From the Rector

As we stand on the cusp of autumn, our thoughts return from the beaches and mountains to our work, school and church lives. At Trinity, there is much in store, with the promise of spiritual growth and excitement in the coming year.

We begin the program year with our annual “Kickoff Sunday,” which will take place on September 7 this year. On that day, we will return to our regular round of Sunday worship with two services (8am & 10am). At the 10am service, our full choir will return, and our church school and confirmation classes will be commissioned. Following that service, we will enjoy a picnic in the churchyard. That Sunday will also mark my fifth anniversary as your rector-can you believe how fast the years have passed? I hope that everyone can be on hand for this special homecoming.

You will also notice some physical changes to our venerable old property. Some dead and dangerous trees will be removed along Disston St, and a large portion of our perimeter wall will be rebuilt. You will also notice work taking place in the old Sexton's cottage/Children's House, as we convert that space to our church offices, as well as meeting and classroom space. Moving our offices much closer to the church will, I think, have a positive impact on our property by increasing our visibility, improving security, and benefitting our prayer life by affording more opportunities to open the church during the week. I also hope that the move will help to clear up decades of confusion in the neighborhood over which building is actually the church!

Of course, being the heirs of such history, we have a good understanding of stewardship, and know that all of this work is not done merely to preserve a few old buildings and customs. It is done because we are stewards of a holy place that we have received from our spiritual ancestors, and that we are determined to pass on to future generations. It is a place where thousands have found God's goodness, grace, and salvation.
what makes it worth preserving. Truly, the Lord has been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Blessings, Father Richard

Memorial
Longtime parishioner John C. Sampson, 70, passed away on August 27 and his funeral was held at Trinity on September 3. We extend our sympathy and prayers to his beloved wife of 40 years, Mary Sampson, and to their daughters and family. Memorial contributions in John's name may be made to Trinity's Music Memorial Fund. May John's soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Kickoff Sunday
Please join us on Sunday, September 7, as we return to our regular 8am and 10am services. At the 10am service, we will welcome back the full choir and commission the church school and confirmation classes for the upcoming year. After the service, we will have an old fashioned ice cream social. Please visit our website for pictures of last year's event.

A Call to Serve
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

Here at Trinity, we offer many ways to help each other grow spiritually and strengthen our community. Our ministries include acolytes, altar guild, church school pupils & teachers, Eucharistic ministers, Girls Friendly Society, lectors, musicians, Prayers & Squares, ushers, Women of Trinity and those who help with coffee hour, altar flowers, communications, finance, outreach, pastoral care, property upkeep and stewardship. Do you see a ministry that needs your time and talent? We welcome your suggestions and your skills. Please let us know how you can help. Don't wait to be asked! Speak up and share your ideas. Different talents among us make for greater potential. Please see Father Richard or one of the wardens if you feel called.

40th Anniversary of Women's Ordination
On Saturday, July 26, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the first eleven women ordained in the Episcopal Church, at the place where it all happened, Philadelphia's Church of the Advocate. Our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, presided and preached at the Holy Eucharist. Please visit our Facebook page for pictures of the celebration.
Highlights of the Year Ahead

Birth Announcement
Congratulations to Laurie and Scott Yuhnke on the birth of their son Henry Theodore on July 2. Following in the tradition of older sister Marissa, Henry will be welcomed into the body of Christ through the waters of baptism on All Saints Sunday, November 2.

Blessing of the Animals
We will observe the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 5, with a traditional blessing of the animals in the churchyard after each of the services. Please bring your pets to church (or a photograph if they don't travel well). Please visit our website for pictures of last year's celebration.

Boy Choir Visit
On Sunday, June 22, we welcomed a guest choir from New York City to Trinity. The Transfiguration Boy Choir is the oldest Choir of Men & Boys in America, and they joined us as part of their tour of Philadelphia. Formed in the 1850's, the choir has drawn hundreds of boys from a rich diversity of ethnic and economic backgrounds. Those who pass the audition and commit to the demanding program learn music, discipline, performance skills, cultural history, and the value of teamwork.

