My Dear Trinitarians,

I wish you a blessed and holy Lent. I hope you enjoy this second of our Trinity Bells newsletters under the auspices of our newly formed communications committee led by Ruth Fick and Kathy Mendall.

Lent is often described as a journey. It is also a time of preparation and renewal. God leads us and prepares us for the transformation that comes from God alone.

We will be offering a four part series on Tuesdays in March on the book of Luke. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with a light supper followed by a program of about one hour. This is a great opportunity to spend time outside of Sunday mornings with fellow parishioners and to spend some time looking in depth at one of the books of the Bible. It is possible to get something out of any of the sessions individually, but of course you will get more if you can attend all four sessions.

We will continue our tradition of the last few years and have one combined service for the whole parish at 10:00 am on Easter Sunday.

I am often surprised at how few people attend our special weekday services on holy days. Of course everyone is busy (and some cannot come out at night), but I would remind you that Palm Sunday through Easter is meant to be a weeklong experience and expression of devotion and faith. These services are so meaningful – I would urge you to also consider attending our other services in Holy Week.

Palm Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Maundy Thursday 6:30 pm (with light supper)  
Good Friday Noon & 7:00 pm

Enjoy the (hopefully) encroaching spring! Please also remember I am always available if you want to call me, or have me come visit you. It is a great privilege to spend time with members of our community.

With love to you in Christ,

Marg
2006 VESTRY REPORT

The biggest news out of the vestry this year was to adopt a twice-a-month meeting schedule. The “business” of the church is the primary responsibility of the vestry. The group felt that “business” was becoming the exclusive topic of vestry meetings. A second non-business meeting was added to the calendar. These second meetings are for the presentation and discussion of ideas that deal primarily with the future of Trinity. Nothing is off limits. Our real estate, mission, relationships with the community are all topics of discussion. There are many challenges ahead, staying the course won’t work. These planning meetings will hopefully be the birthplace of the bold ideas that will be needed.

If there were a theme to the work of the vestry in the past year it would be communication. Both internally and externally large strides were made in the way we let people know about parish life. The “One Call Now” automatic phone messaging system was implemented this year. The system isn’t perfect but it enables large number of parishioners to receive announcements with less effort by the staff. It has also substantially cut down on the amount of mailings to committee members and vestry, as the system is able to call sub lists of the greater parish.

Our website, www.trinityroslyn.org, was reclaimed and updated this year. There is no doubt that our site will play a major role in the future as a way for people in the community to discover who we are. Trinity Bells was relaunched with great vigor this year. It has never looked better and for the first time is available online.

The vestry acted generously in deciding to donate in excess of $18,000 that we received from the New York State DOT for the seizure of our property for the viaduct reconstruction. The recipient of our gift was Grace Episcopal Church in Hammond, LA, which suffered substantial damage in Hurricane Katrina. This gift paid the dividend of increasing our visibility here at home with both the New York Daily News and WLNY TV55 doing stories about our assistance to Grace Church.

We are also in the process of producing a video that will serve as a calling card and introduction to our parish. There is also an active effort to make ourselves known to our new neighbors who will be moving into Sterling Glen in the coming months.

As we move forward the vestry will continue to make sure that we fight to lose the title of best-kept secret in Roslyn!

Thank you to Tom Cammisa, Ethel Ursprung and Kathy Mendall for their service on the vestry. They are leaving their elected positions but I’m sure they will continue to contribute to our parish in many ways.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Alexander, Sr. Warden

NEW VESTRY MEMBERS ELECTED

The Parish Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 4th and the voting for new Vestry members was unanimous in electing Maryellen Hansen, Roger Gerber and Dawn Weill. Congratulations!

