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Life Together at Trinity

Welcoming, Serving, Changing Lives

Many have asked me, “When are we going to meet our refugee family?” It is a natural question. It is a part of our Christian hospitality to want to welcome the stranger among us, so for some of us it may be disappointing that we have not yet had an opportunity to meet the Gabri family personally. I haven’t either.

FROM THE



In due course, if and when the time is right for *them*, we may be blessed with that opportunity.

But each of us, as a member of the Body of Christ at Trinity, shares in the ministry of those few to whom we have delegated the responsibility of personally welcoming our family. In Matthew 25:35, Jesus tells a crowd, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Asked when this happened, his response to the crowd in verse 40 is, “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

And this work in which we share has life-changing effects. Listen to what Manuel Goty, a Cuban refugee whose family was assisted by Trinity members when he was only six years old, has to say about his experience:

Many thanks for your recent letter filling us in on your congregation’s excellent work with refugees. I especially love the parallels with the experience my family had with the church’s refugee work in 1963. The congregation back then also had a team of volunteers that found and furnished an apartment for us, stocked the fridge, and outfitted us with winter coats and boots. The church’s connections also helped my Dad get his first job at Hartford Despatch, a local warehousing and trucking company.

We too had help from a Spanish-speaking Trinity College student who translated for my Mom when she was being shown where to shop, how to navigate the Hartford buses, where we could get medical care, how to enroll me in grammar school, etc. I remember being in a church volunteer’s car when we went one day to pick up the student near the impressive Trinity College chapel. Little did I know then that I would graduate from Trinity 16 years later!

My parents always said that our success in this country was greatly due to the leg up we received from Trinity Episcopal and people like Keith Hook and Jesse Mallory. I hope that their families know that their legacy of generosity and friendship are part of my family’s history. Please let your current refugee program volunteers know that their hard work has a long term and deeply appreciated impact!

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Winter Adult Forum Schedule

The Adult Forum meets in the Library following the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service. Here's the schedule for the next two months:

January 29 – Theological Education in the 21st Century

The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary, will discuss theological education and ministry (*this session in the church*)

February 5 – No forum (Services at St. Monica's; no services at Trinity)

February 12 – "From Jesus to Constantine" - Part III

We continue to look at the issues discussed in this "Great Courses" series featuring noted teacher and author Bart Ehrman. This third video of the series explores the life of Jesus of Nazareth as depicted both outside and within the Gospels.

February 19 – No forum

February 26 – Forgive Us Our Debts

Trinity parishioner Phil Reynolds, a retired financial executive, will share thoughts adapted from his writings on the subject of finances and faith.

March 5 – "The Five Marks of Love" - Part I

If we are "marked as Christ's own," what are the "marks of love" that characterize the Divine Life abiding and at work within us? Today's forum will feature the first segment of a six-part Lenten series on this topic, with the remaining five sessions forming our Lenten mid-week Soup Supper study series this year (see the article on Page 10).

March 12 – "From Jesus to Constantine" - Part IV

Another of the Bart Ehrman "Great Courses" videos, this one focusing on oral and written traditions about Jesus.

March 19 – "Asylum" in the Bible and in Law

Join parishioner Anne Rapkin, who has degrees in both law and theology, for a discussion of the concept of asylum, and the Biblical teachings and the laws that define and support it.

March 26 – Trinity Academy Update

Karen Connal, Head of School, will give an update on the activities of the students and teachers who use our campus Monday through Friday.

Welcoming the Newly Baptized

On November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, we welcomed as the newest members of the Body of Christ Luca Robert Mincarelli, son of Robert and Danielle Mincarelli, and Riley Lamont Sutton, son of Shannon Lee and Sheldon Sutton.



On Sunday, January 8, the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, we celebrated the baptism of Anne Rapkin. Anne's husband, Steven Zhitnik, was baptized last March 26 at the Easter Vigil service.

Pre-Lent Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery February 10-12

Join parishioners from Trinity Hartford, Trinity Collinsville, Grace Hartford and St. Mary's Manchester for a weekend time to pray, reflect, rest and be fed at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York. The retreat will be led by the Revs. Linda Spiers, Don Hamer and Rowena Kemp.

