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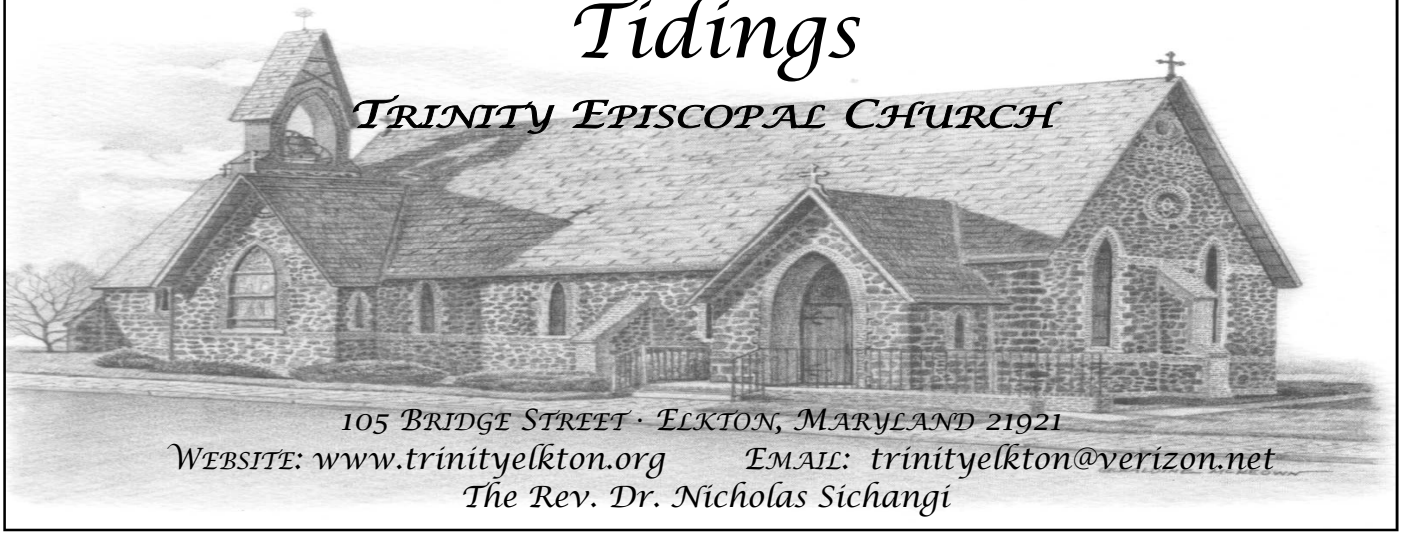
Trinity Episcopal Church



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The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Sichangi

Paperwhites!!!

Six brown bulbs nestle in a bowl of pebbles and rocks. These paperwhites are a Christmas gift that embodies all, past, present and future.

What are our expectations of gifts given and received? All are precious. No matter what the monetary value. Who would calculate the value of the carefully woven potholder given by a kindergardener to her mother? Gifts are expressions that cement relationships.

These paperwhites were given with love, and received with love. The rustic bulbs will send their roots down into the pebbles that give them the stability that they will need to grow.

What are the pebbles from our past that will give us the stability that we will need to face the future? Will our faith in God provide us stability? Now tiny green shoots appear from each bulb assuring us of life and potential. As we look forward to the new year, if we ground ourselves in the love of family, friends, and faith and stretch out our arms and hearts to make any space we occupy better for our being there. Soon the paperwhites will send up slender stems and leaves that will bear fragrant flowers. In our lives, let us do the same. You are the sweet fragrance of Christ.

The scent of the fragrance cannot be contained, it fills the whole atmosphere. It cannot be seen, but its presence can be detected for it is attractive. Let our inner nature give forth the fragrance that the world needs. Let us be the fragrance of Christ wherever He will lead us this year.

Grace and Peace to you all.

