



A word from Fr. Jim

Dear People of God at Trinity,

Yesterday we concluded Holy Week celebrating Christ's glorious and marvelous resurrection on Easter Sunday. And so now begins our journey into "*The Great Fifty Days of Easter*". These very words, "*The Great Fifty Days of Easter*", are a reminder to us that Easter is not just a day, but rather an ongoing season of celebration of what it means to be "People of the Resurrection".

When we read the Easter Story in one way or another all the Easter narratives end with a directive -- "**GO TELL**". These words were not just directed to those who came early in the morning on that first Easter, but are words that are directed to us. Yesterday I concluded our liturgies with this dismissal:

"Go in peace and tell the world that you have seen the risen Lord. Alleluia!! Alleluia!!!"

"GO TELL!!!"

Let me suggest four practical ways that we might do this.

Share with someone "your" story about how the "risen Christ" has had an impact on your life.

Call someone you have not seen in church for a while. Tell them you miss them and encourage them to meet you in church on Sunday.

Offer to bring one of our homebound or someone in need of transportation to church. (Our parish nurse, Kathy Burda can put you in contact with someone.)

Invite someone to come to church with you. Or invite them to one of our concerts or programs. Research shows that most of the "unchurched" begin attending church, not because of great preaching, not because of good music, not because of outstanding programs, but rather because someone they knew or met asked them to come.

Let us this Eastertide live into the invitation we have been given to "**Go Tell**" the marvelous story of Christ and His glorious resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!!

Yours in the risen Christ,



Trinity's Mission Statement

***"To be a Christ-centered parish, that knows Christ and makes Him known to others
by sharing our gifts, striving for justice,
and respecting the dignity of every human being."***

Youth Group News



The youth group will be holding their last meeting of the school year on Sunday May 22 at 3:00. To celebrate the coming of spring (at last) we are planning a picnic. We are working on finalizing a location and Barb will be in touch with all of the families once we have this in place. Youth group members are encouraged to bring a friend to enjoy the day with us. In addition, we are asking if each family could contribute a food item for the meal. Please call Barb Tokarz at 739-4123 or email her at bpt9@verizon.net for more information or questions.

A Thought about Stewardship



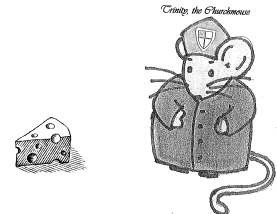
We are called upon to do good – to worship and serve in Jesus’ name. We always need to remember that Jesus died for the world and not for the church. Therefore it is also good to remember that our offerings are continually shared and do good in the world, helping to care for God’s children everywhere.

A word from “Trinity” the Church Mouse

Dear Parishioners,

The triumphant sounds of Easter still resound in all the corners and crevices of the church – come and celebrate with me each and every Sunday as we praise our “Risen Lord”.

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United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses.



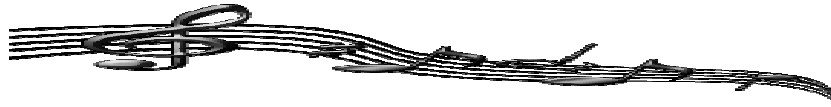
Vestry Highlights

from April 2011

- The recent parish candy sale fundraiser was a huge success. Russ and Ann Frantz spearheaded the sale along with others who worked diligently to ensure its success. Over \$1,000.00 was made.
- The annual Parochial Report was approved by the Vestry for submission to the diocese. Copies of the report are on file in the parish office for anyone wishing to review them.
- Jason Brocious and Kurt Kovalovich will serve on the Stewardship Committee, and persons are being sought from the parish for additional members. Please see the rector if you are interested in serving on the committee.
- Lenten Adult Christian Formation Classes studied C.S. Lewis' book Mere Christianity. Both groups enjoyed the thought-provoking book and discussion that went along with it. Study groups will resume in the Fall.
- The upcoming Holy Week will provide many opportunities for worship, prayer, and meditation. Please refer to the schedule published previously in the weekly bulletins and Topics for details.

