



Trinity Tidings

February 2019

The Presentation of Our Lord



On Saturday, February 2, the Church will observe the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple as told in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. By observing Jewish law, Mary and Joseph took their first-born son to the Temple. As prescribed in the Book of Exodus, every first-born son was taken to the Temple forty days after his birth and dedicated to God. This was done in commemoration of the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt, when the firstborn sons of Egypt died and those of Israel were spared. If the parents could afford the expense, they were to bring a lamb and a young pigeon or turtle dove to be offered as a sacrifice. If not, which was the case for Mary and Joseph, they were to offer two pigeons or two turtle doves.

Upon arrival at the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met by an old man named Simeon, a holy and learned man. Simeon spent much of his time in study of the prophets of Israel and in prayer for the arrival of Messiah. While in prayer one day he heard the voice of God, promising Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Messiah. When he saw the son of Mary and Joseph, Simeon took Jesus into his arms and proclaimed: *Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised. For these eyes of mine have seen*

the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see. A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel (Luke 2:29-32). The placing of Jesus into the arms of Simeon was the meeting of the Old and New Dispensations. The old sacrifices – lambs, pigeons, and turtle doves – were no more. With Jesus a new and perfect offering had been provided by God, an offering of the Son, made once for all on the cross.

The Song of Simeon, a canticle which consists of the words spoken by him is found in the Book of Common Prayer. Also known as Nunc dimittis, meaning “now let depart” in Latin, this canticle is principally used after the second lesson at Evening Prayer (p. 120). But the option remains for its use during the evening service of Compline, at the Burial of the Dead, or at Morning Prayer.

Every time we say or sing the Nunc dimittis we not only recall The Presentation and the words of Simeon, but also the fact that the presence of Jesus in this world transformed humanity's relationship with God and our understanding of God. The old burnt-offering is done away. What was once temporal, is now spiritual.

As followers of Jesus we gather at the Lord's Table to present to God a new and most worthy offering, as expressed in Eucharistic Prayer I, Rite One: *and here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee* (BCP, p. 336). By way of this relationship we now receive a divine response, the offering of the gifts and of the grace of God.

Peace, Fr. Jim

Important dates in February:

T.E.C.W Meeting: Feb. 2, 10 a.m., Garland Hall.
Trinity Episcopal Church Women meeting.

Holy Communion in the Quire: a said service
on First and Second Wednesdays of the month,
Feb. 6 and 20, at 10:00 a.m.

T.E.C.W. Annual Epiphany Tea: Sunday, Feb.
10, 3:00 p.m., Garland Hall.

Fredonia Place: Holy Communion in the Garden-
view Room; Tuesday, Feb. 12 at 2:00 p.m.

February Vestry Meeting: Garland Hall,
February 19 at 6:00 p.m.

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The Season of Lent: commences March 6

March 6 is Ash Wednesday. Additional information will be provided in the March edition of Trinity Tidings, but I do want to give you a preview of upcoming events planned for Lent. For five Wednesdays during the season I will present a video and conversation series based on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. This gathering will include Holy Communion and Lenten Supper (soup and salad) in Garland Hall. As we move into this penitential season, I hope everyone will take the opportunity to join together in community and discover a new and more meaningful Lent.

Blessings, Fr. Jim

Ash Wednesday Service Schedule, March 6:

Trinity Church

7:30 a.m. – Liturgy for Ash Wednesday;
Imposition of Ashes (*said service*).

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition
of Ashes (*said service*).

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of
Ashes, with Hymns.

Fredonia Place

2:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of
Ashes.

Lenten Program Schedule

March 13 – April 10: Wednesday evenings

5:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II: Garland Hall.

6:00 p.m. – Lenten Supper and Program: Garland
Hall – *Bonhoeffer: The Life and Writing of
Dietrich Bonhoeffer*, with Eric Metaxas.

Week One: What is the Church?

Week Two: Living in Christian Community.

Week Three: Religionless Christianity.

Week Four: Come and Die.

Week Five: Conversation: The Significance of
Bonhoeffer.

