My Dear Trinitarians,

What a year it has been! Our dream of a Childcare Center to serve the community and to shape the future direction of our parish has finally become a reality. We've begun, out of necessity, to struggle in earnest with the restoration to the foundation of the church floor (a developing issue that has been monitored and sought to be solved since something like the 1940's). In this year loved ones among us have graduated, moved, died and made other choices and transitions. We face uncertain times and there is a new President of the United States. It hardly seems possible that Summer is yet again upon us, and also seems as if it has been a very long time since last Summer!

If you "Google" the term 'sabbatical,' or otherwise look it up, you will find that in Latin and Greek its roots refer to a time of "ceasing" from work. This is an ancient concept that has roots as far back as Genesis and the creation stories, that tell of God "resting." The plan for this summer at Trinity is for such a sabbatical. I will be away from the regular life of the parish, and it will be a time of pause for all of us.

This type of rest is more than an extended vacation; it is derived from an understanding of the rhythms of life and nature, of the value that cannot be gained other ways, in fallow time for fields, and in pause and reflection for people and institutions. The idea is that there is richness and new life that can come from pausing, and that it is essential to good work and life in God. It has the same roots as the concept of weekly Sabbath, which is commanded to be honored by all God's people. In short, pause, ceasing from work, and rest, are all both tools, and a spiritual discipline. This discipline is something I take seriously, and work to practice and teach week in and week out. I meet regularly with a Spiritual Director and other teachers and mentors, and I take several hours at least each week on Fridays to "shut down" prior to preaching on Sunday, and to have a day that as much as possible is just rest and family--and I do take my vacation days each year, although generally not more than about 5 at a stretch. This is an effort to honor the idea that after a period of years (generally 5 or 6, and I have been at Trinity since October 2003), a longer time is also vital.

The concept of intentional periods of pause for "sabbatical" may not be familiar, or you may have heard of it only as something to allow academic writing. It has been a normative concept in the Episcopal Church (sometimes not carried out) for many years, and it is growing in use in private industry, not-for-profits and other settings as well. Our own Bishop Larry took Sabbatical last year for June-August. I am very grateful that our current (and most recent past) Wardens understand that and have urged me to go ahead and plan on this time. I am grateful to the Vestry and whole parish for making it possible and am excited about the growth and perspective I hope it will provide.
So what's happening? The plan is I will "pause" from June 15 through September 6. During that time my e-mail will be shut off, and I will be away from the day-to-day life of our parish. A very experienced and wonderful priest, Andrew Kadel, will be with us (read his bio elsewhere in this issue). Andrew will be here each Sunday, available in emergencies or for funerals as needed, and will work approximately one 1/2 day per week to cover some Pastoral and Administrative matters. Thus, there will be coverage by a priest for immediate needs throughout. While Wardens do not have many defined functions, one vitally important one is "keeping" the parish if the Rector is away or in times without a Rector. In such times, Wardens are "in charge" as guardians and custodians. As it is Summer, and many people are away (hopefully resting) and we do not have a lot of capital projects or other big projects this Summer, the goal is for things to simply stay steady at Trinity.

What will I be doing? I will be re-grouping and rejuvenating, praying and reflecting. My son will get some completely undivided attention, and will be playing a lot of lacrosse. While he is at Camp DeWolfe I will take a longer retreat at a Jesuit center. I hope to finally finish unpacking (that's not entirely a joke). We will spend time with family and friends, including more than a night or two for once at my family's lake cabin in Northern Pennsylvania. I plan also to do some structured reading and possibly even writing, and to see my Spiritual Director more frequently during this time. It is my fervent hope and prayer that this will be a time of pause, and rejuvenation for the whole parish.