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NEWS 55 WLNY INTERVIEW

Margo being interviewed by News 55 WLNY reporter Tom Allen. They’re being recorded by videographer Joseph Marcus. News 55 came to Trinity on January 26th to do a report on Trinity’s gift to Grace Church, Hammond, Louisiana. Grace Church sustained serious damage in Hurricane Katrina. The story aired later that night on the 11:00 news.
CELEBRATING OUR CENTENNIAL

We are midway through the 2006-2007 centennial season of Trinity's landmark church building. Our first two events were the November lecture about Stanford White’s architecture by Sam White, great grandson of White, and the February lecture about our Tiffany windows by Patricia Pongracz, Curator at large at the Museum of Biblical Art. Thank you to everyone who helped make them both successes, by helping with the preparations, by attending, or by inviting others to attend. They’ve been a great way of introducing the outside community to Trinity Church.

Coming up next are:

- **Sunday, April 29, 3pm – “100 Years of Sacred Music” Choral Concert performed by Trinity’s choir and special guests**
- **Friday, June 1, 6 pm – Gala Dinner with entertainment at George Washington Manor in Roslyn**
- **Sunday, June 3, 10 am – Festive Eucharist for Trinity Sunday**

We are particularly hopeful that the extended Trinity family will be able to join us that first weekend in June. In the near future you’ll receive an invitation with more details about the gala. We’ll be publishing a commemorative journal for the occasion, which will be our major centennial fundraiser. We’re counting on Trinity’s friends far and near to help us by purchasing ads (accompanied perhaps by family photos) and by soliciting ads from businesses and other organizations. We’ll send out a letter and rate card to make it easy. In the meantime, here are the rates for Trinity friends:

- Full page, 8-1/2 x 7: $200
- Full page with photo: $250
- Half page 4-1/4 x 7: $100
- Half page with photo: $125
- Quarter page (no photo): $60
- Family listing: $25

John & Sheila Platt

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~MARTHA'S MUSICAL NOTES~

MUSICAL CELEBRATION- APRIL 29th

The next Trinity Centennial Event, on APRIL 29th at 3:00 promises to be a delightful exploration of yet another angle of Trinity's history - through the medium of music. As Trinity’s Organist/Choir Director since 1977 (with a short hiatus for time with my little boy in the late 80's), I have had the pleasure of directing Trinity’s choir and various other musicians in creating magical musical memories to add to the illustrious past of this fine church.

Please save the date and plan to enjoy beautiful music and wonderful memories of people and times at Trinity Church. Everyone is encouraged to come. In addition to current parishioners, former parishioners and others who have made music at Trinity are invited to perform with us for this special day. Marvelous hymns will be sung by all, and meaningful music selections will be performed celebrating Trinity past, present - and future!

YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED!

1. Photographs and videos of musical happenings at the church are being collected for display.

2. Share your memories...in writing (or talk to me)....certain music can trigger memories and certain musical events are unforgettable in the fabric of our lives. After church Sunday, Ann Mingorance and I were talking about how wonderful it was to see her lovely daughter Cristina and her husband as they anticipate the birth of their first child. I felt weepy with memories of Cristina as one of our teenage bell ringers, and Ann said she feels weepy whenever we sing the hymn "Seek Ye First". Gail DeGraff then told me the marvelous story of her introduction to Trinity Church and her invitation to the Choir. I am certain there are many, many stories out there, old and new. Please share them...as recent as seeing your child play the cello on Christmas Eve, or as old as the young man who never returned from the Civil War to hear the ringing of the bell he donated to the church.

3. Send your favorite hymns (and, if you care to share, why they are favorite) to me at MRegel@aol.com or by regular mail to the church, so we can create a list and incorporate some of them into the program.

COME CELEBRATE and MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE AT TRINITY ON APRIL 29TH!!!!

Martha Regelmann, Organist and Choir Director
JACK HENRY PARENT IS BAPTIZED

The grandson (their 12th!) of Dee and Ed Doxey was baptized at a beautiful 8:30 service on Sunday December 3, 2006 by Pastor Margo. Jack and his parents, Michael and Patty (McGill) Parent, hail from East Sandwich, Ma. Godmothers were Joni Sturje of Glenwood Landing and Dee Doxey; Ed Doxey was godfather.

