



TRINITY TIMES

Preparing for Pentecost

This Year We Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday May 27th



“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of

fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”- Acts 2:1-4
“Pentecost” by He Qi, China’s premier painter of Christian art.

May 2012 Highlights

May Grateful, Glad & Giving:

Grateful for our Abilities, we celebrate and nurture our gifts. See Page 6.

Concert Honoring John Burke

Sunday May 20, 3pm. See page 8.

May Food of the Month:

Canned tomatoes and tomato sauce. See page 4.

Trinity Blue Star Service Flags

Memorial Day is Monday, May 28. Ceremonies begin at 11am at the Sonoma Vets Building. See page 5

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Camp Noel Porter:

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**Pentecost Sunday
May 27th**

Rite I 8:00 am

Rite II 10:30 am

**Trinity Sunday is
June 3rd**

Everyone is always welcome at all services.



DID YOU KNOW? LITTLE PEOPLE’S SCHOOL MEETS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30AM!

Every Sunday Morning our Little People’s School meets at 10:30am in the new schoolroom dedicated to our young children. We want to express our gratitude to Fr. Jim and Sally Thomas for providing the inspiration and much of the “labors of love” to transform the previously crowded “multi-purpose”



room into a clean, bright and cheerful place for our children to learn, grow, do crafts and have fun! All children are welcome to attend. We have several licensed adult guides to lead our “little people” in joyful play and song, while we “big people” enjoy our worship in church. Thanks to everyone for all your help! *Photo: Sally Thomas*

A REFLECTION ON MY EASTER SEASON

“And you shall see greater things than these.” Jesus, in the Gospel of John 1:50.

This last Easter Season was absolutely wonderful for me. I was a bit concerned, as some of the worship services that were scheduled had not had been offered for many years. The service that sticks in my mind was the Saturday evening Easter Vigil Service which is the most ancient of all Christian worship services. The entire Service is spelled out in ancient literature dating back to the late first century. The worship scenario involves the theme of the *Light of Christ* being brought into a dark world and then interpreted throughout history by reading ancient Scripture citing God’s involvement with all humankind. It was intended to be an all-night service culminating in Baptism at Easter sunrise.

My hope is that we will begin to see “greater things” in all that we are doing. I am deeply impressed by the hard work that went into decorating the church, presentation of the music, and preparation of all aspects of the Easter Services. I concluded that the National Cathedral essentially had little more to offer than Trinity and am so appreciative of everyone’s efforts and participation.

This last week I flew to Nebraska to visit my sister and brother in law. They both are struggling with cancer and are making an effort to “see greater things” in the here and now. I believe that the three of us were able to do that during our time together for those few days. We stayed up most of the nights talking. We cooked wonderful food together. We visited with my niece and nephew and their children and reminisced about our growing up and what we had really learned about life from all of our family as well as each other. We played with the dogs and visited the Johnny Carson museum where we laughed at his old TV clips until our stomachs ached. We toured the John G. Neihardt homestead/center and reread the best of *Black Elk Speaks*, to each other. We walked the *Spiritual Red Road* hand in hand and discussed Black Elk’s theology of the “Sacred Hoop” of life; chanting, praying and being Indian together. It was an intimate time that filled me up spiritually once again and the experience expanded as we worked on Bethie’s Native American weavings. The week ended and we knew that we had indeed seen many “greater things” because we were together.

The week reminded me that the love of Christ will eventually remold us, remake our hearts and change us in ways that we never dreamed could be possible. God takes us and uses us from right here, right now, from right on, to forever! All of us will continue to “see greater things” if we take Christ with us into our hearts and along our personal spiritual way.

With Love,
Jim+



ALTAR GUILD NEWS FOR MAY

The Altar Guild has been very busy in the last month. We are happy to announce that we have acquired all new candles for the High Altar, including the candles for St. Luke's Chapel, the torches and beautiful new Paschal Candle. Our old candles had been in service for quite a long while, and many of them were leaking badly.

Our whole congregation wishes to express its gratitude to the Altar Guild for their continued devotion and vigilance in making the Altar resplendent for our worship. The new candles are dedicated expressly in thanksgiving for the many years of excellent service by Connie Miller.