The retreat begins Friday evening with Vespers at 5:00 p.m. and concludes with lunch and departure by 2:00 p.m. Sunday. The weekend includes three brief meditations offered by the sponsoring clergy with ample free time to read, nap, explore, pray, work on crafts or just relax.

Accommodations include single rooms for each individual or double rooms by request. Linens and towels are provided, with fully accessible shower and bath facilities down the hallway from the rooms. Comfortable clothes and sturdy shoes will allow for comfort in walking through the beautiful grounds, which overlook the Hudson River. It may be a good idea to bring along boots, as there may be snow on the ground!

The cost for the weekend is \$190 per person, and includes meals and lodging. If you have questions or need scholarship assistance, contact Fr. Don at 860-527-8133, X 202, or dhamer@trinityhartford.org.

To reserve a space, make a \$50 deposit payable to Trinity Episcopal Church with the memo "Holy Cross Retreat." We have only five spaces remaining so register as soon as possible.



By the grace of God

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop Diocesan and
The Rt. Rev. Laura J. Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan
of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut
will ordain

April Laurel Alford-Harkey
Ann Marie Perrott
Ronald Scott Steed

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Saturday, the twenty-eighth day of January
in the year of our Lord 2017
10:00 in the morning

Christ Church Cathedral
Main and Church Streets
Hartford, Connecticut 06103

Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles ~ Reception to follow

2016 Annual Financial Statements Coming Soon

Financial statements will be mailed out during the coming week to anyone who made an identifiable contribution to Trinity Church during 2016.

If you made a gift to Trinity Church in 2016 and do not receive a statement by January 31, please contact Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133 or phaddad@trinity.org.

From the Rector *Continued from Page 1*

Be assured that whether it is by our personal contact or by our support and prayers, each and every one of us is welcoming, serving, and changing the lives of those whom we have welcomed into our midst.

Your brother in Christ,

Don+

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer,
Rector

Dream of Multicultural Facility Coming True

The Asylum Hill Multicultural Resource Corner is finally a reality after many months of planning, and is now open in its new space at the Asylum Hill Family Center, located at 60 Gillett Street, Suite 101, in Hartford. Those who have worked long and hard to make it a reality, including Trinity parishioner Georges Kingsley, are especially pleased that the UConn School of Social Work has made a commitment to help with staffing. The Resource Corner, which offers residents basic English classes as well as help with housing, education, employment and health issues, is a first step in the establishment of an Asylum Hill Multicultural Center.

Winter Seminar Can Help You Find Financial Peace

Do you have a firm grasp on your financial life? Do you feel like you are struggling financially and can't get ahead? Do you have debt that you think will never go away?

This winter, Trinity will be hosting an offering of Financial Peace University. The course is nine weeks long and will meet weekly. It will teach you how to think about money and to start to align your financial life to help you get out of debt and to build a nest egg to bring security and financial peace into your life.

On January 22, the adult forum will be dedicated to an overview of the class to give you an idea of what is included, how it works, and what benefits it can bring to you and your family. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Chick at kevinjchick@gmail.com.

Cycle of Prayer for February and March

February 5

Anne Rapkin & Steve Zhitnik
Nina Rattray

February 12

Ann Putnam
Suresh Rajendram &
Anju Mathew
Elizabeth Randall

February 19

Mike Reardon
Jim & Mary Register
Jon & Jane Reik

February 26

Kevin Rennie
Phil & Katie Reynolds
Alan and Peter Rice &
Elena Zhidkova-Rice

March 5

Ellen Richardson
Kristyn & Lorelei Richey
John Robinson
David & Maria Rodriguez

March 12

Carolyn Rogers
Winston, Ruth, Andrew and
Julian Rose

March 19

Steven, Yasmeen, Savion and
Madison Ross
Kate, Casey, Elizabeth and
Margaret Rousseau
Cathy Rowe

March 26

Bob, Catie and Callie Rutstein
& Toni Fatone
Jo-Ann Sadosky

Fr. Don To Receive D.Min. on Sunday, January 29 Ian Markham Will Preach

The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham, President and Dean of Virginia Theological Seminary and a former Trinity Church member, will be the guest celebrant and preacher at Trinity on Sunday, January 29, when Hartford Seminary's Dr. Scott Thumma will confer the Doctor of Ministry Degree on Fr. Don at the 10 a.m. service.

