

The past month has brought us many blessings. In Bishops Shand's visit, he reminded us with his story of an individual of how a person once troubled can reclaim himself. As we reflect on our own lives let us humbly acknowledge the challenges we have faced and continue to face as individuals, as families, and as a Christian community and ask God to give us the strength to ever move forward.

The Diocesan Convention held at Hyatt in Cambridge was another highlight of the past month. The delegates and voting clergy, alternates and guests gathered at Hyatt for the 145th annual meeting of the Diocese of Easton for business, fellowship, learning and worship. The theme of this year's Convention was "Blessed to Be a Blessing." In his address the Bishop illustrated this by recounting a story told to him by a gentleman who had lost his wife. As his wife lay dying she assured their son that she would always be with him at important occasions during his life. Later during the child's confirmation, Bishop Shand asked the boy to get a Book of Common Prayer (BCP) from a nearby pew. Upon opening it he was astounded to see that the prayer book had been given to the church in the memory of the boy's deceased mother. This reaffirmed the mother's promise of being with him in key moments of his life. This account and many others like it show the importance of sharing our stories. Through sharing them we proclaim the Good News of our Lord to the world around us. We must count our blessings and share them by retelling them and by doing so, those with whom we share shall be encouraged, and strengthened.

In addition to the bishop's address, the convention key note speakers were Professor Lisa Kimball and The Rev. Kyle Oliver of Virginia Theological Seminary who led an exploration on "Hidden Blessing, Visible Blessing." This learning experience centered on the five marks of the church which were drawn from Maria Harris' book entitled, <u>Fashion Me a People: Curriculum in the Church</u>. These five marks woven into a worship liturgy were, Kerygma (Proclamation), Didache (Teaching), Koinonia (Community), Leiturgia(Worship) and Diakonia (Service). We will explore these in our future Adult Christian Education classes as we reconnect ourselves with faith formation practices. We will look at them anew as one of my friends says, "With an eagle's eye!" because we want the church to remain vibrant and grounded in faith.

We are emerged in the Lenten season. We continue our Lenten discipline. As a parish, we have provided you with opportunity for exploration. Tuesday's morning prayers, Wednesday's Eucharist and Bible Studies, and Wednesday evening meditations are some of the opportunities that will help us continue with the quest in deepening our spiritual wells. The culmination of this will be on Easter Sunday. I know each Sunday is a special Sunday, but Easter Sunday is an extra special one. This is a Sunday in which we are reminded our calling "To go and proclaim the Good News of our Risen Lord." We are called to act by sharing the divine life we have in Christ with our friends, neighbors and strangers. Let us celebrate the new life that Easter brings and led by the spirit let us open our hearts to the mystery of the Holy Spirit (John 21:18).

~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi Interim rector



Your Prayers are asked for: Jan Ackerman Jacob Asroff **Dustin Bartow** Angelo Brusnahan Sherri Calladine Helen Cornacchia Charles Cox Jesse Cugini Rusann Foster Margaret Graham Mary Katharine Hitchcock Madison Hoehn Walter Jermyn Libby Keefer Holli Krebs Louis Marion Laura Neukerk **Richard Palmer** Rose Perrone Vaughn Potts Linda Rawlings David Russ **Robert Schick** Nanci Shrout **Carroll Smith** Tricia Smith Mitzie Snyder **Russell Stobaugh Bunny Sturgill-Martin** Brian Tozer Lisa Wiegand

Brotherhood Event Saturday, March 23rd 8:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast & Meeting in the Parish House. All are Welcome!

MORNING PRAYER WILL BE HELD THIS MONDAY 3/11 AT 9:00 AM in the church. We will resume our Morning Payer on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 AM ON MARCH 19TH. Our deacon, Rev. Darcy Williams will be leading the service. All are welcome. Morning Prayer will also be held at St. Mary Appels on Monday Wednesday or



Jesus is Lord

St. Mary Anne's on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:30 AM during Lent.

BIBLE STUDY & MID-WEEK EUCHARIST on Wednesdays, at 9:00 am in Trinity House.

<u>LENTEN MEDITATION</u> Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in Trinity House.

Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10th. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 9th!

Lent and Easter Servíces

Palm Sunday, March 24th 8:00 am & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms.

Maundy Thursday, March 28th *7:00 pm – Special Liturgy & Eucharist

with organ and choir *Good Fríday, March 29th* *7:00 pm Liturgy (with music) *Easter Sunday, March 31st* 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist with hymns *10:00 am – Full Holy Eucharist *Childcare provided.

