

# **NOTES FROM FATHER JOHN:**

## **Do As You Are Told!**

When I was a youngster I really had no choice. I did what I was told, mostly without explanation or reason. I learned that adults were arbitrary. I also learned what fear and punishment were. But that's the way it was. Hopefully I grew up ok. I really didn't question anything until college and the "60's".

And then I questioned everything. Ultimately, I adopted a set of values and mores that are based on the commandments of Jesus: Love God... and Love your neighbor as your self. Along with that there still is the big 10. That's enough commandments for any Christian. I believe that we don't need a whole lot of rules and regulations to live by. Consideration for others is certainly what Jesus taught and lived by Himself.

In today's society, it seems that there is an awful lot of emphasis on what the individual wants, what the individual needs, what the individual decides. Living in society does, however, mean that we sacrifice some of our selves for the good of others. Secular society does not have enough philanthropic energy or enthusiasm for me.

And Church is more than buildings, budgets, bureaucrats, and business. Christian Community, rather, is composed of Believers in the Resurrection and Salvation from our sins. We come together to create a society to worship and praise God and to serve the common good and our neighbors. "When 2 or 3 are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of them"

Does God want anything from us. Yes, Love, devotion, Adoration, and the will to follow the two Great Commandments in all that we do. God's will is simply: Love God and Love your neighbor. Treat God better than you would treat yourself. Treat others better than you would treat yourself. Relationships are the key to a real Spiritual Life.

So do as Jesus told you: Love God and Love your neighbor!!!

**Fr. John +**

# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY-MAY 11

M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,  
"O" means only that she's growing old,  
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,  
"H" is for her heart of perfect gold;  
"E" is for her eyes with love light shining,  
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,  
Put them all together, they spell

"MOTHER"

A word that means the world to me.

Howard Johnson [c

1915]

This poem was written nearly a 100 year ago, but truer words were never spoken!

## **The Search Process: What's Next?**

The Anti-Racism training was held and well attended by the Search Committee and most of the vestry. The Search Committee will be meeting with Cecelia Alvarez, Canon for Transition Ministry and Clergy Development, to receive names and begin our discernment process. The Search Committee will be vetting the candidates, and has been charged with submitting 3 names to the vestry for their final review and selection. The complete language of the charge is set forth below.

### **Charge to Search Committee**

The Vestry of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, South River hereby charges the Search Committee with the responsibility of presenting to the Vestry three unranked, qualified candidates to be called as the next Rector of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, South River.

- In pursuing this charge, the Search Committee is to be guided by the prospective candidates' spiritual depth, passion for the gospel of Jesus Christ and knowledge of the challenges and opportunities that are before Holy Trinity.
- The Committee is not to preclude anyone based on gender, race, sexual orientation or age.
- With the modern technology available, the Vestry sets no geographical limitation, but will limit in person visits to the Northeast section of the United States of approximately a 300 mile radius.
- The Vestry hopes that the finalists will have a minimum of five years in ordained ministry or the equivalent experience in a related field.
- The Vestry requires the search committee to maintain absolute confidentiality with its verbal, written and electronic communications and to destroy all candidate materials once the final slate of candidates is submitted to the vestry.
- The Vestry anticipates the work of the Search Committee will be completed by June 15, 2014.

The Vestry is grateful for the Committee's willingness to undertake this charge and wishes them Godspeed in their pursuits.

**Kimberly DeSarno**

Senior Warden

**Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord! – The Choir of Holy Trinity**

The choir of Holy Trinity is a dedicated and devoted part of the parish family. We have grown over the last year with the addition of a couple of men's voices. These singers really make part-singing possible. The members are Soprano: Sue Webb, Sandy Rahn and Ida Ita; Alto: Kim DeSarno; Bass: Paul DeSarno, Fred Payva, Martin Spielman, Bandon Spielman; Tenor: Henry DeSarno and Stuart Forrest.

We rehearse every Thursday at 8pm in the church; this is where the works and preparation happens! What you hear on Sunday morning is the result of a good deal of study and singing. Our repertoire has grown this year and we use anthems and responses from many schools of composition.

The choir has become very adept at singing the Psalms and leading the congregation in this and in the responses during the Liturgy.

My continued invitation: **We need you. We need singers and especially sopranos and altos.** I know that time is tight these days for many. If you can join us for at least 2 rehearsals each month, we would welcome you! We prepare at least six weeks in advance – you will have a great experience and a good deal of fun and camaraderie. Please consider joining us? There are still seats to fill.

