My Dear People,

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Service of Institution such a success. It was a lot of hard work—scrubbing the Buchanan Building, cleaning the churchyard, tidying up the church, etc, etc—but the results were well worth it. I have been hearing back from clergy around the diocese about how impressed they were with our hospitality and our fine liturgy and music. I am very pleased and proud of all that the members of our parish family did in this regard, as well as in your sincere and warm welcome of me as your new rector.

November promises to be another busy month, as we start right off on the first with All Saints’ Sunday. As with the Feast of St. Francis, All Saints’ falls on a Sunday this year, and we will celebrate this major feast of the Church year at both the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services.

The Feast of All Saints is a sort of “catch-all” day. There are far more saints than there are days in the year. Relatively few Saints get their names on the calendar, though all have feast days.

Therefore, the purpose of this feast is to give a celebration to all of the Saints, including those who do not appear regularly on the calendar.

On this Sunday, we will read also read a necrology, or listing of names of those members of our parish family who have gone on to their reward since last All Saints’ Day. This practice is more appropriately a part of the Feast of All Souls (November 2), but it will, nevertheless, be included in our Sunday observances.

On Sunday, November 8, we will mark Remembrance Sunday by honoring our veterans and war dead in a special way at the 8:00 and 10:00 AM services.

I will be attending the inaugural meeting of the Society of Catholic Priests of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church of Canada at Christ Church, New Haven, Connecticut. The society was started in England in 1994 in response to other catholic groups, which members felt had lost the catholic evangelical spirit and which had become rather ossified and unwelcoming. We seek no political agenda, but exist to sup-

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port one another in our priestly identities, living out the rule of life set forth in the society’s charter. For more information, see www.thescp.org.

The wardens, one lay delegate, and I will be representing our parish at Diocesan Convention on Saturday, November 14. This year’s convention is a departure from the past in that it will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center, which offers ample space, adequate restrooms, and a place for us all to break bread together. Please pray for us and for all diocesan leaders that day. If you are interested in reading the resolutions, please see them at www.diopa.org.

On Sunday, November 22, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, in which we focus upon our Lord’s final triumph over death, sin, and hell, as well as his glorious reign in heaven. The next and final Sunday of November brings us to the beginning of Advent, the Church’s “New Year’s Day”.

As the weather cools and the fall colors bring one final blaze of glory to the end of the year, I wish you health, happiness, and a blessed Thanksgiving.

Affectionately, your friend and pastor,
Fr. Richard J. Robyn

Upcoming Events

Diocesan Convention
Delegates from each parish in the dioceses of PA will gather for the 226th Diocesan convention at the Philadelphia Convention Center on Saturday, November 14. Our elected lay delegates are Judy Maile, Dottie Orr, and Vickie Sayers.

All Saints’ Sunday
We’re celebrating All Saints’ Day on Sunday, November 1. The Church School Children have created decorative pumpkin saints that will be on display around the Church. We will also read the names of all the saints of the parish who have died since All Saints’ Day 2008. Please write the names that you would like to add to the list by the font.

Remembrance Sunday
On November 8, Trinity Church will honor those who have served in the armed forces. The Senior Choir will sing special music for that day. We hope that you will be present to help us thank those who served our country.

Church School Events
The Church School Staff will be meeting to plan activities for Advent and Christmas. Look for the announcements of upcoming activities and events in the Sunday bulletin. The Pageant will be held on December 13 at the 10 AM service.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets
When you are getting together your food donations this month, please think of Thanksgiving dinner items such as cranberries, gravy, yams, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and canned vegetables. If you would rather give a cash donation to cover the cost of perishable items, we will gratefully accept it.

Please bring your donation on Sunday, November 22. We will be sending six baskets to neighboring schools and will prepare several for those in the Trinity community.

Community Thanksgiving Service
The congregations of the Lawncrest Ministerium churches will gather in the Philadelphia Protestant Home’s Social Hall on Wednesday, November 25, for a Thanksgiving Service. The Salvation Army Band will play beginning at 7 PM. The worship service will start at 7:30 PM. We hope all will attend.

Christmas Toy Shop
Bring your donations of good, clean, working toys, (either used or new) to church on Sunday, November 29. Our friends at the Free Church of St. John in Kensington will sell the toys to families of limited means. Through their program, parents can buy toys for their children at a reasonable cost. Proceeds from this project help to fund St. John’s Church School activities.

Christmas Presents for Others
We have several opportunities to donate presents this year to those who are less fortunate than the (Continued on page 3)
people of Trinity. We have adopted children from Episcopal Community Services and three residents of the Philadelphia Protestant Home.

The instructions, the name and age of recipients, and gift suggestions will be by the font by the middle of November. All gifts will be collected on Sunday.

