Greetings in the name of our risen Lord!

The Easter season is upon us, and for the great fifty days, our focus will be on the resurrected Jesus Christ. However, we should not forget that although the themes of the Church year change, each and every Sunday can be thought of as a "little Easter." Each time we gather for the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup, we proclaim the Lord's resurrection.

At Trinity, one of the first things one hears before a Sunday service begins is the ringing of the tower bell. It happens so frequently that sometimes you might not notice. Today, church bells are considered to be a luxurious add-on, even a relic of past times. To me, though, a church bell is almost a necessity. It is the "voice" of our church family that calls out to all who can hear it, "Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!" Our bell has continued to be, for nearly 140 years, our most public proclamation that we are a people of the Resurrection.

Here is what the Anglican mystic, Thomas Merton, had to say about the importance of church bells:

Bells are meant to remind us that God alone is good, that we belong to Him, that we are not living for this world. They break in upon our cares in order to remind us that all things pass away and that our preoccupations are not important. They speak to us of our freedom, which responsibilities and transient cares make us forget.

They are the voice of our alliance with the God of heaven. They call us to peace with Him within ourselves...The bells say: we have spoken for centuries from the towers of great churches. We have spoken to the saints your fathers, in their land. We called them, as we call you, to sanctify.

What is the word with which we called them? We did not merely say, "Be good, come to church." We did not merely say "Keep the commandments" but above all, "CHRIST IS RISEN. CHRIST IS RISEN!" And we said: "Come with us. God is good. Salvation is not hard. His love has made it easy!"

May the joy of Easter ring out in your hearts throughout the year,

Father Richard
Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Trinity Church Oxford was held on Sunday, April 7, and a full copy of the annual report may be obtained by contacting the office. At the meeting, we elected new Vestry members and various representatives to the diocese. A complete list of the new Vestry and other representatives may be found in the sidebar of this newsletter. Many thanks to all who agreed to serve in these important leadership roles that help our parish grow and prosper, especially Lorie Henry who has agreed to serve as Rector's Warden. A big thank you to Nellie Duddy and Dottie Orr who rotated off the Vestry this term! The agenda included a special order topic to discuss the future of the Parish House (see related article below).

Bishop Visitations

Bishop Lee celebrated mass at Trinity on Palm Sunday and met with the Vestry to review the books and talk about our vision for Trinity's future. Bishop Daniel will be visiting us on Wednesday, April 24 at 6pm. The evening will begin with a brief prayer service in the church, followed by a tour and dessert in the Buchanan Building. Please make every effort to join with your parish family in welcoming our new Bishop Provisional.

Easter at Trinity

Holy Week at Trinity began with Palm Sunday, where Bishop Lee blessed the palms followed by our traditional procession and reading of the Passion by our congregation. A simple mass was held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

On Maundy Thursday evening, the altar was stripped reverently by the acolytes and ceremonially washed to represent the tomb - everyone then processed from the dark and empty church to the Buchanan Building, where an altar of repose (representing the Garden of Gethsemane) provided an opportunity for silent meditation.

On Good Friday evening, the ancient service of Tenebrae was held, where candles are gradually extinguished typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil, but then a loud noise, symbolizing the Resurrection, is made and the light of one candle, symbol of the Lord, guides the faithful to depart in silence.

The joy of Easter Sunday arrived with a large congregation eager to hear the good news of the resurrection! Beautiful flowers and music filled the church, including a fine brass ensemble and a rousing rendition of Handel's Halleluiah Chorus. After the service, the children participated in the annual Easter egg hunt in the churchyard. Please visit our website to see pictures of the whole week's events. Many thanks to Father Don Graff for his assistance and support throughout Lent and Holy Week.
Easter Cantata

The Senior Choir will celebrate Easter in a special way on Sunday, April 14, with a musical offering of Dietrich Buxtehude's "Rejoice, Earth and Heaven" during the 10am service. Many thanks to all the people of Trinity who share their musical talents throughout the year, and especially at Easter. Our fine music program is one of the greatest treasures our historic parish has to offer. Thanks also to the many donors who support the Music Ministry at Trinity - if you would like to help the program continue to thrive, please send your check to the church office or you may also contribute online via the donate button on the home page of our website. Please be sure to note Music Memorial Fund.

Memorials

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously at Easter for the beautiful flowers and music that filled the church. We are truly blessed at Trinity by generation upon generation. Please see the end of this newsletter for a full list of the gifts given in memory or thanksgiving of loved ones.