**Richard Thomas Biernacki, BSG**  
**Organist and Choirmaster**

## **PRAYER FOR A NEW PRIEST FOR HOLY TRINITY**

On Sunday's we pray that we are successful in our search for a new priest—we should do this daily. Please add this to your prayers:

“Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Holy Trinity, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

## **JUNE 8—SAVE THE DATE**

The annual Holy Trinity Family Picnic will be held on June 8 following the 10 a.m. service on that date. Starting June 15, there will be only one service on Sundays at 9 a.m.

More details on the picnic will be available soon, but, save the date and plan on being there!

# SEEKING DONATIONS FOR CALICO THREADS

Do you have clothing or a few hours of your time you can give to Calico Threads? Both will go a long way in bringing outreach to our community! One of our customers is a Vietnam veteran who lost almost everything when he was displaced from his South River apartment during Hurricane Sandy. He was relocated and has been living in a rooming house on Ferry Street for the past 18 months. He works on Bordentown Road in Sayreville. A few weeks ago he was involved in a car accident while on the way to work. His car was towed and impounded. While he was pulling together money to retrieve his car from impound, the car contents was trashed (his uniforms and tools used at work) and the car was destroyed. He is now taking taxicabs to get to work and keep his job. He also needs eye surgery which is yet to be scheduled.

This is only one of the many stories of our customers at Calico Threads. There are many in need in the South River and nearby communities. You can help by keeping us in mind when you have gently used clothing to donate. We are especially in need of children's clothing. There are boxes at the back of the church or bring it to Calico Threads at 54 Ferry Street.

We are also need additional volunteers to help in this important outreach ministry. On Tuesday evenings (6-8PM) Martha and Bill Phillips, staff the store with Hannah Palmer-Koroma and Henry DeSarno who alternate weeks. Wednesday mornings (9:30-11:30) Ida Ita, Christina Cordoso, Mae Palmer and Gail Wilczewski can be found there. Thursday evenings (6-8PM) Henry DeSarno, Fred Paiva, Susan Webb and Sandy Rahn. Saturday mornings (9-12) Joann Devlin, Sandy Rahn, Stuart Forrest, Kim and David Clarke, Alexa Hornchek and Elia Koroma.

Royce Flippin and Hannah Palmer Koroma have been in touch with those on the following list and we ask you to please sign up on the schedule found in the back of church for days that work with your schedule: Kathy DeAngelis, Emily Scali, Irene Wei, Bill Kendrick, Royce Flippin, Rob and Julie Rafano, Louise Hyland, James Hyland, Robin Kloos. Joann Devlin has taken on the task of staff schedule for the store and will be contacting people when we are short of staff.

If you too can find just a few hours a month it will allow the primary staff an occasional day/night off. As the saying goes "Many hands make light work."

**Sandy Rahn**

## **OUR GRADUATES**

Four Holy Trinity families will be celebrating graduations soon.

Christina Wei, daughter of Irene and Fred Wei, will take part in graduation ceremonies in May at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut and will receive her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy next January.

Tyler Picone, son of Alicia Picone, will receive his bachelor's degree on May 18 from Rutgers University where he majored in English.

Shelby DeSarno, daughter of Kim and Paul DeSarno, will graduate from Sayreville War Memorial High School in June and plans to attend Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts In the fall.

Brandon Spielman, son of Cherie and Martin Spielman, will graduate from East Brunswick High School in June.

Congratulations to all the graduates!

## **HOLY TRINITY BOOK CLUB TO READ NEW AUTHOR'S FIRST WORK**

The Holy Trinity book club will be reading "The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow"--the debut novel from Wisconsin writer, Rita Leganski. We still have to work out a meeting date that would be good for everyone, but we likely will be meeting following Sunday service at the end of June or early July depending on everyone's schedule. If you like to read, join us! Just drop us a note at [berichnj@aol.com](mailto:berichnj@aol.com), if you're interested or want further information.

## **HELP CELEBRATE KATIE'S ORDINATION**



Our very own Katie McCallister is quickly approaching her graduation from Virginia Theological Seminary on May 22, and on May 24, she will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Chip Stokes right here at Holy Trinity, her home parish. The service starts at 11 a.m. and will be followed by lunch in the Parish Hall.

In June, Katie will begin her new role as Assistant Rector at St. Alban's, Tucson, Arizona, where she will be minister for youth and families.

Holy Trinity would like to show our love by commissioning a stole for her which will remind Katie of her Holy Trinity and New Jersey roots. If you

would like to make a donation for the, please write “Katie” in the memo line on your check and put in collection plate.

## **DISCERNMENT –WHAT IS IT!**

I first heard that term many years ago when we first came to Holy Trinity and our own Barbara Jensen was somehow involved in it. I didn't give it much thought when our priest talked about it and Helen and I did go to the ceremony when Barbara became a deacon.