Hartford Seminary, typical of most seminaries, requires each of its candidate for the Doctor of Ministry degree to undertake a significant project within his or her own ministry setting. As part of his doctoral work, Fr. Don led Trinity's Mission Discernment Initiative Group, which studied our parish and made recommendations for future development of our congregation. The title of his D.Min. thesis is *From Hospitality to Missional Church: Discerning God's Mission at Trinity Episcopal Church*. In addition to working on the MDIG and writing and defending his thesis, Fr. Don had to complete 24 hours of academic work spread among four different subject areas.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service on the 29th, all parishioners are invited to attend a reception in Goodwin Hall and then go back into the church for an informal conversation with Dean Markham about the current state of theological education as it relates to congregational ministry.

Be sure to be at Trinity on the 29th to welcome Dean Markham and share in this significant event in the life of our parish.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
Mr. Jun Lee, Interim Director of Music Ministries
Assisting Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick
The Rev. George A. Chien

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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Annual Appeal, Parish Budget Updates – Good News!!

This is REALLY BIG NEWS: On December 19, for the first time in anyone's memory, the Trinity Vestry passed a balanced budget.

The budget projects a modest increase in pledge revenue to \$380,000, with total payments from parishioners estimated at \$410,000 – down slightly from 2016 projections. As of January 12, results of our latest annual appeal were as follows:

- 19 households had pledged the same as in 2016 for a total of \$36,760.
- 14 households had decreased their pledges; pledges from these households total \$43,145, down \$10,000 from 2016.
- 44 households had increased their pledge for a total of \$183,619, an increase of over \$25,000.
- 8 new households had begun pledging to the financial support of the parish, for a total of \$16,760.
- 48 households who have traditionally made a pledge had not yet done so, and while this is not unusual in early January, the Vestry asks that all parishioners provide us with their annual estimate of giving as soon as possible. **If we receive 80% of the presently outstanding pledges at 2016 levels, we will meet our pledge goal for 2017.**

Income from investments is sharply lower, due entirely to a more than

75% reduction in the amount the parish is drawing from its endowment funds.

Over all, the 2017 budget projects total income of \$576,000, with total budgeted expenses at \$628,480. The budget is “balanced” by recognizing a one-time cash surplus (dollars that were withdrawn from the endowment in previous years and not spent but not returned to the endowment either) of approximately \$52,000. The “bad news” here is that we can only do this one time.

A key feature of this budget is maintaining the position of Director of Music Ministry as a part-time, 20-hour-per-week position. There are no raises for any staff with the exception of hourly part-time staff earning below \$15 per hour, who received a \$1 per hour raise in accordance with diocesan guidelines and the Episcopal Church's commitment to providing all employees with a “living wage.” The budget also maintains the position of Rector as a full-time position; it had been reduced to 80% for 6 months in 2016 for budgetary reasons. Over all, expenses related to staffing are reduced from \$377,925 in 2016 to \$336,150 in 2017.

Program and mission expenses, as well as building maintenance costs, remain relatively flat for 2017. The Mission and Outreach budget has been increased by approximately \$9,000, and a portion of this sum is intended to enhance existing ministries or to encourage new ministry initiatives proposed by parishioners. This sum does *not*

reflect the in-kind contributions of space to Trinity Academy and to Fresh Start Pallet Products, nor the provision of utilities and expendables such as soap, paper towels and similar items used by Trinity Academy, Fresh Start, the Choir School, and the eight 12-step programs that use our facilities, all of which form a part of our parish mission.

