

# The Trinity Bell



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## *The Vicar's Voice*

I have several friends around the country that like to tell me each year just what *they* are giving up for Lent. I thought this year I would give up contacting them so I would not have to listen to their seemingly infinite descriptions of how they planned

to make themselves better by these acts of self-denial. So far, so good!

One thing my friends don't recognize is that self-denial is still a focus on the self: it even has the word "self" in it. Real denial would be the denial of self which would manifest in a person's being more Christ-like and less *themselves!* I just think the emphasis is wrong. If I give up meat or chocolate – I tend to think more of meat or chocolate. I don't give up stuff, I give up. There is nothing more I can do than what God in Christ has done for me and I am not about to give that up. I just give up and receive the fact that he has received me and has forgiven me and that my 40 days of Lent are days to express illimitable gratitude for a faith and life that I cannot in any way produce for myself.

So join me. Feasting is over on Shrove Tuesday. Fasting has begun. Let's fast together from concentrating on ourselves and give ourselves to deep concentration and focus on Jesus, the Christ.

*Fr. Jeff Mackey +*

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Mar. 4th - St. Anne's - Keystone Heights  
Speaker: Fr. Bob Griffiths, Deputy to the Bishop

Wednesday, Mar. 11th - St. Mark's - Starke  
Speaker: Bishop Howard

Wednesday, Mar. 18th - Trinity - Melrose  
Speaker: Marianne O'Neill, MDGs

Wednesday, Mar. 25th - St. Anne's - Keystone Heights  
Speaker: Rev. Nancee Martin-Coffey - Chapel House

Wednesday, Apr. 1st - St. Mark's - Starke  
Speaker: Sue Carmichael

Wednesday, Apr. 8th - Trinity - Melrose  
Taize Service - **No Soup Supper**

**All soup suppers and the Taize service on  
April 8th will start at 6:00pm.**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2009**

**10:00AM SERVICE**

**TIME AND TALENT  
MINISTRY FAIR**

**LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP**

**ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN**

**Head of the Church  
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**Margaret Rice, Choir Director**

**Office**

**Jean Stegall,  
Financial Administrator  
Linda Wilcox,  
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and Editor of the "Trinity Bell"**

**Service Times**

**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday  
6:00 pm Wednesday Evening**

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**NEWS FROM THE ECW**

On March 3rd, the ECW will have an evening meeting at 6:30pm with dinner. Fr. Jeff will be presenting the program, speaking on the meaning of Lent.

Those who are not working are asked to bring a pot luck dish to share with those who are working. Please come to enjoy a good meal, fellowship and teaching.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Mar. 2 Sharon Cook, Dirk Frazel
- Mar. 4 Chip Gray
- Mar. 10 Joyce Chesnut
- Mar. 11 Val Thomas
- Mar. 15 Bob Nahikian
- Mar. 17 Marilyn Blair
- Mar. 18 Bill Chesnut
- Mar. 20 Larry Alsobrook, Denis Frazel
- Mar. 22 George Bothwell
- Mar. 25 Elaine Ashley
- Mar. 26 Pat Warren, Jennifer Lowe
- Mar. 27 Logan Middleton



God, our times are in your hand; look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- Mar. 6 Jamie and Jo Welsh
- Mar. 23 Cathy and Paul Stegall
- Mar. 30 Pat and Bob Nahikian



O God, bless our relationships, assist us with your grace, so that with true fidelity and steadfast love we may honor and keep the promises and vows we make to one another. Let us love one another as a sign of your love for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

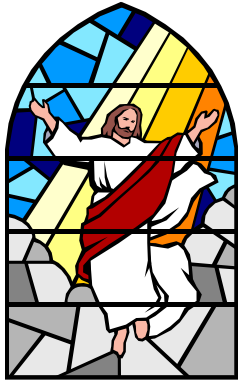
**EVANGELISM TEAM**

Trinity is an exciting and growing church, and we're seeing new faces every Sunday. We're looking for new ways to welcome our newcomers and to reach into the community to invite others to join us. If you would like to be part of the evangelism team, please contact Pat Nahikian.



