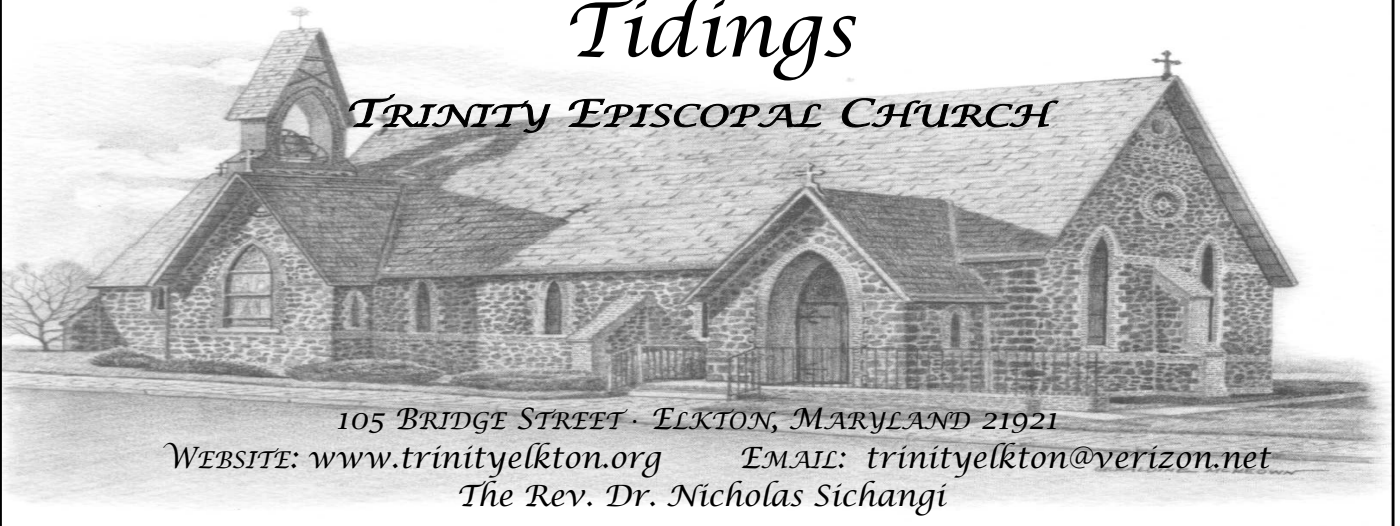


# Tidings

## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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*The Rev. Dr. Nicholas Sichangi*

### **What Does Mardi Gras Mean to You?**

I must confess that before I came to the United States I had not heard about Mardi Gras. The first time I learned about Mardi Gras was at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. I was invited by a friend to attend the Mardi Gras celebration that was organized by an Episcopal church in Arlington, Virginia. When I arrived I was overwhelmed by the atmosphere of a great party. People were joyous and were wearing festive attire and colorful beads. The food was bountiful and made from New Orleans recipes. Our mood was enhanced by the abundance of adult beverages.

As I write, a similar celebration will be held all over the United States. It is not organized by an Episcopal church, but by the NFL. It is called the Super Bowl. When my neighbor invited me to attend her party, she described all the food she would serve: chicken wings, pizza, and beer and she reminded me that I could wear my favorite team colors. So many people will watch the Super Bowl on television that a minute commercial will cost millions. I do not expect that there will be a mention of Lent.

The energy and money that is put into Mardi Gras and Super Bowl festivities is enormous. Many will fly to New Orleans for an authentic Mardi Gras atmosphere. Millions of flat screen television sets will be purchased for the enjoyment of the Super Bowl game parties. What is the real meaning of these festivities? The real meaning of these celebrations lies in the heart of the celebrant.

All over the world on February 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 churches will observe the beginning of the Lenten season. Some will host Mardi Gras festivities. Others will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a pancake supper. I knew nothing about Mardi Gras until I came to this country, but I did observe the Lenten season. I remember in 1990 when I was in St. Paul's Kapsabet, a Bible college, I was asked what I was going to give up for Lent. I thought for a while and as I went through the possibilities on the list they had compiled, the only thing I could think of was butter. This meant that for 40 days I was going to eat bread without butter. That was quite an insignificant sacrifice, but with the combined sacrifices of my colleagues we saved three dollars, a significant amount for us, which was donated to a deaf school which neighbored our Bible college.

