

# The Chimes

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## RECTOR'S REFLECTION

— THE REV. RICHARD A. BURNETT

On Easter Day, I preached about the connection that all who are baptized into Christ's death and resurrected life have with the strangers - "the aliens" - in our midst. I recalled the old line: "To the Christian, water is thicker than blood;" and invited us, by virtue of our life in the eternal waters of Christ's new life and in the glow of his new light, to seek the immigrant/migrant in our local setting, trusting that the resurrection moment at the heart of that encounter will be redemptive, and in that fellowship God's will will be done on earth, as we beg each day.

[Editor's note: the sermon can found heard at <http://trinitycolumbus.podbean.com>]

Since that Sunday, I've read some stretching and memorable things sent to me by others who care deeply as Christians about our love of neighbor and the stranger in our midst. Tim Morgan, posting on a blog (I really can't quite settle into quoting from blogs! But here goes...) says, "I'm not looking for a bumper sticker answer a public policy strategy or a Sunday School lesson about caring for the poor." But asking the basic baptismal/Easter question, What would Jesus do about undocumented immigrant adults and their children, he offers a multiple choice possibility.

- A. Look to Washington for a solution
- B. Call INS
- C. Invite them to a worship service
- D. Visit them
- E. Meet their needs
- F. All of the above
- G. None of the above

On Easter Day, I offered four actions I hope practice in the Fifty Days of the Easter Season (and beyond) that will bear the waters of Christ's baptism and the glow of resurrection light in the places of greatest uncertainty, loss, and loneliness for many. Would you join me this Easter in:

- 1) Prayer for the immigrant, the refugee, the migrant, the prisoner, the captive, and the lost person in our midst? You might want to start with the Prayer for the Oppressed (Book of Common Prayer, p.826) or the Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Diversity of Races and Cultures (Book of Common Prayer, p. 840.) Both help get you into forming your own prayer more fully each day.
- 2) Introduce yourself to that person - telling your name and the wonderful stories you know of your immigrant elders who preceded you to this nation we love so deeply? And hear that person's own story, learn her name and the name of her family members, and call her your new friend in Christ?
- 3) Offer a sign of direct hospitality to the new friend Christ has given to you? Cook her a meal that is generous and beautiful and festive, stand with her in court or at the employment office, sing and pray with her in church, pay her or her child's legal fee as you are able? Spend a holiday she celebrates with her and her child?  
And
- 4) Learn as much about the pressing and complex issue of Humane Immigration Reform as you can this Easter Season (or longer) by visiting [www.interfaithimmigration.org](http://www.interfaithimmigration.org),

### PLEASE REMEMBER THE NEEDY:

With the arrival of spring and summer it's easy to forget our neighbors who live on the street. New dry socks are essential this time of year. We have many weekday requests for socks and finger-friendly canned foods (pop-tops are best). All donations are greatly appreciated.

## CELEBRATING TRINITY GRADUATES!

- Julia Beard, granddaughter of Peggy and Rufus Short, is graduating from Big Walnut High School and will be attending Ohio Wesleyan next fall.
- Nathaniel Evan Sheppard will graduate from OSU in June, majoring in Materials Science, with honors. He is a member of Sphinx, Senior Honorary, and will be honored as an outstanding senior in May.
- Petar Tsvetanov will graduate from Franklin University on May 10 with a BS degree in Business, *cum laude*. Petar was baptized at Trinity this year with Hal and Phyllis Duryee among his sponsors.
- Wesley Maher will graduate from Teays Valley High School. He will be entering basic training and technical school as a communications specialist with the Ohio Air National Guard, June 2009, thereafter, attending Ohio State University.
- David Reed graduates from Bishop Watterson High School and will be attending OSU on a Maximus Scholarship, majoring in engineering.
- Adam Reed graduates from Clintonville Academy and will be attending St. Charles.
- Duncan Rypperda Wierdsma Forbes graduates from Colorado College, Colorado Springs. Majoring in sociology.