The Church of the Transfiguration is where Father Richard served as a seminarian and was ordained a priest. It is also where Pete Datos was received into the Episcopal Church and where Father & Mrs. Graff often attend church while visiting New York. Please see our Facebook page for pictures of the visit.

Calendar Meeting
Before each new program year begins, we hold a calendar meeting in August to lay out the schedule for the coming year and try to avoid conflicts between the various Trinity committees and ministries. We are happy to report that a full year of exciting activities has been planned for the Trinity community (see sidebar of this newsletter) and is now available online.
Church School and Confirmation Class

Our very popular Church School program will welcome back all children of the parish on September 7 at the 10am service. Going forward, children under 12 will attend Church School after the Gospel reading as in years past (except the first Sunday of each month, when they will participate in the whole 10am service).

This year, children who will be 13 as of June 2015 are eligible to join our next confirmation class. Fr. Robyn and Lorie Henry will instruct the Catechumens at 9am in the church (except the first Sunday of each month) and they will remain for the 10am service. The focus will be on learning the basics of the faith in preparation for confirmation by Bishop Daniel on Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015. The sacrament of confirmation is not to be taken lightly - in it, one makes his or her adult profession of faith before the church family, the Bishop and God. It is therefore imperative that each Catechumen attend every class unless excused by the Rector. To register, please see Mrs. Lorie Henry or Father Robyn.

Dean Deming Appointed Canon

Congratulations to the Very Rev. Nancy James Deming on her appointment as Canon for Congregational Care and Development! She was most recently Dean of the Pennypack Deanery and served for 10 years as vicar of St. Gabriel’s Church, located in the Olney section of Philadelphia. In her new role, Nancy will promote the financial and missional health of congregations throughout our diocese.

Diocesan News

On October 22, The Episcopal Church will host a live webcast from Christ Church Philadelphia entitled Civil Discourse in America: Finding Common Ground for the Greater Good. Also, starting in September, the diocese will sponsor a Fall Fitness Challenge. Please visit the diocesan website to learn more about these events. You may also subscribe to the diocesan weekly newsletter online.

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Father Reid Retires
On August 15, Fr. Richard served as deacon of the mass for the feast of the Assumption at St. Clement's Church in center city. This was the last major feast at St. Clement's for Fr. Reid, who retired at the end of August. At that mass, parishioners and friends also had an opportunity to welcome Fr. Alton, who will be instituted as 18th Rector on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, September 29. May God grant him many fruitful years of ministry!

Financial Audit
Thank you to Janice Tucker and Susan McComony for serving as our parish auditors this year. They met with our professional accountant in July 2014 to complete an audit of our finances for 2013. The audit included a review of random deposits, checks, and related withdrawals, ensuring our bills were paid appropriately and with responsible record-keeping practices.

Flea Market
On May 17, the Women of Trinity hosted a Flea Market and more than 30 vendors rented spaces. They will host another Flea Market on Saturday, October 4, from 9am to noon in our parking lot behind the Gibbons PAL Center (Rising Sun & Longshore Avenues). Spaces are $10 each and no tables will be provided. To reserve a space or for more information, please call (215) 745-3739 or (215) 745-4186.

Graveyard Project
As some of you may have noticed, four trees along our Disston Street wall have been banded with pink ribbon. These trees are marked for removal in the next month because they are damaging the old wall. The section of wall which was most affected has been removed temporarily by our wall specialist. After PECO coordinates with our tree service, the trees will be removed and the wall will be rebuilt.

This graveyard project was funded by the Samuel Wakeling Trust. The Wakeling family arrived in Philadelphia in 1794 from England, choosing our neighborhood because Samuel believed it far enough from the city to protect his family from Yellow Fever. Trained as a bookbinder, he was married to Elizabeth de Monceau, a French Huguenot. Samuel ran his bookbinding shop out of the rear of their residence on Oxford Avenue. Their son Samuel Wakeling was on an early School Board in Oxford Township. Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allen, hosted a grand ball for General Lafayette when he toured Philadelphia in 1824. A grandson, Jacob Latch, served in the War of the Rebellion under General Grant, present at the capture of General Lee's army at Appomattox Court House in 1865. The Wakeling trust fund has been used a few times over the last
century to aid in graveyard repairs. It will continue to serve our parish for future generations...truly the definition of old money!