The remarkable thing about this budget is that it is balanced with a very sustainable, 5% draw on Trinity's endowment funds. Experts on management of endowments recommend draws in the 4% - 5% range, with some generous Christians advocating up to a 7% draw. (Example: If you have an endowment of \$1,000,000, a sustainable annual draw would be considered to be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.)

No one in financial services or church management advocates taking a 20% - 25% draw, which Trinity has done on occasion in the past. For Trinity to have reached the point of a sustainable draw without seriously compromising mission is a remarkable accomplishment. The work is not yet complete, but this is a good starting point for a more stable financial footing for the future.

Once the final figures are in for 2016 and the parochial report is completed, it is the intention of the Vestry to host a Sunday Forum to provide parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about our parish operations. In the meantime, copies of the budget are available by contacting the office.



BIRTHDAYS

If you have a February or March birthday not listed below, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our parish records. Please note we publish only the month and day – not the year!

February

Liz Kirkpatrick	2
Hyacinth Miller	4
Dinaka Onoh	6
Olivia Mogor	8
Isabella Pow	9
Bret Eckhardt	9
Christopher Troiano	11
Elaine Weber	11
Ginny Catanzaro	12
Kim Litsey	12
Zoe Grace Adell	13
Morgan Sage Adell	13
Judy Miller	13
Jim English	15
Rosa Margeson	17
Olivia Holmes	18
Clyde Jansing	18
Marc Miller	18
Ruth Rose	19
John Berger	21
Lorelei Richey	21
Priscilla Viets	22
Jerry Blissett	24
Althea Francis	25
Nina Rattray	25
Mary Register	25
Jane Reik	25
Laquisha Springer	26
Evan Holmes	26
Alice Turcotte	26
Austin Mogor	27
Katie Reynolds	27

March

Julio Flores	1
D. B. Grant	2
Ann Pacileo	5
Alan Rice	6
Cha Lae	6
Kate Rousseau	6
Elizabeth Rousseau	6
Pam Haddad	9
Vinnie Pacileo	12
Stephen Campbell	12
Ginny Judson	13
Claire Blissett	14
Ula Nurse	15
Karin Peterson	16
Anju Mathew	17
Isabelle English	18
Frances Sloan	18
Marie Alford -Harkey	19
Kristina Peterson	19
Jason Oberholtzer	20
Molly Miller	20
Maxine Duva	21
Emily Troiano	21
Liana Haddad	22
Alan Cheyney	22
Winston Rose	23
Brent Legister	24
Jennifer Stephens	24
Franklin Mogor	25
Anne Lambright	25
Marion Henderson	26
Victor Troiano	27
Jim Bradley	28
Margaret Daniel	28
Emily Estes	28
Ann-Marie Pierce	28
Lucy Shores	29

Trinity To Host HUH Super Group

A Heads Up! Hartford SUPER Youth Group Meeting will be held at Trinity on Sunday, January 29, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun and food! Former/future HUH students, counselors, families, volunteers and interested parishioners – everyone is invited. If you have participated in HUH before, please wear your wooden name tag and a HUH shirt. The afternoon will allow everyone to get acquainted/reacquainted, eat some pizza, sing songs, watch a slide show, join in some small group discussion, and have a lot of fun. Invite a friend who might be interested in coming to camp!

HUH brings together 8th to 12th grade city and suburban students from a variety of Christian denominations for a week of camp each June, with most of each day spent in community service. Last summer, 12 Trinity youth attended. Speak with any of them to find out more about their HUH experience: Zech Stevens, Kim and Kendall Okeke, Jonathan and Justin Ude, Davonté Griffith, Kachi and Dinaka Onoh, Annabelle and Max Duva, or Shquia and Jordan Moore-Thomas; or speak with Linda MacGougan, Trinity's adult HUH liaison.

Offering Envelopes for 2017

If you haven't yet picked up your box of offering envelopes from the table in Goodwin Hall, please do so the next time you are at the church. If you would like offering envelopes for 2017 but don't find a box with your name on it, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

Trinity and St. Monica's To Share Worship on February 5 and 19

In the ecclesiastical equivalent of a "Home and Away Series," Trinity and St. Monica's Episcopal churches are planning to worship at each other's houses of worship on February 5 and 19.