That was years ago and I really forgot about it until early 2009 when I received a call from our priest, Father Phil Kasey, asking if I would be interested in being a member of the Discernment Committee for a young parishioner, who was thinking about becoming a priest.

I wasn't really sure what that meant but I agreed. It sent me to a dictionary to see what that strange term, “discernment” meant. The “ability to see and understand people, things, or situations clearly and intelligently” didn't seem like it had religious implications. Or the “quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure” wasn't much help either.

Four other parishioners, Kim DeSarno, Tom Flynn, Kelly Brandt and Sandy Rahn also stepped up to join the “committee.” Speaking for myself, I really had no idea what we were supposed to do or how we were to go about it, but, shortly we met with our “Discernment Shepherd,’ the Rev. Carolyn Eklund.

We soon learned that our job was to help our young parishioner decide if giving their life to God was the right course.

I sure wasn't positive how I could do that, but, our committee plunged into the task and met with the candidate six to eight times the rest of the year. I was happy to chair that committee and collectively we agreed to recommend favorably to the diocese.

It was a very fulfilling process for the committee and we're so pleased that 4 ½ years later, KATIE McCALLISTER will be ordained a priest.

Here's what Kelly Brandt said recently about our meetings with Katie: “Our first meeting with Katie, I was blown away! Her willingness to share so openly and honestly was very exciting. It also showed me how trusting she was in us, trusting in God through us. Our discernment seemed like a no brainer but helping someone in



making such a life changing decision is intense and a quite huge responsibility!

“To see someone believe so deeply was refreshing and surprising. It seemed out of the ordinary for a young person. I think it was a challenge to discern past the age and the possible lack of life experience that may bring. But as most of you know, as soon as Katie begins sharing that all goes out the window! Katie was able to inspire a small group of people tasked with questioning her call. Inspire may be an understatement. I was honored to be a part of this process from the very beginning and cannot wait to walk with her on this new path she is on. Congratulations Katie! “

**And Sandy Rahn had similar thoughts:** “Four years ago Fr. Phil Kasey approached me to be a member of the discernment committee as there was a young parishioner interested in becoming a priest. Me? I know nothing of the discernment process, what could I contribute, I certainly didn’t know anything about the life of a priest and barely knew Katie McCallister. Off I went to the first committee meeting skeptical and unsure. That evening, meeting in the youth room with my fellow committee members, I realized we were all uncertain of the process and what was expected of us.”

“Katie McCallister joined us, a young college student studying in Arizona with over a year left in her studies until graduation. My first thought? She is so young, how could she possibly be certain she wanted to be a priest. Then Katie shared her calling to serve Jesus, her wish to complete the discernment process so that she could begin her seminary studies as soon as possible after graduation. Was she sure exactly how she would fulfill her calling? Not always, but her calling was always evident. Her heart was open and honest, and over the next months she answered so many questions from us, sometimes via email and as often as possible in person. Never once did she waiver.

“Today we are a few short weeks before Katie’s ordination. Katie will join St. Alban’s Tucson as Assistant Rector a few weeks later. They have been blessed, as she will be amazing.

“Thank you Katie for letting me know you better and travel with you thru the discernment process. You have enriched my life and I look forward to hearing of your new parish. Always remember

Holy Trinity is your home and you are in our thoughts and prayers every day.”

**Here’s Father Phil’s thoughts about Katie’s journey:** “It was a great honor for me to be one of Katie’s presenters at her ordination to the Diaconate in Rumson, but, due to a conflict with Mom’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, I will not be able to join you on May 24. So, I am pleased take this chance to respond to Bruce & Helen’s invitation to share some thoughts on my participation in her discernment process.

“Soon after arriving at Holy Trinity in the summer of 2004, while collecting my sermon from the pulpit following a Sunday service, Katie, who’d served as an acolyte that day, asked me how long I’d had to go to seminary before becoming a priest. She also wanted to know if that was something I’d done instead of, or after, college. It was a brief, friendly conversation. Once I got home though, I realized Katie wasn’t asking a question about my past, but about her possible future.

“I had spoken or written to a handful of young people over the years about the possibility of their having a vocation in the priesthood. So far, none of these inquiries on my part had gone anywhere, and I didn’t want to blow this one. I didn’t bring my hunch to Katie’s attention right away, because I was looking for the right time and reason. That reason presented itself at the next Diocesan Convention, where there was a report about a new program given by Fr. Ron Pollack. The Diocese was offering college students who were curious about ordained ministry the chance to shadow a priest for eight weeks in the summer, and receive a stipend of \$3,000.