Independence Day Parade
Gary Weaver, a longtime friend of Trinity's, was the Grand Marshal of the 99th Annual Lawncrest July 4th Parade. Our own parishioner Paul Graf drove Gary and his grandkids in Paul's convertible. Please see more pictures of the parade on the Newworks website.

Memorial Gates
The alcove on the historic south entrance of the church has long been frequented by neighborhood mischief makers and we've tried to deter this with everything from flood lighting to trimming trees to a sonic anti-loitering device, none of which worked.

In an effort to protect and also beautify the church, the Rector and Vestry decided to have a set of iron gates custom-built by artisan blacksmiths using traditional techniques. The design is inspired by examples of colonial ironwork found throughout Philadelphia and the gates will be a substantial testament to our generation's stewardship of Trinity for centuries to come. The project was funded by bequests from the estates of Edith Dersch and George Gallagher. The gates will be installed on September 9 and dedicated at a later date (to be announced).

Music Ministry

The choir stalls that have been silent all summer will soon be filled with the beautiful voices of our Senior Choir, who will return on September 7. New choir members are always welcome and needed. The ability to read music is not necessary and you will be richly rewarded with God's graces for your efforts. Please speak to Mary Sampson or the Rector for more information.

Our handbell set has reached its 20th birthday! A few bells are showing signs of age, occasionally refusing to ring. Many bells are falling victim to tarnish in part because of the flood to the church basement several years ago. Thanks to generous donations to the memorial fund, especially donations in thanksgiving for the marriage of Amy Annand-Furlong and John Blakely, the handbells will be restored to their glory before the handbell season begins in November.
Phillies Phanatics
On Thursday, August 7, we joined with our friends across the diocese to celebrate summer at our annual night out with the Phillies. Despite a slow start, the home team rallied in the end to win! Please visit our Facebook page for pictures of the game, and let Chris in the office know if you’d like to purchase one of our customized $25 Trinity Oxford Phillies t-shirts for future occasions.

Property Committee Update
There are several projects underway at Trinity to improve our buildings & grounds (see separate articles in this newsletter about the Graveyard Project and the Memorial Gates). There is a clean-up day scheduled for the first Saturday in October focused on the Children's House. There will be monthly meetings of the property committee starting on September 17 - if you are interested in being on the committee or just want to come to the meetings let me know. Thank you to everyone who helped out throughout the first half of this year! Peace be with you. Chuck McGee, Property Committee Chair

Redevelopment Project Update
We have contracted with a real estate agent to locate potential tenants to redevelop the parcel of land at 6901 Rising Sun Avenue. This project would immediately affect the parish house building and our tenants. We came to the conclusion that the financial needs of the building were becoming a drain on our parish family, a persistent depletion of our resources which could potentially cripple us if not stopped in time. We are not selling the land, rather using a long-term lease to maintain ownership of the land for future generations. An ideal future tenant would finance the demolition of the building and construction of their own place of business. We would benefit from annual payments over the course of a long-term lease. Regular updates from our agent will begin shortly, with a decision hopefully made within the next 12 months.

Silver Audit
A solid silver communion chalice was presented by Queen Anne of England to Trinity Church Oxford in 1713, as a token of her love for this new colonial church. It is still in our possession.

Thank you to Madeline Putterman for completing the annual audit of our silver altar treasures. Maddy worked through the summer of 2013 to construct a photo album of our communion dishes. Her book now serves as a visual aid to future audits, including the
most recent silver audit which she completed in May 2014. All present and accounted for!

**Summer Vacation**

I would like to thank Father Graff for serving while I was on Mackinac Island for two weeks, celebrating my 40th birthday with family and friends. While there, I had the chance to celebrate mass at my old parish, Trinity Mackinac (pictured left), and commemorate the life of my friend, Dan Seeley, the organist at Trinity who passed away just a few days before we arrived. Father Richard

**Trinity Sunday & Picnic**

On a Trinity Sunday, June 15, the parish family came together for our annual "Recognition Sunday," at which we show our appreciation to all who helped out in the past year--which is everyone! After the service, we enjoyed a delicious picnic on the grounds to celebrate our 316th birthday.

