



TRINITY TALK

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ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday January 29th** 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 2023 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 Rev. Jeannie Martz

Treasurer's Report - Jack Reynolds

Vestry Report - Lindsay Whipple, 2022 Senior Warden

Altar Guild - Carol Reynolds

Christian Education - Suzanne Bilodeau & Heather Anderson

Kitchen Guild - Yvonne Omer

Music Ministry - David Ripley

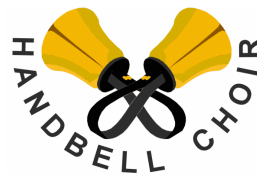
Outreach - Elizabeth Blush, Donna Watson

Property Commission - Doug Knarr

Welcome Commission - Roy Wojahn



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 2023 and the Trinity Bell Choir is ringing in the New Year! The hand bell choir practices 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.

From our Rector

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

On Sunday, January 1, 2023, which is not only New Year's Day but in the Church also the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, I preached – not surprisingly, perhaps – on names; on the power and the significance of names in Scripture. I began my sermon by citing a well-known question from William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Having discovered that her lover Romeo is a member of the Montague family, arch enemies of her own Capulet family, Juliet asks, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

We might also say, "What's in a title?" Title, responsibilities, and function go hand in hand; and that which we call a Rector by any other title would still have the same responsibilities and function. Even so, here at Trinity, I've had a change in title. (Don't look for us to order new letterhead at this point; too expensive for a month and a half!)

My official retirement as Rector of Trinity kicked in at 12:01 a.m. on January 1. In the eyes of the Diocese, rather than being the Rector I'm now the "Short-Term Interim Rector," but like I said – po-tay-to, po-tah-to – don't look for us to buy new stationary; and BTW I'm still "Jeannie," or whatever has worked for you before!

No new stationary to go with the new title, but no grass growing under our feet either. Looking ahead, we have a new learning/discussion opportunity coming up at the end of this month:

The term, phenomenon, and movement known as "Christian Nationalism" has become more and more a part of our cultural landscape in recent years, and often seems to be at odds with Christian values as found in Scripture. How can we better understand what the term means, and what the movement espouses?

The Rev. Canon Susan Russell, the Diocesan Canon for Engagement Across Differences, has put together a three-part study guide on Christian Nationalism based on the book "The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide."

The three sessions of the study guide address these three questions:

What is Christian Nationalism?

Who is drawn into the Christian Nationalist movement?

How can we engage across the divide created by Christian Nationalism?

Author and Episcopal priest, double PhD holder, and licensed clinical professional counselor Pamela Cooper-White says this in the book's introduction: "The goal of this book is to understand who comprises the Christian nationalist movement and what they believe, to examine how people get drawn into this movement and the overlapping groups that made up the stew of insurrectionists on January 6 (and before and after), and to offer some recommendations for how to 'triage' when it is possible to have a meaningful conversation with Christian-nationalist leaning people (including our own neighbors, friends and family members), when to go slow, and when not to attempt dialogue but to turn our energy and focus on wider efforts at social justice and education." (p. 5)

Trinity will be offering this three-part discussion and study on three Monday nights beginning later this month: January 23, January 30, and February 6. We will meet IN PERSON ONLY from 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m., and whether we meet in the Library, the nave, or the Youth Center will be determined by the size of our group.

If you are interested in participating in this group study, please do two things: first, purchase Pamela Cooper-White's book, "The Psychology of Christian Nationalism" and read it before our first gathering on January 23. (The book is available on Amazon – and don't forget to go through AmazonSmile so that Trinity gets the \$ credit!)

Second, please let me know that you'd like to be a part of this Epiphany season study group. Once you do, I'll email you the PDF of the study guide that contains both the discussion questions and live links to additional reference materials that can be viewed before each session.

I hope you'll join us!

Finally, please don't forget that we have our biennial Episcopal visitation coming up on Sunday, February 5. On this day, our celebrant and preacher will be the Rt. Rev. Ed Little, retired Bishop of Northern Indiana, as well as former Rector of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Buena Park.

