



TRINITY TALK

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ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday January 26th** we will begin our morning by having **one service at 9:00am**. Following the service, we will convene to the Parish Hall for a continental brunch and our Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting we learn about the state of the Parish, elect new vestry members and delegates to the 2020 Diocesan Convention. There will be childcare provided for the younger children, and activities for the youth in the classrooms. Please try to attend this vital meeting.

During the morning you will receive reports or hear from:

- Rector's Report - State of the Parish, The Very Rev. Jeannie Martz
- Associate Rector's Report - The Rev. Annie Calhoun
- Treasurer's Report - Jack Reynolds
- Vestry Report - Tim Mattson, 2019 Senior Warden
- Altar Guild - Carol Reynolds
- Christian Education - Suzanne Bilodeau & Heather Anderson
- Kitchen Guild - Lisa Jewett
- Music Ministry - David Ripley
- Outreach - Pat Kress and Connie Donaldson
- Property Commission - Doug Knarr
- S.A.S. - Harriet Friis

Lenten Quiet Day taking place at Trinity

On Saturday, March 7, 2020, our Diocesan Discernment Year student, Miriam Edwards, will be leading a Lenten Quiet Day for the parish. Please stay tuned for further details and registration!

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Spiritual Retreat for women of Deaneries 9&10, will take place at Emmanuel Fullerton, on Saturday March 21st. Registration forms will be included in your bulletins in late February and early March. Details are being finalized and will be included in your February Trinity Talk. Plan now to attend this wonderful event.



Thank you to all who contributed to our beautiful flowers and glorious music of this Christmas season. Thank you also to the endless dedication of the Altar Guild, Music Director, and Choir. We also thank the men who helped hang all the wonderful greens.

It's 2020 and the Trinity Bell Choir is ringing in the New Year! The hand bell choir generally performs the third Sunday of each month at the 10 o'clock service, and we practice once a week on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to around 8:00. No prior musical experience is necessary, and you don't need to know how to read music to join. If you are at least fourteen years old, and if you can count to four, you can ring! If you're interested in finding out more, please talk to our director, Lindsay Whipple, or call Kimberly Ives at (714) 779-6033.

From our Rector

.....*The Very Rev. Jeannie Martz*

This has now become my standard January Trinity Talk article.

January 1 is different things to different people. For some, it's the first day of the first month in the year according to the Gregorian calendar, and therefore New Year's Day. Because it's New Year's Day, for others it's also a day to eat Hoppin' John, a low country Southern dish made with rice and black-eyed peas.

Eating Hoppin' John on New Year's Day is said to guarantee one a prosperous year ahead, with the peas representing coins, the accompanying kale or collard greens representing greenbacks, and cornbread on the side tossing in a little gold. Eating the leftovers the next day – now called Skippin' Jenny – shows that one is also frugal, which never hurts when on the road to prosperity!

While not necessarily a traditional football snack, it may well be that some of the folks sitting around on the first day of the first month of the new year ensuring their prosperity by eating Hoppin' John will also be watching the Rose Bowl Parade and Game in Pasadena – another marker of New Year's Day.

(In years like 2017, of course, those ardent Rose Bowl fans would have been eating Skippin' Jenny rather than Hoppin' John because January 1, 2017 was a Sunday – and so both the Parade and the Game took place on Monday, January 2.)

More significant by far than prosperity, but possibly less well known (at least in some circles) than Hoppin' John, January 1 is also one of the Feasts of our Lord on the liturgical calendar – specifically, the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

About the Feast of the Holy Name, Holy Men, Holy Women says, "The designation of this day as the Feast of the Holy Name is new to the 1979 revision of the Prayer Book. Previous Anglican Prayer Books called it the Feast of the Circumcision. January first is, of course, the eighth day after Christmas Day, and the Gospel according to Luke records that eight days after his birth the child was circumcised and given the name Jesus.

"The Law of Moses required that every male child be circumcised on the eighth day from his birth (Leviticus 12:3); and it had long been the custom to make of it a festive occasion, when family and friends came together to witness the naming of the child.

"The liturgical commemoration of the Circumcision is of Gallican [French] origin, and a Council in Tours in 567 enacted that the day was to be kept as a fast day to counteract pagan festivities connected with the beginning of the new year. In the Roman tradition, January first was observed as the octave day of Christmas, and it was specially devoted to the Virgin Mary.

