. bag)

January 29th – dry pasta