“This was perfect! Once I got the green light for a high school senior on her way college in the Fall to apply for the program, I approached Katie. Rather than some lame intro like, “remember when you asked me about seminary? ....” I was able to get her full attention by saying, “Katie, would you be interested in a summer job paying \$3,000?”

“Of course, it wasn’t about the money, but that sure made it a lot easier for me to introduce the possibility of her curiosity about a vocation in the priesthood to an 18 year old young woman. Katie was intrigued, applied, was accepted, and the rest is part of an

ongoing history that will leave a bright shining mark on the Episcopal Church.

“There were still some years to go before she was ready to make the decision to enter the discernment process in preparation for applying to seminary, but I believe this was the opening to that path. Her call became clear to me some months later, in a conversation we had reflecting on her summer intern experience. When I asked if she was even thinking about seminary, she said it was, perhaps, a possibility for her. “All my friends seem to know what they’re studying to become, but I have no idea, “ Katie said to me. “I’ve always thought I was meant to do Something, something really Good, but I’ve never known what it was. Maybe this is it. I don’ t know, but, it just might be.” It was the exact same thought I’d had in the summer of 1976, and I knew she was on her way.”

The lesson to be learned here by all of us is that God can lead us in the right direction even when weren’t not sure what were trying to do or how to succeed. Just keep the faith!!

**Bruce Richardson**

## **SUNDAY ALTAR FLOWERS**

Sunday altar flowers are a beautiful gift to our Lord and a wonderful expression of our love for God and also the individual being honored or remembered. We invite you to choose a Sunday that has special meaning to you. Often, more than one person finds a certain date important so flowers may be given in more than one name on any given Sunday.

Celebrate a variety of moments - "In Memory of" a loved one, "In Celebration of" a marriage, birth, baptism or other special event, or "In Honor" of someone special.

### **How Do I Reserve a Sunday?**

Sign up for the Sunday you wish to sponsor Flowers on the calendar in the Narthex. **The cost is \$40.** Please mail a check to Holy Trinity, 90 Leonardine Avenue, South River, NJ 08882 and label your check altar flowers and the date you selected along with a note as to what you would

like as a dedication in the Sunday bulletin. Or, next time you are at church pick up a flower form fill out the information and place your check in the offering plate.

Another option, especially during the summer months, is to sign up and let us know that you will arrange the flowers from your garden on your own.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Flower Guild, please contact Kimberly DeSarno, 732-771-4521, [berly333@aol.com](mailto:berly333@aol.com).

Thank you all donors!!

## **NEWS FROM CALICO CAT**

**Happy Spring!** As we transition from a busy school year and prepare for the end of year events there is quite a bit going on at Calico Cat. The children are enjoying the opportunity to play outside after a long, cold, and snowy winter!

We have three teachers that are preparing to leave us for the summer to have their babies! Several new families have enrolled mid-winter in the two and three year old programs and we look forward to watching their children develop and thrive through our program.

Currently we are planning for a Graduation Ceremony for our two Pre-K classes on June 20 at 4 p.m. in the parish hall. This year Calico Cat's graduating class of 2014 will consist of 28 children.

Our summer camp calendar is complete and we are anticipating approximately 30 children with a 50/50 split of full time and part time enrollment. Summer Camp starts June 24. Enrollment is available on a per day basis. The cost is \$30 for a half-day and \$40 for a full day. Summer Camp packets are available in the back of the church. Parishioners and referrals from parishioners do receive a discounted tuition rate. If you are interested in the program please speak to me regarding details.

School will be closed the last week of August. We will be following this schedule on a yearly basis going forward. This week is spent preparing for the new school year. The teachers will come in sporadically during that week to prepare and clean their classrooms and tweak their lesson plans. The school will undertake some paint touch-ups, floor waxing and few

minor repairs and modifications. Then we take off running for opening day September 2.

We are due for our Childcare State License renewal in August. This is a process we go through every two years. This requires quite a bit of paperwork and re-submission of background checks for all staff members and several visits from our State Inspector ensuring that our facility and program meet all licensing requirements.

Other than a refill of mulch in our playground I do not anticipate any major requirements that will need attention. Rest assured Calico Cat will be in tip-top shape as we enter into the license renewal phase as preparation is already underway.

On April 17 we had our annual Township Fire Prevention inspection. We were not cited for a single violation, and just one emergency exit light needed repair.

Enrollment numbers for summer camp and the fall will be reported within the summer issue of The Trumpet. I am confident that after reviewing the information I have to date we will have a strong fall enrollment.

By the time you are reading this, Teacher Appreciation Week will have just ended. This year I decided to do something a little different. Historically the parents have always brought goodies in for the teachers. Usually desserts, breakfast or lunch or chocolate! Since the event lasts all week, there were some days that there was an over abundance of treats and some days were "treat less". This year we have a sign-up system for each day and each classroom. It will be a week filled with teacher appreciation, recognition and pampering.