Organ Pipes Restored

Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, the organ pipes were completely restored in the last few months. Our Keates/Crossan-Savage Pipe Organ contains 28 ranks of pipes spread over 3 manuals. Pipes that hadn't worked properly for years were sounding in their full glory on Easter Sunday, including very distinct reed and trumpet ranks.

Parish House Redevelopment

At the Annual Meeting, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry discussed plans for redeveloping the former parish house with members of the congregation. After considerable discernment, we have come to the difficult decision to market the Rising Sun Avenue frontage of our property for commercial development. Though we will have to say goodbye to the old building, redevelopment will mean financial stability without selling any of our land. Please contact Sarah Putterman or Chuck McGee with any questions you may have.

Phillies Phanatics

One of the highlights of the spring/summer at Trinity is the annual diocesan night out with the Philadelphia Phillies. Please join us on Thursday, April 18, as we gather again with our diocesan friends to see the Phillies play the St. Louis Cardinals at 7pm. Tickets are $24 and may still be available thanks to some extensions - please contact Betty Graff as soon as possible if you don't already have your tickets.
Special Recognition
During our brunch and annual meeting on April 7, we celebrated the many years of service that Dottie Orr has given to this parish and the wider Church. Dottie has served as a delegate to the General Convention, member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, Vestry member, Rector's Warden, and for many years has been instrumental in the Girls' Friendly Society and Trinity's Church School program. Father Richard especially thanked Dottie for serving as Rector's Warden since his arrival at Trinity and for her continuing ministry in the years to come.

Vestry Highlights
The vestry met several times in March to discuss plans for the redevelopment of the former Parish House (see related article) as well as preparations for Easter and the visitation of Bishop Lee. Our next meeting is on Sunday, April 28, after coffee hour in the Buchanan Building.

Calendar and Your Feedback
Please visit our new interactive online calendar on our website that allows you to view events at Trinity by week or month, and in a variety of formats. You can also print out the calendar in a way that works best for you. Please also email any input for the May Trinitarian to me before April 27. Cheers, Pete (your Trinitarian editor)

Schedule of Events
Every Sunday, Mass at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music and church school during the service, followed by coffee hour in the Buchanan Building)
Every Sunday, Senior Choir rehearsal at 8:45am in the Buchanan Building
Tuesday, April 2, Girls Friendly Society at 7pm in the Children's House
Saturday, April 6, Parish Clean-Up Day at 9am in the Churchyard
Sunday, April 7, Annual Meeting after the 10am service in the Buchanan Building
Tuesday, April 9, Women of Trinity meeting at noon in the Buchanan Building
Sunday, April 14, Easter Cantata featuring the Senior Choir during the 10am service in the Church
Tuesday, April 16, Girls Friendly Society at 7pm in the Children's House
Wednesday, April 24, Reception with Bishop Daniel at 6pm in the Church and Buchanan Building
Sunday, April 28, Vestry Meeting after coffee hour in the Buchanan Building
The Senior Choir of Trinity Church, Oxford presents

“Rejoice, Earth and Heaven”

A Cantata by Dietrich Buxtehude

Sunday, April 14, 2013
10:00 am

Trinity Church, Oxford
Oxford Ave. at Longshore
215-745-6114

Easter Memorials - 2013

Flowers:

Father Robyn and Pete Datos in loving memory of Steven & Mary Datos, Francis & Beatrice Bickings, Norman & Edith Rice, Peter & Anna Robyn, Paul Sullivan and in thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Trinity Church Oxford, and all the blessings of this life * Chuck and Chris Claypole in loving memory of Harold and Shirley Claypole * Susan O'Donnell in loving memory of the Amos and O'Donnell families and in thanksgiving for the Henderson family * John and Mary Sampson in loving memory of John and Mary Rogers Marzen, Clyde and Dorothy Sampson * Lorie & Karl Henry and Family in loving memory of Sarah Felke, Eunice Annand and Ruth DeFant * The Putterman Family in loving memory of Denise Bergon * Pam McCracken in loving memory of Thomas McCracken, Jr. * Paul Graf in loving memory of Herman
and Kate Graf * Delores Reese in loving memory of James and Reese families * Yolanda Meeroodo in thanksgiving for Olga Cruz * Sue Fillman in loving memory of Susanna Kirk Millian * Phil and Lynne Geliebter in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren to be * Laurie and Scott Yuhnke in thanksgiving for Mariesa Ruth * Myrna Tuttle in loving memory of Aunt Annie Miller * The Mills Family in loving memory of Jane and Stew Mills * Ruth Ricker in loving memory of Roy Ricker * Kathleen and Jimmy McConomy in thanksgiving for MeMom, Pop and Grandpop * Amy and John in thanksgiving for Family and Friends * Verna Kahrklin and Ruth Banks in loving memory of loved ones * The Orr and Woods Families in loving memory of William & Nancy Snyder, Alfred & Grace Orr and Eleanor Edwards * Nellie and Tom Duddy in loving memory of loved ones *The McGee Family in loving memory of Jaunita Johns * Beverly Kent in loving memory of Jack Kent, Harold, Shirley and David Claypoole * Berenice Glatthorn in loving memory of loved ones * Kathryn Rampson in loving memory of her husband, Richard F. Rampson and her mother, Elizabeth E. Dougherty * John and Maureen Lee in loving memory of John E. Lee * Jill McCullough in loving memory of Kathryn Federal and in thanksgiving for my family and friends * Mr. and Mrs. John Spadea in loving memory of loved ones * John and Lois Annand in loving memory of Sarah and Oscar Felke, Eunice and John Annand, Mark V. Furlong, Edith Dillon and our loved ones * Virginia Hopkins in loving memory of Thomas McCracken, Jr. and Virginia Hudson * Cynthia McCracken in loving memory of Thomas McCracken and in thanksgiving for my many blessings * Sylvia Longman in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. W. Rawlins and in thanksgiving for family * Joe and Judy Williamson in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren * Don and Betty Graff in thanksgiving for answers to prayers * Mark and Judy Maile in loving memory of loved ones * Sharon Sullivan in loving memory of Paul Sullivan * Jack and Mary Washington in loving memory of Fred and Marjorie Washington, Melville and Marie Towner, and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren * Dino J. and Michael R. Kelly-Cataldi in loving memory of Shirley McKinney and in thanksgiving for giving me life

Music:

Father Robÿn and Pete Datos in thanksgiving for sacred music * Susan O'Donnell in loving memory of the Amos and O'Donnell families and in thanksgiving for the Henderson family * John and Mary Sampson in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren and for the choirs of Trinity Church, Oxford * Lorie and Karl Henry in thanksgiving for Anna, Sarah and Iain * The Putterman Family in loving memory of Bea and Garnet Painter * Pam McCracken in thanksgiving for my Family and Friends * John and Karen Campanaro in thanksgiving for our children * Paul Graf in loving memory of Herman and Kate Graf * Yolanda Meeroodo in loving memory of Josephine Revira and in thanksgiving for Jan Meeroodo * Sue Fillman in loving memory of loved ones * The Geliebters' in loving memory of loved ones who have died * Laurie and Scott Yuhnke in loving memory of Harold and Shirley Claypoole * Myrna Tuttle in thanksgiving for grandchildren, Nathan, Shaun, Averie, Mia and Marissa * The Mills Family in loving memory of Marie and Bill Oettinger * Ruth Ricker in thanksgiving for my church family * Jason and Susan McConomy in thanksgiving for our parents, brothers and sisters * Amy and John in thanksgiving for George and John * The Orr, Woods and Gilbert Families in thanksgiving for Corey, Christian, Luke and Sarah * Nellie and Tom Duddy in thanksgiving for Connor Duddy and Megan McGee *The McGee Family in thanksgiving for the music of Trinity * Beverly Kent in thanksgiving for family and friends * Jill McCullough in thanksgiving for family * Mr. and Mrs. John Spadea in thanksgiving for John Russell Spadea, IV * Mary Sampson in thanksgiving for my aunt, Eileen McDowell * Sylvia Longman in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Longman and in thanksgiving for family * Joe and Judy Williamson in loving memory of Lincoln Maclain * The Annand Family in loving memory of Abby D. Annand * John and Lois Annand in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren * Don and Betty Graff in loving memory of Joey Frometa * The Male Family in loving memory of loved ones * Dino J. and Michael R. Kelly-Cataldi in loving memory of Mary Theresa Cataldi and in thanksgiving for giving me life * Oxana Mottershead in thanksgiving for the church being here
Delaware Valley Show Chorus!

under the direction of
Gene Bender

Presents

A Performance for Friends and Family

With Special Guests
Euphonics
Mixology

Sunday April 14, 2013
7:30 pm

St. Alban’s Episcopal Church
3625 Chapel Rd
Newtown Square, PA 19073
(near the intersection of Rtes. 3 and 252)

Reception Immediately to Follow
Admission: FREE