We're into a New Year, with new opportunities, new challenges, and plenty of change.

Please hear me clearly and take this into all our hearts:

YES, THERE ARE CHANGES COMING, BUT...

WE ARE NOT CHANGING.

OUR COMMUNITY IS NOT CHANGING.

WE ARE TRINITY AND WE ARE HERE, AS WE HAVE BEEN AND ARE.

WE ARE PART OF EACH OTHER.

WE ARE INVESTED IN EACH OTHER.

AND WE ARE TRINITY STRONG.

James



01/10 Johnny and Irma Jaime



BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2023 -

The book club meets the second Saturday of each month. This month it is **Saturday January 14h**. The group will have a discussion on what books to choose for the coming year. They meet in the library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions.

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

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.



JANUARY OUTREACH CALENDAR

01/01	Ingathering Sunday—Cereal
01/01	St. Paul's Supper Program—4:30pm
01/09	Outreach Meeting—Library 6:30pm
01/19	Parish Dinner Out



JANUARY PARISH DINNER OUT



PARISH DINE OUT

Looking for a good old fashioned milk shake? Look no further, as our January Parish Dine Out takes us to the Streamliner Lounge at the train depot in Orange. Enjoy yummy burgers, delicious sandwiches, and refreshing salads. Join our fellowship anytime on **THURSDAY JANUARY 19th. Hours are from 11:30AM—8:30PM.** Be sure to take your flyer so that Trinity Outreach gets credit. Help them make their 2023 goal. Flyers will be available in your Sunday bulletins.



Thank you one and all for making the 2022 Ornament Exchange a fun and festive event! We were able to come together once again to share food and fellowship. It was great to see everyone wearing their holiday best. Thanks to those who had their coveted ornament stolen too many times, your positive attitudes were amazing! It was especially heartwarming to see the 30+ unwrapped toys that will benefit the children of the Friendly Center. The remaining proceeds from the event will go towards the Trinity Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to those who helped with the decorations, setup/teardown, the music, and delivering the toys, your efforts were most appreciated!

Outreach is Celebrating 2022 with THANKS to all of you!

2022 was another year with challenges but also with opportunities. The Outreach Commission would like to thank each and everyone of you for your participation in and support of our efforts. During the year, we held a food drive in support of the Friendly Center, the Fall BINGO event and the Holiday Boutique as well as the ongoing Sunday Supper hosting and monthly parish dinners. The bottom line is we netted over \$17,000 which has been donated to local non-profit organizations that help those in need. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

If you would like to be part of these efforts, consider joining the Outreach Commission. We generally meet on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. (However due to the New Year's holiday, our January meeting is next Monday, January 9). Join us!



Stewardship Program

I would like to thank everyone who has submitted their pledge to Trinity for 2023. Your generous donations supports the mission and programs here at Trinity.

Pledges received for 2023 as of 12/31/22:

67 pledges received for \$ 304,160.

30 expected pledges yet to arrive

2023 budget of \$ 375,000.

If you haven't yet sent your intention to financially support Trinity in the new year. Please send it in as soon as possible, because your contribution does make a difference.

Your Event Co Chairs: Faith Goldman, Kathy Racine, and Elizabeth Blush

January Youth Group

Happy New Year everyone! Our first Youth Group Meeting of the year will be held on Sunday, January 8th at our regular time of 4-5:30pm.

We will continue to meet for the rest of January on Sundays at this time. Middle schoolers and high schoolers are all welcome to join us for games and bible study! If you have any questions, feel free to email Youth Director Alex at alexander.long96@gmail.com.

Kids Christmas Shop

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Kids Shop, the kids really appreciated the Christmas presents we had to choose from. We appreciate being able to provide children and grandchildren with the opportunity to give gifts to family members.

Cheers,

Alex Long

WORSHIP AND GIVING

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

12/04	\$ 11,541	90 in person, 15 zoom
12/11	\$ 5,619	63 in person, 17 zoom
12/18	\$ 3,759	87 in person, 15 zoom
12/24-25	\$ 26, 598	288 in person, 3 zoom

CHRISTMAS 2022