It is wonderful to work in an environment that it is so obvious that the parents want to give back to the people that touch their child's life in such a significant way. I look forward to reporting in June!

**Peace,**

**Dominique Kaczmarek**  
**Calico Cat Director**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year we combined Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade into one Sunday School class. This class has been using the Godly Play curriculum, and it has been very successful. Godly Play has the teacher present a Bible story using simple manipulatives made out of wood, felt and clay. The manipulatives are usually non-descript, allowing the children's imaginations to put their own faces on the characters.



**Jesus' Last Passover**

Once the story has been presented, Wondering Questions are asked. For example, following the story of Jesus' Last Passover, various questions are posed to the class culminating with, "I wonder if you have ever been close to a table like this?" The children's answers to these questions shape the discussion and often lead to a deeper understanding of the story. Following the discussion, the children are invited to work with any of the manipulatives in the classroom. Alternatively, they can respond to a story via art mediums – paints, markers, crayons and clay. This method of teaching fosters the creation and growth of a personal relationship with God. The teacher doesn't tell the children who God is. Instead, they are free to discover God on their own through the use of religious language – sacred stories, parables, liturgical action and silence.

Godly Play manipulatives, or story sets, are extremely expensive. This year, I've concentrated on making the sets myself with some help from

others (thank you Kim DeSarno, Bill Kendrick and Claudia Miller.) We've amassed close to 20 story sets, but many key stories are needed to complete our Godly Play classroom. If anyone has woodworking skills and is willing to donate their time, it would be greatly appreciated.

We've had many new children join our class this year – Praise the Lord! Additional teachers and assistants are needed. Please prayerfully consider lending your time and talent to the Sunday School ministry. Thank you – Jennie Racek ([jcracek@msn.com](mailto:jcracek@msn.com), 732-698-0243)

**Jennie Racek**

## **LET'S BE PROACTIVE!—THOUGHTS FROM A VESTRY MEMBER**

I've always felt that helping at the church was rather a hurry-up and wait affair. Although you may plan and plan for weeks you need to wait for a vestry meeting and then rocket off to work so that the next stage can be prepared and then the inevitable need to wait occurs again.

I thought perhaps this time I could take a more proactive approach to suggesting projects that's easier on my blood pressure by making a list of things that could be done so that when I meet with the right people, at the right time, all will be prepared. Hopefully I'll even get a few approved.

1) Archive- We have a treasure trove of documents and photographs that could be destroyed if the wrong set of circumstances sets upon us....remember Sandy? Therefore my first suggestion is to begin scanning copies of the information. No doubt we could also use some of the material on the website or Facebook page to "advertise" our glorious heritage.

2) Communication and Feedback- We need to talk to each other better. I have suggested previously that on rotation a vestry committee give a short announcement every week so that everyone knows what is going on.

3) Electronic giving- I think is most definitely in our future. I have worked with electronic transfers as a union member and so I am well aware of the fact that this allows better budgeting and a more consistent stream of capital

4) Internet- It's our time to shine. If Episcopal monks can use Youtube I know we can do more to enhance many facets of our Worship-life by using Facebook and our own website, etc.

- 5) Compost- We have enormous amounts of yard waste and we should not be throwing it away when we could be composting it in the interest of bettering our soil or use it in a...
- 6) Garden- We could broaden our outreach and teach our kids important lessons. Our sister parish used elements from a program I have previously submitted and there's no reason we could not benefit ourselves and others
- 7) Transition programs (post-Confirmation)- I suggested this program after seeing how well my daughter responded to the mentoring program. My oldest son suggested we do some similar sort of outreach for even older folks who are searching for something, especially since the Episcopal campus program does not have any offices on junior college campuses.
- 8) Interim program alternatives- I brought this up briefly at a Vestry meeting and was told about the enormous cost to the diocese of having two people in office at one time. My suggestion though is to alter the contract of the new priest so that they could stay a little longer before they retire and help set more of the groundwork for a transition therefore decreasing the two year interim stay. It's jarring on people to be without a regular pastor for two years. I think we could do better.
- 9) Sunday school- We should look at what is working and not working now that we are a year into our new format
- 10) Fundraising- We should be running much more regular fundraisers to protect our endowment. We could fill in with things like "dine to donate" programs that cost virtually nothing to set up and support the local economy.

I am not trying to be radical but I do believe we have options. We need to open the paths of communication within our community and think about what tomorrow has in store for us, before it ever gets here, by being proactive.

