



St. Francis
Of Assisi



May 20th, 2015

The Feast of Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours

St. Francis and Trinity continue to reap great blessings together as we explore ministry and Christian witness together. I am delighted to announce two blessings that will add to our lives together as the Episcopal Churches of Warren County. We are adding two staff members, and although you know them both already their positions and responsibilities are new.

First, after over two years of service as one of our Sunday Morning Musicians, we announce that as of June 1st Joseph Glarner will assume the title of Music Director for Trinity. Having witnessed his beginnings and incredible growth as a worship musician, we will see Joe add the responsibilities of leadership of our musical ministries. Joe will be responsible for all communications, coordinating all maintenance and purchases, handling suggestions and feedback, and continuing our progress in developing a vigorous and vital music ministry as part of our corporate life. What joy to have such a creative and energized disciple adding to our leadership!

Second, we have all rejoiced in witnessing Tim Dyer's first steps in ordained ministry following his ordination to the Diaconate and his appointment as Deacon in Warren and Youngsville. We are now overjoyed to announce several major steps in his formation process towards ordination to the Priesthood. Our Diocese has decided to support Tim in pursuing a Masters in Divinity degree through The Church Divinity School of the Pacific. His program of study is 'low-residency' program, in which he will attend classes in person for a total of 4 weeks a year and then continue his studies through various distance learning arrangements while he lives and ministers here in our midst.

To provide him employment and benefits while he pursues this four year course of study, our Diocese has chosen to hire him as Trinity and St. Francis' Clergy Associate for Pastoral Ministries, adding him to our staff! As part of his compensation package, Tim and his spouse Noreen will move into the vicarage on our Youngsville property and he will be given an office in our Warren facility. While his studies will occupy a good portion of his time, it is also expected that Tim will spend approximately 30 hours a week in active ministry in our congregations. His responsibilities will include continuing to help lead worship each Sunday and Wednesday evening as well as organizing our pastoral care ministry and seeking to expand our program ministry offerings.

To say that I am delighted with these developments is an understatement. Our staff now doubles in size as our parish administrator Barb and I welcome two new members to our office. We look forward to their help and input in coordinating and leading our many ministry efforts. Please join us in prayers of thanksgiving to God for providing so much to us as we pursue Christ's mission for his church here in Warren County.

Yours in Christian Joy,
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God is Speaking

My 'take your priest out for coffee, lunch, or just a conversation' policy has led to some wonderful conversations in recent months. I'm not one to force my way into people's lives, but the opportunity to hear about what is going on and to be asked to join with someone in wondering what God may be saying in the midst of one's life is an incredible joy. I've joined in wondering about what retirement might bring, what membership in a church 'means', what baptism could do, and why suffering through change could be a blessing. God is speaking some incredible good news into the midst of the lives of Trinity, and to be able to walk with each of you is a special treat.

In some of these recent meetings a new theme has emerged, and like all issues there is more than what meets the eye. So many have been touched by the sense of a new and vital spirit in our worship life together. Many point to the music, and yes it is an inspirational facet of our

worship like it has been throughout Trinity's history. Some point to the new format for Wednesday night, with its grace-filled silences, meditative music, and relaxed setting that is offering everyone who comes a rich place to encounter God. Some say the preaching has been especially good (and are also quite sly as to not mention which preacher is doing the good work...and isn't it a blessing to have so many who can help us hear the Spirit's message in our worship?!)

But in the midst of conversations around all these and many other topics, we come to realize together that these items do not explain what God is doing. As we try to account for how our lives are being changed by this new vitality, as we try to point at what mechanism is doing this holy thing, we come to realize that it is not how the music, or liturgy, or preaching has changed that is important.

No, it is that we are being changed. Our eyes and ears being opened to the knocking of the one who comes to our spiritual homes and asks us to open the door that he might enter in. And through the preaching, the worship, the liturgy, and several other forms of invitation, Trinity is experiencing what happens when we let God speak to us. Whether it is worse or better than the past is not important (and really not a healthy thing to worry

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about). What is important is to name how we are being transformed.

It is absolutely vital now that we not rest on this great experience. I preached recently that the spiritual life is one of having our eyes constantly opened to what God is doing and that the world's greatest need is to hear about it. If you, like so many others who are with us at this time, are welcoming this new spirit into your life, then know that this is not for you alone. What is happening is the very good news this world needs so desperately to hear. The Church in its mission to spread this good news is working in a difficult time. Our culture seems much more hostile and much less welcoming of the good news, as we are overwhelmed by other news and other distractions that keep so many from opening the door to Christ's life-giving presence. Whereas before we could stand and open the doors of the church and consider that the work of telling our story and joining with God in offering the invitation, now the world needs to hear much more openly what God is doing in each of our spiritual lives.