### May Adult Formation Events:

#### *The Stories of Our Faith - Lives of Challenge/Lives of Encounter*

Now thus says the Lord,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you. (Isaiah 43:1-2)

**Sunday, May 3** 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Library with the **Very Rev. William H. Petersen**, Provost and Professor of Ecclesiastical & Ecumenical History at Bexley Hall Seminary and Priest Associate at Trinity Church  
"The Preaching & Poetry of John Donne (1572-1631)"

**Sunday, May 10** 9:15 a.m. in the Narthex of the church with **Dr. Stuart Hobbs** of Trinity Church  
"Boundary Breakers: Bishop Barbara Harris, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and Bishop Philander Chase and the Trinity Church Connection"

**Sunday, May 17** 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Library with **Dr. Petersen**  
"The Pastoring & Poetry of George Herbert (1593-1633)"

**Sunday, May 24** 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Library with **Bill Bronson** of Trinity Church  
"The Spirituality of Miles Davis: 50 Years After Recording *Kind of Blue*"

**Sunday, May 31** 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Library with the **Rev. Becky Robbins-Penniman**, Co-Pastor of Lamb of God Episcopal/Lutheran Church in Fort Meyers, Florida and past seminarian at Trinity Church  
"What's Emerging?: The Stories of New Life and Renewal on the Church's Horizon"

[www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eppn), or  
[www.commondreams.org](http://www.commondreams.org).

Two days following Easter Day - Tuesday in Easter Week, April 14th - the lead editorial in The New York Times ended this way; "It will take courage to defend the wisdom and necessity of fixing the immigration system. It will take even more courage to engage in the serious fight to do so." Courage is at the heart of the resurrection story. The waters that are truly "thicker than blood" for us can be frightful and unsettling. But they are our salvation because in them - and in and by Christ's death and resurrection - we become family with all who are alone, all who are despised, all who are easily forgotten, all who cry for hope and the dignity of a fresh start and a home.

Newsweek's Fareed Zakaria puts the issue in more secular yet no less compelling terms in his recent exploration of globalization and nationalism, The Post-American World (2008). Writing on the immigration debate, he bluntly say, "On an issue where the United States has been a model for the world, the country has regressed toward an angry defensive crouch." And further he suggests that, "Generations from now, when historians write about these times, they might note that, in the early decades of the twenty-first century, the United States succeeded in its great and historic mission - it globalized the world. But along the way, they might write, it forgot to globalize itself."

This Easter, may we hold to the resurrection truths of faith, hope, and love. May we bear and offer courage inspired by the Apostolic witness we share. May we come to know the stranger and her children in our midst in a real and lasting way. And in all this may we never forget that in practices of prayer, friendship, service, and advocacy we will grow more and more into the full stature of our resurrected Christ, by whose name we become family one to another.

Peace be yours this Eastertide and forever,

Richard A. Burnett

## ST. JOHN'S DINNER

Wednesday, May 27

Trinity's next opportunity to serve at St. John's Franklinton, 1003 W. Town Street. Arrive around 5:30 p.m., clean up usually ends before 8:00 p.m. Please contact Bill Bronson for further information. (614) 354-3753.

## BREAD NEHEMIAH ACTION-MAY 4TH

Veterans Memorial (free parking)

6:15 p.m.-Registration

Did you know?

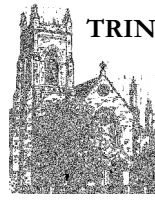
...one in five houses are vacant in Weinland Park and the near Southside  
...one in six houses are vacant in Franklinton and King Lincoln  
...approximately 10,000 foreclosures occurred in Franklin County in 2008 affecting 100,000 people

...one in 25 adults in Ohio are under the control of the criminal justice system either in jail, on probation, on parole or under supervision  
...152,000 residents of Franklin County did not have health insurance in 2008

...infant mortality among African Americans under one year old was over 15 deaths per 1,000 births (significantly higher infant mortality in countries like Cuba, Croatia, and Lithuania).