**Martin J. Spielman**



# Senior Warden Report

I would like to thank everyone who had a part in creating a truly moving Lenten season at Holy Trinity. We are blessed with many talented and faithful members, who are willing to participate for the enhancement of our worship.

## Blessings I Received

Count the ripples in the water from the river to the sea  
Just a part of God's creations, count the branches of the trees  
When you add this all together it is one way you can find  
A total of your memories that surface to my mind  
As I count my blessings standing tall or on bended knees  
You my friend have been a part of the blessings I received

As the fish swim under the water, still they find a way to breathe  
Like the strength for us to travel and our freedom to believe  
When you add this all together, it is one way you can find  
A total of your memories that surface to my mind  
As I count my blessings standing tall or on bended knees  
You my friend have been a part of the blessings I received

God above divides His love in so many different ways  
There are no mathematics that could sum up His total Grace  
As your heart beats countless times within your chest each day  
If I should ever cross your mind my friend, I would like to say  
As I count my blessings standing tall or on bended knees  
You my friend have been a part of the blessings I received

Poem by Rex Baker

**Kimberly Klitzke-DeSarno**

## ABOUT MUSIC PLANNING

Do you ever wonder why certain hymns and service music are chosen?

Every week, I sit with the appointed readings for the next Sunday (and often those in the future) to see what hymns work to illustrate and reinforce the readings. For instance, I wonder how many realized that the hymns chosen recently for the Baptism of Christ all carried images of water? The Sunday reading which mentioned the disciples in the boat fishing was why I used "They cast their nets in Galilee" and "Lord, you have come down to

the lakeshore.” This past week, Easter 3 carried many images in the hymns of shepherd, breaking of the bread and baptism – all related to the readings. This selection of hymns is not an accident and not based on my favorites or what strikes me but firmly on the day we celebrate, the season of the church year and the readings.

Likewise the Service Music: There are, according to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, responses and “chants” that are necessary for the Eucharist. We sing “A Song of Praise” at the start of the liturgy. This can be the Gloria, A Canticle or Hymn of Praise, the Kyrie or the Trisagion. Other parts are required to be said or sung; the Sanctus and if desired, a Fraction Anthem (Breaking of the Bread.)

Anthems and special music are also a vital part of the selection process. Often the “music as we gather” or prelude is based on a hymn-tune. I try to span many periods and include everything from what would be called “traditional” to music from the “Praise” experience. My hope is that the music chosen, played, and sung, reflects the day and speaks to us – in whatever way works for each member of the congregation.

I see, as part of my work at Holy Trinity, the building of the musical experience. This means using the wonderful resources we have: the Hymnal, Wonder, Love, and Praise, and Lift Every Voice and Sing II. Everyone will not “like” everything we use but we owe it to each other to experience new things musical; the hymnal is, in many ways, very stylized and traditional. It might surprise some to know that a good many of the hymns in the Hymnal 1982 are seldom used and in some cases, not very easy to sing or attractive. If those suggested in my resources are not easily approachable or singable, I research other volumes to find alternatives.

**Richard Thomas Biernacki, BSG**

## **TOO MUCH SNOW—NOT ENOUGH DOUGH! PLEASE HELP DEFRAY SNOW REMOVAL COSTS**

It may be Spring, but we can't forget what the past Winter did to us. The Vestry is asking all parishioners to consider a special donation to defray the cost of snow removal. We well exceeded the 2014 budget in this area. Please write “snow” in the memo line of your check or use the special envelopes marked snow at the rear of the church.

## **SUPPORT THE “RACE FOR LIFE” ON MAY 17**

It's not too late to support our our “Holy Walkers” who will be participating in the in the Relay for Life at Denny Stadium in South River on May 17. The Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society. It gives everyone in the community an opportunity to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that takes too much.

### **Help the Holy Walkers:**

We hope that you had dinner on May 7 at LaTavola Cucina on Old Bridge Turnpike where 10% of your bill was donated to the Holy Walkers, but you can also go online at [www.RelayforLife](http://www.RelayforLife) and search the South River race to make a direct donation to the Holy Walkers team.

Information flyers are in back of the Church ,so join the Holy Walkers & the Relay for Life to Remember, Celebrate and Fight Back!

Calico Threads representatives will also be at the race to distribute information about the operation.

## **LITURGY AND WORSHIP**

The Liturgy and Worship Committee continues to meet on the first Sunday of every month with Father John. A thank you to this committee's efforts in making all the Holy Week services well received by the people of Holy Trinity. Martin Spielman is the process of obtaining his LEV license, so he can participate in this ministry of bringing Communion to our homebound parishioners.

