

Trinity Tidings

April, 2015

✱ Monthly Newsletter for Trinity "Old Swedes" Episcopal Church ✱

GETTING UP AND MOVING ON

An author with the curious name of Og Mandino once wrote a book called "*The Christ Commission*". Its premise was that a modern-day author goes back in time and interviews various key people involved in the events of Holy Week - Joseph of Arimathea, Caiaphas, Pilate, Peter, etc. To me, though, his most revealing interview is with a minor character, one of the Roman guards, because it contains an extraordinary insight. That night, the guard says, he and his fellow guards thought they saw a man walk through the stone and out of the tomb, so they opened the tomb to check and when they saw it was empty they fled.

I had never thought about that before, but it makes sense. If Jesus could appear to his disciples in a locked room, the stone didn't need to be rolled away for him to get out. It was rolled away so that we could look in.

Some years ago, Sue and I enjoyed a visit to the Holy Land. It was a memorable experience and one of the reflections our leader gave us was that while tourists usually expect to see things, in Jerusalem millions flock to the Holy Sepulchre to see nothing. Nothing. To gaze upon an empty space. Not so much where Christ was buried, but from where he got up. As one person put it, "*The bones of Lenin are in Moscow, the bones of Mohammed are in Medina, the bones of Buddha are in India, but the bones of Jesus are nowhere on this earth.*"

It's the getting up of the corpse that sets Christianity apart from all other religions or philosophies and "getting up" was a large part of Jesus' ministry. He told the sick, "take up your mat and walk". He called a blind beggar over to where he was waiting. He even said, "Lazarus, come forth". While carrying the Cross he fell and got up three times, like a wounded soldier struggling under fire to take a hill. He did. It was called Calvary and there he won his greatest victory - our Salvation.

Focusing on "getting up" helps, I think, to correct a common misunderstanding of the resurrection event. Easter is not so much about life after death as about getting up to face life here and now.

Each of our lives is filled with our worries, our fears, our sadness about this or that. It's easy to be overwhelmed and think there's nothing we can do. Life can, ironically, threaten to bury us.

But Jesus was always opposed to inactivity, even that brought on by death. The pile of discarded grave-clothes is his gesture of contempt for it. And the message of Easter is not just that Christ is risen; not just that we can go to heaven when we die; but that the same God who raised up Jesus can raise us up when life is ready to write us off.

The tomb could not hold Jesus and it cannot hold us, either. The power of God in our lives is greater than any other physical or spiritual power. We live, we can live, and we can live again, in this world and the next, for one reason and one reason only.

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

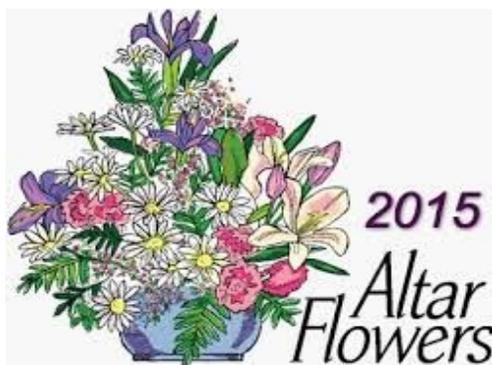
Fr. Frank ✝

Holy Week Services

- March 29 – Palm Sunday - 9:00 am
- April 3 – Good Friday - 7:00 pm. at Trinity
Noon at St. Stephen's
- April 4 – Holy Saturday - 7:28 pm Sunset Service and Eucharistic
- April 5 – Easter Sunday - 9:00 am

Easter Day Egg Hunt

The Trinity Guild is sponsoring an Egg Hunt in the churchyard after the service on Easter Day. All children eye welcome to participate.



Easter Altar Flowers – The flowers that grace our altar and church during the Easter season represent the beauty of God's presence in the renewal of the natural world as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We offer these flowers to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving for a special blessing. You may offer a memorial or thanksgiving donation of (\$6 each) for the Easter Flowers by filling out the Altar Flower Envelopes or by contacting Bob Fredd at 241-0617.

Child Care and Sunday School - Nursery thru Pre-K.

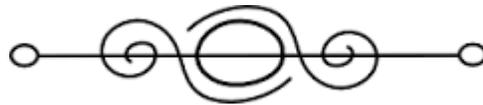
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS AT 9:00 am in the Parish Hall for grades K-6.
Child Care during our Sunday Service is provided in the Parish Hall for children, Nursery thru Pre-K.

Mark Your Calendar

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – 2015



Sponsored by the Historic Preservation Foundation the 21st annual Golf Tournament will be on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the Town & Country Golf Links in Woodstown at 11:00 AM followed by a banquet at that location. This tournament enables the Foundation to restore and maintain Our Church. If you are interested in any aspect of that event, please contact Sandy Strudwick at (856) 467-1227. Several members of Our Church serve as trustees of the Foundation: Edie Rohrman, Sandy, Father Frank, Bill Brace, Ed Carson, and Joanna. Thank you for your support.



FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH – DINNER MINISTRY TO ST. PAUL'S, CAMDEN:

DATES FOR 2015:

April 5

May 3

June 7

September 6

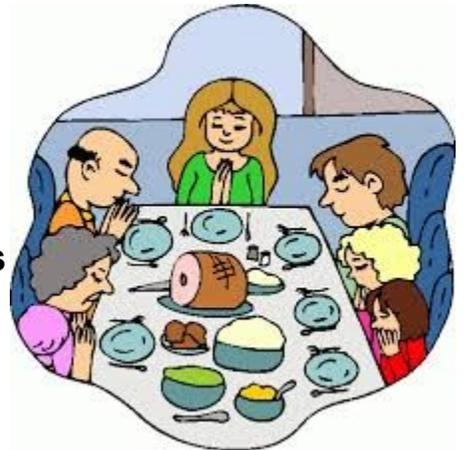
October 4

November 1

December 6

April 5 – Easter Sunday – 5:30 pm meet at St. Paul's to Serve, or carpool with other Trinity Members.