Jack and his little friend Harry roamed the church when they could and were lassoed in when their presence was needed, rebelling as two-year-olds will do. The side chapel was packed that day as we were also bidding farewell to our dear friends the Wagners. A coffee hour enabled us to share the bitter and the sweet of the occasion.

NEW ADDITION TO RODRIGUEZ FAMILY

Michael and Adrianne Rodriguez are excited to announce the birth of their son Mateo Rodríguez, born on February 1st. He was 8 lbs., 10 oz.

Big sister Marielle is still not sure of what to think of her new baby brother. Mother and baby are doing fine. We all wish them well and are looking forward to seeing them soon!

WAGNER FAMILY RETURNS TO SOUTH AFRICA

Debbie, Cedric and Michelle Wagner have made the difficult decision to return to South Africa where their extended family reside. They have been, and continue to be, part of our Trinity family for a number of years, attending primarily the 8:30 service. They have been active in our church, attending social functions, and Debbie has served on the altar guild in recent years. We have watched their daughter Michelle turn into a fine young woman, who completed her college studies in Boston.

Church members presented them with farewell gifts at the coffee hour after the 8:30 service. Their presence is missed. Here is their new address:

Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Wagner
52 Verdi Blvd.
Sonstraal / Heights
Durbanville 7550
Capetown
Republic of South Africa

cedwagner51@yahoo.com

SOLO RECITAL ANNOUNCEMENT

One of our wonderful tenors, Michael Fries, who has been singing with us since September 2005, just happens to be a student at C.W. Post Campus. He is currently a senior and will be completing his requirements for graduation this May. As part of his requirements he needs to have a senior recital; his is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 at 8:00 pm at the Great Hall at C.W. Post Campus. I am sure he would be delighted to have some of us in the audience. If you enjoy listening to Michael sing on Sundays, then please mark this date on your calendar!

For directions please visit www.liu.edu or you can ask me for directions.

Kathy Mendall
TRINITY’S TIFFANY WINDOWS
Seen in a New Light

In the second program of Trinity’s centennial season Dr. Patricia Pongracz, stained glass historian and Curator at Large at the Museum of Biblical Art in New York City, gave an engrossing lecture about Trinity’s Tiffany windows on Sunday, February 11th.

With the late afternoon sun brilliantly illuminating the windows in the western transept, Dr. Pongracz took the audience back 100 years to the construction of our current church building to understand how Trinity came to be home to our stunning Tiffany windows. Using archival photographs, excerpts from early 20th century Trinity Bells and reports from the New York Times, she brought to life the upper class milieu – and the social connections among the Mackay, Whitney, and Stevens families-- that enabled the Tiffany commissions.

Dr. Pongracz helped the audience, estimated at 120 people, appreciate both the art and craft of Louis Comfort Tiffany and his studio, pointing out the artistic inspirations for the majestic sanctuary window of God creating light and the western window of Jesus greeting Mary Magdalene. Dr. Pongracz also explained the arduous layering process that gives our windows (especially Moses in the Promised Land and Jacob with the angel) such remarkable color and detail. This was contrasted with the less complex (though still beautiful) windows installed elsewhere in the church in the mid Fifties to commemorate our 50th anniversary.

Combining obvious scholarship with a down to earth style that was never pedantic, Dr. Pongracz’s address drew an enthusiastic response. For the many visitors present (perhaps three-quarters of the audience), it was a marvelous introduction to Trinity’s treasures and legacy. And for those of us who have spent countless hours gazing at the windows, we will never look at them the same way again.