**JoAnn Devlin, 908-227-5031**

## **BROTHERHOOD OF ST. GREGORY**

Holy Trinity has an unusual and interesting connection with the Brotherhood of St. Gregory. Organist and Choirmaster, Richard Thomas Biernacki is the Founder and Minister General.

The Brotherhood is now in its 44th year of life and work in the Church. Here Br. John Henry Ernestine is a member and assists from time to time, has preached on several occasions and recently led the taught for the Lenten Study on the Stations of the Cross. More than 15 years ago, the Brotherhood "gave birth" to the Sisters of St. Gregory and one of the first members was the late Sr. Elizabeth Mary Burke, SSG.

What follows is a basic description of the ethos of the community. You are invited to visit the community website ([www.gregorians.org](http://www.gregorians.org)) with photos, history and the Quarterly Newsletter "the Servant."

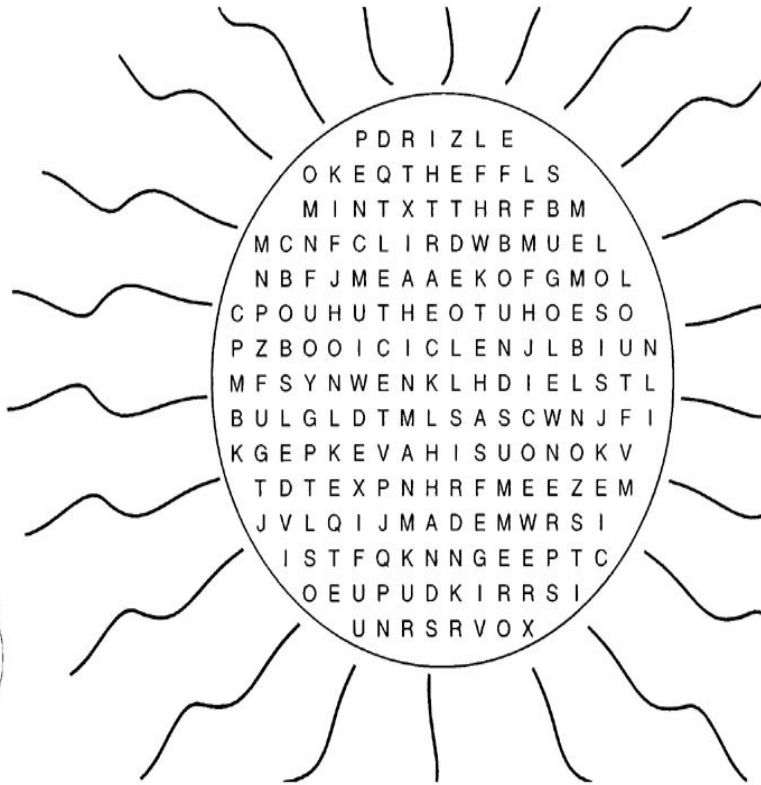
## **CALLED TO SERVE**

**The Brotherhood of Saint Gregory** is a Christian Community of The Episcopal Church, its Communion Partners, and the worldwide Anglican Communion, whose members follow a common rule and serve the church on parochial, diocesan, and national levels. Members — clergy and lay, without regard to marital status — live individually, in small groups, or with their families. They support themselves and the community through their secular or church-related work, making use of their God-given talents in the world while not being *of* the world. The trust that all labor and life can be sanctified is summed up in the community's motto: *Soli Deo Gloria*, To God Alone the Glory.

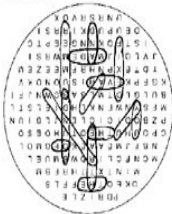
**Flexibility is crucial** in the ministry of the Brotherhood. Each member is encouraged to develop his gifts and talents under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the care and direction of the community. Brothers work in parishes as liturgists, musicians, librarians, artists, visitors to the poor and the sick, administrators, sextons, teachers, guild members, and clergy. On diocesan and national levels, brothers serve in a number of administrative and pastoral capacities. Many of those in secular employment continue the servant theme, and work as teachers, nurses and administrators. The aim is to always follow Saint Gregory the Great as "servants of the servants of God"—whether in church or society.

# Word Find

In this word find, circle the words from the Bible verse above (from Psalm 74:17).



Answer:



# What's the Word?

In the spaces provided, fill in the first letter of each picture clue.

Psalm 74:17\*

\*In the northern hemisphere winter has ended and it is spring.  
In the southern hemisphere it is fall and winter will be coming soon.

Answer: You have fixed all the bounds of the earth:  
you made summer and winter.

