



The Trumpeter

EPIPHANY A season of manifestation

The twelve days of Christmas are all too quickly gone, and decorations stored away for another year. Crèches with Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, animals, angels and magi are typically packed away before the wise men even arrive!

January 6, The Feast of the Epiphany, marks the arrival of the magi, the wise men who followed the star to greet the new born king. This Holy Day was recognized as the Feast of the Incarnation long before the church began to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25. The Feast of the Epiphany continues to be the principal celebration in Eastern, Greek and Russian Orthodox churches.

While Christmas holds before us the miracle of the Incarnation, God made flesh coming to dwell among us, Epiphany (both the feast and the season it begins) turns our attention to the various ways in which Jesus' divinity was manifested (made apparent) among us.

Epiphany begins with the arrival of the wise men (Matthew 2:1-12). Wise men, sages, magi from the East noted an astral phenomenon that they interpreted as proclaiming an important birth. These magi, gentiles, represent the non-Jewish nations of the world in the same way that the shepherds represented the common Jewish peasants. The magi brought gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh; because there are three gifts, we assume there were three wise men, but Matthew is silent on this point.



The first Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany always marks the baptism of Jesus. This year we will hear Luke's version of this event (Luke 3:15-22). As Jesus comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice proclaims You are my Son, the Beloved."



When the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday of Year C, as it does this year, we hear all three classic Manifestation Stories – the magi, the baptism and the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11). Throughout the remainder of the Epiphany season, we will encounter Jesus in various ways that reveal something about his nature.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING January 27, 2019



Our Annual Meeting will begin with a covered dish luncheon following the 10 a.m. service. As

required by our by-laws we will elect 3 vestry members (Joyce Lynagh, Justin Milio and Lindsay Rims have agreed to serve) and receive reports. We will continue planning for our 200th anniversary. We will also honor the members of the Celtic Cross Honor Society, those who have named Trinity in their wills or other estate plans.

I am continually asked as to when our 200th birthday is, so here's the scoop – We were authorized to form a congregation in the fall of 1819. The church building was consecrated October 12, 1820. So, that means we can celebrate our Bicentennial from October 2019 to October 2020!

Make plans to attend the Annual Meeting on January 27 (snow date – February 3), following the 10 a.m. service.

-Fran Stanford-





FRANFARE

Dear friends,

We began Year C of the three-year liturgical calendar with Advent 1, December 2, 2018. This is Luke's Year, that is, most of our gospel readings are taken from the Gospel According to Luke. Year A was Matthew's year, and Year B was Mark's.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the synoptic gospels (syn-with, optic-eye) because they tell the story of Jesus more-or-less the same way. Yes, each has a particular emphasis and different target audience, but it is relatively easy to set them side by side and see they tell the same story. Mark omits Jesus' birth, but all three tell of Jesus' baptism. The passion accounts differ but they are remarkably similar. Biblical scholars largely agree that Mark was the earliest to be written and that both Matthew and Luke used Mark as a framework, perhaps even having a copy at hand to guide them. John, on the other hand, includes events not recorded in any of the other gospels and clearly references three Passovers while the other three have only one.

Luke is my favorite of the three synoptics, perhaps because Luke is arguably the best story-teller of the three. Mark is my least favorite because everything is so compressed, his favorite word being "immediately."

Luke originally wrote to a predominantly Gentile audience; he has a passion for the underprivileged and the outcast; and includes more women in his gospel. Among my favorite stories are those included in the infancy narrative.

The Annunciation to Zechariah
The Annunciation to Mary
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Jesus encounters the teachers in the Temple as a Child.

Because we rarely get the last of these stories in our gospel readings, and the only story about the boy Jesus that made the Bible, I will end this Franfare with a short reflection on it.

Jesus and his parents had traveled to Jerusalem for Passover, he was twelve years of age. At the end of the festival they set off home assuming Jesus was with relatives and they would reconnect when the travelers stopped for the evening. Only, Jesus was nowhere to be found. Mary and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem the following morning and looked high and low for the child, and finally found him in the Temple, conversing with the elders and apparently holding his own. Mary chastised him for causing them so much worry, as would any parent, although Mary may have been gentler than I would have been. Jesus was apparently surprised at both her concern and that she had not known where he would be, of course, he would be in his Father's House.

In this short story we see both Jesus as a human child, testing his parents' limits and patience, starting to find his own way and own voice as he grew into adolescence. We also have a very strong hint as to where the story will go as it progresses, with Jesus challenging boundaries, going his own way (or rather, the Father's way), and holding his own in debates with the religious scholars of his age.