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At its October 19th meeting, the Vestry:
- Learned that the Church School is still in dire need of adult parishioners to take turns supervising lessons;
- Approved the repair of the damaged parts of the cemetery wall, pending the mason’s availability and the weather;
- Gratefully accepted Jeff Pyle’s offer to evaluate the trees on the property that need attention and to collect bids for the work.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Stephanie Smith
Vestry Member

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It was with great joy that our Senior Choir participated in the Service of Institution for our new rector, Father Robyn, on October 16. The music was glorious and a special thank you is extended to all of our singers who added so much beauty to our celebration. This fall, we also welcomed several new members to our Senior Choir: Amanda Miller, Bob Miller, Stephen Williamson, Peter Datos, and John McClarin.

In September, our Junior Choir started rehearsing after the 10:00 AM Mass. This past month, they have been learning an anthem for the Feast of All Saints. Soon they will start to work on their Christmas music. We would also like to welcome our new Choir Mother, Sarah Putterman.

Bell Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, November 5, at 7:30 PM. New ringers are always welcome. No experience is necessary, but a basic knowledge of music notation is helpful. The Bells of Trinity will be playing at the 7:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve.

Soli Deo Gloria!
~Mary Sampson, Organist/Choirmaster

“Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing.”

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**Autumn Leaves**

The temperature is dropping and Trinity’s churchyard has been painted in fiery reds, golds, and oranges. It’s as if Mother Nature is giving us one last spectacular show of color before the dull grays of winter settle in. Then the leaves drop, and drop, ...and drop, ........and drop... (You know where this is going!)

**Bags**

We are already accepting donations of paper leaf collection bags. We filled over 400 bags last year and anticipate needing just as many this year! Please add bags for Trinity to your Home Depot/Lowe’s shopping list. Purchase an extra bundle or two to help us defray our costs. Bring the bags into Church with you on Sunday and leave them on the pew near the baptismal font. It really helps Trinity, and you get to sit smugly in your pew knowing that you did a good deed!

**Rakes**

December 5th is the big day, so get your rakes primed for action! We’re having a leaf raking and bagging throwdown! Last year we had a crazy competition amongst parishioners, Cub Scout packs, and neighborhood kids as to who could bag the most leaves. This year we will again be awarding prizes to the top baggers. Plan to join us at 9:00 AM for a few hours on Saturday, Dec. 5th and show us what you’ve got! It’s B.Y.O.R. (bring your own rake), but we’ll provide hot cocoa, donuts, hotdogs, and soft drinks to fuel your bodies. Are you ready for a throwdown??

**Brains**

We purposely did not schedule a Saturday work day scheduled for November. We want you to be well-rested to tackle the leaves on December 5th. However, we do need more brainpower at the next Property Committee Meeting, scheduled for Wed., Nov. 11th at 7:00 PM in the Buchanan Building. We are tackling some of the following issues: stone wall repair, globe replacement of pole lights, blistering plaster in the Amen Corner, poor drainage at the Church, and the Buchanan Building’s basement problems. Please come to the meeting—we need some new brains. (Half a brain is also welcome, and you won’t be alone.)

*Pam McCracken*
*Property Committee Chairperson*

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**Trinity Tidbit**

*Sunday School for all ages*

Father Robyn has re-convened the Adult Sunday School class at Trinity. And I mean re-convened. In the 1959-1960 Sunday School-year, classes covered pre-school through Adult Education. The classes followed the Episcopal Church Fellowship Series. Each class built upon the previous year. The objectives of each were:

- **Nursery** – the loving understanding of God and His Son within their comprehension.
- **Kindergarten** – become aware of God’s love and that they are part of God’s family.
  - **1st Grade** – learn Old Testament’s famous stories and stories of Christ’s life.
  - **2nd Grade** – to inspire the children to accept Christ’s gracious invitation and guide them along pathways into His presence.
  - **3rd Grade** – We obey God.
  - **4th Grade** – This is my Church
  - **5th Grade** – Understanding the help God has provided for each Christian through the Church and to know Jesus as a personal friend and savior.
  - **6th Grade** – Outlines the Prayer Book
  - **7th Grade** – How stories of Jesus fit into the larger framework of a life in Christ.
  - **8th Grade** – Citizens of the Kingdom and what it means.
  - **9th Grade** – The work and nature

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November 2009 Calendar

Christian Education & Worship

November 1, 2009
All Saints’ Day
7:30 AM: Morning Prayer
8 AM & 10 AM: Holy Eucharist
Readings:
Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8, 2009
Remembrance Sunday
7:30 AM: Morning Prayer
8 AM & 10 AM: Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM: Adult Education
10:00 AM: Church School
Readings:
2 Maccabees 12:43-45
Psalm 23
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
John 11:21-27