On February 5, there will be no services at Trinity Church, as the congregation will worship at St. Monica's at 8 and 10:30 a.m., (note: the later service is **one half hour later** than our usual service time at Trinity) with Fr. Don as preacher and concelebrant. Two weeks later, on February 19, there will be no services at St. Monica's, as that congregation will come to Trinity for worship at 8 and 10 a.m. with the Rev. Tracy Johnson Russell, Priest in Charge of St. Monica's, preaching and concelebrating.

On both Sundays, the combined choirs of both churches will offer choral works selected by the two music directors.

This is the second worship collaboration which Trinity has entered into with neighboring churches. In 2017 as in 2016, the members of Grace Lutheran Church will join Trinity for worship on Pentecost Sunday, and Trinity will worship at Grace once again on October 29, when Lutheran churches around the world celebrate the 500th anniversary of the continental Protestant Reformation.

St. Monica's is located at 3575 Main Street, Hartford. There is ample off-street parking adjacent to the church.

Fr. Don Announces New Altar Guild Leaders

Fr. Don is delighted to announce the appointment of Karin Peterson and Cecelia Timothy as Co-Conveners of Trinity's Altar Guild. While both are long-time members of the parish, they are relatively new members of the Altar Guild, having joined this past summer. They follow in the footsteps of Jane Harris, who recently stepped down after leading the Altar Guild for nearly 20 years. Jane continues to lead the Flower Guild.

As Co-Conveners, Karin and Cecelia will work with Fr. Don in planning for and carrying out many of the practical aspects of offering worship, including caring for all altar vessels and vestments, ordering supplies, and doing the practical and prayerful work of readying the chancel and altar for worship each week. They welcome any interested persons – male or female – to contact them about joining them and their team of Altar Guild Angels in maintaining Trinity's beautiful worship space.

Indoor Workday Planned for February 20

Enthusiastic Trinity volunteers spent the morning of January 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, sprucing up Trinity's interior spaces. The January work session was a great success – so successful that we're going to do it again on Presidents' Day, February 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Come join in the satisfying work of putting a shine on the face of our beloved parish buildings. Questions? Speak with Boo Morton or Peter Green from the Property Team.

CVSO To Present "Enigma" Program February 12

The Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra will present "Enigma," a program of works by English composers, as the next concert in its 2016-2017 series at Trinity Church on Sunday, February 12.

The 3:00 p.m. concert will feature a performance of the Double Concerto for Violin and



Viola written by an eighteen-year-old Benjamin Britten in 1932. Anton Miller, Professor of Violin at The Hartt School, and Rita Porforis, an Associate Professor of Viola at Hartt, will be the soloists for the concerto.

The afternoon's program will also include a complete performance of Edward Elgar's well-known *Enigma Variations*, 14 musical sketches of the composer's friends and family including the beloved "Nimrod" variation, and "The Banks of Green Willow," a work for small orchestra by George Butterworth, who died at the Battle of the Somme a few years after the piece was written. Joseph Hodge, Music Director for the CVSO, will conduct.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$15.00 (\$12.00 for students and seniors). As is usual for CVSO concerts, children under 12 will be admitted to the concert free of charge. Audience members are invited to a reception in Goodwin Hall which will follow the performance.

Outreach at Trinity



Footcare Clinic Serves 43

We all know the phrase “it takes a village.” On December 21, volunteers from Hartford Hospital, Hartford Police Department, Foot Wear With Care, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Monica’s Episcopal Church, and Trinity Episcopal Church came together to provide foot care as well as shoes to 43 men and women. Your giving of time, medical supplies, athletic socks and winter shoes/boots was overwhelming. I hope that together we may continue this important work.