**CURSILLO NEWS**

This month the Ultreya will be held on Friday, Mar. 6th, right here at Trinity at 7:00pm. If you would like to know more about Cursillo, please be sure to go to one of the members of Trinity who has already attended a weekend and ask lots of questions.



## EASTER IN THE PARK

The major holidays of the church year have traditionally been called "Feast Days", days of festival, celebration and commemoration of a particular event in the life of Our Lord, the Church or of a particular saint. They are enjoyed with much celebrating and very often with an actual "feast"! Easter is, in the life of the church, the most celebrated day of all; the day for which we are most thankful, the day of Christ's Resurrection and our Salvation!

This year, as well as celebrating with a reception in our own courtyard, we are going to reach out to the community with a feast in Heritage Park from 1:pm to 3:00pm, to which all are welcome. We will be serving a picnic lunch and are hoping to feed as many people as possible with as little work as possible! We will be serving a delicious feast of ham, green beans, pasta salad, rolls, fruit salad, deviled eggs, and dessert along with iced tea and lemonade.

This past year has been especially difficult for everyone economically and once again Lake Area Ministries finds themselves in difficult circumstances so we are trying to help to lighten their load for this very special holiday meal. We are fortunate to be able to start out with some seed money from our outreach fund but need your help in whatever way you might be able to pitch in. We will be able to cover the main menu items but will be praying for your help with desserts, deviled eggs, financial assistance for take out containers, cups, drinks, etc. And, of course, your strong arms and legs would be a blessing to help with setting up in the park, serving lunch and helping to clean up afterwards. Most importantly of all, we ask for your prayer support, prayers that the people who need the food will know that it's available, prayers that we will have the right amount of food available, and prayers for all those who are helping.

As we all are reaching out to help others, we know the blessings we receive are far greater than those we are giving. The smiles, the thank you's, the joy on a child's face, are such gifts. If you feel that you can only give a half an hour of your time or one dollar of your treasure, it will be just the right thing that is needed and others will be blessed by it. Every little bit helps and means a great deal to someone who has even less. If you would like to help, please speak to Father Jeff or Betty Zworka, or mark your check "Easter" in the memo section.



## TIME AND TALENT MINISTRY FAIR

On March 1st, we will have our first Ministry Fair. This is a different way to familiarize everyone with all the committees and organizations that make Trinity so vibrant. It is an opportunity for everyone to volunteer their time and talents. Tables will be set up with materials and sign-up sheets and someone to answer any questions. There will also be activities for children so parents can visit the tables. Lunch will be provided. Please mark your calendar so you can learn more about ways in which you can share your special gifts.



**The deadline for the  
April Bell is  
March 23rd.**

## GIGGLESOME

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late... But please don't push me again either!"



## TREASURER'S REPORT



### Trinity Episcopal Church Summary Income Statement for the Period Ended January 31, 2009

	For the Month		Year-to-Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>	\$ 13,903	\$ 14,381	\$ 13,903	\$ 14,381
<b>Expense</b>	<u>17,260</u>	<u>16,402</u>	<u>17,260</u>	<u>16,402</u>
<b>Income less Expense</b>	<u>\$ (3,357)</u>	<u>\$ (2,021)</u>	<u>\$ (3,357)</u>	<u>\$ (2,021)</u>

### LENT AND THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Marianne O'Neill, MDG Team Member

Generally, Lent is a season for “giving up something” or “taking on something,” to travel with Christ, His journey to the cross. Our journey of course is laced with the after knowledge that the Resurrection occurs and Easter will bloom in our hearts again. Lent might be the perfect time for us to “take on” the mantle of Christ in our response to “feeding the poor, healing the sick, and setting free the oppressed.” The Millennium Development Goals are goals designed to lift those in poverty out through self-sustaining industry, provision of clean and safe drinking water, better child and maternal health care, equal access to education, to treat AIDS, malaria and other diseases, to ensure environmental stability, and to create a global partnership to assure this development.