Diocesan News

Taking a Different Road Home: Bishop Franklin's Epiphany Message

January 8, 2019

Dear friends,

In Sunday's reading from the Gospel of Matthew, we heard the familiar story of the three magi who traveled from faraway lands in the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus. Only Matthew records this story, and even from him, we get only a little information.

We don't really know who the magi were. They may have been fortunetellers, or soothsayers, astrologers who predicted the future based on what they saw in the stars, or astronomers, who tried to make scientific sense of what they saw in the stars. Legends tell us that Melchior was from Persia, what we now call Iran, Caspar was from India, and Balthazar was from Babylon or Ethiopia. Whatever their origins, they went to great lengths to seek out Jesus and honor him with costly gifts.

I like to regard the magi as the very first strands of the web of grace, the beginning of that sacred connection woven by the Holy Spirit that binds us to one another, parish to parish, Christian to Christian, across not only our diocese but also the entire world. Their story reminds us that, regardless of what country we come from or how far we have traveled to find Jesus, we are all part of a vast network with God at its center.

As I near the end of my time as your bishop, I find particular comfort and hope in the web of grace, because I know that the work we have done together and the relationships we have formed will continue to sustain all of us as we find new ways to strengthen the church for the challenges of the 21st century. Like the magi, I will soon take a different road home, but I am confident that God's grace will go with me as it will go with all of you into a new chapter of your mission and ministry.

Between now and early April, we will have time to say farewell to one another and to welcome Bishop Sean into the Diocese of Western New York. But for now, as I celebrate the season of Epiphany, I do so with thanks for the light and life that you have brought to my ministry and with anticipation for the gifts we still have to share with each other.

Yours in Christ,
+R. William Franklin

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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

December 18, 2018

As approved at the January Meeting

Present: The Reverend James Clement, Rector; Melisa Eichmann, Warden; Emily Ivey, Warden; Virginia Becker; Sue Torrance; Jack Torrance; Lisa Schultz, Clerk; Doreen Gould; Cathy Berner, James Ivey, Treasurer; Lucille Bryant.

Excused:

Opening Prayer: The meeting held in the parish hall opened with prayer at 6:00 p.m.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Virginia Becker and seconded by Lucy Bryant to approve the minutes of the November 18th meeting. Minutes were approved as amended. The motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: James Ivey reported.

A motion was made by Emily Ivey with a second by Cathy Berner to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was received as submitted and reported.

- The Cash-Checking accounts and the Building Fund are looking good.
- Payment for the Alpha-Omega Window restoration has been paid and will show in the next report.
- Stewardship pledges are currently at 97% as of the end of November. It is expected that pledges will meet the budgeted amount.
- The salaries for parish staff are right on track.
- There is some concern as to the fact that Line Item #6018 – Choir Members, which is slightly over budget.
- There was discussion regarding the interest that is being charged with the bank Line of Credit and where this appears on the financial report.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- The balance as of 11/30/18 was \$4,238.18.
- A deposit in the amount of \$577.00 was made and payment then made for the purchase of new communion linens.

Buildings and Grounds: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- The pipe organ in the church was tuned on December 13. This work was conducted by Heritage Pipe Works.
- A wall curtain was recently hung in organ console room in order to provide heating. The expense was \$180.00.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- Everything is going well.

Outreach: Emily Ivey reported.

- Donations for a local family to provide clothing, toys, and food for Christmas totaled \$200. The items were purchased and delivered to the family by Diane Sercu.
- The program for January and February outreach will be to collect pajamas for the Fredonia Agri-Business Childhood Development Center.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women: Doreen Gould reported.

- The Christmas Cookie Sale was a great success with a profit being made of \$1142.00.
- The Christmas Stocking Money will be decided at the next TECW Meeting which will be held on January 5th at 10:00 a.m.
- The Epiphany Tea is scheduled for February 10th at 3:00 p.m. with the guest speaker being Evrim Ustunluoglu who is currently staying with James and Emily Ivey.
- Everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party at the home of Judy Reynolds.
- The balance as of today is \$2,612.10 which includes \$817.88 in expenditures (\$500.00 for ½ of our pledge to Trinity, \$300 in Christmas gifts and \$17.88 for the candles for Christmas) and deposits of \$1362.00 (\$1142.00 from Christmas Cookie Sale and \$220 in Stocking Money)

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann reported.