Coming soon: a new frontal for the altar in St. Luke's Chapel, and check out the new lighting in the Sacristy as well. :-)

This year Trinity Sunday is Sunday, June 3rd. We are approaching our 50th anniversary of the consecration of the current Trinity Church, Buttrum Hall and the Classroom Building. Many major building improvements are needed on the Trinity campus. Consider making a gift to the *Trinity Capital Improvement Fund* for renovations of Buttrum Hall and the classroom building.



CAMP NOEL PORTER - SUMMER 2012

Applications for the summer camps at Camp Noel Porter, the Diocese of Northern California Camp and Conference Center on Lake Tahoe have arrived and are available on the Narthex Table in the back of the Church.

Camperships are available to assist in the costs of the camps. Please see Georgia Bostedt or Vicky Scarbrough for information regarding the scholarships which are awarded by St. Barbara's Guild.

CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS



Our sympathy goes out to Janis Arendt whose mother, Lorraine Packard, passed away on April 14th. A private memorial service will be held in Trinity in May. And our sympathy also goes to the Mabry family at the death of Maxine Mabry, a long-time Trinity member who died on April 28th. A Requiem Eucharist will be held on Saturday, June 12th at 1:30pm in Trinity Church.

Our Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mello who were married by Father Jim here in Trinity Church on Saturday, April 28th. Our best wishes go to Tony and Sydney as they begin their married life together. Tony is a sound engineer and Sydney is a pharmacy tech and has also worked in floral designing. We look forward to their becoming active members of our church family.

MAY'S FOOD OF THE MONTH IS...CANNED TOMATOES AND TOMATO SAUCE

Tomato Longings

I don't know about you, but once the tomato plants are ready to go in the ground, I start salivating for a vine-ripened tomato. I have to keep reminding myself, though, that it's usually sometime in July, or in cool summers even later, before I get one from my own Sonoma County garden. And it's summer's end before my picking basket feels the full weight of seasonal bounty.

When I looked in my freezer and cupboard a few days ago, I realized supplies were low from last summer's preserving. This is the season when I sometimes turn to canned tomatoes; and we can assume that our hungry neighbors do, too.

So - May's food of the month is CANNED TOMATOES & TOMATO SAUCE.

What's in a can? Well, it's sometimes hard to tell, but it is often true that the flavor of canned tomatoes is better than the out of season tomatoes on sale at this time of year. They have been bred to endure long bumpy trips and gassed into redness.

Did you know you can boost the flavor of canned whole tomatoes by roasting them, just as you would fresh?



Drain a couple of 28 ounce cans, reserving the liquid for another use if you like. Put the tomatoes in a roasting pan and drizzle with olive oil. Roast at 375 degrees for 40 minutes or more, until they begin to darken and shrink some. These are great for soups, stews and sauces.

Reading the labels will tell us if the tomatoes inside the can were grown organically, and how much salt has been added: but it's tricky to tell where the tomatoes were grown. Labels tell the country of origin, and where the distributor is located, but not where produce comes from. We

can make a guess, though, because 94% of canned tomatoes from the USA are from California. Our own UC Davis leads the way in commercial tomato production research.

The other thing labels don't reveal is how the workers who tended the tomatoes and picked them and got them into the can were treated and compensated. Some of the worst cases of abuse of agricultural workers in this country have occurred in tomato fields. Activists are working toward domestic standards for Fair Trade, to parallel those we have internationally for coffee, tea, cocoa, and other crops. Stay tuned.

Deacon Phina Borgeson

KID'S CORNER



The week before Easter our kids had a blast coloring and decorating dozens of eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt (*left*). And then on Easter Sunday, you couldn't count the smiles on the faces of all the children scrambling around the grounds looking for dyed, decorated, feathered, chocolate, candy and sequin eggs (*right*).

Just a reminder to those caring for little people: every Sunday at 10:30am we have fun activities planned during Little People's Sunday School in the new classroom.

Photos: Sally Thomas



BLUE STAR SERVICE FLAGS

Each Sunday in one segment of our Prayers of the People we offer prayers for all members of the military services wherever they serve. We also offer prayers for several individual service members identified by first names who are presumably members of Trinity families, and whose families have asked that they be remembered.

