

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22—THIS WEDNESDAY!
 There'll be three services of Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes that day: 7:30 AM (chapel), 11 AM (chapel), and 6:30 PM (church).

SPECIAL LENTEN PROGRAMS AT TRINITY

PRAYING THE PSALMS

Join parishioner Pat Spoor in the library on Thursdays 10 - 11:30 AM during Lent for a 5-week program, March 1st-29th. We'll look at how the psalmist can teach us to express our hopes, needs, fears and joys to a God described in language rich in imagery and metaphors. Surely our personal prayer life will be enhanced. Everyone is welcome. To sign up, or for more information, contact Pat Spoor, 203-226-1530 or: ppspoor@optonline.net

A TRINITY TRADITION: THE MID-EAST FORUMS
Five Thursdays in Lent: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

6:00 pm—Simple Supper; 6:30 pm—Evening Prayers;
 7 – 8:30 pm Program and Discussion
 Thinking . . . out of the box. Worship. Learn. Enjoy.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Exploring Your Gifts

An offering of Lenten study on Sunday evenings in March (4, 11, 18, and 25) 6 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall, will be a 4-week journey of self-discovery. Identify your gifts and how to use them to move toward a fuller, more authentic life through interactive learning and thought-provoking activities. We'll also consider how our Christian faith, together with these gifts, might call us to "shared ministry." A light supper will be served. To sign up, please contact facilitator Jean Moffitt before Monday, Feb. 27: 203-374-1242, or E-mail: jean_moffitt@sbcglobal.net.

ART & SOUL OFFERS A LENTEN "PILGRIMAGE!"

Can't make the trip to Jerusalem? How about a day in NYC? Journey to Manhattan for two extraordinary, related exhibitions:

The Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Biblical Times

Discovery Times Square, 224 West 44th Street
 and

Transition to Christianity, Art of Late Antiquity/3rd-7th cent., AD

The Onassis Cultural Center, 645 Fifth Avenue


Saturday, March 24, Trinity Pilgrims will train it from Southport Station: 8:25 a.m. train to GCT; 10:30 a.m. tour The Dead Sea Scrolls; Lunch as you wish; 2:00 p.m. see "Transition to Christianity"; Return to Southport. *You MUST be signed up to do this!* Please email Sheila Traub: sheilastraub@optonline.net for details and to reserve.

THE REV. TOM PELLATON - GUEST PREACHER, FEBRUARY 26

We welcome Father Pellaton as both Officiant and Preacher next Sunday, who with the assistance of Father Mark, will be filling in while our clergy attend the Vestry Retreat. Please keep Father Nicholas, Mother Dawn, our Wardens and Vestry members in your prayers.

TRINITY PRAYER CHAIN HOSTS THE REV. HEIDI TRUAX

On Wednesday, February 29, at a special session of the 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing service in the Trinity Chapel, Sr. Heidi will be the guest homilist. Bring a sandwich to enjoy afterwards. Treats will be served. RSVP: Mary Field Barrett, 203-259-6333 or CAABarrett@aol.com



HUGS & ROSES
A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who created Valentines, signed Valentine cards and donated money to purchase the 100 roses that Trinity families and others distributed on Valentine's Day to the residents of Carolton. Due to everyone's generosity with time, talent and resources—from the littlest 3-year-olds to our Well-Seasoned parishioners—we were able to collect over \$250 after expenses for Operation Hope! We are already planning to expand this multigenerational service project to include Southport Manor next year. We hope the joy brought to the recipients of roses warmed your hearts as much as your participation warmed ours. **THANK YOU!**

Ministry of 12 provide short-term assistance (rides, shopping, etc.) for any parish member in need. If you need help, contact **February Captain: Mary Cody, marycody@optonline.net or 203-256-8949.**

