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OUR MISSION: LIVING THE JOY! PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF THE RISEN CHRIST!

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF FLATBUSH

4118 Avenue R, Brooklyn, NY 11234

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Sunday School

9:45am

Worship

11:00am

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A Word from Pastor Wieber

Dear Beloved in the Lord,

On Sunday, February 2, 2020, we celebrated the Presentation of our Lord.

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the prayer *Nunc Dimittis* "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.

The Presentation of Our Lord is also referred to as Candlemas because of an ancient tradition of blessing all the candles to be used in the church in the coming year at the mass celebrated on that day. It was a way of underscoring the truth of Simeon's confession that this baby Jesus was "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" and a light for glory to Israel.

Let the light of every candle in church be a little epiphany of the love of God for all people in the person of God's son, Jesus, the light of the world. We shall rejoice in him.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Harriet Wieber



PARISH NEWS

Council Corner

At the February Council Meeting, the following people were elected to official positions in the Church:



Bill Wilson - President

Jennifer Weinberg - Vice President

Judy Pohl* - Treasurer

Mary Fitzpatrick - Secretary

The remaining Council Members are: Faythe Asaro, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Lynn Halligan, Jeanne McKenzie, Richard Miccio, Frank O'Brien, Kathy Ann Taunton, Joyce Vederosa and Ann Vigorito.

A special Thank You to, Audrey Clayton, Paul Ricknauth and Carol Gavitt for their years of service on Council.

**Judy Pohl does not serve on Council but has agreed to continue being the Treasurer for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for the 2020 church year.*

CALENDAR OF LENTEN SERVICES (BROOKLYN SOUTH SHORE CONFERENCE)

As in years past, we will be traveling between our sister congregations for the Mid-week Lenten conference suppers and worship services.

LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Starts at 6:00PM with a light supper followed by a discussion about the meaning of the acronym ELCA. Worship services will begin at 7:30PM.



Wednesday, March 4th Holy Trinity, 4118 Avenue R

Wednesday, March 11th St. Stephen's, 2806 Newkirk Avenue

Wednesday, March 18th St. James, 2776 Gerritsen Avenue

Wednesday, March 25th Jehu's Table, 2424 Linden Boulevard

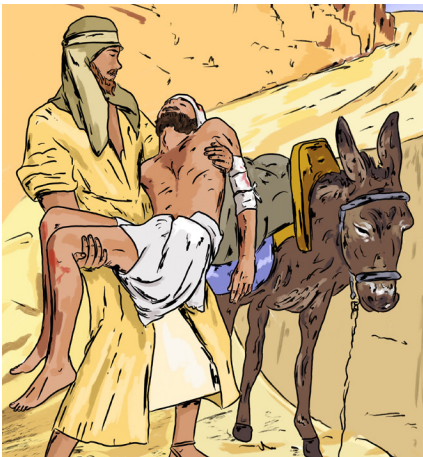
Wednesday, April 1st St. Paul's, 3913 Avenue J

Sunday April 12th SUNRISE SERVICE @ 6:00AM - Epiphany, 721 Lincoln Place

Stewardship Table

GIVING TIME AND MONEY.

Like people's lives, sometimes the same story offers many lessons. This is particularly true of "The Good Samaritan". The Samaritan gives himself, his time, and his possessions. There is no false comparison of the gifts as though one is more important or more readily given than the others. The Samaritan doesn't argue, "Look, I have time to give, but no substance." He doesn't say, "Here, take my stuff, but don't bother me."



The Samaritan gives himself in a very personal way. Cleaning wounds, bearing beaten bodies, tending to the man in his recovery, these are about as personal a gift that could be given. The Samaritan doesn't begrudge the giving of his time—at least a day. And, the precious possessions that he has given freely: wine, oil, bandages, transport, and money.

Have you ever found it easier to give time than money? How about easier to give money than time? Sometimes our busy schedules or financial situations influence this decision process. Yet Jesus asks us to give both and more. We are invited to share a portion of all that we have received.