I believe truly that God is pouring his power into us, like he has done for generations upon generations, to do this work. God continues to bless his children with the gifts for meeting the challenges of their times. The task is the same as it always has been: to speak the good news into our community, into our world that we have been given to be disciples in. What is different is our world, and thus we are to trust that God is transforming us, today, into the agents of

this mission, blessing us with the gifts to do this mighty work.

Developing those gifts, growing confident in these gifts of God to us today is our next step in the life of Trinity. As those who have sat with me for conversations have begun, these stories and reflections upon our lives must continue and grow. To each and every one of you I challenge you to begin (or continue) to develop a way of explaining what is happening in your spiritual life. It could be you need to sit with me or Deacon Tim for a while, maybe over coffee, to begin this work of reflecting and shaping your story. It may be best to work with a friend, as it is always good to invite other ears into the work of hearing. God is speaking to us all, and through each other's ears we may here more clearly the good news he is asking us to share with the world.

Trinity's leaders are working on ways to further encourage this work of reflecting and sharing, that more of us will be built up and more stories of revelation and transformation will be shared within our community's life. Maybe God is leading you to shape this ministry at Trinity! Whatever God is speaking, do not rest on this good moment in our lives together; no, carry it on as your ministry in the mission of Christ to our community and let us hear what good news God is bringing to our world!



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Celebrate !

Trinity rejoices with all graduates on Sunday, June 7. Join us as we offer thanksgiving to God for all those graduating from High School or College.

High School: Quinn Boger, Bailey Dilks, Elin Smith.

College/Degree: Megan Giacomino, Nathan Heltzel, Nancy Scott, Jocelin Thomas, Joseph Thomas, Nathan Heltzel

More information on each individual will be included our next newsletter.



DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP

Every summer for over thirty years, young people in grades 2-12 gather at Camp Nazareth, an Orthodox camp, near Mercer, PA, for a week of summer camp. The camp is staffed each year by a group of approximately 25 adults from around the diocese who are committed to providing the best camp experience possible. An average of 130 young people participate in activities that include worship, small group discussions, team building, swimming, softball, and a wide variety of other activities. This summer camp program is one of the most positive experiences offered in our diocese. It has impacted the lives of many of our young people over the years. More and more we see those who were once campers returning to be counselors. Diocesan Summer Camp truly encompasses the best of who we are as a diocese: a community knit together by our faith and our shared experience that is Northwestern Pennsylvania.

This year's camp is being held June 14-20. Applications are available on the table in the entryway. Please remember that if you need help with costs, transportation, or to encourage your young people to attend, all you need to do is call Father Matthew.

Annual Diocesan Worship and Picnic



A great opportunity for worship, fellowship and fun is just around the corner as we join with our brothers and sisters throughout the Diocese at the **Annual Diocesan Worship and Picnic at Waldameer Park on Sunday, June 21st.**

Registration begins at 10 AM with our Awesome, Outside Worship Service starting at 11 AM!

Tickets are \$20 per person (with a maximum of \$80 per family), which includes food, rides, and the water park. Ticket sales **MUST** be done in advance using only tickets that are obtained through the church from the Diocese. We must call in the ticket numbers on Monday, June 8th. Please sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex, by June 7th. If paying by check, please make your check out to the church.



August 16 Picnic Sunday

Circle Sunday, August 16th on your calendars, when we will gather at Betts Park for our summer worship and fellowship event. The day will feature a cookout, bocce, kids and family games! Sign up lists will go out in July to reserve your spot and for people to offer to help lead games and offer different parts of the fun.





What an outpouring of support! Over \$3300 was raised for our Holiday Hot Meals program through the Warren Gives online fundraiser held May 13th. \$2970 worth of donations was matched by over \$ 416 in matching funds provided by the sponsoring organizations. This doubles last year's support. Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving for our friends at the Community Foundation of Warren and for the wonderful donors who gave so much.



Coffee Fellowship

Thanks to *Addy & Gary Landrio, Beth Porter, Mary Lou & Tom Watt, Chris Mesmer, Betsy & Jerry Bowersox and Rose Landon* for hosting coffee hour the months of March and April

Would you like to host a coffee hour, but think you can't bake? Store bought treats are always welcome, but now there's another way to participate. Simply designate a contribution as "coffee hour treats." Someone will do the shopping for you, and you will be the VIRTUAL HOST or HOSTESS! See Dee Stewart if you have questions.

Check out the entryway table open Sundays for your opportunity serving in this fellowship ministry.