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2012

8:00 AM: Lector: David Sturges **Intercessor:** Steven Van Fleet
Chalice Bearers: Patria Swann, Sally Waugh
10:00 AM: Lector: David Friedline **Intercessor:** David Nessel
Chalice Bearers: Jan Perry, Lucy Reinhardt
Acolytes: Claire Bollman, Griffin Restrepo, Annie Funk, Kate Hall
Ushers: Doug Soutar (capt.) John Kreidler, Janet & Harvey Wahnquist
Altar: Patria Swann (captain), Bebe Stetson, Eugenia Ardrey
Coffee Hour: Ward & Alexa Horton
Readings: Genesis 9: 8-17; Psalm 25: 1-9; 1 Peter 3: 18-22
Lectionary website: www.lectionarypage.net

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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY THIS WEEK

"Phat" Sunday 2/19	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I "Children's Time with God," Parish Hall Holy Eucharist, Rite II Phat Sunday Breakfast, Parish Hall
Monday 2/20		Presidents' Day OFFICE CLOSED 1:30 PM Knitting Ministry
Tuesday 2/21	7:30 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 Noon 7:00 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel NO Women's Fellowship today Holy Eucharist at Carolton Staff Meeting Men's Bible Study in Choir Room
		† Ash Wednesday †
Wednesday 2/22	7:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 Noon 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	HE I, Imposition of Ashes, Chapel HE I, Imposition of Ashes & Healing in Chapel Rector's Bible Study, Library HE I, Imposition of Ashes, Sanctuary Youth Group attends Ash Wed. Svc.
Thursday 2/23	7:30 AM	Morning Prayer in Chapel
Friday 2/24	7:30 AM 5:00 PM	Morning Prayer in Chapel Vestry Retreat begins
Lent I 2/26	8:00 AM 9:45 AM 10:00 AM 11:15 AM 2:00 PM	Holy Eucharist, Rite I "Children's Time with God," Parish Hall Holy Eucharist, Rite I Coffee Hour in Parish Hall Vestry Retreat ends

PHAT* SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 11:15 A.M. TODAY!

*** (PRETTY HOT AND TEMPTING!)**

Paul Gojkovich, David Nessel, Chris Rieck and other members of the Men's Group have organized the Parish Phat Sunday Pancake breakfast to give Trinity one last treat before Lent begins! They've got a fun menu of Molasses Buckwheat Flapjacks with Molasses Crème Fraiche, Arthur Avenue Sausage, and "fixins," plus Fruit Salad, Milk, Juice, Coffee, Teas & **sinfully rich hot chocolate!**

A READING: THE SECOND BOOK OF KINGS 2: 1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 99

The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

A READING: THE SECOND LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 4: 3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO ST. MARK 9: 2-9

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.* (Rite I)
Glory to you, Lord Christ. (Rite II)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with

them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.* (Rite I)
Praise to you, Lord Christ. (Rite II)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As a people bound to God in covenant, let us pray for the needs of the world and the church, saying Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

O God, our human agreements are flawed; they do not last. You have called us into covenant, and betrothed us to yourself in righteousness, justice, love, mercy, and faithfulness. That your spirit may bring all people ever more fully into that enduring covenant of freedom and peace. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Establish peace, and strengthen those who work for it. Bring justice and liberty, and give courage to those who decry injustice and oppression. Grant wisdom to those who make the decisions on which the common well-being depends, that your Spirit may help us to shape a more just and equitable society. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Grant the Church wisdom to recognize the new life that is of the Spirit and not to seek to confine it in old forms; grant it discernment to know the passing attractions that are not of the Spirit, and to dismiss them. That your Spirit may give joy to all Christians as they do their appointed tasks. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Let us pray for those who are sick or suffering, those who are troubled, and those in need. Especially we pray for Kathy & Kristi, Amy, Gail, Blair, Joby, John D, Jim & Stephanie, Barbara & Fred, Doris, Barrett, and Cammie, that all may find their needs met in Christ. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, preserve us from our carelessness and the boredom that veils the terror and despair that lurk within. Grant us a vision of the shining glory at the heart of things, bearing witness to the light of God shining in dark places and to your living with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

OUR PRAYER LIST HAS BEEN UPDATED. If you would like to add or remove a name from the list, please tell clergy or Cassia 203-255-0454, x300, admin@trinitysouthport.org