How are you sharing your time and money?

Let us pray. O God of Abundance, help me to be generous with everything that is precious to me: my self, my time, and my possessions—signs of your gracious love. Amen.

CONGREGATION APPROVED MONTHLY BUDGET

\$19,824

CONGREGATION APPROVED OPERATING MONTHLY BUDGET

(SALARIES, UTILITIES, INSURANCE)

\$10,667

DECEMBER 2019

Contributions: \$22,886

Expenses: \$20,022

NET INCOME: \$2,864

JANUARY 2020

Contributions: \$10,034

Expenses: \$11,942

NET INCOME: (\$1,907)

FEBRUARY 2020

Contributions: \$8,497

Expenses: TO COME

2019 TREASURER'S REPORT

From January 2019 through December 2019, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church received **income of \$122,941.32** and **incurred expenses of \$137,541.51** resulting in a net income for the year of **(\$14,600.19)**.

TO MY HTLC FAMILY!



It was so good to celebrate January Birthdays at the Birthday Dinner last month, then get to worship service and the Congregational meeting with my Holy Trinity family. Thank you to the Miccio's and the Fitzpatrick's for getting me to the events and taking me back to Sunrise afterwards.

While I'm doing thank you's, I want to also thank you all for the calls, cards, and mostly for the prayers said for me during this very distressing time, please keep the prayers going. I know they are helping me get better and I'm so grateful for my progress. It's not easy to be me right now. I'm the strong, take charge care giver but now the roles are reversed and I'm not adjusting to that very well.

My prayers for all of you is that God blesses you all with good health and an abundance of happiness

Love to you all.

Pat Schanstra

HTLC'S BOOK CLUB - APRIL'S BOOK



THE BOOK FOR OUR NEXT BOOK DISCUSSION HAS BEEN PICKED!

(Drum Roll Please)

We will be reading *The Giver* by Lois Lowry: A 1993 American young adult dystopian novel. It is set in a society which at first appears to be utopian but is revealed to be dystopian as the story progresses. The novel follows a 12-year-old boy named Jonas.

Check the libraries, book stores, thrift stores, Amazon, online downloads or even your own shelf for this book.

We will have our discussion after worship on a Sunday afternoon a few weeks after Easter. This will also give those interested in participating in our Book Club plenty of time to read the book.

On the day of the discussion, please bring a "brown bag" lunch, and we can eat and discuss the book together.

COME AND JOIN US. ALL ARE INVITED!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

DO YOU LIKE TO CROCHET OR KNIT? If you are, then consider joining the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The group tries to meet every Monday. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome but they should check with Alice Woods (718-339-3762) to be certain that the group will be meeting.



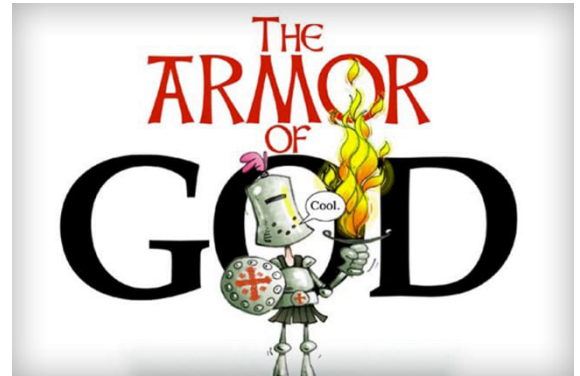
VACATION BIBLE CAMP: JULY 6TH-10TH FROM 9AM TO 12 NOON

HOLY TRINITY IS HAVING A VACATION BIBLE CAMP AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Vacation Bible Camp is open to children from kindergarten to 6th grade. Please spread the word to our neighborhood children. It is only \$25 per child, which is \$5 per day. If you are interested in your children attending this years Vacation Bible Camp, contact Pastor Wieber. She will also be putting a sign-up sheet in the back after Easter.