November 15, 2009
XXIV Pentecost—Proper 28
7:30 AM: Morning Prayer
8 AM & 10 AM: Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM: Adult Education
10:00 AM: Church School
Readings:
1 Samuel 1:4-20
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22, 2009
Sunday Next Before Advent—Christ the King
7:30 AM: Morning Prayer
8 AM & 10 AM: Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM: Adult Education
10:00 AM: Church School
Readings:
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-13
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

November 29, 2009
1 Advent
7:30 AM: Morning Prayer
8 AM & 10 AM: Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM: Church School
Readings:
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Trinity’s Events

November 1st :
8:45 AM: Sr. Choir rehearsal in CH
11:15 AM: Jr. Choir rehearsal in CH

November 5th, 7:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal in CH

November 8th:
8:45 AM: Sr. Choir rehearsal in CH
11:15 AM: Jr. Choir rehearsal in CH

November 11th, 7:00 PM:
Property Committee Meeting in BB

November 12th, 7:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal in CH

November 15th:
8:45 AM: Sr. Choir rehearsal in CH
11:15 AM: Jr. Choir rehearsal in CH

November 16th, 7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting in BB

November 19th, 7:30 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal in CH

November 22nd:
8:45 AM: Sr. Choir rehearsal in CH
11:15 AM: Jr. Choir rehearsal in CH
Bring Thanksgiving Food Basket donations to Church

November 25th, 7:00 PM: Lawncrest Ministerium Thanksgiving Service at Philadelphia Protestant Home

Outreach Events

Alcoholics Anonymous Mtgs:
Sunday Nights, 7:00 PM-9:30 PM
Location: Buchanan Building.

Narcotics Anonymous Mtgs:
Friday Nights, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM
Location: Buchanan Building.

Saturday Nights, 12:00 MIDNIGHT
Location: Buchanan Building.

List of Abbreviations

BB    BUCHANAN BUILDING
CHH   CHILDREN’S HOUSE
CH    CHURCH BUILDING
CO    CHURCH OFFICE
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of the Church.

10th Grade – The life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the 4 Gospels.

11th & 12th Grades - Our Christian Heritage; religious events of the past.

Young Adults (post High School to age 25) – The various denominations.

Adults – Old Testament minor prophets.

Four times a year all the classes would meet together and view a topical filmstrip. (Parents, you will have to explain to your kids what a filmstrip is.)

It was an industrious program that required a lot of parishioner participation, both as attendees and as teachers and administrators. It obviously paid off because Trinity still has a thriving Sunday School, small as it is in comparison, where many churches do not.

Mindy Weaver

Trinity Church, Oxford’s

Odds & Ends

Regarding the Rector

In answer to our first question, Father Robyn was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, which is in the southwestern part of the state. If you got that right, yay you! Now try to answer this one:

Father Robyn is the eldest of how many siblings?
A. Two, he has a sister.
B. Nine, all boys.
C. Five, he has four sisters.
D. He’s an only child.

Mindy Weaver

Concert Postponed

The Delaware Valley Show Chorus, a women’s 4-part, a cappella chorus has postponed its December 6th concert at Trinity. It will be rescheduled for early 2010.

Mindy Weaver

Personals

Trinity Church, Oxford gratefully accepted gifts to the Memorial Fund from Fred and Dottie Orr in loving memory of Pat Daulerio, and from the Girl’s Friendly Society, also in loving memory of Pat Daulerio.

Trinity’s very own Jim Gallagher was featured in a recent PPH newsletter. He creates and sells stained glass artwork!

Immanuel Lutheran Church
1013 Cottman Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19111

Pork and Sauerkraut Supper
Entertainment/Door Prizes

Saturday, November 14, 2009
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Adults $10.00
Children under 12 $4.00
Call church office for tickets
215-342-8203

It’s that time of year: Set your clocks back one hour this weekend!
Fr. Robyn, Parishioners, and Pets

Fr. Robyn blessed our pets and our toys! We could bring our pets and favorite toy animals to church, or we could bring pictures instead.

Maybe “going to the dogs” is a good thing!
Trinity Church, Oxford
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Our Staff
The Reverend Richard J. Robyn, Rector
Mary Sampson, M.A., Organist/Choirmaster
Chris Claypoole, Secretary
Michael Pacillio, Sexton

Our Vestry
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Judith Maile ('12), Accounting Warden
Lorraine Henry ('11), Secretary
Lynne Geliebter ('12)
Angela Lyons ('11)
Pamela McCracken ('12)
Robert Miller ('12)
Jeffrey Pyle ('10)
L. Stephanie Smith ('10)
Melinda Weaver ('11)
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Worship Services
7:30 AM  Morning Prayer
8:00 AM  Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM  Holy Eucharist

Church School
10:00 AM  Classes during the academic year.

The Church Building is Wheelchair Accessible