- There is currently \$778.06 in the account.
 - A bill of \$150 to Fresh and Fancy Florist and \$36.00 for wreaths was paid.
 - A \$205 deposit was made.

Rector's Report:

- Fr. Clement wished to thank everyone for their participation and help with the St. Nicholas Festival.
- The Adult Christian Education Series, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, continues and will conclude on Sunday, December 16.
- Fr. Clement recently attended Lessons and Carols at St. Paul's Cathedral. The event included the installation of three persons as honorary canons to the Diocese.
- Fr. Clement stated that he enjoyed attending the recent TECW Christmas gathering.
- Dominic Schultz resigned as parish sexton, by letter, effective Saturday, December 29.
- We welcome Sara Jagoda as the new parish sexton, effective the first week of January. She is also employed at (SUNY) Fredonia as a member and supervisor with its Maintenance Department.

Old Business:

Parish Annual Meeting: Fr. James Clement reported.

- A sign-up sheet has been made for persons to bring bread, salads or dessert for the Annual Meeting luncheon, which is posted in Garland Hall.
- The congregation will thank Dominic Schultz and recognize him for his eleven years of employment during the Annual Meeting.

New Business:

Parish Election Nominees:

- Vestry approved the slate of candidates for election at Annual Meeting, by a motion made by Jim Ivey and seconded by Cathy Berner. William Roberts will stand for election for a full-term on vestry. Virginia Becker, Cathy Berner, and Lisa Sedlmayer will stand for election as parish delegates to 2019 Diocesan Convention.

Proposed 2019 Annual Budget: James Ivey reported.

- The Treasurer provided members of Vestry with the proposed budget for 2019. Discussion ensued.
- The proposed budget total is \$181,893 with an increase of \$962 from the previous year.
- A motion was made by Emily Ivey and seconded by Cathy Berner to approve the proposed 2019 annual budget. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion made by James Ivey.

Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held January 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Lisa Schultz, Clerk of the Vestry

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Parish Notes



Shrove Tuesday Event March 5, 5-7 pm!

Come one, come all! The men of the parish will prepare the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

The name “Shrove” comes from the old Middle English word “Shriven” which means to have gone to confession prior to the start of Lent. This day became known as “Shriven Tuesday” and later “Shrove Tuesday”.

Kirsta Wheelock nominated to attend U. S. Naval Academy

We congratulate Kirsta Wheelock for the honor of being nominated by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand to attend the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

Sen. Gillibrand stated, “I am honored to nominate such dedicated and talented students from Western New York to our nation’s service academies. They have demonstrated exemplary leadership abilities and an outstanding academic record, as well as a passion to serve our nation.”

Decisions were based on criteria including academic record, leadership potential, and overall achievement. Final acceptance is determined solely by the service academies. Kirsta is the daughter of Andy and Karin Wheelock.

Rey leads Hillbillies

Diego Rey continues his winning streak on the track. To end 2018, Diego finished first in the 1,000m with a time of 2:43.39 during Fredonia’s indoor track meet at Fredonia State. Way to go!

Diego is the son of Janeil and Alberto Rey.

Sercu named M.V.P.

The 12U Pee Wee team of the NCCYHA Steelers started the new year off right. The team brought home the championship from the New Ice Cup held in Jamestown on Jan. 4-6.

The championship game went into a shootout when Nathan Sercu out the only goal in to secure the championship for the Steelers. He was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Congratulations Nathan!

Nathan is the son of Diane and Ron Sercu.

February Outreach Children’s Pajamas



Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center is part of the New York State Agribusiness Child Development Program (ABCD). Founded in 1946, ABCD provides the highest quality of early childhood education and social services to farm worker and other eligible families across New York

State. This state program serves between 1,500 and 1,800 children per year in 11 licensed childcare centers.

Trinity’s outreach these next two months is to collect pajamas for children aged 2 months to 5 years old. These will be donated to the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center. They currently have fifty-two children in this program in Fredonia.

Individual information for each child can be picked up in Garland Hall. This will help for each child to receive a pair of pajamas. Items can be dropped off in Garland Hall during the month.