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- **Submitted by Tish Malarkey**
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THE MUSIC CORNER by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach



The triumph of Easter has arrived and the glorious music will continue through Eastertide and beyond. Many thanks to our dedicated choir for all their extra work in this season – all for the glory of God!

It was wonderful to have the children join us on Palm Sunday and the Great Vigil of Easter—many thanks to Lea Bortner and the Church School teachers for helping to prepare them.

On Sunday, May 15th, members of the Reading Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be arriving in Pottsville to tour several churches and hear and play the organs at each one. The tour will begin at Trinity Lutheran, progress on to the Methodist church in Garfield Square, then the Presbyterian church and ending at Trinity with a reception to follow. In addition to one of the Reading organists, Cora will play a hymn and a Charles Callahan selection. The public is cordially invited – a great chance to hear some of the finest organs in the area, three of which (including our Austin, Opus 1040) are serviced by the Patrick Murphy Organ Company. They will also contribute to the reception. Come and join us for a unique opportunity.

Sunday, May 22nd will bring the Trio from Satori, our last concert in this year's series. Nora Suggs, flutist; Deborah Andrus, clarinetist; and John Arnold, classical guitarist will present a diverse program for this unique combination of instruments. Please see the flyer in this month's TOPICS. As always, we ask for contributions to the reception, known far and wide for our delicious offerings and gracious welcome. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board and in the ambulatory behind the organ. This series continues to be a blessing to all who attend—thank you to those who help as patrons and in many other ways.

Trinity Center for Children to Close after 20 Years of Service to the Community

For some time now and especially over the past two years, Trinity Center for Children has been struggling. There have been many difficult issues that the Governing Board and staff have had to deal with and many with which the board has been still grappling, not the least of which has been our declining enrollment and inability to meet our expenses. On Tuesday April 26th, there was an emergency meeting of the board to deal with current problems related to the school. Having ever before them the primary goal of maintaining the health, safety, and welfare of the children and after much painful and prayerful deliberation, the governing board voted to discontinue programming at the end of the current school year. This was of course a very difficult and troubling decision as TCC comes to the end of twenty years of serving children and their parents in this community; however, the Governing Board feels that it is the best possible decision to be made at this time.

Please continue to keep the Governing Board, the Staff, the Parents, and especially the Children of TCC in your prayers as they move through this most difficult period.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Those serving in the armed forces especially:

Michael Steinruck, Cassie Kauffman Holm, Tom Austerberry, Joseph Nangle, Erik Ryland, Larry Reedy, II, Stephen M. Reier, Michael J. Reier, Jeffrey J. Bohanick, Ethan Garrity, Jake Shirey & Eric Walls

Those sick or in need of healing: especially:

Duane Barnhart, Anne Barton, Ray Barton, M. Jean Bedford, Henry Bigg, Alexis Bohr, Ron Boris Jr., Ron Boris Sr., Darlene Bouch, Betty Bradley, Ivana Bradley Mitchell Bradley, Sara Conlen, Howard Coulson, Phyllis DeMarco, Jean Ebling, Norm Emery, Ruth Fasold, Jerry Field, Ken Fisher, Dorothy Frye, Herbert Harris, Ida Heckman, Holly Hedstrom, Walter Howells, Robert Hubler, Dotte Kelly, Martha Kline, Barbara Kull, George LaHoop, Lena Levkolic, Jeff Lippencott, Anthony Merlino, Jr., Robert Miller, Rose Morgan, Espn Murphy, Rita Murphy, Wendy Nabholz, James Oerther, Michael O'Malley III, Maxine Peroutka, Al & Karen Portland, Elizabeth Pritiskutch, Katherine Reese, Jennifer Robinson, Donna Ross, John Ross, David Rupnow, Harry Russell, Bill & Tina Rutecky, Julie Sells, Rayne Slackus, Abigail Smith, Heather Anne Smith, Vivian Smulley, George R. Stone Jr., Wendy Stone, Kathy Strouse, Lora Hart Wentzel, Tish Wetherill, Nancy Williams, Peter Williams, Mary Witman, Shirley Woodring, Arlen Zerbe, Ron, Bob, Joan, Judy, Lea & Trent, Mike, Lisa, Sally, Mike, John, Paul, Mark, Betty, Braeden, Jen, Randy, Linda, Ben, Kim, Jessica

News from The Past

A New Monthly Article
Featuring Stories & Items From Trinity Newsletters From The Past

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EASTER SUNDAY.

