

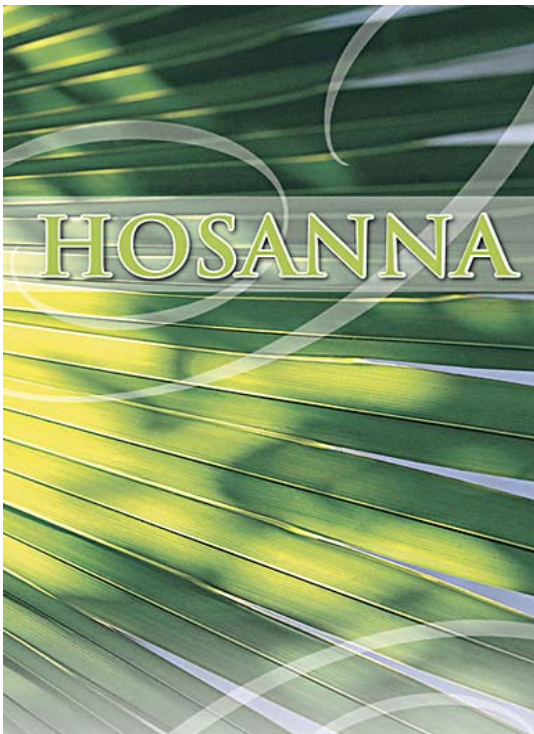
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Palm Sunday

March 28 ~ 8 and 10 am

Tenebrae Service

March 31 ~ 7:30 pm

Maundy Thursday

April 1 ~ 7:30 pm

Good Friday

April 2 ~ 12:00 noon

Great Vigil of Easter

April 3 ~ 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday

April 4 ~ 8 and 10 am

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Tuesdays 7:00 am in the Chapel
Sundays 8:00 am in the Chapel
Sundays 10:00 am in the Church

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Sundays 10:00 am—Undercroft

ADULT FORUMS

Sundays 9:00 am—Parish Hall

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday
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**March 14
Daylight Saving
Time**

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Ash Wednesday felt more like the beginning of a journey than I had ever noticed before. That sense came from two incidents.

When I arrived at the church before the first Ash Wednesday service, I saw the lights on in the library. Once inside I heard the sound of laughter. Entering the library, I immediately recognized members of the two longest running prayer groups in our parish, each of them having been in weekly, unbroken prayer for nearly 30 years. Then I remembered that it is the tradition of these two groups, a men's prayer group and a women's prayer group to come together for an early breakfast on Ash Wednesday before worshipping together and receiving the ashes indicating the beginning of Lent.

Leaving them as they finished their breakfast it struck me how much that gathering was like friends coming together before starting out on a trip together, with lots of laughter and a sense of anticipation.

Then, after the last service Ash Wednesday evening something happened to me that had never happened before. A dear friend gave me a gift for Lent. It was a book which had been very important in his spiritual growth and he simply wanted to share that with me as I was beginning Lent this year. As he was giving it to me I realized how much that gesture was like sending a friend off on a journey with the gift of a favorite book or some other form of provision for the trip.

What are you taking with you on your Lenten journey this year? What are you leaving behind? How might you be changed during these forty days? Will you be the same person when you end this journey?

May this Lent be holy for you – a time offered to God for God's purposes.

~ Tony

FROM THE ASSOCIATE

Thanks to the great generosity of Trinity Parishioners and others, the Pilgrims have earned over half of the \$12,000 they need to contribute toward their share of the cost of the pilgrimage to Ireland. They have made pancakes, run a Haunted House, hosted a 12th Night Pasta dinner, sold wreathes, made chili and cornbread, washed cars, raked leaves, baby sat (lots of this), moved boxes, and done all manner of odd jobs.

But they have done more. They have worshipped at the SSJE Monastery and the Friends Meeting in Cambridge; they have wrestled with the existence of God and the presence of evil; they have baked their own communion bread and celebrated a Eucharist they helped create (and hope to celebrate on St. Patrick's Mountain); they will worship and eat with Common Cathedral on the Boston Common at the end of February; they make a Nightwatch pilgrimage to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in May; and, God willing, they will make a pilgrimage to Ireland this summer. (Coincidentally, the youth group at St. John's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth, NH is making the nearly identical pilgrimage this summer.)