– Deacon Bonnie Matthews

Mbugani Scholarships Fully Funded for 2017

Well, we did it! Since September, \$2357.43 has been raised for two scholarships for girls from Holy Trinity Church in Mbugani, Tabora, Tanzania. We started off with a bake sale in September, and then held an ornament and note card sale in December. Our community event at Ten Thousand Villages in West Hartford on December 11 brought in \$530! A special thanks to Georges Annan Kingsley for creating our note card and to everyone who supported the fund raisers. And thank you to everyone you went shopping at Ten Thousand Villages!

– Debbie Hamer
for the Outreach Team

Update on Trinity’s Refugee Family

The Gabri family is settling into their new life in the United States. Diaa, the 10-year-old, adores his new school (he’s in 4th grade), and his English language skills are improving rapidly. His mother and older brother are taking ESOL classes twice weekly, and are also receiving twice-weekly English tutoring from trained people among our Trinity College partners. Medical and dental visits, job searching, learning about American grocery shopping, developing self-sufficiency . . . these are the tasks the family is working on during this, the second month of their new American lives.

The church’s refugee resettlement team is looking for additional volunteers to assist the family. If you’d like to learn about how you can be a part of this caring mission, please call Anne Rapkin (860-521-5992) or send her an email at a.rapkin@snet.net.

We are still looking for bicycle chains and locks for two bicycles, as well as an AM/FM radio. We also seek donations of money to purchase new shoes for a growing 10-year-old and for other expenses.

Many thanks to all of you who have been so generous with your time and resources!

– Anne Rapkin

Church by the Pond February 18

Trinity’s next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, February 18.

At 12:30, we’ll prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library. At 1:45 we’ll bring those lunches to Bushnell Park, where we’ll participate in the Eucharist service by the pond at 2:00. We distribute our lunches following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15. Please come for as much of this time as you can – friends and families are welcome!

This is part of Trinity’s ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the “Church Street Eats” programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

Lenten Sneaker Collection

Once again Covenant to Care is collecting sneakers during the Lenten season, beginning on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and ending on Maundy Thursday. We are looking for children’s sizes but will pass along larger ones.

In addition we are gifting each of our day school students with a new pair of sneakers. Look for the sneaker-shaped cutouts with the students’ names, sizes and color preferences on the table with the sneaker poster. Please take a tag, if you wish, and attach it to the sneakers you purchase.

All the sneakers will be blessed during the Maundy Thursday service before distribution.

If you have questions, please call Don Cook at 860-993-2804.

Jun Lee To Conduct Performance by UConn Early Music Ensemble

As a part of the requirements for his Doctor Of Music degree from the University of Connecticut, our Interim Director of Music Ministries, Jun Lee, will be conducting a performance by the UConn Collegium Musicum ensemble at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Willimantic on Sunday, February 12. This 3:00 p.m. concert will feature the performance of Reinhard Keiser's 1712 musical setting of "Brockes Passion," poet Barthold Brockes' poetic meditation on the Passion story, one of the first Passion oratorios. This will be the North American premiere of this centuries-old piece, which has recently been rediscovered after having last been performed in 1716 in Hamburg. The UConn ensemble will be joined by internationally-known baroque singers as well as guest instrumentalists performing on period instruments. Everyone is invited to attend to support Jun and enjoy the performance of this long-unheard piece by UConn's early music ensemble and their guests.



Except for the morning workday session, the buildings will be closed Monday, February 20, for the Presidents' Day holiday.

News from Trinity Academy

Trinity Academy students were very busy leading up to the holiday break. In addition to working hard in the classroom and winding down their units of study, they had some wonderful enrichment experiences as well.

The students, teachers and staff shared a Thanksgiving meal during which they had the chance to share the things for which they were thankful. Expressions of gratitude were for family, school, home, pets and faith.

In early December the students visited The Connecticut Science Center, where they engaged in the center's 165 thrilling interactive hands-on exhibits.

Our Aetna Mentors invited the students to come across the street to tour the Aetna and see where the mentors work. The students enjoyed seeing the work environment and learning how each of their mentors spends the work day. The visit highlight was everyone sharing ice cream at the Ice Cream Sunday Bar.