"The early preachers of the Gospel lay stress on the name as showing that Jesus was a man of flesh and blood, though also the Son of God, who died a human death, and whom God raised from the dead to be the Savior (Acts 2:32; 4:12). The name was given to Jesus, as the angel explained to Joseph, because he would 'save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21). (The word means 'Savior' or 'Deliverer' in Hebrew.)

"Then as now, people longed to be freed from evils: social, and spiritual. The name of Jesus calls to mind the true freedom which is ours through Jesus the Christ." (Holy Men, Holy Women, p. 150)

January 1 can also be a day when resolutions made with the New Year in mind kick in, and to flesh this out I'm going to use words from the late pastor and theologian Horward Thurman that I shared in this space last January. As I mentioned then, the first excerpt comes from an essay entitled "The New Year" and the second is a poem whose title I have adapted. Originally called "I Will Light Candles This Christmas", I share it as "I Will Light Candles This New Year". The text of the poem is unchanged.

Thurman writes, "The New Year means for many people a time of the making of resolutions, the time of deciding that the present and the future will be lived more intentionally than in the past, and it is important, this matter of making resolutions, because it organizes the formal intent of the personality in a given direction; it is a commitment of the individual to a performance in the future based upon an intention in the present. And this is very important. Whether the individual is able to carry out in detail the resolution – whether you are able to fulfill the thing that you intend to do – there is a clear gain in being able to bring together all of one's self in a point of focus and say that this is the thing that I intend to do tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow." (The Mood of Christmas, p. 185)

And so, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow:

I WILL LIGHT CANDLES THIS NEW YEAR

Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.

(The Mood of Christmas, p. 19)

Whichever January 1 is yours – and perhaps it's one I haven't listed -- I wish us all a blessed New Year filled with many, many candles.

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Now is the time to offer flowers to the Glory of God in 2020. Offer your thanksgiving or memory of a family member or loved one. Please take a moment to stop by the Altar Flower Book and sign up. The book is located on the table behind the back pew. Thank you.



**S.A.S. PROGRAMS
JANUARY 2020**

Tuesday, January 7 – 11:30 AM

SAS has been invited to the home of parishioners LISA and JOHN JEWETT to view their fascinating and colorful collection of historic posters from the World War I era. The Jewetts will also be our hosts for lunch. Meet at Trinity at 11:15 AM if you wish to carpool.

Tuesday, January 21 – 11:00 AM It's time to reminisce about Christmas – either the most recent celebration or a special day in the past. A POT LUCK LUNCH will follow the sharing of memories.



01/10 Johnny and Irma Jaime

01/01 Jerry Jensen	01/19 Pat Spencer
01/02 Chioma Elendu	01/21 Hazel Knight
01/04 Diane Judd	01/23 Betsy Warren
01/07 Grant Avise	David Barrow
Charles Stevenson	Faith Goldman
01/09 Renee Weddell	01/24 Jack Kibby
01/10 Don Gardner	01/25 Jacob Candela
01/11 Nell Luce	01/27 Robert Morales
01/15 Bill Owen	01/29 Betsy Little
01/17 Amy Morales	Declan Anderson
01/18 Chris Parmenter	01/30 Toni Gavello
01/19 George Homer	Miguel Sosa
	Daniel Miess

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club took December off for the holidays, but will resume **Saturday January 12th**. The group will have a discussion on the book The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff. They meet in the library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions. *A short synopsis follows:*

The novel opens in 1946 as Grace, whose soldier husband died in an accident, is trying to reinvent herself in New York City. In Grand Central terminal she stumbles upon an abandoned suitcase, wherein she discovers several photos of young women. Soon, she learns that the suitcase's owner, Eleanor, recently arrived from London, has been killed by a car.

Flashback to 1943: Eleanor, assistant to the Director of Britain's Special Operations Executive, suggests sending women agents to France to transmit radio intelligence on Nazi movements in aid of the Resistance and the coming Allied invasion. Women, she points out, are less conspicuous masquerading as civilians than men. Eleanor soon began recruiting, and a year later found a woman named Marie. Marie, who was fluent in French, was at first hesitant to join because of her young daughter Tess, but soon agreed. A native speaker of French, Marie is an ideal candidate. After rigorous training, she is dropped into an area north of Paris, with scant instructions other than to send wireless transmissions as directed by her handler, Julian, code-named Vesper.

For reasons not adequately fleshed out, Grace feels compelled to learn more about the women pictured and their connection with Eleanor. With the help of her late husband's best friend, Mark, a burgeoning love interest, Grace accesses SOE records in Washington, D.C., only to find puzzling evidence that Eleanor may have betrayed her own agents.