~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi

Interim rector

Your Prayers are asked for

Jan Ackerman
Jacob Asroff
Dustin Bartow
Jackie Bollinger
Bill Bulford
Donald Cole
Helen Cornacchia
Charles Cox
Jesse Cugini
Marie Dawson
Samantha Elwell
Rusann Foster
Ruth Gilbert
Margaret Graham
Madison Hoehn
Russell Holland
Walter Jermyn
Libby Keefer
Holli Krebs
Louis Marion
Richard Palmer
Rose Perrone
Chris Porteus
Vaughn Potts
Linda Rawlings
David Russ
Robert Schick
Bishop Shand
Carroll Smith
Karen Smith
Russell Stobaugh
Lisa Wiegand
Jane Ayers & Family
Kim Roberts & Family
Father N. Sichangi & Family

Brotherhood Event
Saturday, January 19th 8:00 am
Brotherhood Breakfast & Meeting in the Parish House.
All are Welcome

Jesus is Lord
18 83
Prayer
Study
Service
The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Inc

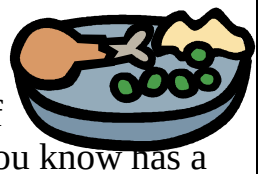
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Many thanks to the congregation of Trinity for your spirit of giving this Christmas season. Thanks to your generosity, every attendant at the Elkton Community Kitchen on 12/21 received a thoughtful and much appreciated gift. The parish of St. Augustine in Chesapeake City also contributed as did an industrious group of seniors from the Dept. of Aging who knitted and crocheted numerous items for the raffle.

Thanks again!!

Susan Weed

MEALS MINISTRY OF TRINITY



is a program to provide meals to those in our church family who need help in providing food for themselves and/or their families for a limited period of time. This includes after surgery or hospitalization, during times of crisis, etc. Please call if you or someone you know has a need. If you would like to be part of this new and wonderful ministry please contact us to put your name on the list of providers. This is a win-win ministry- Join us! 410-398-5350 or email- trinityelkton@verizon.net

Trinity Women's Group

will meet at the Parish House
at 11:30 am on Monday, January 21st.
Bring a bag lunch, drinks/desserts will be provided.

Ministry Schedule
January 2013

8:00 a.m. service

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
1/20	Vicki Koslak	Mary Helen Atwood	Sam Smith, Frank D. Brown Jr.

10:00 a.m. service

Date	Acolytes	Lector	CBR	Ushers	P of P	Greeter
1/20	T. J. Taylor J. P. Fossler	Hans Nafzinger	Debbie McKeown Mary Morrison	Sherri & David Calladine	Debbie McKeown	Jane Ayers

January 27,2013 9:30 am Service

Acolytes:Hunter Taylor and Carri Birdsall *Lector:Ross Lee*

CBR: Heidi White and Margaret Russ *P of P: Janice Potts*

Ushers: Gayle Mayo and Paul Arbour *Greeter: Kathy Davidson*

Mark your calendars.
Sunday, January 27th.
We will have only
ONE service
at 9:30 AM.
Our Annual Parish meeting will follow.

Lunch will be served

The Bishop will be visiting
Trinity Church on
Sunday, February 17th.