There will not be a need to cook in the Parish Hall this month. Monetary donations or Shoprite gift cards are very welcome. Please contact Joanna Becker-Lippincott (cell: 609-420-2705) with questions or to make donations.





Do you like to sing? Are you looking for a more personal and rewarding involvement in the worship service?

Come join our choir! ***Be a Leader - lead us in singing.*** Call our music director, Ted Kiefer, for more information. 856-371-1188

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein



New Dinner group !!

We are trying to start up the monthly Dining Club again. It is important for the future of our Church - - that we come together to "break bread" and CHAT WITH each other. I propose that we meet at a *LOCAL* restaurant, eat, chat, get to know each other. No strings or obligations. Everyone pays for their own meal. Possible restaurants could include: The Green Tea - - Applebees -

- Cicontee's - - Vesuveio - - Olive Garden - - Red Lobster - ????????

Where and when (day) would you like to meet and sup? E-Mail me! Nine of us went to Telford Inn for our last dinner out, a good time and good food was enjoyed by all (this was the



second time we met). If you plan to join us let us know by calling the Loigman's at 856-479-4724 or e-mail us at justfolkshere-edieloigman@yahoo.com. Watch for further notice.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS – like to volunteer as a Lay Reader, Greeter, Acolyte or Altar speak to Fr. Frank about these



We need YOU! Would Eucharistic Minister, Guild member? Please opportunities to serve!



WE NEED NEW CHURCH MEMBERS! TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND NEIGHBORS. Our church is small and needs new folks. This Sunday attendance was not great. To survive, we need you to help us grow.

KINGS THINGS

– Think about donating your unwanted items to Kings Things including furniture, small appliances, slightly used clothes and shoes. FOOD – Your donations can be brought to church on Sunday and left in the bin by the front door. Pantry need: jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti, sauce, pancake mix, pancake, syrup, tuna, can fruit, cereal, and & cheese, mash potatoes. The Thrift Store is now able to take in clean furniture donations: including pictures, tables and chairs, and couches (NO televisions please). Please phone the store to make larger donations . Monetary donations will help provide milk and fresh vegetables and can be sent to the Kings Things Food Pantry located at 1402 Kings Highway in Swedesboro.



Phone: 856-467-1796. Store Hours are: Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Friday 10 AM to 7 PM, Thursday 10 AM to 8 PM, Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday closed. Pantry hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Needy families are welcome to phone the Pantry directly to make arrangements for a food donation.

Confidentiality is assured. Donations of new small size personal hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, lotion, etc. will be sent to the USO.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to donate time at Kings Thinks and at the Furniture Store.

No heavy lifting needed – 3 hour shifts.

During the week 10-1, 1-4, 4-7 and Saturday 10-1 and 1-4, No Sundays

Call 856-467-1796 and speak with Arlene or Joyce



Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

Audrey Hepburn



About funerals: When a loved one is near death or dies you are encouraged to phone our priest right away, day or night. He will meet with you and your family privately for vigil prayers. And e will go with you to the funeral home to make arrangements if you wish. He will also meet with you to make arrangement for a funeral service. You can reach him through the church office at 856-467-1227.

About Illness and Hospital visits: Our priest will arrange to make hospital or home visits to say specific prayers for healing and to bring Holy Communion. In urgent situations he usually can meet you in a hospital emergency room. You can reach him through the church office at 856-467-1227.

BREAD, WINE & CANDLE AND ALTAR FLOWERS: There are available dates for the Bread, Wine And Candle Offerings and Altar Flowers. Reservation slips are on the bulletin board or you may call the church office at 467-1227.

PRAYER REQUEST FORMS are on the display case by the doors of the church. Please drop completed forms in the offering plate.

About weddings and baptisms: The very best way to arrange for a wedding or a baptism is to speak to our priest. Arrangements for baptisms are made in person with the priest by a parent or the person to be baptized if he or she is over the age of 16. In some cases a legal guardian can make the arrangements. The Baptism may take place after a formal preparation meeting with the priest, which usually takes place the week before the Baptism with the parents, God-parents and person to be baptized. Weddings can be scheduled with the priest. Officiating at a wedding or a baptism is one of the most blessed experiences of being a member of the clergy.



The Episcopal Church welcomes you!

Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 A.M.– HOLY EUCHARIST with Music 9:00 A.M.--Sunday School

Please phone the church office to arrange to have Communion brought to the homebound or for hospital visits, 467-1227

Fr. Frank St. Amour III, Priest in Charge
Mrs. Edie Rohrman, Music Director, Parish Historian
Ms. Sandy Strudwick, Church Secretary, (856-467-1227)

E-mail notifications:

If you are not receiving the Newsletter or other (infrequent!) church notifications by e-mail and would like to, please send your e-mail address to the church office to be included on the mailing list at: trinityoldswedes@comcast.net.



The **TRINITY TIDINGS** are published monthly. Articles are appreciated. I would appreciate receiving material by the 20th of each month. **Please, plain text – no formatting!** You can drop articles off at the Church office or e-mail at (justfolkshere-edieloigman@yahoo.com). If you have suggestions for items to be included please let me know.

Thank you – the editors

Edith and Barry Loigman



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