We have all become too accustomed to a world of frenzy, constant connection and work. This is simply not useful, and can lead to the very unChristian sense that emergency and disaster are ever-present, and that we, not God, are in charge. The notion that any one of us individually or all of us together need to live in a constant heightened state of activity and reactivity is neither Biblical, nor spiritual, nor healthy, and times of Sabbath pausing help to bring this truth into focus. The peace of Christ is always, and we are not effective ministers of the gospel--any of us--if that is not at the core of our being and the center of all we do. Having this time will force all of us, not just me, to collectively pause, cease from work and return rested and restored, confident in God and God's love, mercy and grace as the source, direction and life--and we are all merely instruments. That truth is wondrous, sometimes difficult, and monumentally freeing. Thank you for this grace-filled and faithful gift. May God give us all peace, rest, and a renewed sense of God's call to us.

With Love to you in Christ,

[Signature]

Wait...is Harry taller than his Mom???

To me this looks like one of the math formulas of my dear friend (and our new Warden!) Helen Oehrlein. It actually represents my time as Organist/Choir Director at Trinity Church. For almost four decades (with a three year hiatus during Keith’s childhood) I have planned the music for just about every service at Trinity, and loved every bit of the work involved.

As many of you know, the academic year 2017-2018 will be my last season serving Trinity. My eyes are filling with tears as I see these words in print. Trinity has been such a foundational part of my life for so long, and it is almost impossible to imagine a time when it will be part of my history, not my present. After Trinity Sunday next June, I will be moving upstate with my sister and my Mom, retiring from both Trinity Church and what will be my 26 year career teaching music at Friends Academy.

In her article in this issue of Trinity Bells, Margo speaks about “ceasing from work”, “rest”, and “transitions”. It is high time for me to consider those things, but not an easy task.

In addition to celebrating the final year of this phase of the music ministry at Trinity every Sunday in the coming year, there are plans afoot for an organ & hymn-sing event in the fall, a special Evensong in the “bleak mid-winter”, and a fun concert in the spring. Readers of Trinity Bells will also be subjected to some reminiscing as the formative events and inspiring people of our lovely church are remembered. If you have special musical moments you want to share with me, I’d love to hear from you. Even though I know the favorite hymns of many of you, I would love to know more!

Let’s enjoy our time together and do everything we can to ensure Trinity Church remains a vital center of worship, community outreach, and music. I have always seen our beautiful congregation, lovely sanctuary, and inspiring services as a source of the precious nourishment necessary for life. The prayer we often say at the end of the service resonates so deeply after we break bread together (BCP p.365), so I will close with it here, and look forward to seeing you in church!

“…Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Martha Regelmann

Sisters Valerie & Annabelle Luty on a recent Sunday

Harry with friend, Aaron Dranow on Easter Sunday
GREETINGS FROM MALAWI

Some of you may know that Ann Mingorance’s cousin, Stoddard Platt, has a son, John Platt, who has been a volunteer art instructor in Malawi, Kenya & Tanzania for the last few years. He has recently been hard at work on murals for the new pediatric unit at Queens Hospital, Malawi with students from the Jacaranda School. All his students are Aids orphans.

He writes that “previously there were no beds for pediatric intensive care, but now, thanks to Madonna and Raising Malawi, there will be 70!”

If you’d like to learn more about the Jacaranda School, visit www.jacarandafoundation.org.

Martha with Harry at the NYSSMA competition, in which Harry scored 25 out of 28 on the violin!

BURNING BOOKS

Burning Books will meet again Monday, Sept. 18, 7:30 pm, at our home, 105 Harbor Lane, Roslyn Harbor.

The book selected as the long summer read is Ron Chernow’s Alexander Hamilton, the inspiration for the Broadway hit musical. This 731 page best selling book has been described by fellow writer Joseph Ellis as "A robust, full - length portrait, in my view, the best ever written of the most brilliant, charismatic, and dangerous Founder of them all."

As always, all interested readers are welcome.

Jean Henning
OUTREACH UPDATE

After 19 years as Chairperson of Trinity Outreach, it is with a heavy and grateful heart that I am stepping down. In 1999, Ted spoke to Pastor Al to see how we were helping the poor and the needy. Pastor Al replied that we weren’t quite there yet and perhaps we needed to start an outreach committee. We discussed it during our Vestry meeting and came up with a mission statement. Our beloved, John French suggested that I should start and lead this committee. I was very overwhelmed with fear as well as gratitude. I knew I had the compassion and much experience helping others, but lacked the knowledge of what organizing a church outreach committee entailed. With the help of our seasoned, compassionate members we proceeded to make it work.