The physical journey will take them to ancient holy sites which include: St. Kevin's Monastic village (6th c.); St. Brigid's double monastery (5th c.); the spiritual centers of the Aran Islands dating (8th c.) where we also hope to perform some community service; and perhaps the pinnacle of the trip, the 6 hour climb to the top and back of Croagh Saint Patrick, where by tradition Patrick

fasted for 40 days and nights in 441 AD before banishing demons and snakes from Ireland. Nearly one million pilgrims come to this site each year.

But the more important journey is the interior one towards Christ, where we are all truly connected. In the process of making the journey, and in the presence of others making the same journey, our prayer is that the Pilgrims will continue to grow in the knowledge of the love of God for themselves and others in a way that is life-giving and authentic.

Sunday, March 21st will mark an important milestone in their preparation. Please look in the Forum section of the Window for more information. ~ Faithfully, Nick

Celtic Moment



St Bridgid of Kildare was a 5th century Irish monastic credited with bringing Christian religious life to Irish women. She established monasteries, the most famous of which was the community at Kildare (a "double" house of women and men). She was highly influential with leaders of her day and renowned for her hospitality, concern for the poor, joy and perseverance.



Don't miss the Adult Forum on March 21 when our youth will talk about their hopes for their pilgrimage journey. There will be a special coffee hour that day. (full details on page 6)

MARCH ADULT FORUMS

March 7: Hiroshima & Nagasaki: 1945 & 2009

Out of hatred and violence have grown friendship and community. Parishioners George Dallas and Carolyn Luby will share slides and video from their trips to the “atom bomb cities” of Japan.

March 14: Community Response to Domestic Violence

Domestic violence, continues to remain hidden in suburban communities. The Domestic Violence Services Network provides a coordinated community response to victims of domestic violence and their families, with highly trained advocates and police officers in Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, Maynard, Wayland Stow and Hanscom AFB. Jim Terry and Marilyn Peterson, DVSN's Board members, will explain the dynamics of domestic violence, identify early warning signs, and describe the services DVSN offers to victims and their families.

March 21: Trinity's First Youth Pilgrimage

From June 29 to July 8, 2010, the Pilgrim Youth Group at Trinity will be making a spiritual journey to Ireland. Preparation for this pilgrimage has been a spiritual journey as well. Come hear what the Pilgrims have to say about this experience and their hopes for this journey in their own words. During the 10 am service, journals for theological reflection will be blessed and presented, and the Pilgrims will be formally entered into the weekly prayers of the people. If

you would like to pick an individual pilgrim to pray for, you may choose one randomly from among the paper slips that will be contained in a glass jar in the Parish Hall. Finally, the Pilgrims will sponsor the coffee hour on that day with a belated St. Patrick's Irish Bake Sale.

No Forum on Palm Sunday (3/28) & Easter Sunday (4/2)

A SUCCESS!

Nearly 30 people from the parish and beyond gathered for "The New Job Security: A three-session Employment Workshop" based on the well-regarded book of the same name by Pam Lassiter. These workshops were facilitated by parishioner and businessman Leo Jesudian, and featured delicious meals created and served with love by Ron and Denny Jensen. An on-going virtual community has been established among the participants for continued fellowship and support as they seek work or seek to change their employment situation. Another series will be held if interest is expressed. For further information, contact Nick through the church office.

AN OPPORTUNITY!

We're starting a new bicycle group at Trinity Episcopal Church. Please join us on:

**Monday, March 22
from 7-9 PM**

in the Parish Hall to find out what we have in mind. And bring your bike for a free bike tune-up! Brian and Sally McInnis have volunteered their time to do the tune-ups. Please RSVP so we'll know how many bikes to expect.

We're thinking of Sunday afternoon rides in the good weather, with options to ride 15-20 or 35-50 miles. Perhaps a pot luck dinner afterwards. Come share your ideas, get your bike tuned, or email us:

john.ahernatcomcastdotnet

patricia.kentatcomcastdotnet

CHILDREN & YOUTH AT TRINITY

On the Church School bulletin board at the foot of the stairs into the undercroft, there is a handmade thank you note from the young people at St. Stephen's, our partner parish in Boston's South End. The Church School collected new winter hats, gloves, and mittens for the children there.