Women's Meeting in January

WOMEN OF TRINITY

FIRST FRIDAY FARE

February 1, 2013

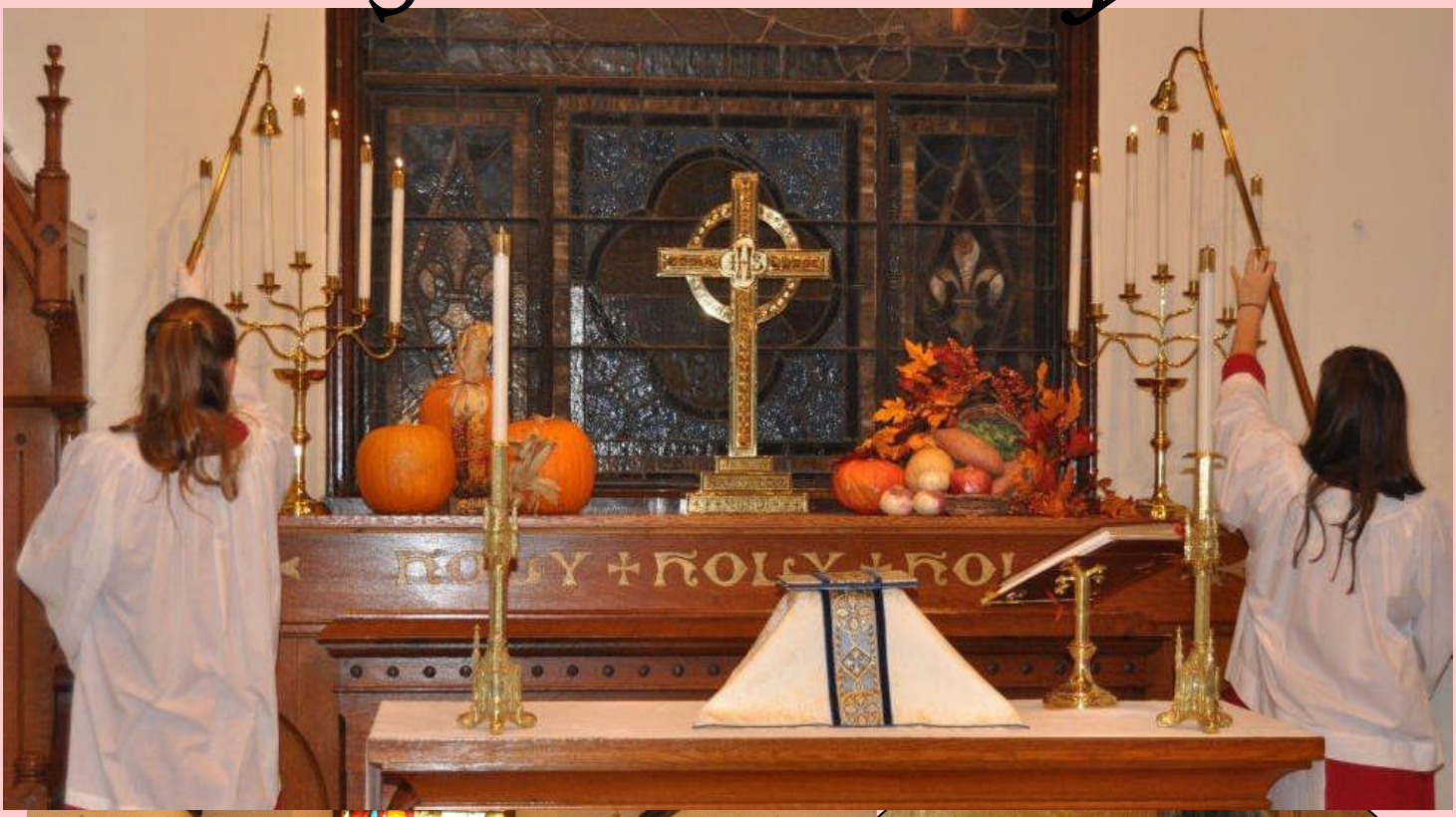
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

Soup, chili and desserts $5.00 per person, kids under 12 free.

Trinity will be having a first Friday fare every month.
If you would like to sponsor a Friday, please see or call
Tricia Smith @ 610-932-5303

Our First Friday Fare

Seasons at Trinity



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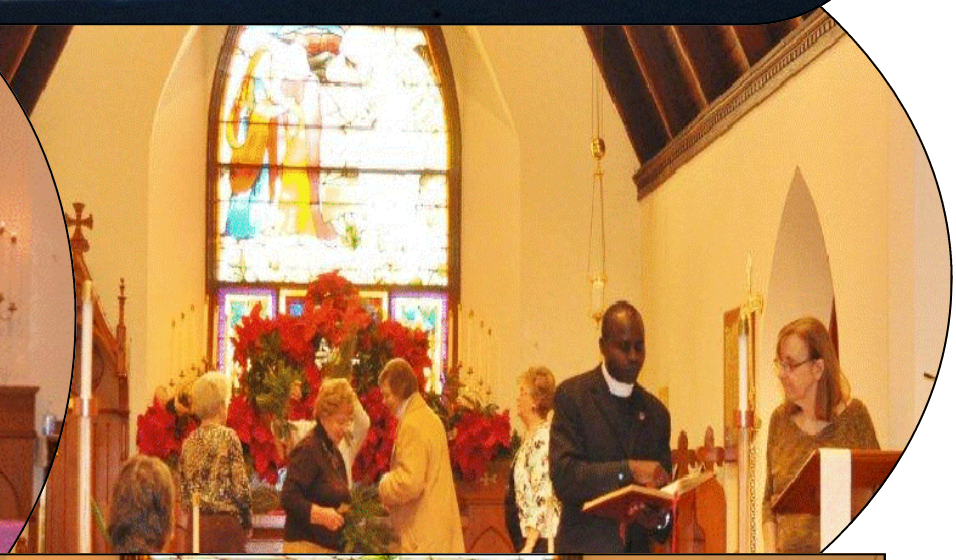