# A Day of Wind and Fire



**Have you ever wondered how the Christian church got started? It hasn't always existed! It all began on an ordinary day when something very unexpected happened: God sent the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**The disciples of Jesus were gathered together in Jerusalem. Jesus had told them to go there after he ascended to heaven. It was a big religious holiday in the Jewish faith called Pentecost, and people were gathered from many different nations. If you had been in Jerusalem that day, it would have sounded like a meeting of the United Nations as you walked up and down the streets.**

**Suddenly came the sound of a mighty rushing wind and it filled the house where the disciples were sitting. Had you heard it, you might have thought a freight train was passing by.**

**Next, it began to look like little flames of fire were resting on each one of them. This was the presence of the Holy Spirit that Jesus had promised to them. Since that day, Pentecost has been called the birthday, or perhaps the anniversary of the Christian church. It's celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. This year we celebrate it on June 8.**

**Read Acts 2:1-3 to study the details; then gather as many candles as you can. Imagine that each candle is a person. When they are lit, each candle carries a little bit of light. This is sort of what it's like to be a Christian. From the time we are baptized, we have God's light inside us. When we let our**

lights shine, then people can see the goodness and love of God at work in the world .

## **THE FINAL WORD**

Here's something that came to me recently that I thought I would share with readers of the Trumpet—there's a good lesson in these words:

*Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two-hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead "I will come next Tuesday", I promised a little reluctantly on her third call.*

*Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and reluctantly I drove there. "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn! The road is invisible in these clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see badly enough to drive another inch!"*

*My daughter smiled calmly and said, "We drive in this all the time, Mother." "Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears, and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her. "But first we're going to see the daffodils. It's just a few blocks," Carolyn said. "I'll drive. I'm used to this." "Carolyn," I said sternly, "Please turn around."*

*"It's all right, Mother, I promise. You will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience. After about twenty minutes, we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church, I saw a hand lettered sign with an arrow that read, "Daffodil Garden " We got out of the*

*car, each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then, as we turned a corner, I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight.*



*It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different colored variety was planted in large groups so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. There were five acres of flowers.*

*"Who did this?" I asked Carolyn. "Just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modestly sitting in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house.*

*On the patio, we saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."*

*For me, that moment was a life-changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration.*

*That is, learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time--often just one baby-step at time--and learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time. When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.*

*"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five or forty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"*

*My daughter summed up the message of the day in her usual direct way. "Start tomorrow," she said.*

*She was right. It's so pointless to think of the lost hours of yesterdays. The*



*way to make learning a lesson of celebration instead of a cause for regret is to only ask, "How can I put this to use today?"*

***Use the Daffodil Principle. Stop waiting.....***

***Until your car or home is paid off  
Until you get a new car or home  
Until your kids leave the house  
Until you go back to school  
Until you finish school  
Until you clean the house  
Until you organize the garage  
Until you clean off your desk  
Until you lose 10 lbs.  
Until you gain 10 lbs.  
Until you get married  
Until you get a divorce  
Until you have kids  
Until the kids go to school  
Until you retire  
Until summer  
Until spring  
Until winter  
Until fall  
Until you die...***

***There is no better time than right now to be happy.  
Happiness is a journey, not a destination.  
So work like you don't need money.  
Love like you've never been hurt, and,  
Dance like no one's watching.***

***Wishing you a beautiful, daffodil day!***

*Don't be afraid that your life will end, be afraid that it will never begin.*

*I received this from a college roommate, who I have kept in touch with over the years. If you want to brighten someone's day, pass this on to someone special.*

*I just did!*

**Helen Richardson**

# **Help us Save the Trees!!**

**We want to do our part in saving the forests, but we need your help desperately.**

**For years we printed a copy of The Trumpet for nearly every family at Holy Trinity and those that weren't picked up were mailed out. A few years ago, we asked members who wanted to receive it via email only to give us their internet address.**

**With this issue, we're going to take another step into the future—we hope!**

**This issue will be sent to all members of Holy Trinity that the church has an e-mail address for in it's system. The issue will come from my personal e-mail account, [berichnj@aol.com](mailto:berichnj@aol.com).**

**If you do not wish to receive the electronic version, please write to me and I will remove you from the distribution list.**

**There are a couple of reasons for wanting to switch to an electronic format.**

- 1. It can be distributed easier and quicker.**
- 2. We will be able to use more pictures and other features, like videos, If we do it electronically.**
- 3. We'll save a lot of expense—right now it costs about 75 cents to mail it out.**

**We know, of course, that some members still want a hard copy of The Trumpet and we will continue to print some each month. Personalized copies will still be on the table in the back of the church. Please pick them up.**

**We also know that some members are not able to get to church and we want to make sure they get printed copies too.**

**We know that there may be some bugs in the system initially, but, please bear with us as we attempt to “modernize” our communication system.**

**Bruce and Helen Richardson**