On Sunday, February 14, the Church School children (aided by a few of our J2A teens and some adults) created valentines and put together Baby-Care Kits for distribution to Haiti. Together we assembled 50 kits, which were then placed at the altar to be dedicated! Many thanks go to the Social Ministries Committee for providing the funding for the items that went into the kits. The kits will be shipped to Church World Service, who will send them on to Haiti. What a wonderful way to give love to our brothers and sisters in need!



THE KITS EACH CONTAIN TWO RECEIVING BLANKETS, TWO SLEEPERS,
TWO TEE-SHIRTS, A SWEATER, TWO WASHCLOTHS, SIX DIAPERS
AND A PAIR OF DIAPER PINS – **AND A HANDMADE VALENTINE!**

The 6th and 7th grade Youth Group

This group spent Sunday, January 31st baking to stock the Caring Cook's freezer. They worked well together and had lots of fun. Katharine Berger, Kathy Clark, Tom Beal, and Patricia Kent were around to supervise. Two 7th graders and four 6th graders baked blueberry, cranberry, and raspberry muffins for senior citizens. It felt good baking for those in need. After we were done making the muffins, we put them in the oven. While we were waiting for the muffins to bake we all ate delicious lasagna and drank some juice boxes. After everyone was done eating we all played charades which was really fun. But then after we got bored with that we played hide and go seek. Getting together with everyone was really fun.

~ by Julia Coleman, 7th grade



CHILDREN & YOUTH AT TRINITY

Journey to Adulthood—Rite 13

In the spirit of James 2:26 – “... as the body without spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead,” the Rite-13 class is taking a collection among itself (\$2-3 per youth) to give to those in need via Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). They have enthusiastically gone through the ERD “catalog” in class and are leaning toward mosquito nets or a share of a fruit tree. They had decided on this course of action before the earthquake in Haiti, reasoning that they will be able to help the Haitians as well.

Journey to Adulthood—Pilgrims

The Pilgrim Youth Group wants to thank all those who bought chili and cornbread to support their Souper Bowl fundraiser. Over \$500 was collected. As part of their preparations for the pilgrimage, the Pilgrims also have been crafting their own Communion service. They celebrated their first trial Pilgrim Eucharist in February using bread they had baked from a recipe for “St. Bridgid’s bread.” (*see page 5 for history of St. Bridgid*)



MISSION MOMENTS



SAVE THE DATE!
Friday, March 5
11:00 am

This year's World Day of Prayer Service was written by the women of Cameroon and the theme is "Let everything that has breath praise God." *Trinity is the host church! Skyloom Dancers performing! A luncheon will follow!*

Household Good Recycling of MA

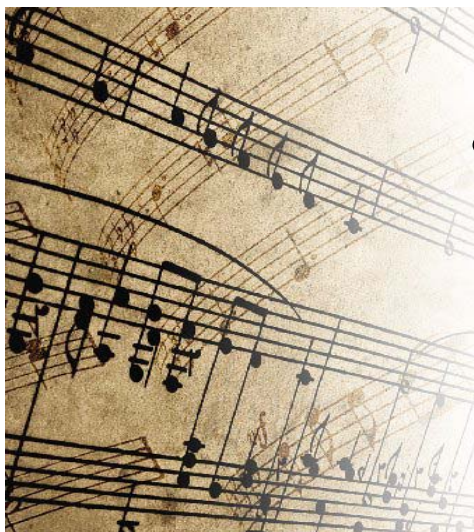
HGRM is a not-for-profit agency that provides recycled furniture and household goods, at no charge, to people in need. They are located at 530 Main Street in Acton. You can support HGRM in many ways: cash donation, household items donation, refer people in need, and/or volunteer your time. For more information, please call 978-635-1763 or visit www.hgrm.org.



Help Haitians Devastated by the Earthquake

Donation forms are available online at www.trinityconcord.org and also in the church Narthex.

MUSIC NOTES



*March Winds
Carry Music
Throughout
The Air!*

Prelude Recital and Choral Evensong Sunday, March 7 at 5 pm

Heinrich Christiansen, organist at King's Chapel in Boston, will play a Prelude Recital of organ music by Johann Sebastian Bach and other composers. Afterward, the Parish Choir will sing the traditional Anglican service of Choral Evensong which dates back 500 years, and is still sung in Cathedrals and parishes throughout the world. Come hear our choir sing prayers in musical settings by T. Tertius Noble and Gerre Hancock, both were Music Directors at St. Thomas' Church in New York City.