Thank you for your support of Trinity’s outreach program.

Trinity Episcopal Church Women

Reminder: Our Annual Epiphany Tea will be Sunday, February 10th, at 3 pm in Garland Hall. Evrim Ustunluogh, a visiting Scholar from Turkey, who is the house guest of the Ivey's will be our guest speaker. Take this opportunity to learn about a country in the Middle East that is often in the news. Evrim will touch on women in her country as part of her talk and she will be utilizing a power point presentation as well. Maureen Blackburn has prepared a wonderful traditional cake and there will be a few other offerings as well. No need to dig out your best hat, but by all means do so if you'd like. This program is open to everyone, women, men and older children. See you there.

Our next meeting is this coming Saturday, February 2nd, at 10 Am in Garland Hall. The cold should be gone and hopefully Dunkirk Dave will have a good prediction for us!! We need to finalize arrangements for the Epiphany Tea and we are hoping to get a representative from the Partners in Kind group to visit with us during the meeting. A discussion will be held during the meeting about an Irish dinner in March to see if there are enough folks ready to step in and help out.

We will also look at possible dates for the spring rummage sale between Easter and the date selected for the spring Masterworks concert.

If you didn't get your Stocking Savings Container yet, grab one next time you are in Garland Hall or by the front door of the church.

– Doreen Gould

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Lectionary Readings for Sundays in February: www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, Feb. 3

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30

Sunday, Feb. 10

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 138

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, Feb. 17

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Luke 6:17-26

Sunday, Feb. 24

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11,15

Psalm 37:1-12,41-42

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Luke 6:27-38

Birthdays in February

- 2 Roberta Mosier
- 3 Sue Torrance
- 6 Victoria Jakiela
- 12 Aaron Levy
- 14 Shirley Coon
- 16 Robert Coon
- 20 Meghann Hudson
- 20 Adam K. Ingham
- 22 Jillian (Berner) Bentley
- 23 Grayson Adamczak
- 23 Jakub Adamczak
- 24 Allison Hadsell
- 26 Philip Tappan
- 26 Jared Cooper

Wedding Anniversaries in February

- 6 Rich and Robbie Mancuso

In Memoriam

- 2 Scott Albaugh
- 3 Ruth Hackman
- 4 Dorothy Schaufler
- 9 Howard Kinney
- 15 Tom Wienk
- 16 Milton Fenner
- 17 Catherine Gawron
- 18 John Everett III
- 19 Anne Cassidy
- 22 Laura Foster

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The Vestry of the Parish

Emily Ivey, Sr. Warden

Melisa Eichmann, Jr. Warden

Virginia Becker

Cathleen Berner

Lucille Bryant

James Ivey

William Roberts

Doreen Gould

Sue Torrance

Jack Torrance

Worship Server Schedule – February

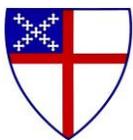
Date	Time	Crucifer	Acolyte	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
Feb. 3	8:00	-----	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	10:30	Jim Ivey	n/a	Sally Ludlum	Lisa Schultz	Lee Blackburn Maureen Blackburn	Lisa Sedlmayer
Feb. 10	10:30	Lisa Schultz	Nathan Sercu	Diane Sercu	Sally Silliman	Dominic Schultz Lucy Bryant	Judy Reynolds
Feb. 17	8:00	-----	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	10:30	Diego Rey	n/a	Lucy Bryant	Sally Ludlum	Andy Wheelock Karin Wheelock	Melisa Eichmann
Feb. 24	10:30	Jim Ivey	n/a	Doreen Gould	Judy Reynolds	Emily Ivey Patti Cooper	Emily Ivey

Parish Support Schedule – February

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
Feb. 3	Maureen Blackburn	Dominic Schultz	Jim Ivey Emily Ivey
Feb. 10	Janeil Rey	(open)	Ginny Becker Doreen Gould
Feb. 17	Judy Reynolds	(open)	Melisa Eichmann Lucy Bryant
Feb. 24	Lisa Schultz	(open)	Sue Torrance Jack Torrance

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Ephesians 1:2