Growing up is part of every human experience. We make choices our parents don't understand or don't approve, we suffer consequences we had not imagined, and we do what Mary so often does, we ponder these things in our hearts. Our duty as a church is to provide an environment that encourages each one of us to grow in faith, to test our spiritual limits, to find moments of solitude for contemplation, and to provide guidance to others as they follow their own spiritual paths. Whether we teach Sunday School, engage with young folk during coffee hour, help out with Youth Group, or merely get our kids to church on Sunday, we are fulfilling our promise to support the newly baptized in their life in Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Fran+



RECEPTION COMMITTEE



From time to time the Reception Committee helps families of Trinity put together receptions for funerals and memorial services. These can be done weekdays or weekends. We need volunteers to help purchase paper goods, coffee, tea, creamers, etc., set up the tables, serve food that is catered, and clean up following the reception. Clean up includes taking the tables and chairs down so the Parish Hall is ready for the following day.

Currently we have 3-4 people who help with the receptions. We need to expand our numbers. You would not be expected to help with each service but be available as needed. If you think you would like to help us, please call 410-668-6205.

-Nancy Bainbridge-



TIP OF THE HAT

- * Everyone who helped make the Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar such a sweet success.
- * Everyone who has made a pledge to support Trinity in 2019
- * Those who donated Christmas gifts to Warren Elementary Families.
- * Ernie Brandt and Susan Wiley for hanging the garland in the church for Christmas.
- * The Altar Guild for the lovely display of poinsettias at Christmas.
- * Sunday School teachers and volunteers who coordinated the Christmas Pageant.
- * Roy Lancraft for replacing the ballast and bulbs in the church sign.



TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

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January 9 & 10, 2019

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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 1 Carol Knight
- 4 Alexis Carson
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Max Luba
- 8 Sandra Barnes
- 9 Andrew Lowery
- 11 Tina Fiorelli
- 15 Robert Jones
- 20 Anita DiStefano
- 21 Mike Curran
- 23 Dorothy Deford
- 28 Martha Bainbridge
- 29 Susan Embich
- 31 Joan Dawson
Elijah Hand



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 1 Justin & Jeannie Milio
- 8 Mike & Sue Berry
- 27 Tony & Stephanie Torlina

FEBRUARY TRUMPETER DEADLINE

January 25, 2019
Please email your submissions to
marthab28@verizon.net

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should seasonal weather (snow, ice, etc.) strike at the time of scheduled events at Trinity, you should check the church answering machine for cancellation of events. In general, if there is a weather advisory warning people to stay off the roads, services will probably be cancelled. As always, your own judgment should prevail.

- Fran Stanford-



**In Memoriam
Barbara Anne Demaree**

February 25, 1933—December 1, 2018




CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



CCCB 2018

	Pre-Sales	Saturday Sales	Post Sales	Expenses	Total
Greens	\$ 1,453.50	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 1,633.25	\$ 908.25
Greeters Raffle		\$ 1,400.00		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,350.00
Baskets	\$ 405.00	\$ 729.00	\$ 292.00	\$ 301.22	\$ 1,124.78
Café		\$ 542.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 305.82	\$ 252.18
Bake Table		\$ 486.40	\$ 160.00		\$ 646.40
Santa Photos		\$ 341.00	\$ 10.00		\$ 351.00
Vendors	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00
Advertising				\$ 236.02	\$ (236.02)
Vendor Silent Auction		\$ 171.00	\$ 60.00		\$ 231.00
Decorating					\$ -
CC fees				\$ 15.11	\$ (15.11)
Total	\$ 2,158.50	\$ 4,694.40	\$ 601.00	\$ 2,541.42	\$ 4,912.48

January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 3:00– Paul’s Place Lunch	3 8:30– Steps & Traditions	4	5
6 Family Sunday 8:00– Holy Eucharist 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	7	8 11:00– TAT	9	10 8:30– Steps & Traditions	11	12
13 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:45– Sunday School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	14	15	16 3:00– Paul’s Place Lunch	17 8:30– Steps & Traditions	18 6:30– Movie Night	19
20 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:45– Sunday School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	21 6:30– Vestry 	22 11:00– TAT	23	24 8:30– Steps & Traditions	25	26
27 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:45– Sunday School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:15– Annual Meeting	28	29	30	31 8:30– Steps & Traditions		

*Lets go to the
movies!*

Friday, Jan 18, 6:30 pm



*Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like!
Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's still free.*

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