JANUARY OUTREACH CALENDAR

01/05	Ingathering Sunday—Cereal
01/05	St. Paul's Supper Program—4:30pm
01/06	Outreach Meeting—Library 6:30pm
01/23	Parish Dinner Out
01/27	Southwest Community Center



JANUARY PARISH DINNER OUT



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COME JOIN US ON Thursday January 23rd from 3:00PM - 9:00PM as we once again go to one of our favorites, Katella Grill. The Katella Grill has been owned and operated by long time local restaurateurs for over 45 years. Enjoy such delights as burgers, salads, pasta, chicken, beef, seafood, or even the blue plate special! Help outreach meet their 2020 goal!

Flyers will be available in your Sunday bulletin.

OUTREACH BLESSED FOR 2019

Our Trinity Outreach is a self-sustaining commission meaning we are not included as a line item in the Trinity annual budget. All funds earned are from our yearly events and all funds are given out to our community.

Over the years we have earned an annual average of \$12,000.00 and some years have been higher. Here are a few of the groups that we have donated to:

Orange Care Givers Resource Center – Orange County Food Bank – Breast Angels – Mary's Kitchen – Senior Services – Veteran's First – Southwest Community Center – Canterbury Irvine – Multiple Sclerosis - Special Olympics - DSAOC – JDRF – Corazon – Friendly Center – Sunday Supper Ministry plus many more.

The above is accomplished by you, our Trinity Congregation, as we all are part of Trinity Outreach. We could not achieve this without you.

Please look into your hearts and volunteer an hour or two of your time to help Outreach meet our 2020 goals.

SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY

Another year has come and gone. We are now starting our 10th year of serving our neighbors, not only with food, but friendship. In 2019, Trinity has served over 500 guests (many large families) and they are so grateful not only for the hot food but the food items that they may take home, thanks to your donations.

Rocky and I want to thank all the Trinity Angels that make this Ministry a success: our Chefs, Chef helpers, Servers, Distribution of take home groceries, Clean-up, Greeters and many other helpers. A big thank you to Rev. Annie and our Youth Group for wrapping all the plastic ware that is need for each supper.

Please make it your 2020 resolution to give a few hours of your time. Sign-up board is in the back of church. This is a wonderful way to work as a family and for your children to do their Community service.

Sunday Supper Dates for 2020

January 5th - March 1st - May 3rd - July 5th - September 8th - November 1st

Chefs Needed

March - May - July - September - November
(Easy to follow menu and you will have chef helpers)

Love and God Bless—Connie Donaldson & Rocky Covill

Youth News

Youth Group News

Our annual progressive dinner on December 15 was so much fun! We started in the youth center for appetizers and games, then drove over for dinner at the Sosa home, and then came back to the youth center for gift exchange and dessert. We all had a great time!

Thank you to Heather Anderson for providing transportation. Thank you to Heather and Irma Jaime providing appetizers. Thank you to Cheryl and Miguel Sosa for hosting dinner!!

Youth Group in 2020

We will continue to meet on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6pm in the Simpson Youth Center for building friendships and deepening our faith. See you all on Sunday January 5.

WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

12/01	144	\$ 7,727
12/08	156	\$ 6,083
12/15	139	\$ 10,861
12/22	127	\$ 4,832
12/24-25	342	\$ 2,709
12/29	123	\$ 6,860



NEW YEAR, NEW HABIT

It would be very helpful to the counters, if you would put the amount of your contribution on the outside of the offering envelope. You do not need to put your name for privacy purposes, but please put the dollar amount of the enclosed. Thank you.



Stewardship and Pledges

Thank you all so much for your commitment to financially support Trinity in 2020. The mission and ministry here at Trinity is self-funded as well as our support to the Los Angeles Diocese and the greater Episcopal Church.

Thank you all so much for your generosity and for lifting up Trinity in your prayers. Your financial commitment through your pledge makes a big difference.

If you were unable to submit your pledge card, it's never too late! Please contact the office for a pledge card. Again...Thank You!

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Offering Envelopes



2020 ENVELOPES ARE NOT HERE YET.

Due to a production problem, you will not have your 2020 envelopes by the beginning of January. We will be inserting generic envelopes weekly, which have a line for your name and envelope number, until they arrive. Thank you for understanding.

Another Successful Ornament Exchange