We wrote letters to all the local schools and let the principals and nurses know of our committee. We heard back from them immediately. One of the first calls was about a young man in high school who tried to commit suicide. His family was homeless. Their apartment had burned down. We helped them in every way possible and looked and looked for a new home and eventually found them an apartment, furnished it, and even moved them in on a sweltering summer day with the help of our parishioners. For years, we mentored the young man and helped that family get back on their feet.

We attended programs such as “Project Independence” to help our seniors be able to stay in their homes. We hosted a series of lectures with experts in the field of Safety and Elder Law. Every year we have sponsored one or more children to summer camp at Camp DeWolfe with funds we raised from Barbara’s and Ann’s tag sales and Christmas boutiques. We partnered with other Episcopal churches and formed cluster groups to help raise money and food for Island Harvest and LI Cares. We donated to many worthy organizations over the years.

We cleaned houses and yards and did lots and lots of laundry. We visited the homebound and those in hospitals, delivered meals, brought people to and from Drs. appointments, food shopping, and hair salons. We advocated for those in need and contacted family members to let them know their family members to let them know their loved ones needed help.

We gave many financial grants to those who needed to pay for Drs., rent, car repairs, stoves, dentists, air conditioners, glasses, coats, gas, food, security deposits, and even donated funds for funeral expenses.

We collected clothing and toys for Angel Guardians and gave grants, coats, hats, and gloves for the children and gifts for the single moms as well as monetary contributions. Every year at Easter and Christmas, we bought and delivered gifts and treats to our homebound and elderly. We adopted families at Christmas time and Mary LaSala and Joanne Gentile collected toys for hospitals, Family Service League, Angel Guardians, and other organizations. We donated hundreds of hats, gloves, and coats to the Inn in Hempstead as well as Family Promise Shelters. We hosted teas and luncheons for our ladies.

Our book project has delivered over 12,300 books to laundromats for children to keep thus far. (I will keep delivering these books until my back says no more!) We helped many victims of Hurricane Sandy by raising over $3000.00 to give $150.00 gift cards to as many recipients as possible.

We visited our elderly without power and brought hot meals. We donated to many others who were hurt by other natural disasters such as those in Louisiana. We collected clothing, linens and blankets for the poor. We delivered beautiful gift baskets to the sick and hungry. We helped many people with serious health issues. We paid people’s rent in extreme hardship cases. We provided homeless people with shelter by paying the motel bills. Most importantly, we gave spiritual and loving guidance. Looking back, I can hardly believe what we accomplished with so few members at any given time.

I am grateful and honored for the opportunity to serve our church and community. I have met wonderful people and learned much during this time. My members have become wonderful friends whom I admire and love. It is with a heavy heart I
leave this position, but am very happy that someone will take over for me and lead with fresh ideas and continue this great work. I would like to thank all of the members who have served over the years, but especially those who have been with me since the inception of outreach or shortly thereafter Ann Mingorance, Barbara Holzkamp, Laura Kavanagh and Pastor Margo. These women have donated a wealth of information, time, and knowledge to outreach in so many ways. Ann and Barbara, your knowledge of the parishioners was crucial in understanding and filling the needs, your constant new ideas and consideration for our members was unrelenting. Laura, your fresh ideas and creativity were a blessing and Pastor Margo’s knowledge of the law and spiritual guidance helped our elderly in so many ways. I am very grateful for all my members including Mary LaSala, Brigitte McConnell, Jeanne Millsbaugh, Nancy Hamilton, and Alexis Alexander. I would like to go back in time to thank Nancy and Don Krug for all the outreach work they have done for Trinity Episcopal Church as well. Nancy and I worked on many projects together and we all miss her greatly and Don has always been instrumental to outreach especially when something needed fixing or painting!

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the parishioners who supported our efforts by collecting books, donating toys, money, food, clothing, and all of the outreach work that you do on your own. God Bless all of you for your kindness and compassion.