Easter Sunday was a red letter day in the calendar of Trinity Parish. All the services were very well attended. The church at the half past ten service being full, as was also the Chapel of the Resurrection at eight o'clock. At the evening service of the Sunday Schools, the church was packed, many persons being unable to secure an entrance.

The decorations of the church were very handsome, although we were greatly disappointed in not receiving some five hundred lillies ordered from Bermuda.

The numbers who took Communion was larger than at any Easter during the time the present rector has had charge of the parish, though the rector himself cannot but feel that it was not as large as it should have been, considering the number of communicants on our list. The number of communicants at the early service, half past five in the morning, was 148; at the second service, eight o'clock, 122; at the half past ten service 120; a total of three hundred and ninety.

Our Easter musical program was very satisfactory. The choir numbering about forty voices, was ably assisted by an orchestra of some fourteen instruments.

The Easter offering was the crowning glory of the day, wiping out the last vestage of indebtedness on the rectory. The ladies of the parish under the leadership of Miss Tillie Dornan, have done a remarkable work during the past three years in raising money to pay off the bonds, and we are sure they are more than compensated for all their labors, in the satisfaction of having accomplished their purpose.

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NEWS FORM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND

Operation We Care - Our next mailing is scheduled for May 24. We are looking for sewers to make neck coolers to keep our troops cooler in the extremely hot summers that they experience in Iraq & Afghanistan. You don't have to be a professional seamstress, you just have to have a desire to do something for our local servicemen and women serving our country. All patterns and materials will be supplied.

As always we are asking if you know of any local servicemen or women serving our country in Iraq or Afghanistan to please let us know so we can be sure they are included in our mailing.

Senior Adventures - Thursday, May 26, we will be going to the Restaurant at the Station in Tamaqua. Call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 to make your reservations today.

AARP Safe Driving Course - For all drivers 50 years of age and older. You may qualify for a 5-15% discount on your automobile insurance depending on your carrier for attending the AARP Safe Driving Course.

May 11 & May 12, Wednesday & Thursday, 9am-1pm. Initial course for anyone that has never completed course.

May 4, Wednesday, 9am-1pm. Refresher course—This is for anyone who completed an initial course three years ago. Both will be at Trinity, Pottsville.

Marion C. Price Trust Fund sponsors any Schuylkill County Episcopalian attending.

Healthy Resolutions 2011 – Friday, May 27, 10:30 AM at Trinity, Prudie Griffin will help you discover the guiltless pleasure of food, experience and marvel at the treasure of silence, prayer and meditation, reconnect with the healer within to love, nurture, and heal yourself when she presents “Eat, Pray, Love”.

Bicentennial Walk - Saturday, May 14, from 2-3:30 PM: “Lehigh Valley & New England Rail Trail” This old rail line - now a popular rail trail - hauled tons of coal to the Eastern Seaboard. Meets at the Stonehedge Gardens parking lot near Rts. 443 & 309 in South Tamaqua. (three miles-easy)

Diakon's Primetime walks for May:

Monday, May 2: 1:30-3PM, Kernsville Dam; Monday, May 9: 1:30-3PM Locust Lake.

Monday, May 16: 1:30-3PM Swatara State Park; Monday, May 23: 1:30-3 PM JFK Walking Path & Yuengling Park Poetry Walk. For more information call Teddi Cunningham at 570-624-3012.

Lifeline - is a government program that offers qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local telephone bill. Each state has its own guidelines to qualify.

You will save up to \$12.00 on your basic monthly bill. These benefits apply to your local telephone service charges.

To be eligible the total household income must be less than \$14,702 for a household of one and \$19,859 for a household of two.

To apply for Lifeline call Verizon at 1-800-837-4966.

There are other options that can help you save money, including free toll blocking, waived deposit with toll blocking and voluntary limit on long distance calling.



