



TRINITY TALK

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Dear Trinity Family:

As most of you know by now, The Rev. Steve Swartzell has been appointed as our interim/priest in charge!! Many of you have already met him. He led our two Messy Church services and celebrated with us on Sunday, July 23. He will take over the full time duties starting August 1. Sunday, August 6, will be his first Sunday with us and we plan to celebrate! Look for more information in Trinity Next Week and in the Sunday announcements.

It is policy and protocol that the interim/priest in charge is chosen by the diocesan office and actually by the Bishop. As many of you are aware, 50 churches in our diocese have been travelling the same road with Trinity this year, and finding clergy to fill all of these positions has been a tremendous challenge to put it mildly. How blessed we are that Rev. Steve has a heart for Trinity. And what's even better, although he comes to us from St. Wilfrid's where he has been serving as Associate Rector, he lives right here in Orange. His initial work will be to guide us during the transition process, to provide sacramental and pastoral leadership as well administrative duties. He will also help the Office of Formation and Transition Ministry with Transition Committee paperwork. In other words, he will be helping us through the process of creating our parish profile as we prepare for the search of our next rector. During these last five months, our church has had a most difficult time. We lost our two beloved priests to retirement and relocation. Our parish administrator retired seven months earlier than was scheduled and our exceptional treasurer/bookkeeper/accountant, not to mention our much loved brother, Jack Reynolds passed away. Our vestry was now given the task of interviewing and hiring a new parish administrator and a new bookkeeper along with figuring out all of the ins and outs of the office management duties and all of the financial information gathering, as well as gaining access to all of the banking and account dealings. We knew this was our responsibility and privilege to be the leaders during the absence of clergy, but we sure weren't prepared for all the rest! My sincerest "thank you" to the members of our Vestry for their support, dedication and love of Trinity, Orange.

It's been a very long wait for our parish to have the stability and leadership of a full time priest, even if they are designated to be here for the "in between times" before our next Rector is called. And I know that there has been much anxiety at times. We don't always know what's happening from week to week. Things don't go as smoothly as we would hope, and figuring out where and how things work is challenging. I want to personally thank everyone for stepping up to help wherever help was needed and for everyone's patience when things went awry.

Our travelling time is not over. There is still a lot of work to do. Our Profile Committee has met several times to craft the extensive document. When we have that and the parish survey completed, we will submit it all to the diocese for review. It will then be sent out and/or posted where those interested in rector positions can get a picture of who we are as a parish. The diocese will give us a list of potential candidates and their resume's. The Search Committee will reach out, visit and arrange interviews. Their recommendations will be given to the vestry who will call our future Rector for the position.

Through all of this, I keep saying to myself, "Our faith is strong, God is good and all shall be well".
Trinity Strong!

God Be With You,
Lindsay Whipple, Senior Warden



JOIN US AT MESSY CHURCH SATURDAY, AUGUST 12th

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the August Messy Church. Set up begins at 5:00 pm while the Brotherhood of the Barbeque starts heating up the grills. Appetizers and drinks are available at 5:30 and our service begins at 6:00 pm.

Following the service is food, fellowship and fun! Trinity provides hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish, dessert, or appetizer to share, as well as something to add to the drink table - waters, soda, wine or beer. Don't forget your beach chair or blanket! AND thanks to Everyone for your help with set up, clean up, and generally helping out!

LOOKING FOR SUNDAY SUPPER VOLUNTEERS

Trinity is hosting Sunday Supper on September 3. We hope you can join us. Sign up sheets will be available on the bulletin board at the back of the church beginning Sunday, August 6.

If you have any questions, please contact co-managers:
Elizabeth Blush (buzzyblush@gmail.com – 714.319.1452) or
Donna Watson (dwatson@designer-mouse.com – 714.745.1015).



Outreach's Fall Fundraiser Saturday, October 7 "Blast to the Past BINGO!"

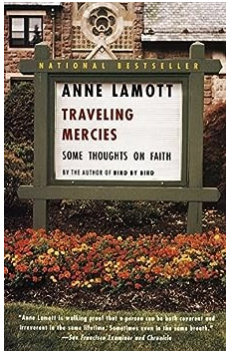
Ladies, pull out your poodle skirts and saddle shoes...
Guys, dust off that letterman's jacket. Join us for great food, good friends, auction opportunities and of course BINGO!