Soon there will be an occasion for those brave men and women to be recognized beyond Trinity. During the Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday, May 28, 2012, the commanders of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and the American Legion Post will present Blue Star Service flags to families of military service members who wish to receive them.

The Memorial Day ceremonies will start at 11:00 am at the Veterans Memorial Park cemetery just north of the Sonoma Veterans Building at 126 First Street West.

Any Trinity parish members interested in having a Blue Star Service Flag presented or are interested in more information

are encouraged to call Dennis or Laurell Meredith at 996-8819. We will provide the information to the event



organizers to insure the banners will be ready for presentation on Memorial Day. In the event that May 28 is a conflict with other plans, the commanders of the two veterans' service organizations will be glad to make the presentation at a time and place convenient to any interested family. There will be

no cost to the families involved.

The Service Flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by such families. The Service Flag, also called the Blue Star Flag, was designed and patented by WWI Army Captain Robert L. Queisser, who had two sons serving in the front lines. The flag quickly became a symbol of a child in service. In 1917 the Congressional Record stated, "The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing to a father and a mother—their children." During WWII the practice of displaying the Service Flag became much more widespread, with most flags being hand-made by mothers across the nation.

Family members authorized to display the flag include wives, husbands, parents, children, brothers and sisters, step-parents, adoptive parents, foster parents, step-children, adopted children, and half-brothers and -sisters.

Dennis & Laurell Meredith
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WEEKLY SERVICES AND MONTHLY MEETINGS AT TRINITY CHURCH SONOMA



Weekly Meetings and Services

Holy Eucharist, Rite I:
 Sunday at 8:00 am
 Sung Eucharist, Rite II:
 Sunday at 10:30 am
 Men's Lunch: Monday at noon
 at the Red Grape
 Holy Eucharist and Healing:
 Wednesday at 10:00 am
 Centering Prayer: Saturday, 8:00 am
 in St. Luke's Chapel

Monthly Meetings

Choir Practice:
 1st Sunday of each month at
 9:15 am in Church (May 6th)
 Welcoming Committee: 1st Wednesday
 of each month at 9:00am
 (May 2nd)
 Buildings & Grounds: Work Day;
 2nd Saturday of each month
 from 9-11 am (May 12th)

(Monthly Meetings continued...)

Pastoral Care Committee: 2nd Tuesday
 of each month at 11:00 in
 Dallas Library (May 8th)
 Knitting at Trinity: 2nd Thursday in
 Dallas Library from 2pm to
 5pm (May 10th)
 Altar Guild: 3rd Tuesday of each month
 at 10:00 am in Dallas Library
 (May 15th)
 St. Barbara's Guild: 3rd Tuesday
 of each month at 11:30 am in
 Buttrum Hall (May 15th)
 Gratitude Committee: 4th Sunday of
 each month at 11:45 in Dallas
 Library (May 27th)
 Vestry: 3rd Wednesday of each month
 at 7:00pm, (May 16th)
 4th Day meeting: TBA

GRATEFUL, GLAD & GIVING - THE MONTH MAY - WE CELEBRATE OUR UNIQUE GIFTS

We may be only clay—but God's fingerprints are richly imprinted upon each of us. During the month of May we honor our uniqueness, and nurture our special talents and abilities.

WE SHARE: The Look of Love we find in one another's eyes.
 WE CARE: Which of our current ministries might we highlight this month in view of appreciation for our unique gifts? In what ways?

What quick, easy, and economical "mini-stries" might we offer this month to focus our attention on our talents and abilities, and how might we share our gifts with others?

Affirmation Hour: Invite your community to a sandwich bar supper (what do our favorite sandwiches say about us?!) Draw lots for partners, and ask one another three affirmative questions (ex. What's your favorite way to spend a Saturday? Do you have a hobby or personal passion?) Share results about your partner with the group over dessert.



What are your ideas?



Dear Friend of Stop Hunger Now,

Last month several Stop Hunger Now staff and volunteers returned from a trip to visit our partners in Nicaragua and while talking to the mothers at the local school in Jinotepe, they discovered that many mothers bring their pre-school aged children from miles around - no matter the weather - to ensure that their children have the advantage of at least one well-balanced meal a day. These women often don't even have a bowl to put their child's meal in - they bring a little bag and feed the children with their fingers.