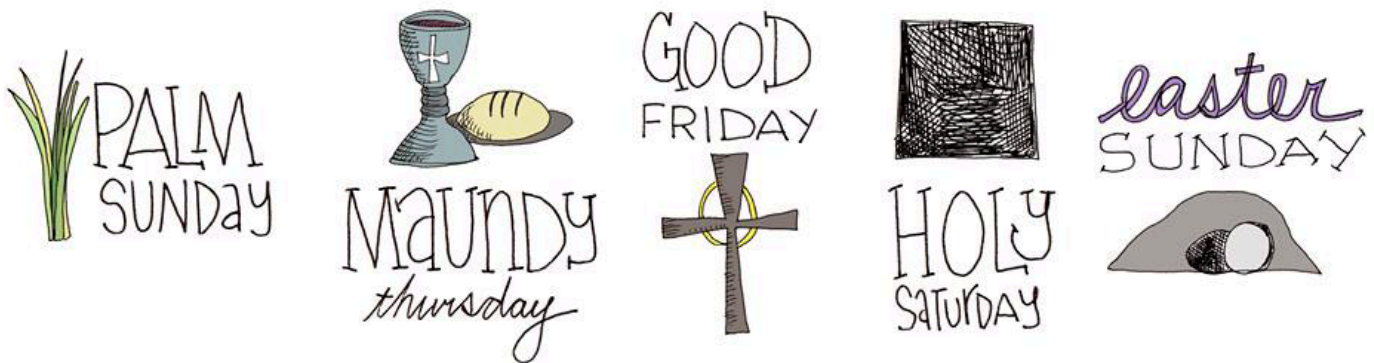
Our theme this year is: **PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD!**, which invites children and youth to put on the whole armor of God: The Belt of Truth, The Breastplate of Righteousness, The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, The Shield of Faith, The Helmet of Salvation, The Sword of the Spirit.

St. Paul talks about putting on a suit—in his words, it is the “suit of armor.” He instructs us to, “...put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” (Ephesians 6:10).



In order for us to have a successful and safe Vacation Bible Camp, **WE NEED ADULT VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN ASSIST US THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.** If you are able to volunteer a few days or able to volunteer the full week, please speak to Pastor. If you are unable to volunteer but want to help, you can: help us decorate the gym the Sunday before, donate the snacks or donate some of the materials that will be needed (to come).

We will have two planning sessions before the start of the VBC so everyone will understand the curriculum and be ready to participate.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

STRIPPING OF THE PALMS for Palm Sunday – 11AM on Saturday, April 4th in the church

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH – The Passion will be read

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH – Service at 8PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH – Service at 8PM

SUNRISE SERVICE, APRIL 12TH – Service at 6AM hosted by Epiphany (721 Lincoln Place)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH – Worship at 11AM. ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:

Tara Acetta, Millie Atkins, Dennis Brady, Elisabeth Budke, Janet Calle, George Canner, Jillian Cannon, Dayna Carlino, Ellen Carlino, Caitlin Cassar, Sal Cervera, Barbara Cimino, Audrey Clayton, Nicholas Dechenaux, Roseann Dechenaux, John Driscoll, Joe Ecock, Eric Foote, Harold Fossmon, Eleanor Fox, Christopher Friedrich, Frankie Gatto, Ashley Goergen, Josephine Gibsone, Lois Hagan, Amie Hanna, Eric Hansen, Robert Hardy, Elsbeth Heitmann, Richard Hinkelman, Charleen Jacobs, Amina Kozlik, Helen Kaczmarczyk, Stacey Hanna Lakiotes, Deborah Leah, Howard Litvack, David Logan, Levi Metz, Richard Nichols, Adele Ostrager, Theresa Pagani, Ray Pennisi, Johanna Perez, Chris Reed, Michael Reed, Jonathan Santucci, Lucille Sciarrone, Pat Schanstra, Grace Scotto, Angel Seda, Mary Schroeder, Jimmy Sheriff, Robin & Bobby Simanowicz, Gayle Budke Sokol, Toniann Taunton, Olivia Terjensen, John & Josephine Tacconi, Judy Tropeano, Christine Torro, Evelyn Uccardi, Robert Wagner, John Wilson, Richard Wilson, Michael Woods and Nicole Woods.



PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES



Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially Jason Brandle, Brandon Dort, Kevrel Kennedy, Matthew Piccolo, Christopher Rogers, Michael Rogers, Kevin Taunton, Cheyenne Tatures and Thomas Tatures. Defend them day by day with your

heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

There is still a lot of work to be done to fix and maintain our buildings and property. Please continue your donations to the Capital Improvement Fund which is used for ongoing repairs and maintenance to our church.

The Capital Improvement Fund is used **ONLY** for work done to the property and not for the everyday operating expenses of the church. All proceeds from fundraising by the Fun Committee goes into this account.

We have used almost all of the monies in the account for the renovations to the Parish House kitchen and bathrooms. We encourage everyone to come out and support these fundraisers!





TREE OF LIFE

If you would like to donate a leaf in memory of someone, please fill out an application, which can be located in the rear of the church. One (1) application per leaf and minimum donation of \$100 per leaf. Checks can be made payable to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Submit your completed application(s) and check to either Kathy Ann Taunton or Ronnie Gordon.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Memory Of:

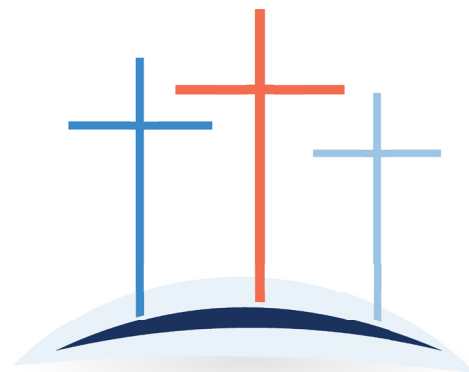
Joan Wagner

Nicholas Garafola

Donated By:

Carol Terjesen

The Taunton Family



WE APPRECIATE YOUR DONATIONS & GENEROSITY!

WANT TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS?



Flowers can be donated in memory of loved ones, to celebrate special occasions (birthdays, anniversary, etc.) or to give thanks to God.

If you would like to beautify the church by donating towards the flowers on the Altar, please see the flower calendar in the back of the church for available Sunday's. You may give once or on a recurring basis.

A suggested donation of \$15 per arrangement can be placed in the Flower Offering envelope or in an envelope marked "Flower Offering" and placed in the offering plate. If no special request is made, the donation will help defray the cost of the Altar flowers.

We must receive your donation the Wednesday before the Sunday you are requesting.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Vigorito at (646) 515-5242

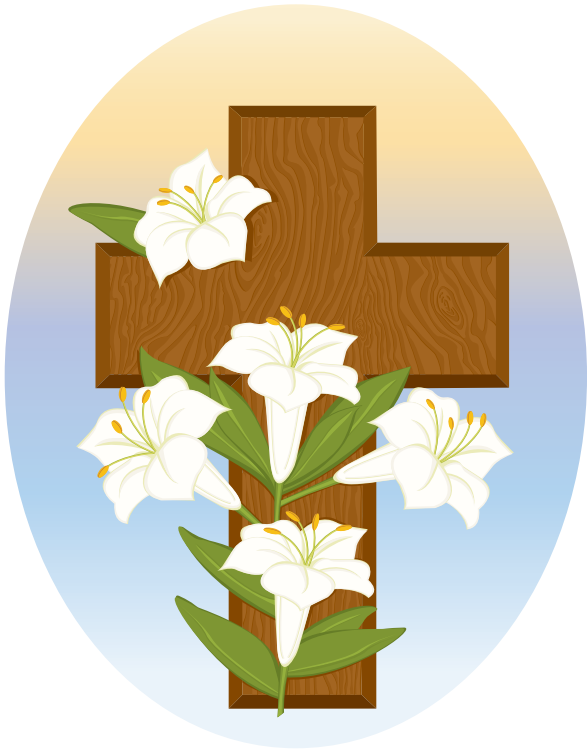
TRINITY TRUMPET IN YOUR INBOX!