Any questions, contact co-chairs
Faith Goldman (faithgold@sbcglobal.net) or
Karoline Johns (karoline.johns@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing you there!



PARISH DINNER OUT! Its time to celebrate Rubio's 40th summer — the summer of Baja! Gather your family and friends to enjoy lunch or dinner (or both!) at Rubio's Coastal Grill on Tustin Street in Orange from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm on August 17th. Remember to take the flyer included with the Sunday service booklet with you. Thank you for your support in helping the Outreach Commission reach its 2023 goals.



The Book Club will be meeting on **Saturday August 12th**. The club meets in the Parish Library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join everyone for a truly enjoyable morning and some lively literary discussions.

This month's featured book is TRAVELING MERCIES by Anne Lamott.

Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is "Whatever," and whose evening prayer is "Oh, well." Anne thinks of Jesus as "Casper the friendly savior" and describes God as "one crafty mother."

Despite—or because of—her irreverence, faith is a natural subject for Anne Lamott. Since *Operating Instructions* and *Bird by Bird*, her fans have been waiting for her to write the book that explained how she came to the big-hearted, grateful, generous faith that she so often alluded to in her two earlier nonfiction books. The people in Anne Lamott's real life are like beloved characters in a favorite series for her readers—her friend Pammy, her son, Sam, and the many funny and wise folks who attend her church are all familiar. And *Traveling Mercies* is a welcome return to those lives, as well as an introduction to new companions Lamott treats with the same candor, insight, and tenderness. Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as nonbelievers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, "My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers."

FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE (FCN) NEWS



Trinity now has four brand new medical first aid kits due to the generosity of our own Bruce White. These are improved and larger than our previous kits and include cold gel packs, ace wraps, eye wash solution as well as a wide assortment of dressings, ointments and band aids. Although they are all mounted on the wall they are meant to be removed in order to access the supplies inside or to carry the kits where they are needed. Please let your FCN's know if you have used any of the kits so that supplies can be restocked.

The kits are located in the following areas:

1. The Youth Center on the wall by the Outreach room
2. The Parish Hall small kitchen on the wall above the counter
3. The Parish Hall large kitchen on the wall near the AED
4. The Bride's Room on the left wall near the water dispenser.

Thank you, Bruce!!!

Ann, Yvonne & Chioma

REQUEST FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Are you or a loved one on the prayer list?
Should you or your loved one not be on the prayer list?
Do you need to add yourself or a loved one to the prayer list?
I would love to know!

Just interested in updating the Prayer List to have it a more current reflection of the prayer needs of our congregation.....not that all of us don't need a little praying for always.

Please call me at the office, leave a note on my desk or email me at amy@trinityorange.org (new email coming soon).

Thanks, Janette



Every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5:30PM, friends are bringing friends to Youth Group. We hang out, play games, have snacks, and put our faith into practice as we build our friendships. We focus on Jesus' example of how to live and love God, ourselves and our neighbors. All middle school and high school students are invited to join in the fun. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Long.

Happy Birthday!



8/5	Joan Greco
8/5	Stephanie Worth
8/6	Anne Roberts
8/11	Rosemary Gardner
8/12	Sarah Donaldson
8/15	Ana Valdez
8/16	Marcia Nishino
8/18	Romona Richardson
8/27	Rocky Covill
8/27	Doug Knarr
8/27	Spencer Mattson
8/27	Ray Wheeler
8/29	Janette Mattson
8/29	Thomas Richter

8/8	Doug Knarr & Kimberly Ives
8/12	Mike & Micki Ireland
8/17	John & Lisa Jewett
8/19	Ty & Megan Richter
8/24	Frank & Lisa Simpson
8/29	Darwin & Pam Kibby
8/31	Richard & Pat Spencer

THE COUNT IS IN!

Worship and Zoom Attendance



7/2	80 in person, 16 on Zoom
7/8	40 Messy Church
7/9	73 in person, 10 on Zoom
7/16	81 in person, 17 on Zoom
7/23	92 in person, 17 on Zoom

MESSY CHURCH JULY 2023