John Platt

Patricia Pongracz with Margo at reception following Lecture

Stained Glass Window photographs by our photographer in-the-making, Joseph Kavanagh
KIDS HELPING KIDS

St. Justin’s Anglican Church School – Ablekuma
Anglican Diocese of Accra
Bishops Court, High Street
P.O. Box 8
Accra, Ghana
West Africa

Missionary: Jenny Coley, Islip New York
Long Island Liaisons: The McCloskey Family,
Trinity Church School Students and Portledge School
volunteers.
Contact Information: jdmccloskey@optonline.net,
or call 516-661-8116 or 516-508-1141.

About the Children at St. Justin’s
The children at St. Justin’s Anglican Church School
have written us letters telling us about themselves.
They live in the Ablekuma region of Accra, in Ghana
West Africa. Accra is the capital of Ghana and has a
population of 1,970,040. Accra served for a center of
trade for the Portuguese until 1877 when it was taken
over by the British. The British ruled the area until
1948, when the Ghanaian campaign for independence
led to independence from the United Kingdom in
1957. While the Accra is one of the wealthiest
modern cities in the African continent, Ablekuma is
not.

The main economic activities in this region are
agriculture, fishing, manufacturing and banking.
Most of the children at St. Justin’s eat Fufu, Stew,
Rice, Banku, Yam, Payala, and Okra as a part of their
main diet.

Most popular is a recreational birthday game called
Ampe, where the children stand in a circle and the
leader claps their hands, jump into the air and choose
a foot to kick out in front of them. If the leader and
the player have both chosen to kick out different feet,
the leader scores a point. The player at the end with
the most points is the winner. Netball and Futbol are
also popular activities.

Ga and Ghanaian dialects, Twi (pronounced ‘twee’)
specifically Ashanti Twi is a language spoken in
Ghana by about 7 million people. It is one of the
three dialects of the Akan language. Within Ghana,
Twi is spoken in the Ashanti Region and in parts of
the Eastern, Western, Central, Volta and Brong
Ahafo Regions.

The children of St. Justin’s are poor and are often
living in squalid conditions. Their families are
stricken with AIDS and our assistance is greatly
needed.

Thank you for your support.
Joanna McCloskey

Map of Ghana/Africa

The Trinity Church School has joined together with a
Parish in Accra, Ghana. Accra is the capital of
Ghana, and St. Justin’s Anglican Church School
is located in the region of Aldekuma. The children of
Trinity Church School have adopted one child each
and will be sending them library books, pens and
paper. Our goal is to raise $3,000 for the cost of a
nurse for medical care, and for the cost of mailing the
supplies and letters. We will be running the Easter
plant sale. We would greatly appreciate any support
from our Trinity parishioners.

Laura DeBruin and Christopher McCloskey

KIDS HELPING KIDS
OUTREACH PROGRESS
It’s hard to believe, but Trinity Outreach is in its seventh year of service to the community and our surrounding communities. The group was initially formed to assist individuals or families experiencing difficult times when other ‘social safety nets’ were not available. Our mission is to answer the call of people in need in the area of our extended parish.

First and foremost, Outreach would like to thank each and every one of our parishioners for their generous donations whether it was cash, clothing, or items for our boutique sale because without your help, we wouldn’t be so successful. As stated in the Trinity Outreach annual report, the Christmas Boutique raised approximately $350.00 toward a scholarship to Camp DeWolfe. Gifts and cookies were prepared and delivered to sixteen homebound parishioners at Easter and Christmas. The African Team Ministries sale raised approximately $700.00 thanks to Barbara and Bill Holzkamp. A needy child was sponsored by Outreach for three weeks of camp. 27 winter coats were delivered. 50 pairs of socks were collected and delivered to the men’s shelter in Glen Cove. Outreach purchased and delivered clothing to several needy children. A new bed was purchased for a young girl in extreme need and her room refurbished. Toys and books were donated to indigent families. Companionship as well as long term care and special assistance were especially provided by Pastor Margo and Ann Mingorance.