With Love,
Dawn Weill

**CHURCH FLOOR CONSTRUCTION**

You may have noticed some yellow tape in the sanctuary of the church. Last year the floor partially collapsed and emergency repairs were made. Here is the problem. There is a 40 x 40 foot section of the church that was not built over a basement, but a crawl space. This crawl space was supported by wood joists and piers which are suffering from dry rot as a result of a lack of air flow within the crawl space. The floor system needs to be removed and replaced with all concrete piers supporting new wood girders and joists. A new mud-set tile floor will be installed and mechanical ventilation added to extend the life of the space for another 100 years and to provide a finish that is consistent over the whole area.

Thanks to the detailed efforts of parishioner Robert deBruin, PE, the church has this assessment and a plan of construction that is estimated to cost $199,000. In order to address this need, Mother Margo has been in discussions with the Roslyn Landmark Society which suggested three possible Foundations. All of these Foundations want to assist organizations that are worth historic preservation and that represent more than religious institutions. Our church is uniquely positioned to ask for these funds, because it is on the Register of Historic Places and it’s involved in the larger Roslyn community, through its nursery school, child care, outreach program and free community concerts.

Doreen Banks, a parishioner and vestry member, is writing and coordinating these fundraising efforts. Several of these Foundations request matching grants, and although every effort will be made to leverage three Foundations and one Trust, there most likely will be an appeal to church members after we learn if these grant applications are approved, sometime in October.

For more information please contact Wardens John Platt and Helen Oehrlein.
FROM THE WARDENS

Five years ago, we held several cottage meetings to discuss Trinity’s mission in the 21st century. Shortly after, we took on the task of converting underutilized space in our facility into a childcare center that would both meet needs in our community and help to stabilize our finances. With the Trinity Childcare Center now up and running, we felt it was time to take another look at what kind of future we envision for Trinity.

We scheduled two 90-minute cottage meetings. The first was held at the home of Helen and Ken Bongort, where a small but very engaged group of parishioners offered a number of interesting ideas. The second will take place on Sunday, June 4 at 4pm at the home of Sheila and John Platt, 20 Salem Way in Glen Head.

To prompt discussion, we posed a couple of questions:

1) **What does it mean to be the church today and in this place** (Trinity Roslyn/North Shore of LI) in light of our baptismal promises, as expressed in the Book of Common Prayer?

   - Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
   - Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
   - Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

(The world is changing dramatically. Technology is transforming the way we communicate, work, play and pray. People don’t stay in one community or job for a long time.)

2) Based on the ideas generated by our discussion of what it means to be the church today, **how do we incarnate this**? How do we specifically make it happen?

This is the start of an ongoing process. If you’re able to attend the June 4 meeting at the Platts, please let them know at 516-676-0936. If you’re unable to attend either one, we’d still love to get your input. Please email any ideas that you have to Ronit at trinityroslyn@optonline.net.

Ruth Fick, Ken Bongort, Ann Mingnорance, Don Kavanagh, John Platt and Aleta Crawford at Ken and Helen’s home

In other Vestry news, we have approved an annual budget of $4,000 for Sunday School instruction and a similar amount to cover the cost of clergy while Margo is on sabbatical from June 18 to September 10. The Rev. Andrew Kadel will lead our Sunday worship and be available for pastoral care and other needs one day a week. Look for a brief summary of his resume elsewhere in this issue and for an email in June with specific protocols during the sabbatical.

Yours in Christ
John Platt & Helen Oehrlein

TRINITY RECOGNITION SUNDAY & BRUNCH
June 11

Please plan to join us on June 11 as we celebrate the many contributions and gifts of our fellow parishioners. A light lunch will be served.
FAURE REQUIEM CONCERT
A HUGE SUCCESS

On April 30 the Trinity Choir, under Martha Regelmann’s expert direction, performed Faure’s Requiem to a packed house!

All were treated to the sublime beauty of this great music as the sun was setting on the stained glass windows of the historic house of worship we call Trinity Church.

The Choir was joined by the world-renowned violinist, Anton Polezhayev who was the consummate performer. Soloists included our own Ariann Forella, Andrew Cordero and George Graf.