Am I Hearing Right? - Inflated claims and misleading guarantees cloud decisions when shopping for hearing aids.

Hearing aids and batteries can be a big expense, with each hearing aid costing as much as \$3,000. If you are fitted improperly, you could end up with a costly device that you never use. And if you are not careful, an aggressive salesman, using hard-sell tactics, could persuade you to buy the wrong hearing aid.

It is essential before buying a hearing aid that your hearing problem be diagnosed properly (hearing loss may be a symptom of a more serious medical condition). Your doctor or audiologist can then refer you to a seller who is qualified to fit hearing aids properly.

A hearing aid seller is required by Pennsylvania law to advise you at the outset that any examination or representation made by them as a registered hearing aid dealer or fitter is not an examination, diagnosis or prescription by a person licensed to practice medicine and, therefore, must not be regarded as a medical opinion. The seller must give you a written receipt containing all pertinent facts and specifications regarding the hearing aid and indicating whether the hearing aid was used or reconditioned. Before providing services to you, the seller must provide you with detailed disclosure agreement containing a complete description of what the fitting procedure or process does and does not include and an itemization and disclosure of any and all fees, including any cancellation fees. The seller is also required to provide you with an instructional brochure for the hearing aid(s).

The law also provides that no hearing aid can be sold to any person unless accompanied by a 30-day money-back written guarantee. This means that if the person returns the hearing aid in its original condition (ordinary wear & tear excluded) within 30 days of the date of delivery, the customer shall be entitled to a refund of the purchase price of the hearing aid and accessories as itemized on the receipt.

Tips when buying a hearing aid:

- Obtain a medical examination from a licensed otolaryngologist or doctor of audiology to determine if you can benefit from a hearing aid. Not all hearing loss can be remedied by a hearing aid.
- Do not sign anything without reading it carefully. You might be signing an agreement to waive the need for a medical examination before you buy a hearing aid.
- Be sure you deal with a seller who will take the time to resolve fitting and volume adjustment problems and teach you how to use the device.
- Get a written estimate of the cost of the hearing aid, including extra charges for molds, accessories, follow-up checkups, warranties, etc. Also, make sure to get the detailed disclosure agreement and the user instructional brochure for the hearing aid.
- Never pay cash. Use a check (payable to the company - not a salesperson) or credit card so you can stop payment, if necessary.
- Make sure you receive the 30-day money-back written guarantee.
- Check with the Pennsylvania Department of Health - Hearing Aid Registration Program at 1-717-783-8078 to be certain your hearing aid seller and fitter are in compliance with Pennsylvania's Hearing Aid Sales Registration Law.

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Charles Baber Cemetery

Arbor Day Celebration: On April 29, 2011, the annual Arbor Day tree planting and blessing service was held. The Arbor Day celebration began with readings from students of Pottsville High School, proclamations by representatives of Pottsville City Council for *Tree City U.S.A.* recognizing the work of Frank Snyder, DCNR and Joe Orłowsky, Shade Tree Commission. The opening celebration was followed by the Rev. James Rinehart blessing each of the newly planted trees. There were 10 new trees planted (6 Swamp white oak, 2 Homestead hybrid Elm, 1 Sugar maple, and 1 Pin oak). All 10 of the newly planted trees were sponsored. The trees sponsored as memorials and as thanksgivings are: 1 was given by Emma Lou Howe, Diane L. Howe, Wenda L. Boyer and Randal D. Howe in loving memory of Dr. Douglas N. Howe; 1 was given by Emma Lou Howe, Diane L. Howe, Wenda L. Boyer and Randal D. Howe in memory of George R. and Dorothea M. Lynn; 1 was given by Ellen Hildreth in loving memory of the Hildreth and Warne Families; 1 given by Dr. Thomas and Diana Beausang in thanksgiving for God's gracious gifts; 1 given by Carol Field in thanksgiving for Frank Snyder and Joe Orłowsky; 1 given by Fred and Dona Brown in loving memory of Margaret Glass Brown; 1 given by the Rev. Canon Charles and Mrs. Morris in loving memory of Pearle C. S. Richards; 1 given by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Volkay in loving memory of the Boruch and Zatkovich Families; 1 given by Larry and Pat Richards in loving memory of the Richards Family and in thanksgiving always and everywhere and forever to God; and 1 given by Tom and Wanda Dodds in loving memory of Thomas Garfield Dodds. **Thank you to all tree sponsors.**