Parish-Wide Recital Sunday, March 14 at 4 pm

Calling All Musicians! Pianists, singers and all other instrumentalists of any level are invited to participate and the recital is open to all to attend. Deadline to sign up to perform is March 1. Come and support our musicians!

HOLY WEEK will include the service of Tenebrae on March 31 at 7:30 pm, with the Seraphim Singers as our guest choir singing Lamentations written in 1717 by Mexican composer Manuel de Sumaya. Our choirs prepare special music for Maundy Thursday and the Great Vigil of Easter, and a sub group of the choir will sing the Liturgy at Tenebrae, and chant the Passion narrative on Good Friday. I will be playing organ music for meditation to accompany the reading of the Seven Last Words of Christ following the Good Friday Liturgy.

EASTER FESTIVAL EUCHARIST will include Brass and Parish Choir at both 8:00 and 10:00 AM Liturgies and the Youth Choir will join us at 10 am on Easter Sunday, April 4. Both choirs will be singing music from Cantata 4: *Christ lag in Todesbanden* by Johann Sebastian Bach.

KINDERKREUZZUG, is a poem by Bertolt Brecht which tells of children, trying to escape Nazi warmongering in Poland, wandering the countryside in search of peace. Boston College composer, Ralf Gawlick has set this text to create a new musical work to be premiered by Youth pro Musica, Treble Chorus of New England, and the Knabenchor der Chorakademie, Dortmund, Germany. Performances are at St. Ignatius at Boston College on Saturday, April 10 at 7:30 PM, and here at Trinity Episcopal Church in Concord on Sunday, April 11 at 3 pm. Come and hear this exciting new work!

CONCORDIA CONSORT, will again collaborate with Ars et Amici Vocal Ensemble for three performances of "The Agony and Ecstasy of Love." Performances are Sunday, March 14, 5 pm – **FREE** – at Old North Church, Boston; Saturday, March 20, 8:15 pm at Trinity Episcopal, Concord; and Sunday, March 21, 4 pm at St. John's Episcopal, Beverly Farms. \$15 general admission and \$10 students & seniors.



CARING CONNECTION

Good Grief

Losing a loved one to death is one of the most painful experiences we can have. It helps... and is necessary... to share that pain with people who understand what you're going through. A support group is an effective way to help the bereaved heal because it offers a safe place for people to do the work of mourning.

We will be offering a new bereavement support group on Thursday mornings from 10:30 am-12:00 pm beginning March 25th. This will be an environment where individuals can share their feelings and experiences in a caring and confidential setting while receiving information about the grief process. The group will meet for five sessions, and will be led by Buck Grace and Anne Lynch. If interested in joining us, or if you have questions, please contact Buck (978-369-6346) or Anne (978-369-3715). It will be a "closed" group after it begins. Participants are expected to make every effort to attend all five sessions. If you need transportation, please contact a group leader and the Caring Connection will try to find you a ride.



Valentines

Many thanks to all... young and older... who created handmade Valentine cards and cookies. One recipient said, "It's the only Valentine I got!" Another exclaimed, "You made my day!" A simple act of love has rippling effects!

MARCH ART GALLERY

The Trinity Art Gallery during March will feature paintings by long-time Concord resident, Lindsey Brown. All works are oil on canvas, and were completed in 2009.



Lindsey moved to Concord in 1964, and participated in the Chapel, Junior, and Youth Choirs at Trinity, as well as the EYC, and the youth services center known as “The Place”, which was housed in the Trinity basement back in the 70s.

Lindsey is a 1982 graduate of the Boston Museum School, and in addition to having exhibited paintings in various museums and galleries throughout New England, his nature and wildlife photographs have appeared in numerous books, calendars, and magazines.

Art at Trinity may be viewed weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm, and following church services on Sunday mornings. For the past twenty years, artworks have been exhibited in the Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church. New exhibits are mounted monthly and feature the work of Trinity parishioners, and of artist and photographers from Concord and surrounding communities. The Trinity Arts Council was founded by Al Ehrenfried, led by Ivan Kaufman and Mart Doig, and now continues under the leadership of Margaret Wailes.