Acclaimed storyteller Jane Torrey introduced the students to her interactive art, which awakens the listener's imagination through words and actions. Jane will be coming back every month with a new story to tell, encouraging the students' imagination and love of words.

Thank you to the many Trinity Episcopal parishioners who either donated to the students' Holiday Store or bought gifts for the students as part of the church's Giving Tree project. The students enjoyed "buying" holiday gifts for their families at the store, and

appreciated the gifts they received. Their smiles told it all! Thank you for spreading the joy of the season.



We are looking forward to Trinity Academy's 3rd

Annual Excellence Dinner – The Magic of Trinity, which will be held on March 18 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at The Bond Ballroom, Hartford. We invite you to join us for an evening of roaming magicians, cocktails, dinner, an auction and a magic and comedy show, "Four Handed Illusions: An Intimate Evening of Laughs and Wonder," one of Boston's top-rated shows. Please consider supporting this event by becoming a sponsor, taking out a program ad or donating an auction item. Visit the school website at www.trinityday.org to purchase tickets (\$150 each) or to obtain sponsorship/auction forms. We also need help prior to and the day of the event. If you would like to volunteer or have any other questions, please contact Barbara Roberts at development@trinityday.org or 860-251-8337.

– Barbara Roberts
Director of Development

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is March 17 at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **April and May**. Email your articles to voice@trinityhartford.org. (If you need to deliver your article in hard copy, please turn it in to the office by 3:00 p.m. on March 16.)



Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday 2017 falls on March 1, marking the official beginning of the forty days of Lent. The service schedule for Ash Wednesday is as follows:

- 7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon
- 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and hymns
- 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon, hymns and choir

The imposition of ashes will be available at all three services. (Our clergy will also be distributing “Ashes on the Go” to patients and staff at Hartford Hospital from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Ash Wednesday.)

Wednesday Mid-day Services in Lent

A 12:10 p.m. service of Holy Eucharist will be offered each Wednesday during Lent through April 12, Wednesday in Holy Week.

Devotional Materials for Lent

Parishioners are encouraged to avail themselves of Lenten devotional materials in the information racks. A free will offering is appreciated to help cover the cost of the materials; donations can be placed in the coin slot near the information rack in the narthex near the Sigourney Street doors.

Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers Return!

The Adult Christian Formation team invites all parish members – and their friends and neighbors – to a Wednesday-evening Lenten series featuring a soup supper followed by a video and discussion.

Dates: Wednesdays during Lent, March 8 – April 5

Time: 5:30 p.m. Supper, 6:00 Program (finishing by 7:30)

Place: The Library

This year’s mid-week Lenten series will feature “Marks of Love,” a study program developed jointly by Virginia Theological Seminary and the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Join other Trinity members for a Lenten exploration of the ways in which the Divine Life expresses itself in and through us, individually and in our faith communities, as well as in the world around us. Each week’s program will explore the Anglican Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure) through videos, questions and exercises so we can speak more clearly and act truthfully, motivated always by hearts marked by God’s love. The first session of the series will take place on the first Sunday of Lent, March 5, during the 11:30 Adult Forum hour; the remaining five sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings.

Come enjoy a hearty bowl of soup and an evening of learning and discussion. No ticket, reservation or RSVP is required – just join us if you can!

Book Group To Enjoy Lighter Side of Literature

Trinity's Book Group has selected *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter* for its next discussion. This brilliant and hilarious 1977 novel was written by Mario Vargas Llosa, who went on to win a Nobel Prize for Literature. It is set in the country of the Llosa's birth, Peru, and is about a young student named Marito, toiling away in the news department of a local radio station when his life is disrupted by the arrivals of both his aunt Julia and a manic radio scriptwriter.

The meeting, with dessert and discussion, will be held Friday, March 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Jane Harris' home in Bloomfield. All are welcome. Please let Jane know if you'll attend: 860-904-2494 or jaharris@snet.net.