The team also met a young 13-year-old girl who had a one-year-old baby living in the Nueva Vida community outside of Managua (see picture below). Both mother and child were severely malnourished until a local feeding center supported by Stop Hunger Now started providing both of them meals. Both mother and baby are healthy now and their future has promise and hope.

While on the 2012 Vision trip to Nicaragua, I realized that the distinction of being a Mother is not limited to an individual. I saw and felt the collective compassion within a group and as an organization to Mother those in need. This Mother's Day I will celebrate Stop Hunger Now, for all those who have been lovingly fed, body, mind, and spirit by their work, including me. --- Katie Caniglia, a volunteer and champion of Stop Hunger Now

As Katie and the others on this trip witnessed firsthand, for too many women in the world the greatest challenge is hunger. The pursuit of food comes before an education, but if food is provided at school attendance soars and children receive an education which will ultimately break the cycle of poverty. Additionally, young women who receive an education have half as many children in their lifetime and wait until they are older to begin having children. Finally, educated mothers raise healthier and more productive families. And all of this results from providing a simple meal.

In celebration of Mother's Day, most of us will honor the special women in our lives in some fashion - maybe a nice lunch or flowers. **Stop Hunger Now invites you to do something different this year.** Visit our website at www.stophungernow.org to donate in Honor or Memory of a special woman in your life - wife, mother, grandmother, stepmother, teacher, etc. Stop Hunger Now will then send a beautiful card to that woman and let her or her family know that she has received this special tribute.

Working together we can end hunger in our lifetime, and live in a world where all women can raise their children with hope and possibility. Happy Mothers Day!

Warmest regards,

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SPECIAL MUSIC CONCERT

**Honoring John Burke:**

**Educator, Composer, Conductor,
Organist, and Pianist**

On Sunday afternoon May 20 at 3:00 pm Trinity Church will honor John Burke's contributions to music in the San Francisco Bay area and to Trinity, Sonoma, with a retrospective program of music and tributes. The musical portion of the program will feature performances that illustrate his variety of talents.

One of these will salute his important years of teaching. In the 1960's when he was adjunct Professor of Organ at the University of California in Berkeley, he taught the beginning organ students. One of those students has recently come back into John's life to study with him again. He will open the event playing the Trinity organ for Johann Sebastian Bach's monumental Prelude and Fugue in E flat Major, This is also known as the St. Anne, for the fugue is based on the Hymn Tune "Our God, Our Help In Ages Past".

The valley of the Moon Chamber Ensemble, Conducted by Dr. Brian Sebastian will sing two Christmas anthems written by John, to honor his composing, and for his long career conducting Bay area church choirs including children's choirs.

John has been a prolific composer of choral music. He has particularly enjoyed writing songs for children. Beth Carter, Choral Director of the First United Methodist Church of Sonoma, will sing 3 Of the 30 pieces which were published in past years. In the years following his retirement, when he came to Trinity, he returned to the piano to learn the great piano repertoire he had missed when, at the age of 12, he began studying the organ. John will play the Piano Sonata Number Seven of Franz Schubert.

Admission is open to all. A free will gift at the door will support The Friends of Music of Trinity Church which underwrites the fine musical programs held here. John is one of the founding members of this group. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person. All are welcome regardless of financial means.

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Calendar

May 1st, 2012

MAY DAY

May 12th, 2012

Building & Grounds Work Day

May 16th, 2012

Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm

May 20th, 2012

Concert for John Burke, 3:00pm

May 27, 2012

Feast of Pentecost

May 28, 2012

Memorial Day - Veteran's Building 11am

Staff

FATHER JIM THOMAS



The Reverend Canon James M. Thomas, Jr., PhD is our Priest-in-charge. He's

always happy to meet with you and help however he can.

DEACON PHENA



We are very fortunate to have the Reverend Deacon Josephine "Phina" Borgeson

with us to celebrate and teach.

LARRY BRUNKE, OFFICE



Larry Brunke is our Parish Administrator. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of the

Episcopal Church, tradition and liturgy to our Trinity family.