

Trinity Newsletter February 2012

A Message from the interim Rector

WATER MARKS

We are marked with the water of Baptism and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

As we enter into our Lenten-Easter experience of grace, we reflect upon the work of the Spirit in our lives. Through repentance to restoration and resurrection we renew our faith and receive the blessings of the promises of Christ. His passion is our passion; His resurrection is our resurrection. Our response to the gift of Grace during these days is thanksgiving and prayer. We listen to the Spirit. We express our longing for forgiveness.

We receive the assurance of God's generosity. We are baptized into His death and are raised to new life. Every individual and every family will receive a daily Lenten Devotional entitled, "Water Marks". Be sure to pick yours up in the narthex and prepare for Lent and Easter.

As we pray we are reminded by Mary Oliver what prayer is. Her poem "Praying" from her book, THIRST, is a gift:

"It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just pay attention,
then patch
a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak"

Now we listen. Now we enter into the movement of hope.
Blessings to you this Lent and Easter. Rev. Dr. Randy Wilburn

Trinity Church to Participate in Godly Play Research

Cheryl Minor, a Godly Play Trainer for the Northeast and Co-Rector of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Belmont, Massachusetts, has asked Trinity Church to participate in a research study that will form the basis of her Ph.D.

thesis. She writes: "With the help of the Godly Play Foundation and my own knowledge of your program, I identified Trinity Episcopal Church in Lenox as a site known for its excellence in the implementation of the Godly Play method."

We are excited to be a part of this study, and we will be in touch with Godly Play/J2A parents in the next few weeks to tell them more about Rev. Minor's work. She will be testing the theory of UK researchers David Hay and Rebecca Nye, who studied the spirituality of the child (*The Spirit of the Child*, HarperCollins Publishers, 1998.)

Stay tuned for more details.

Coming in next month's issue:

- Annual Meeting report
- Profile Committee Update
- Parish Member Profile

Treasuring Our Coffee Hour



One hour of your time can make a difference...

Signing up for just one coffee hour will help this treasured tradition continue...

Our Profile process has revealed that people treasure the opportunity to spend time together at coffee hour after the 10:15 service. The fellowship of coffee hour is one of the most important experiences people have at Trinity. To keep this program alive we need more people to help prepare and host coffee hour every week.

If you are curious about this but think you don't want to volunteer for something with which you have no experience, don't worry! You can be paired with experienced coffee hour hosts who will demystify the location of the napkins, the proportion of coffee to water, and the best way to load the dishwasher.

You can volunteer for as much or as little participation as you wish. If you are concerned about baking specialties, don't worry! The food can be very simple.

If you are concerned about the expense, don't worry! You can share it.

If you would prefer to shop rather than host, you can help assure that we have staples and supplies on hand.

And if you can't help provide food or supplies, you may want to support by helping to clean up.

Please speak to Ruth Arisman who will be able to answer your questions and encourage you to join others in preserving of one of Trinity's most cherished activities.

Water Marks

As we begin our Lenten-Easter Faith journey on Ash Wednesday, you are invited to pick up our Lenten Daily Devotional entitled, "Water Marks". We walk by faith which is rooted in the promises of Baptism and sustained by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Through the penitential season of Lent to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter, we receive forgiveness and renew our hope. "If we have died with Him in a death like his, we shall surely be raised in a resurrection like his". This is the "water-marked" promise of God in Christ.

The following schedule of worship services for Lent through Easter are provided so you know what is offered.

Join us on Tuesday, February 21 for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6pm-8pm, Parish House.

LENT February 22 – April 5

ASH WEDNESDAY, Feb. 22,

Eucharist and Bestowing of Ashes at 7am and 7pm

Morning Prayer every morning at 7am

WEDNESDAYS in Lent, Feb. 29, March 7,14,21,28,

Eucharist and Healing at 7:00 pm.

Rev. Wilburn, Joe Carey, and Elizabeth Goodman will present and share conversation focused on the theme, "Discipleship and the Meaning of Suffering"

SUNDAYS in Lent, Feb. 26, March 4,11,18,25,

Eucharist at 8am and 10:15am

A Kneeling Station for Prayers of Healing immediately following the 10:15am worship

Evening Prayer at 5pm

HOLY WEEK April 1 – April 7

Monday – Saturday, Morning Prayer at 7am

Monday and Tuesday, Evening Prayer, 7pm

Wednesday, **TABLE COMMUNION IN PARISH HOUSE**, 7pm

an informal service symbolic of the transition from the Seder of Passover to Holy Communion, a child-friendly service children will enjoy. Bring your candle and candle holder so we can illuminate our worship space.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 5, Eucharist and Foot Washing at 7pm followed by the all night prayer vigil which ends at Morning Prayer on Good Friday

GOOD FRIDAY, April 6, 10 am, Eucharist

2pm Congregations of Lenox gather at Church-on-the-Hill for the Procession of the Cross which ends at Trinity for closing reading and prayer

HOLY SATURDAY, April 7, Easter Vigil, Trinity is invited to join St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stockbridge, MA, 7PM

EASTER SUNDAY, April 8, Festival Eucharist, 8am and 10:15am