Many thanks to Martha and the Choir for their un-wavering dedication and hard work to make this wonderful performance possible.

If anyone is interested, a CD of the Concert is available at the back of the Church.

Ruth Fick

EASTER 2017

Holzkamp grandson Jack & Platt granddaughter Maeve ringing bells
(with Platt daughter Emily supervising)

Barbara Holzkamp with grandkids Julia, Lillie & Nicholas ringing bells

Sheila Platt with granddaughter Maeve
Dear Friends,

On May 19th along with Margo, Margaret and Chris Michael, we watched Taylor receive her Bachelor of Arts with concentrations in English, Literature and Creative Writing from Stonybrook University.

Most of you have walked the matriculation walk with us from that Maundy Thursday back in 2013 when Taylor announced she didn’t want to return to IONA, to Maundy Thursday in 2017 when she told us she could graduate this May if she changed the degree from English to Interdisciplinary Studies (do I see another hand at work here? oh yes I do). Thank you for your caring and loving support.

She has always made us very proud; however, watching her shake the hands of the professors that had taught and guided her confirmed that Taylor Michele is our hero!

Barbara & Mike Evans

KUDOS TO MIKE’S MOM, MARIE

She retired from the Church of the Resurrection this year after over 50 years of service at the age of 91!

TRINITY TRANSITIONS

Grant to them eternal rest...
Barbara Simpson

Margo, Taylor & Mom, Barbara

Isabel Davidge Glomb Committal, March 26
TRIP TO THE CLOISTERS

Karl Hansen recently organized a trip to The Cloisters, which is part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in upper Manhattan. Fifteen hardy souls braved the horrible traffic to finally arrive at this beautiful site.

It was an amazing day. We were treated to a personal tour with Mary, who was the ultimate guide! She was very informed and extremely passionate about her work.

We spent a good amount of time viewing and learning about the “unicorn” tapestries. As Mary stated, the workmanship and design of these tapestries is unparalleled!

Another fascinating piece was the Annunciation Triptych, which was painted by Netherlandish master Robert Campin:

The above work was from Scenes of the Life of St. Augustine. This painting was the central panel of a triptych dedicated to St. Augustine. The left wing is lost and the right wing is now in the National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin.

There are SO many more wonderful works to see, and I hope everyone was encouraged to return another time...

Thank you, Karl, for arranging this trip!

Ruth Fick
Our wonderful child care center has fantastic news! Our infant program is at capacity and has a waiting list for the fall session. Our Toddler classes are growing at a slower rate, but as of today, we will have 17 students enrolled for the fall session (including infants). We are looking forward to continued growth and a strong 2017/2018 season.

We will have a booth set up at the Harbor Fest on June 4th in Port Washington, at which we hope to encourage enrollment for the fall and fill up openings we have left for the summer. Crafts and information about our program will be available at the booth.

It’s hard to believe that the semester is almost over. The children have been busy creating so many things in class! Spring is in full session with butterfly watching – we are waiting for our cocoons to burst into butterflies. The children are excited and hopeful, gearing up for the summer, waiting for water and sand play!

It’s exciting watching the children grow and change in front of our eyes! We can’t wait for the next challenge that stimulates and allows them to exercise their newly found skills.

Marie Catalano Gruen, Dir.
The Reverend Andrew G. Kadel has been a priest since 1982. Father Kadel is also an academic librarian having served as Director, Interim Director, and in other capacities at The General Theological Seminary, Union serving most recently as Episcopal Church in Lincoln, served parishes in the Bronx, Missouri among others. He is a Pastoral leadership style is people. His wife Paula (a to take a new position, and this his presence at Trinity this bulldogs cross country starting after Memorial Day, and will be able to have some introductory meetings at Trinity the week of June 11. It is expected that (with the Bishop’s permission) his first Sunday will be June 18.

FYI. . .
The Sunday bulletin is usually printed either Tuesday or Wednesday, so it's best for Ronit to have all information, announcements or changes by Tuesday at noon. If you know you have something important that may come in later, letting her know is helpful, and when possible, she can plan accordingly.
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