If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by **e-mail instead of the paper edition**, email htlctrumpet@gmail.com and put E-NEWSLETTER in the subject line.

If you sign up for email, you will receive the newsletter instantly and help us reduce printing cost.



EASTER SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS



As always we are planning to beautify our sanctuary with Easter Lilies and flowering plants in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS can be given to Joan Taks, Ann Vigorito, Lynn Halligan OR can be placed in the offering plate in an envelope labeled "Easter Flowers". Please have your donations in no later than Palm Sunday, April 5th in order to be mentioned in the Easter Service bulletin insert.

Please complete the form below, include your contribution, and indicate if you would like an Easter Lily or Easter Plant. Your flowers can be picked up after the 11AM service.

"COME, REJOICE, AND SHARE" the beauty of our Easter Service at 11AM. Raise the refrain,
"HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!"

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND INCLUDE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

_____ EASTER LILY _____ EASTER PLANT

☐ IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

☐ AN ANNIVERSARY, BIRTHDAY, SPECIAL OCCASION OF _____

BY: _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

SUGGESTED DONATION PER PLANT: \$15

METRO NY SYNOD YA MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT IDEA SHARE

Gen Z's, millennials and everyone in between are invited to join us for a discussion on being a person of faith (or not) as a Young Adult. For young adults only, this discussion will focus on how young people live out their faith and how the church can better support us.

Dinner will be served
BYOB

All attendees will receive a \$10 Amazon gift card

FRIDAY MARCH 13TH, 7PM

HOLY TRINITY LC

4118 AVENUE R, BROOKLYN, NY 11234

SNOW DATE: MARCH 20TH

CALL/TEXT 631.525.1148 WITH QUESTIONS

ELCA/MNYS NEWS



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2020 SYNOD ASSEMBLY: MAY 8-9, 2020

GET INVOLVED!

Our 2020 Synod Assembly promises to be an exciting time for us to be together as church!

If you would like to volunteer during our time together, please let us know, email: info@mnys.org

WOMEN'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Following the recommendation from our 2018 memorial titled "The ELCA's Anniversary of the Ordination of Women," we are planning a celebration and special recognition of our ordained women during the 2020 MNYS Annual Assembly, and throughout the months leading up to our time together.

TIMELINE & DEADLINES

- January 2020: Early Registration and Hotel Registration Opens
- March 2, 2020: Early Registration/Synod Council/Retired Minister Registration Closes
- March 3, 2020: Regular Registration Opens
- April 15, 2020: Regular Registration Closes

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK SYNOD CHILDREN'S APP



The MNYS Children's App is the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's new and original app for kids. Available now for iPhone, iPad, and Android. The MNYS Children's App is completely free!

As children virtually enter the open doors of the Lutheran church, kids of all backgrounds, who speak any language, can enjoy this entirely visual interactive experience. The MNYS Children's App is a joyful experience designed to engage and educate kids in the beauty of the accepting and welcoming love of God. Featuring six different games, children can play:

- compose a piece of music at the organ with the help of a jazzy band of mice who accompany kids on the drums, bass, guitar, and piano;
- a game of memory that showcases various cultures;
- marry a couple at church of the ethnicity and gender-identity combination that the child chooses;
- color a variety of stained glass church windows;
- spot the difference in various Biblical illustrations;
- or simply read through various pictorial Bible stories.

These games are fun and creative, allowing children to embody the radically welcoming inclusivity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.