Lastly, I thank all of my members for their superb help in putting Trinity Outreach to work in our community. Every flicker of light shines, reflects, and refracts rays of hope to others. Thank you Dee Doxey, Sarane Ross, Laura Kavanagh, Barbara Holzkamp, Ann Mingorance and Pastor Margo.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm in St. Martha’s Room. Everyone is welcome and we appreciate any time and/or ideas you may provide.

Dawn Weill

PS. Small Grants for home heating needs are still available.

SEAMEN’S CHURCH INSTITUTE
CHRISTMAS CARD
By Gail DeGraff

Thanks to all of you who signed and contributed money towards the 2006 Christmas Card. Because of your generous response, Trinity was able to send a check for $105.00 to the Seamen’s Church Institute.

KNITTERS FOR THE SEAMEN’S
CHRURCH INSTITUTE
CHRISTMAS AT SEA PROGRAM
By Gail DeGraff

I have previously mentioned that I have been knitting for the Christmas-at-Sea program for more years than I can remember. It was mentioned in the thank-you I received this year from them that 16,210 hand knitted gifts were distributed to deep-sea and river mariners this past Christmas. The note also mentioned how blessed they are by all who support them.

If anyone would like to knit or crochet (a pattern has finally been created) for this worthwhile program, please feel free to contact me, Gail DeGraff, at (516) 484-2697.

TRINITY’S TAG SALE

A tag sale is being planned that will take place in the next few months. Please start putting aside saleable items that are new or in good clean condition. Some things to consider are house wares, including small appliances, clothing, books, sports equipment, jewelry, knick knacks, CD’s and tapes, etc. Ask your friends and neighbors to contribute, too.

Trinity has a long history of fairs and rummage sales. At one time a group called the "Night Riders", which consisted of men from Trinity ventured out all over the North Shore making pickups. (Check with Jim Hebron or Bill Holzkamp for lively tales of their adventures.) A sale proves to have many benefits aside from the obvious monetary one. Your house gets cleaner, you get to know fellow parishioners better, and a service is provided to the wider community.

Call Barbara Holzkamp for more information. 516-671-6827.
A hero of the early history of Trinity Church is John Codman Pollitz. The following excerpt was originally published in 1969 to commemorate the Centennial of the founding of Trinity Church in Roslyn. The editor was Frances Curran.

“Among those who left home to fight for the preservation of the Union was John Codman Pollitz, barely eighteen years old, but the first Superintendent of the Sunday School in Christ Church Chapel. Since 1859, young Pollitz had helped to hold the Sunday School together when it was meeting in the Mansion House. To him, the Chapel was a dream come true, and in his youthful enthusiasm, he saved his soldier’s pay to buy a bell for it. His regiment joined General Sherman, and it was on the march to the sea that he died of exhaustion in New Bern, North Carolina. Brought home to Roslyn, he was buried “under the shadow of the chapel belfry,” and the bell tolled for the first time at his funeral. Shortly after his burial, February 1, 1863, the bell was taken down and another put in its place. John Pollitz’s bell was inverted, filled with dirt and flowers, and stood by his grave for many years. When the present church building was erected in 1906 the remains were moved to a brick vault between the new walls and the mute bell carried there, too, the floor of the nave covering the spot.

Here the bell was discovered in 1914 during an examination of the props of the church. Consent and assistance were obtained from members of the Pollitz family, and it was put inside the church where it could be seen with the bronze tablet which had been given as a memorial by his brothers and sisters in 1897 and inscribed:

“In loving memory of John Codman Pollitz, first Superintendent of the Sunday School of this church. A zealous worker in the founding of the Parish, he died January 17, 1863, while serving in the Army at New Bern, N. C., in the 19th year of his age”

Rob Alexander

Up and coming Trinity musicians: Tess Alexander, John Galati, Anna Cammisa & Laura DeBruin
SUPPORT FOR A SOLDIER

Approximately one year ago I asked for donations to support Cpl Joe Landi who had been deployed to Iraq.