Deacon's Corner January, 2013

The past month has been a busy one for your deacon. It began on December 1 with the Northern Convocation Youth Lock-In in Chestertown and ended on January 7, the last day of the 2013 General Ordination Exams. Between those two events came a retreat at Trinity Retreat Center in North Carolina, the final papers and reports for the two classes I took at Virginia Seminary this fall, "deaconing" for regular Sunday and Christmas services, and the other three days of GOE's. As I said, it has been a busy month!

The Northern Convocation Youth Lock-In was a "blast!" We had 24 young men and women from 5 parishes in the Northern Convocation come together at Emmanuel Chestertown for a night of fun, food, baking, a midnight Eucharist, more food, movies, good discussions, and very little sleep. By all accounts, everyone, including the adults, wants to continue to do more youth events as a convocation and to plan something for spring. St. Mary Anne's Youth Group has extended an invitation to the youth from our five Cecil County parishes to join them for regular youth group meetings Sundays from 4:30 – 6 PM.

General Ordination Exams (GOE's) are held each year in early January for graduating Episcopal seminarians as a means of assessing their proficiency in the seven canonical areas required for ordination. The areas covered are: Liturgy and Church Music, Holy Scriptures, Ethics and Moral Theology, Theory and Practice of Ministry, Church History, Christian Theology and Missiology, and Contemporary Society. If anyone has any interest in learning more about these exams or about life as a seminarian, I will be glad to answer your questions. I can be reached by email at drdarcy.williams@gmail.com or at Trinity Elkton on Monday or Wednesday mornings.

Now that the exams are over, I will be back as your shared deacon for the remainder of the spring term and am looking forward to exploring ways that St. Mark's, St. Mary Anne's, Trinity Elkton, Augustine Parish and St. Stephen's can share our resources and continue to spread the light of Christ in our communities and do more things together. Maybe we can do a joint Lenten film series or plan a joint worship service for the Easter Vigil or – let's brainstorm; I look forward to hearing your ideas.

Please remember the Women of Trinity are hosting a First Friday Fare every first Friday from 5 to 6:30 PM in the Parish House. Soup and dessert for $5. All are welcome.

Epiphany blessings to all,

Darcy

Shelter

On December 22, Trinity hosted an evening at the homeless shelter providing food, fellowship and safety. We had a quiet evening with our guests.

Thank you to all who willingly contributed their time and talent

to make our evening a success. It is my goal for the shelter season of 2013/2014 that Trinity will step up and take more than 1 day to take care of our less fortunate neighbors.

Donations of *laundry soap, cereal, milk, sugar, coffee, personal hygiene items and financial donations* are always welcome throughout the year and regularly accepted at The Mary Randall Center. If you are unable to drop your donations at the center you can give your donations to Gayle Mayo or Mary Katharine Hitchcock and we will see they are delivered to the center.

Thank you !

Mary Katharine

January 2013

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 12 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1 *Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am*	2 *Holy Eucharist & Bible Study 9:00AM*	3	4	5
6 *8:00 AM 10:00AM Holy Eucharist*	7	8 *Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am*	9 *Holy Eucharist & Bible Study 9:00AM*	10	11	12
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20 *8:00 AM 10:00AM Holy Eucharist*	21 *Women of Trinity 11:30 am in the Parish House*	22 *Food Pantry 10:00am to 11:30 am*	23 *Holy Eucharist & Bible Study 9:00AM*	24	25	26
27 *9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Annual Meeting to follow*	28 4-H Club Mtg 6:30 PM	29	30 *Holy Eucharist & Bible Study 9:00AM*	31	February 13 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9- 2 pm
Wednesday: 9 – 2 pm
Thursday: 9- 2 pm
Friday: 9 – 2pm