Also at the time of the tree planting 2 badly rotted trees were slated for immediate removal. Both trees are tall. One in particular, inside the small gate entrance by 13th Street, is 90' -100' tall and has a badly rotted base. If it were to fall, it would cross Market Street and damage homes and vehicles on the other side. The funds raised from the sponsorship are not sufficient to cover the costs of removing both trees. If anyone wishes to make a contribution towards the remove of the trees, it would be greatly appreciated.

Arbor Day floral basket and wreath drawing: A floral basket and wreath fundraiser for the Baber Cemetery was held on Arbor Day. Over \$525 was raised. The proceeds may be used towards the tree removal costs or towards the general operating costs of the cemetery. Carol Field underwrote the costs of the wreaths and baskets. Thank you to everyone who supported the cemetery by buying tickets. And thank you to Carla K., Eva S., Allen B., Lillian C. , Sue W., Carol F. for selling tickets at Way Mart on the cold, rainy day in April, and to Kurt K. for selling tickets through his office.

Memorial Day celebration: On Friday, May 27th a small memorial service is held at the cemetery, usually about 1:00 PM or whenever the school children from Clark Elementary School arrive. They replace the old, worn flags on the graves with new ones donated by the Joint Veteran's Association. The flag replacement activity is followed by prayers from the Rev. James Rinehart, and the playing of taps and a 21 gun salute by the veterans. It is a beautiful service and enjoyable to watch the school children replacing the flags throughout the cemetery. Everyone is invited to attend.

Lay Liturgical Ministers

DATE	READERS	ALTAR GUILD	CHALICE BEARERS/ ACOLYTES	GREETERS/ USHERS	COUNTERS	LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR FLOWERS
May 1 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	C. Field OT F. Brocious NT J. Bednar POP H. Mitchell	K. Portland B. Bacon	G. Moyer P. Bortner Acolytes C. Demcher C. Menuchak	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky J. Mansell T. Malarkey	H. Mitchell B. Bednar		In Loving Memory of George R. Stone Sr. by Emmeline Stone and Family
May 8 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	D. Beausang OT J. Brocious NT P. Bortner POP J. Giansello	K. Portland B. Bacon	B. Rutecky A. Portland Acolytes John Curtis Jacquelyn Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	N. Buehler A. Portland		In Loving Memory of Anna L. Harris and Isabel Rousseau Dr. & Mrs. Douglas N. Howe & Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Harris In Loving Memory of Jean Bedford by the Family
May 15 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	K. Kovalovich OT T. Malarkey NT F. Osenbach POP A. Portland	K. Portland B. Bacon	C. Petlansky J. Mansell Acolytes John Curtis C. Menuchak	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky J. Mansell T. Malarkey	N. Buehler H. Mitchell	C. Field to R. Fasold	
May 22 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	C. Field OT F. Brocious NT J. Brocious POP J. Bednar	K. Portland B. Bacon	G. Moyer J. Bednar Acolytes C. Demcher Jacquelyn Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky E. Barnwell B. Bacon	B. Bednar A. Portland	H. Mitchell to E. Harris	In Loving Memory of A. Glendon Acker, Arthur & Irene Acker, & Betty Acker by wife Liz Acker, Larry & Debbie Acker, Jeremy, Connie, and Kevin & Lou Ann In Loving Memory of Marion B. Bacon by the Family
May 29 8 a.m. 10 a.m.	D. Beausang OT A. Portland NT P. Bortner POP T. Malarkey	K. Portland B. Bacon	B. Rutecky E. Barnwell Acolytes C. Menuchak Jacquelyn Curtis	C. Gearhart B. Rutecky J. Mansell T. Malarkey	H. Mitchell A. Portland	P. Bortner to M. Keyworth	In Loving Memory of John & Madelin Achenbach by June Reedy and Family