Income & Expense, Operating Fund to April 30, 2015

	Actual to 4/30/15	Budget to 4/30/15	2015 Budget
Member Contributions	\$30,933	\$28,941	\$86,824
Other Income	\$7,950	\$3,183	\$9,200
Plate Income	<u>\$475</u>	<u>\$333</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Outreach Income	<u>\$377</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Sub Total Income	\$39,735	\$32,457	\$97,024
Endowment	\$34,038	\$34,038	\$99,979
Total Income	\$73,773	\$66,495	\$197,003
Expenses	\$77,832	\$66,491	\$197,003
Difference	\$-4,059		

Birthdays



June

- 1 - Chris & Rocky O'Sheill
- 4 - Denny Brown
- 7 - Helen Kroemer
- 8 - Caleb Capello
Grant Brown
- 10 - David Ball 11
- 11 - Lydia Renninger
- 12 - Jennifer Brewer
- 13 - Mickey Conroy
- 16 - Adriane Ludwick
- 21 - Jesse Sternberg
- 22 - Megan Giacomino,
Michael Campbell
Nancy & Matthew Scott
- 24 - Ryan Willis
- 27 - Doris Yankasky
Alan & Leslie
Baldensperger
- 29 - Marcy O'Brien &
Richard Fisher
- 30 - Bailey Dilks
Pat Pollard
Linda & Tom Jensen
Pam & Piers Curry

July

- 6 - Carissa Delattre
- 7 - Kelsey Dilks
Bev & Paul Carlberg
- 11 - Clarabella Glarner
Tom Jensen
- 12 - Randy Swanson
Vivien & Paul Boger
- 13 - Sylvia Anderson
- 14 - Janet & Gene Ely
Erin & Bill Renninger
- 16 - Suzy Painter
Jane & David Ball
- 17 - Kurt Glarner
- 20 - Brody Connolly
Jen & Bob Dilks
- 22 - Kathy & Jack Glarner
- 23 - Richard West
- 25 - Suki & Patrick McGhen
- 27 - Kelsey Campbell
- 28 - Erin Renninger
- 29 - Terry Brant
Donna & Ed Ball
- 31 - Clare Glarner
Jerry Bowersox

Anniversaries

August

- 2 - Scott Madigan
Charles Steinmeyer
- 3 - Colin Ely
- 4 - Oran Stewart
- 5 - Suki McGhen
- 7 - Ailsa Boger
Lynda McCollough
- 8 - Dee Stewart
- 10 - April & Joe Glarner
- 11 - Rachel & John Robertson
- 12 - Veryl Riley
Gene Ely
- 16 - Nancy Scott
Pat & Andrew Pollard
- 17 - Jerry Ely
Elaine & Richard West
- 18 - Dee & Oran Stewart
- 19 - Naomi Scott
Robert Brown
- 22 - Mary Lou Campbell
- 26 - Elin Smith
- 28 - Donna & Ralph Brown
- 30 - Robert Doran
- 31 - Joshua John
Tom Watt

Birthdays



Anniversaries



Illness/ Surgery/ Other Needs: John, Rebecca, Rhonda & Steve, those suffering from addictions, Roger, Kevin, Christian, my mother, Debbie, Nichole & baby girl, Marcy, Les Welsh, Falber Family, Gavin, Ann, Roger Kevin, Doug, Christian, Tim, Rhonda, Stephen, hope for the poor, Stephen

Prayer Requests

Thanksgiving for: safe travels for all families, new friendships, mothers, my mom, Terry, Tom Addy, Children & Moms, a job, Mission Conference-One Church, Joe, Andrew, a successful marathon

Serving in the Armed Services: Curtis Delattre, Grant Brown, Parker Hahn, Cody, Toby, & Jeremy Williams, Jackie Shaw, Nathan Lake, Jed in Afghanistan, HT2 Jesse Sternberg in the Persian Gulf, Robert Barrett, Dan Schantz, Jonathon Fox, Andrew Horner, Stephen Miller, Patrick Schantz Abe Vansile, Bill Wencil, Bill Horner, Stephen Miller, Sondra Dew, T.J. Fera, Pete Ochucki, Stephen Battko, Cathy Fox, Rob Umbaugh, Adam Decker, Corey Traut, Troy Spencer, Pete Scobell, Jason Sweet, Natalie Neidrick Julin, Jolene Nobles, Aaron Heliker, Arick Heliker Matthew Wright, Matthew Lambert, Sean Jenkins, Krista Traut, Matthew Easterly Alaxis Brink Smith

The Clergy: Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop; Sean Rowe, our Bishop; Matthew Scott, our vicar, Tim Dyer, our deacon

Prayer for the Diocese

O God, by your grace you have called us in this diocese to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Sean, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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