My view of Lenten discipline has changed much since then. Lent is not only about giving up something, it is much more. The Lenten season provides an opportunity for self re-examination, reflection and prayer. This process should not end on Palm Sunday, but should be a way of life as a disciple of Christ. When we remember Christ's suffering and sacrifice for us, Lent provides us the opportunity to demonstrate our Love of Christ. We do this by sharing our blessings with those who do not have. Our coordinators for the Trinity World Missions will explain more about this effort. This years' contributions will be given to help eradicate poverty. Our mission is to increase our sharing. In the northern convocation churches, we ask you to consider during this Lenten Season the work of our diocese by "keeping change to make change" in our diocese. Our theme for our diocesan convention in February is "Blessed to Be a Blessing."

Thank you all for attending our annual meeting and let us welcome our bishop The Rt. Rev. James Shand on February 17<sup>th</sup> 2013.

*~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi*

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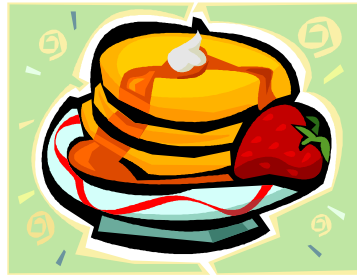
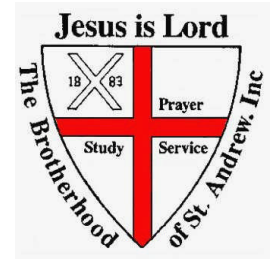
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David Russ  
Robert Schick  
Carroll Smith  
Karen Smith  
Mitzie Snyder  
Russell Stobaugh  
Lisa Wiegand  
Jane Ayers & Family  
Kim Roberts & Family  
Father N. Sichangi & Family



## **Brotherhood Event**

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



## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 12th**

The traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 12th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Come, relax, and let others do the cooking and serving while you enjoy the fellowship. Adults \$ 5.00 Families \$15.00 and Children 5 and under free.

## **Lent begins**

**Ash Wednesday,  
February 13th**

Holy Eucharist with the  
Imposition of Ashes at  
7:00 p.m. (with choir).

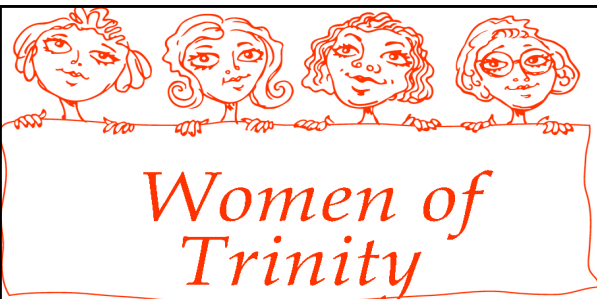


## **LENTEN QUIET MORNING AT SHREWSBURY PARISH**

**Saturday, February 16th, 9:00 to 12:00.** Time will be spent taking a look at Our Image of God. Through artists' renderings and with time for discussion, journaling, silent meditation and prayer as well as creative options, we will take time at the start of Lent to consider who we understand God to be. Through Scripture and art, we will explore the mystery of God and our experience and understanding of that Mystery. Leader will be Francie Thayer, parishioner at Shrewsbury Parish and student at Virginia Theological Seminary.

Starting at 8:30 am, there will be registration as well as coffee and continental breakfast items available. The program will begin at 9:00 am in the parish hall. The morning will conclude with a short service of Taize, ending at noon. Call or email Shrewsbury Parish at 410-3 48-5944 or franciekey@gmail.com .

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



will meet at the Parish House at 11:30 am on Monday, February 25th. Bring a bag lunch, drinks/desserts will be provided.