The BREAD Nehemiah Action will powerfully address...

- Vacant & Abandoned Housing
- Access to Healthcare
- Expanding access to Drug Court



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## FINANCIAL UPDATE FOR TRINITY CHURCH

From Trinity's Treasurer Courtney Clark:

Trinity's Wardens, members of the Vestry, Treasurer, other parish leaders, staff and the clergy met on Saturday, April 18 to discuss the financial wellbeing of the church in the second annual Financial Summit.

During the Financial Summit the team:

- Reviewed parish assets and liabilities
- Analyzed the financial cost/mission benefit of Trinity's service and outreach offerings
- Generated short, mid and long-range goals for service offerings and financial health
- Discussed revenue generation opportunities
- Shared cost-cutting ideas

Exciting action items that we need YOUR help with:

- Robust volunteer activities: including specialized project leadership to utilize hidden talents
- Celebration of our success with the Capital Campaign
- Submit revenue generation ideas or cost cutting tips to parish leadership

Don't hesitate to contact a Warden, Vestry member or the Treasurer with questions.

As of April 27, 2009, we have received 102 pledges for 2009 totaling \$214,044. Of that amount \$100,638 have been received. Thank you for keeping your pledge current.

## Foreign Currency Update

Thank you to the folks which have donated their foreign currency toward our efforts to spruce up the kitchen in the undercroft. We're 20% of the way there: \$80 collected toward the \$400 goal. Don't get left out! The deadline for donation has been extended to May 17! We have collected coinage from exotic and fun places as well as the countries next door:

- Israel
- Mexico
- Euros
- Jamaica
- Canada
- Many more!

Start saving those pennies for "Pennycost" and thank you for those already donated. Please contact Courtney Clark (614-776-1365) if you have any questions.

### TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON CAPITOL SQUARE

#### Rector

The Rev. Richard A. Burnett

#### Assistant Rector

The Rev. M. Alton Plummer

#### Parish Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Joan Grant

The Rev. Deacon Deniray Mueller

#### Priest Associates

The Rev. Abeosch M. Flemister

The Very Rev. William H. Petersen

#### Deacon School Student

Joe Mazza

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Julie Newhall

##### Junior Warden

Jerry Sellman

##### Vestry Members

Rhoda Allen, Susan Crompton, Harriet

Donaldson, Bill Mains, Susan McKinley,

Frank Morris, Alan Sheppard, Suzan

Waller, David White.

#### Treasurer

Courtney Clark

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### FROM DEACON SCHOOL STUDENT JOE MAZZA:

After three very special and enlightening years of study and field ministry, I am scheduled to graduate from The Anglican Academy Deacon School on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Procter Conference Center.

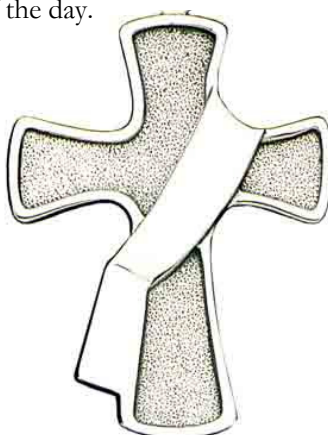
Deacon School has been an experience I will never forget, not only for the excellent preparation for further ministry, but for the lifelong friendships I have made. My classmates have a special place in my life and it will be an honor to graduate with them after three years together.

The following Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, at Christ Church Cathedral in Cincinnati – if it is God's will – I will be ordained a deacon in Christ's church.

I would like to invite all of the wonderful and supportive people of Trinity Church to witness this very special event in my life. Your presence will add to the joy of the day.

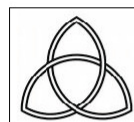
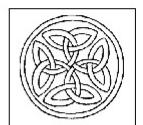
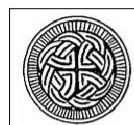
Thank you.

*Joe*



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