Recently Senator John McCain stated, “As you know, the war in which you have fought has divided the American people. But it has divided no American in their admiration for you and from our obligations to you. We all honor you.”

This sentiment has been demonstrated by the people of Trinity. We collected socks, candy, books, DVD’s, letters, etc., and the Outreach Committee paid for the shipping. A special request was made for a guitar and not one but two were donated. In fact, the effort we made and that of others resulted in Joe requesting that we stop sending “stuff” since he had run out of places to store the “stuff”.

I am delighted to report that on February 2, 2007 Joe completed his tour and returned to American soil.

Karl Hansen

BURNING BOOKS

Readers, unite! Trinity parishioners are a literate bunch, and all are invited to participate in the meetings of our reading group, Burning Books. Typically, about a dozen people, both male and female, from inside and outside the Trinity family, meet in the Fireplace Room or someone’s home to discuss our latest book and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. The evenings are wonderfully freewheeling and stimulating. Our upcoming selections include:

April 11, 8 pm - Sister of My Heart by Chitra Divakaruni At the home of Brigitte McConnell. (“The power of stories and the strength of women who tell them are lovingly rendered in a tale as rich and bountiful as the scents of Calcutta.” The San Francisco Chronicle)

May 23, 8 pm - Gilead by Marilynne Robinson At the home of the Platts. (An elderly Congregationalist minister, knowing the end of his life is near, writes a memoir for his 7-year-old son. "A story that captures the splendors and pitfalls of being alive, viewed through the prism of how soon it all ends.” Atlanta Journal-Constitution)

John Platt

TRINITY TRANSITIONS

Welcome to the Body of Christ . . .
Xavier Anando Chowdry
Daniel Louis Sacripante

Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them . . .
Betty Geib
Rose Guglielmino
Ruth Neumann
Mary Smith

Hazel Field and Harry

To send condolences, please call the Church office for addresses of family members
A PROMISING SKATER IN OUR MIDST!

Tess Alexander and her family traveled to Lake Placid over the Martin Luther King Holiday weekend for Tess to compete in the Ice Skating Institute team competition. Tess skates for the Long Island Edge figure skating club, which finished fifth of twenty-four teams in the competition. Skating in four different events, Tess helped her team earn points with three first place finishes and one third. Tess has been skating for six years and starting competing in 2005. She is also a member of the Cantiague Figure Skating Club.

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EPHPHANY PAGEANT

On Sunday, January 7th the Church School held their annual Epiphany Pageant. The Three Kings were played wonderfully by Travis, William and Christian Laderer. All who attended the service that day enjoyed the pageant as well as the seasonal music that was included.

UPSIDE DOWN CRANBERRY GINGER CAKE

(recipe recently served at coffee hour)

Cooking Spray
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 tablespoons grated peeled fresh ginger
3 cups fresh cranberries
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter, softened
1 cup granulated sugar
2 large egg yolks
1/2 cup fat free milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
2/3 cup frozen fat free whipped topping, thawed

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Heat a 9 inch round cake pan over medium heat; coat with cooking spray.
- Add brown sugar and 2 tablespoons butter to pan, stirring until melted.
- Stir in ginger, cook 1 minute, stirring constantly.
- Remove from heat; arrange cranberries on top of brown sugar mixture.
- Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with knife.
- Combine flour, baking powder, and salt.
- Combine 1/4 cup butter and granulated sugar in a bowl; beat with mixer at high speed until fluffy.
- Add egg yolks, one at a time, beating well after each addition.
- Add flour and milk alternately to butter mixture, beginning and ending with flour mixture; mix after each addition.
- Beat in vanilla extract.
- Beat egg whites and cream of tartar with a mixer at medium speed until stiff peaks form.
- Fold egg whites into batter; pour batter over cranberries in prepared pan.
- Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.
- Cool in pan 15 minutes; run a knife around outside edge.
- Place plate upside down on top of cake pan; invert cake onto plate.
- Top each serving with whipped topping.