Offering To Benefit Diocese of Jerusalem

The 2017 Ash Wednesday offering will go to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Please be generous in your offering, which will provide important support to schools, hospitals and other service providers to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. An Ash Wednesday offering envelope is included in your box of 2017 offering envelopes; extras will be available on the literature tables at the church. Checks should be made out to Trinity Church and earmarked "Ash Wednesday" in the memo space.

The offering from the 12:10 services of Holy Eucharist on the Wednesdays in Lent will also go to support the work of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

St. John's To Host Conference on "Refugees and Migration"

Companions in Mission Ministry Network, a diocesan interest group that focuses on outreach activities, will sponsor a one-day conference on "Refugees and Migration: Across the street and around the world" on Saturday, March 4, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This event will take place at St. John's Episcopal Church, 679 Farmington Avenue in West Hartford. The keynote speaker will be Allison Duvall, Program Manager for Church Relations and Engagement for Episcopal Migration Ministries, the Episcopal Church's refugee resettlement program.

In addition to Ms. Duvall's keynote address, the day's program will include a panel discussion, a choice of afternoon workshops, lunch and a closing worship service. Registration is \$10.00 in advance, or \$15.00 on March 4. To sign up, go to eventbrite.com and search for events in West Hartford, CT.

News from AHNA (Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association)

Police Report: Citywide, as well as in Asylum Hill, major crimes are down. As always, take things out of your cars or put them out of sight. There has been a rise in car thefts. Do not start your car and leave it running to warm it up.

Support for AHNA: AHNA is looking to broaden its funding base. Contact family, neighbors and stockholders in the neighborhood to ask for their support. Every gift is important.

I-84: The I-84 project is still in the discerning stage. Public opinion is sought. What would you do with the viaduct?

Blight Administration: The city of Hartford has hired a Blight Administration Coordinator who will review ordinances, create a blight list and secure funds to fix up neglected properties.

Hartford Decides: This organization has funds to support projects suggested by neighborhood residents involving such things as murals, playgrounds and park equipment. Meetings are being held so neighborhoods can create project lists for themselves. Voting will take place citywide and funding distributed.

Due to the season, a holiday celebration was held at the end of the December session.

– Boo Morton



Daylight Saving Time for 2017 begins at 2:00 a.m. on **Sunday, March 12**. Set your clocks *ahead* one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, or you'll be late for church!



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EVENTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

<i>Page 3</i>	January 28 10:00 a.m. Ordination of April Alford-Harkey to the diaconate at Christ Church Cathedral
<i>Page 4</i>	January 29 10:00 a.m. Father Don to receive D. Min.
<i>Page 6</i>	1:00 p.m. Heads Up! Hartford Super Group meeting
<i>Page 7</i>	February 5 8 & 10:30 a.m. Joint worship service at St. Monica's (note time of later service)
<i>Page 2</i>	February 10-12 Parish retreat at Holy Cross Monastery
<i>Page 7</i>	February 12 3:00 p.m. Connecticut Valley Symphony Orchestra concert
<i>Page 9</i>	3:00 p.m. UConn Collegium Musicum concert at St. Mary Church, Willimantic (Jun Lee conducting)
<i>Page 8</i>	February 18 12:30 p.m. Church by the Pond meal preparation
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<i>Page 7</i>	February 20 9:00 a.m. Indoor workday
<i>Page 10</i>	March 1 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
<i>Page 11</i>	March 4 9:00 a.m. CIM Conference on "Refugees and Migration" at St. John's, West Hartford
<i>Page 10</i>	March 8 12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist (each Wednesday during Lent)
<i>Page 10</i>	5:30 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper series (each Wednesday during Lent through April 5)
<i>Page 11</i>	March 10 7:00 p.m. Book Group meeting at Jane Harris' home
<i>Page 9</i>	March 18 6:00 p.m. Trinity Academy Excellence Dinner - Bond Ballroom

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5 <i>No services at Trinity</i> 8:00 Holy Eucharist at St. Monica's, Hartford 10:30 Holy Eucharist at St. Monica's, Hartford	6	7	8 7:00 Property Team	9	10 <i>Office closed</i> Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery begins	11 Retreat at Holy Cross Monastery
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