CHEERFUL CHARLIE



Dear Friends in Christ,

We have all heard about the terrible suffering of the people in Haiti, but we have another Haiti right here in the US—Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, home to thousands of Lakota Indians. This winter, they are suffering severely; in need of many things we take for granted: food, warmth, diapers, clothing, to name a few. The weather has been particularly brutal this winter, with ten foot snow drifts, making it very difficult for supplies to reach people in the outlying areas.

We can make a big difference by reaching out to these families. Please read on, and if interested in joining me in this effort, respond by sending your name, address and phone number to:

lindalatores **at** comcast **dot** net

I am very fortunate to have the honor of working with Ricky Gray Grass, a Lakota councilman and medicine man. Ricky informs me of specific needs, and I then email these needs to the people who express an interest in helping out. They in turn respond back to let me know what they will do and I inform Ricky. It's that simple. Most items can be ordered and shipped directly to the reservation, like diapers from Diapers.com, space heaters from any hardware store online, etc. Of course you can still purchase items individually and mail them. The Post Office has various sizes of flat-rate mail boxes making it economical when shipping to South Dakota.

To learn more, go to www.nativevillage.org and read "The Arrogance of Ignorance: Hidden Away, Out of Sight and Out of Mind: Regarding life, conditions, and hope on the Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota (Sioux) Reservation of SD" by Stephanie M. Schwartz.

Thank you, Linda LaTores



To those on the Healing Prayer team, the staff of Trinity and the Seminarian Reflection Group

In case I haven't mentioned this in person, what a delight it was to receive your gift of an Oil Stock as an ordination gift! It is particularly meaningful given my connection to the Healing Prayer team at Trinity. What a treasure it will be to have a physical reminder of your presence with me as I offer healing prayers to those I serve. I give thanks for the willingness to share, to teach and to learn, which each of you have extended to me during my time at Trinity. I look forward to more of the same during the months to come. God's peace and love. ~ *Stephanie Mitchell*



These notes were received from Concord Prison inmates in response to the Holiday Gift Bags.

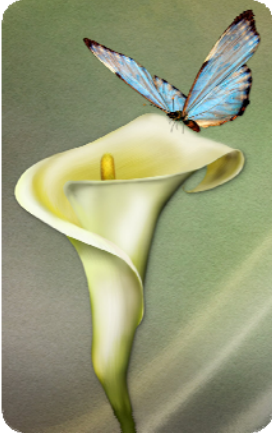
Thank you all for your thoughtful gifts. It really means a lot to us when people think of us as people, and I would also like to thank EM for the wonderful card that I got. *Your friendly inmate, Bob*

I am an inmate at Concord Farm. I've been incarcerated for almost 5 years and always look forward to your selfless gifts that you give every year. I can't tell you how much it means to most inmates to receive this gift. It might not seem a lot to you but in here it is big. It's nice to know that there are people like you all that take time out of your lives to help out inmates like myself. I can't thank you enough for your kindness. I wish you all the very best this holiday season! *Thank you, John*



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Cheerful Charlie is open to all in the parish who wish to share announcements of interest & good **"luck"** news!



The Altar Guild

is planning flowers for the Easter season.

A contribution to the Trinity Flower Fund helps with the purchase of Easter lilies, flowers, greens and other appointments.

If you would like to contribute, please fill out the form below



Please place this in the offering plate or return to: Flower Fund, Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord, MA 01742.

I/We wish to contribute to the Trinity Easter Flower Fund.

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Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

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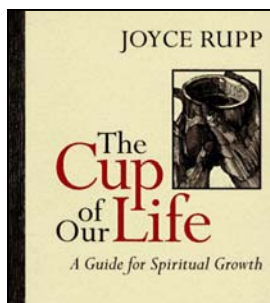
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In Thanksgiving for: _____

WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY



and
Choral Evensong
March 7
5 pm
(details on page 12)



Soup & Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
February 24 through March 24



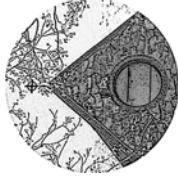
**Trinity
Luncheon
March 12**

11:30 am Eucharist
12 pm Luncheon

Menu: Strata with cheese,
sun dried tomatoes & pesto
Fruit salad, rolls, dessert



**Parish-Wide
Recital
March 14**
4 pm
(details on page 12)



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