Kathy Mendall
Recipe from Cooking Light
The following is an inspiring interview with Rick Warren (author of The Purpose Driven Life) by Paul Bradshaw (submitted by Nancy Krug)

People ask me, What is the purpose of life? And I respond, In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in Heaven. One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body - but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act, the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity. We were made by God and for God, and until you figure that out, life isn't going to make sense.

Life is a series of problems: either you are in one now, you're just coming out of one or you're getting ready to go into another one. The reason for this is that God is more interested in your character than your comfort. God is more interested in making your life holy than He is in making your life happy. We can be reasonably happy here on earth, but that's not the goal of life: The goal is to grow in character, In Christ-likeness.

This past year has been the greatest year of my life but also the toughest, with my wife, Kay, getting cancer. I used to think that life was hills and valleys - you go through a dark time, then you got to the mountaintop, back and forth. I don't believe that anymore. Rather than life being hills and valleys, I believe that it's kind of like two rails on a railroad track, and at all times you have something good and something bad in your life. No matter how good things are in your life, there is always something bad that needs to be worked on. And no matter how bad things are in your life, there is always something good you can thank God for. You can focus on your purposes, or you can focus on your problems. If you focus on your problems, you're going into self-centeredness, "which is my problem, my issues, my pain."

But one of the easiest ways to get rid of pain is to get your focus off yourself and onto God and others. We discovered quickly that in spite of the prayers of hundreds of thousands of people, God was not going to heal Kay or make it easy for her. It has been very difficult for her, and yet God has strengthened her character, given her a ministry of helping other people, given her a testimony, drawn her closer to Him and to people...You have to learn to deal with both the good and the bad of life. Actually, sometimes learning to deal with the good is harder. For instance, this past year, all of a sudden, when the book sold 15 million copies, it made me instantly very wealthy. It also brought a lot of notoriety that I had never had to deal with before. I don't think God gives you money or notoriety for you to own ego or for you to live a life of ease. So I began to ask God what He wanted me to do with this money, notoriety and influence. He gave me two different passages that helped me decide what to do, Corinthians 9 and Psalm 72.

First, in spite of all the money coming in, we would not change our lifestyle one bit. We made no major purchases. Second, about midway through last year, I stopped taking a salary from the church. Third, we set up foundations to fund an initiative we call The Peace Plan - to plant churches, equip leaders, assist the poor, care for the sick, and educate the next generation. Fourth, I added up all that the church had paid me in the 24 years since I started the church, and I gave it all back. It was liberating to be able to serve God for free.

We need to ask ourselves: Am I going to live for possessions? Popularity? Am I going to be driven by pressures? Guilt? Bitterness? Materialism? Or am I going to be driven by God's purposes (for my life)?

When I get up in the morning, I sit on the side of my bed and say, God, if I don't get anything else done today, I want to know You more and love You better...God didn't put me on earth just to fulfill a to-do list. He's more interested in what I am than what I do. That's why we're called human beings, not human doings.
**The Mission Statement of Trinity Episcopal Church**

Trinity Church is a community where all are welcome. We seek to love God, to learn and practice Jesus' teachings, and to answer the call of those in need.

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**Sunday Services**

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist and Full Choir  
Sunday School 10:15 AM

The Rev. Margaret A. Peckham Clark, Rector  
(516) 621-7925

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Martha Regelmann, Organist and Choir Director  
Michael Callahan, Sexton  
Joanna McCloskey, Sunday School Director

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**Wardens**

Rob Alexander  
Barbara Holzkamp

**Warden Emeritus**

Jim Hebron

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Maryellen Hansen  
Brigitte McConnell  
Roger Gerber  
Ruth Fick  
Michael Rodriguez  
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Ruth Hinrichs  
Donald Kavanagh  
Donald Krug

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*COOKBOOK UPDATE: Recipes of Sheila Platt were inadvertently left out of the original publication- these replacement pages are available at the back of the church.*