### 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](mailto:trinityelkton@verizon.net)



### Sunday, February 17th

*Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday* is a special opportunity to live out the promises made in our Baptismal Covenant, by demonstrating our commitment to care for people who are hungry, sick or living in extreme poverty. Our church will celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday on Sunday, February 17. We will

collect an offering to support the Episcopal Church's mission to heal a hurting world. So put your Hope Chest back to work at home with the whole family (there are more in the back of the church if you need one). Or consider between now and then what you can contribute to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are far less fortunate than we are. God bless you.

Wendy and Rich Gilbert,  
Trinity World Missions Coordinators

*MANY THANKS TO THE WOMEN OF TRINITY who not only provided the delicious lunch for the annual meeting but also set up and cleaned up afterward. It was truly a feast and enjoyed by all. Thanks again!!*

## WOMEN OF TRINITY

### FIRST FRIDAY FARE

### March 1, 2013

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

Soup, and desserts \$5.00 per person,

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

## Ministry Schedule

February

8:00 a.m. service

2/3

CBR -Gordon Tozer

P of P-Mary Helen Atwood

Usher- Mary Helen Atwood and Sam Smith

2/10

CBR-Mary Helen Atwood

P of P-Gordon Tozer

Usher- Paul Arbour Jr. and Frank D. Brown Jr.

2/17

CBR -Gordon Tozer

P of P- Mitzie Snyder

Usher- Gayle Mayo and Mary Helen Atwood

2/24

CBR- Mary Helen Atwood

P of P- Gordon Tozer

Usher- Sam Smith, Paul Arbour Jr.

Greeter-Libby Keefer

**Ash Wednesday 2/13/13**

**7:00 p.m.**

Acolyte: T.J. Taylor & Hunter Taylor

Lector: Bill Gorak

CBR: Kathy Davidson

Usher: Charlie Davidson

Greeter: Jane Ayers

10:00 a.m. service

2/3

Acolytes -Aaron Derby, Marina White

Lector-Matthew Cugini

CBR-Allen Clay, Orville Potts

P of P-Judy Caffey

Usher- Rick Burkholder, Mary Katharine Hitchcock

Greeter- Kathy Davidson

2/10

Acolytes- Jack Fossler, J.P. Fossler

Lector- Mary Morrison

CBR- Ross Lee, Debbie McKeown

P of P- Orville Potts

Usher-Wendy and Richard Gilbert

Greeters- Sherri and Dave Calladine

2/17

Acolytes -Carri Birdsall and Aaron Derby

Lector- Hans Nafzinger

CBR-Margaret Russ and Mary Morrison

P of P- Debbie McKeown

Ushers-Sherri and Dave Calladine

Greeter-Kathy Davidson

2/24

Acolytes-Marina White and Jack Fossler

Lector-Matthew Cugini

CBR-Debbie McKeown and Heidi White

P of P- Janice Potts

Usher-Diane and Dwight Hair

Greeter-Libby Keefer

## WOMEN OF TRINITY

Recognizing that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Trinity women have planned a Pancake Breakfast at the Parish House on Saturday, March 9, 2013, starting at 9:00 a.m. for women of the Parish. We have a volunteer cook (with helpers) for the pancakes. Bring a brown bag if you prefer a sweet roll, etc.

Start your day in a friendly environment with good food and conversation - good ideas have to follow!

### HIGH SCHOOL PROVINCE III YOUTH EVENT AT NORTH BAY ADVENTURE CAMP, NORTH EAST, MD

March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:00 PM – March 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00 AM Band – Slone River Project

Speaker, Service Project, High and Low Ropes courses, \$165 per person, forms on diocesan webpage. Contact Janice Flood for info & to register [jmflood45@gmail.com](mailto:jmflood45@gmail.com)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL PROVINCE III YOUTH EVENT AT NORTH BAY ADVENTURE CAMP, NORTH EAST, MD

April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – April 21<sup>st</sup> 11:00 AM Band – Slone River Project

Speaker, Service Project, High and Low Ropes courses, \$165 per person, forms on diocesan webpage. Contact Janice Flood for info & to register



# February 2013

## Monthly Planner

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