Donation for Easter Flowers

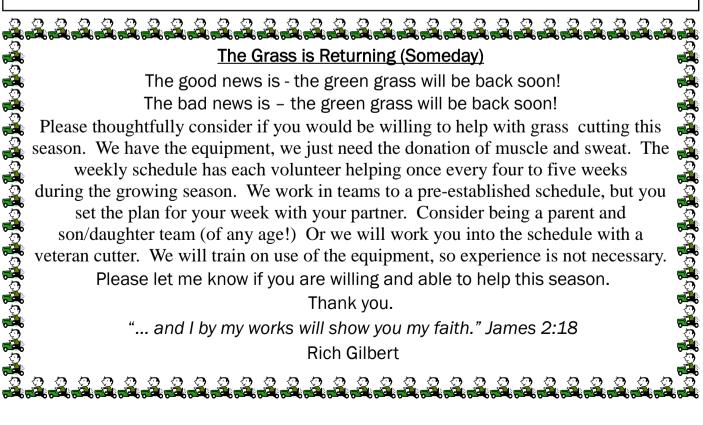


If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Easter Sunday service, please complete and return it to the church office by March 25th. Thank you! Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of \$_____ for Easter flowers. My donation is: (as it is to appear in the bulletin) □ in memory of

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Name:

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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



WOMEN OF TRINITY

Are having a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish House on **Saturday, March 9, 2013,** starting at 9:00 a.m. Start your day in a friendly environment with good food and conversation good ideas have to follow! **Monday, March 25th** Our meeting will start at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish House.



Food Pantry Volunteers needed.

The Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help with the distribution of food. The pantry is open on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. We always have two people staffing the pantry. This is not a difficult job but one that is extremely important in our efforts to reach out to those in the community who are in need. If you think that you might be interested in helping, please contact Ben or Goldie Cook at 410-620-0040.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROVINCE III YOUTH EVENT AT NORTH BAY ADVENTURE CAMP, NORTH EAST, MD April 19th 6:00 PM – April 21st 11:00 AM Band – Slone River Project Speaker, Service Project, High and Low Rope

courses, \$165 per person, forms are on the diocesan webpage. Contact Janice Flood

for info & to register jmflood45@gmail.com



WOMEN OF TRINITY FIRST FRIDAY FARE April 5, 2013 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House. \$5.00 per person,

Trinity will be having a first Friday fare every month.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed to provide light refreshments (cookies, donuts, juice). We supply the coffee, cream and sugar) after the 10:00 a.m. service. Coffee hour is a critical ministry, not only for the fellowship



of our regular members but also for the meeting and greeting of newcomers. PLEASE, if you can take even one Sunday a year, it would help a lot! *Sign-up sheet* is in the Parish House or call the office to be put on the schedule (410-398-5350).

To My Trinity Family,

Thank you all for the lovely cards and flowers. I deeply appreciate the kind thoughts and prayers that I have received. Words cannot describe how thankful I am.

> Love, Libby



Deacon's Corner

March 2013

I was privileged to attend the 145th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Easton held this past weekend in Cambridge MD. As you have undoubtedly heard from your convention delegates, Friday was a day of diocesan business, electing clergy and lay members to serve on diocesan committees, discussing and voting on a variety of resolutions and accepting the proposed diocesan budget for 2013. On Saturday, Dr. Lisa Kimball and the Rev. Kyle Oliver led us in a day of exploring Hidden Blessings and Visible Blessings in our lives as a community of faith. This was interwoven with our liturgy as we prayed and celebrated the Eucharist together.

The theme of this year's Convention, "Blessed to Be a Blessing" is very appropriate for the work we have been doing together in Cecil County this year. What a blessing it is to serve as your deacon and to work with you as we explore ways to share our resources and our blessings with the wider community!

Lisa and Kyle identified five marks or characteristics of an active faith community: proclamation, teaching, fellowship, worship and service. These are the very same ways we are sharing our resources and taking the Good News out into the community.

During this most holy season of Lent, we have many opportunities to come together and share the blessings that God has so generously bestowed upon us:

Teaching/learning opportunities:

1. Lenten film series. At 6 PM each Wed, come together for dinner and a film: Mar 6, "Joshua" at St. Paul's Centerville; Mar 13, The Mission" at St. Stephen's Earleville; Mar 20, Motivational Theatre at St. Paul's Kent.