Please visit our Facebook page for pictures of the event and mark your calendars for next year, May 31, 2015, when our diocesan leader, Bishop Daniel, will join us to preside and receive/confirm candidates into the Church. Please see Father Richard if you would like information on being confirmed or received.

**Top Chef**

Many thanks to Mrs. Maureen Lee who has volunteered to curate our newest column, Trinity's Top Chef, where we will present favorite recipes throughout the year for the enjoyment of our readers. Over the years, several Trinity cookbooks have been published, so we know there are great recipes out there - please submit your favorite (not previously submitted) recipes to Maureen, we will publish them here and perhaps we can publish a new edition! Please see the end of this newsletter for our first submission from Mrs. Nellie Duddy, Hot Chicken Salad.

**Vestry Highlights**

The Vestry met several times over the summer to discuss various issues. We were advised that the boiler in the Children's House is condemned and needs to be removed. An assessment of the boiler also revealed a patch of asbestos covering a small section of pipes in the basement, so the Vestry approved a bid to remove the asbestos followed by the boiler. We also voted to remove diseased trees along Disston street and repair the wall (see related Graveyard Project article). The Vestry also terminated our pest control contract with Terminix due to less than satisfactory work and has contracted with Lethal Pest Solutions. Finally, we voted to repair several hand bells in desperate need of repair. All of these actions (from the
boiler to the bells) will cost us over $20,000. Thanks to our trusts and donations to our memorial fund, we should be able to recover at least half of the cost.

The vestry is also in the process of developing a plan to transition the church office to the Children’s House. We anticipate a good amount of work will need to be done to make the Children’s House suitable for the office and compliant with ADA requirements. The next meeting of the Vestry is on Sunday, September 21, after coffee hour in the Buchanan Building.

Weddings
Lisa Padilla and Lisa Rivera were married by Father Richard at Trinity on June 29 and he blessed their wedding at a reception at Tendenza in Northern Liberties, Philadelphia on August 17. It was a joyous occasion and their children, longtime parishioners Matthew and Amanda, participated in the ceremony.

Many thanks for the donations given to Trinity in celebration and thanksgiving for the wedding of Amy Annand-Furlong and John Blakeley. Donors include John & Lois Annand, Deborah Bernard, Michael Federico, Ethel Feilke, Edith Hill, Kathleen Halus, Joan Hunter, and Joseph Tanhauser.

May God grant all the newlyweds many years!

Your Feedback

Please email any input for the October Trinitarian to me before September 27. Cheers, Pete (your Trinitarian editor)

Schedule of Events

Every Sunday, Mass at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music and followed by coffee hour in the Buchanan Building)

Every Sunday, Senior Choir Rehearsal at 8:45am in the Buchanan Building

Sunday, September 7, Kickoff Sunday, church school and confirmation class are commissioned during the 10am service

Sunday, September 14, Confirmation Class starts at 9am

Tuesday, September 16, Deanery Potluck, 6:30pm at St. Mark’s Frankford

Wednesday, September 17, Wardens Meeting at 6pm, Property Meeting at 7pm, in the church office

Sunday, September 21, Vestry Meeting after coffee hour in the Buchanan Building

Saturday, October 4, Women of Trinity Flea Market, from 9am to noon in the parking lot at Rising Sun and Longshore Avenues

Saturday, October 4, Parish Clean-Up Day at the Children's House
Sunday, October 5, Blessing of the Animals following each service, please bring your pets to church

Trinity's Top Chef

Hot Chicken Salad

Ingredients
4 cups cooked chicken (or turkey), cut into bite-size pieces
2 cups finely chopped celery
½ cup chopped onion
1 (4-ounce) jar pimientos, drained and cut into strips
1 (10 ¾ ounce) can cream of chicken soup
¾ to 1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup crushed potato chips

Directions
Lightly toss together the first 4 ingredients. Mix soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice and salt and blend into chicken mixture. Place mixture in well buttered 3-quart baking dish. (Salad may be refrigerated or frozen at this point and held over.) Just before baking, cover with crushed potato chips as topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes. If salad has been frozen, thaw before baking. Yield: approximately 10 servings.