2. Wednesday evening Lenten program at Trinity Elkton

3. Exploring Spirituality during Lent, Sunday mornings at 10:15 at Augustine Parish *Worship opportunities*:

- 1. Vespers: At St. Mary Anne's every Sunday during Lent at 5:30 PM
- 2. Morning Prayer: At St. Mary Anne's, Mon, Wed and Fri at 6:30 AM; at Trinity Elkton Tues. at 9 AM.
- 3. Easter Vigil: St Mary Anne's March 30.

Fellowship opportunities:

- 1. North Elk Coffee House, Jane Rothfield and Allan Carr, March 16, 7:30 PM at St. Mary Anne's
- 2. Trip to the National Cathedral, April 6, sponsored by EfM group at St. Mary Anne's, Cost \$65, seating is limited, contact Carol Weisel.
- 3. VTS Christian Rock Festival, April 13. Contact Janice Flood, Youth coordinator for Northern Convocation.

Service opportunities:

Watch for more information about service projects at Camp Wright and at Crisfield. *Proclamation opportunities:*

Every day through our actions and words we proclaim the Gospel and show others what it means to be a Christian.

Many blessings for a holy Lent, Darcy

8:00 a.m. service

Ministry Schedule March

10:00 a.m. service

3/10 CBR- Mary Helen Atwood
P of P- Gordon Tozer
Usher–Frank D. Brown Jr. and Sam Smith
3/17 CBR -Gordon Tozer
P of P– Mitzie Snyder
Usher–Gayle Mayo and Mary Helen Atwood
3/24 Palm Sunday
CBR– Mary Helen Atwood
P of P- Gordon Tozer
Usher– Paul Arbour Jr. and Sam Smith
3/31 Easter Sunday
CBR -Gordon Tozer
P of P– Mitzie Snyder
Ushers- Gayle Mayo and Mary Helen Atwood

<u>3/28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm</u> Acolytes-Hunter Taylor and Carri Birdsall Lector– Hans Nafzinger CBR– Debbie McKeown and Kathy Davidson P of P- Mary Katharine Hitchcock Ushers– Ross Lee and Charlie Davidson

<u>3/29 Good Friday</u> 7:00 pm Acolytes– Aaron Derby and T.J. Taylor CBR-Gordon Tozer Ushers– Rick Burkholder and Susan Burkholder 3/10Acolytes- Jack Fossler and J.P. Fossler Lector-Mary Morrison CBR-Kathy Davidson and Debbie McKeown P of P- Janice Potts Usher-Charlie Davidson and Ross Lee Greeter-Jane Ayers 3/17 Acolytes – Carri Birdsall and Marina White Lector-Susan Burkholder CBR- Orville Potts and Ross Lee P of P– Judy Caffey Ushers-Eugene Caffey and Mary Katharine Hitchcock Greeter-Kathy Davidson 3/24 Palm Sunday Acolytes-Aaron Derby and T.J. Taylor Lector-Bill Gorak CBR-Mary Morrison and Heidi White P of P– Orville Potts Ushers-Sherri and Dave Calladine Greeter-Libby Keefer 3/31 Easter Day Acolytes-Marina White and Carri Birdsall Lector-Matthew Cugini CBR-Heidi White and Mary Morrison P of P-Janice Potts Ushers-Diane and Dwight Hair Greeter-Jane Ayers

Nursery

3/3 Tammy Cox3/17 Debbie McKeown3/10 Robanne Palmer3/24 Tracy Mozier3/31 Hired Out

A big "Thanks!" to everyone who contributed to the ERD in-gathering on the first Sunday of Lent. We raised \$402 to help Episcopal Relief & Development eradicate poverty in the word. This is another small step in the Millennium Development Goal to use 0.7% of the world's wealth to eliminate the world's poverty. As the bishop explained on that Sunday, ERD helps victims all over the world, including in our own back yard, with Crisfield, MD communities soon to be recipients of aid in their struggle to recuperate from devastating Super Storm Sandy damage.

Please remember that you don't need to wait for ERD Sunday each year to help. Go to <u>www.er-d.org</u> anytime and make a contribution that matters. And grab a Hope Chest from the back of the church and put it to work in your home throughout the year to gather contributions towards next year's in-gathering. (Note: But during Lent, remember to bring in your Change for Change, as Trinity's youth continue gathering contributions to help achieve MDG goals of eradicating poverty and

otherwise helping our less fortunate neighbors around the world.) Thank you again for your meaningful participation in a holy Lent. Your friends in Christ, Rich and Wendy Gilbert Trinity World Missions Coordinators



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