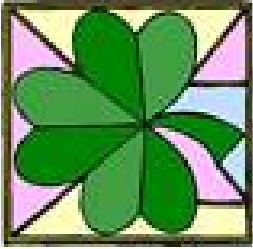
These goals are within our power and our resources, even in the midst of our own economic upheaval and turmoil. Now is not the time to back down! Perhaps though, now is the time to learn about sacrificial giving. That giving, I think, that is close to the heart of Jesus, the gift of the “Widow’s Mite.” Perhaps Lent is a perfect time to fast! From Isaiah 58: 6-8, “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.”

In today’s age of globalization, the internet and live satellite TV, we cannot pretend that we do not see our neighbors around the world who are starving, uneducated, afflicted with vile diseases, lacking basic health, sanitation and clean water. We can no longer pretend that they are too far away to help or they having nothing to do with us.

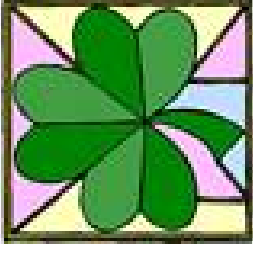
If one also offers the money saved in food expense, the practice can be a step toward the kind of fast described in this passage. What partial or total fast from certain foods or luxuries might you undertake today and in the coming weeks so that you could make an additional donation of money to support God’s work? From what amusements might you fast in order to devote the time to helping others? Lent is a prayerful opportunity to “fast” and to use money you might otherwise have spent to donate to the Millennium Development Goals. This would be a step toward the recommended contribution of .7% of our personal incomes which would help lift 500 million people out of extreme poverty.



Perhaps you might want to help in some way promote the plight of our starving neighbors in our own neighborhoods or around the globe. Many of these live in fear of their lives as well as fearing that there may not be anything to eat the next day or even clean water to drink. Being hungry, well, educated or simply safe, should not be an accident of birth!

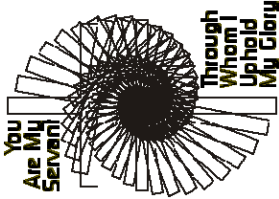
Please use this Lent to pray and discern how God may be calling you, and how you might answer His call.



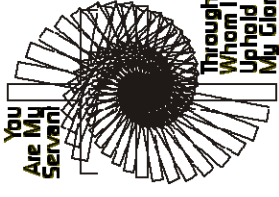
# MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 First Sunday of Lent</b> Service 10:00am Parish Hall Ministry Fair Lunch Following	2 7:00 pm Scouts	3 Access 10am-2pm 1:00pm Isalah 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 6:30 pm ECW Dinner Meeting	4 Soup Supper St. Anne's 6:00pm	5 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00pm Isalah 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	6 Ultreya at Trinity 7:00pm 	7 Thrift Shop 9am-12
<b>8 2nd Sun of Lent</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	9 7:00 pm Scouts	10 Access 10am-2pm 1:00pm Isalah 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	11 Soup Supper St. Mark's 6:00pm	12 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm Isalah	13	14 Thrift Shop 9am-12 Diocesan Altar Guild Camp Weed
<b>15 3rd Sun of Lent</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School Cursillo Closing	16 10:00 Craft Class 7:00 pm Scouts	17 Access 10am-2pm 1:00pm Isalah 5:30 pm AA ~ Wic 7:00pm Audubon Mtg 7:00pm By-Law Cmte	18 Soup Supper Trinity 6:00pm	19 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00 pm AA ~ 7:00pm Isalah er	20 MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND	21 Thrift Shop 9am-12
<b>22 4th Sun of Lent</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School Cursillo Closing	23 7:00 pm Scouts DOK Meeting 6:45pm	24 Access 10am-2pm 1:00pm Isalah 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker	25 Soup Supper St. Anne's 6:00pm	26 Access 10am-2pm 10 - 4 Thrift Shop open 7:00pm Isalah 7:00 pm AA ~ Wicker	27 WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND	28 DOK Quiet Day Thrift Shop 9am-12 Men's Club 
<b>29 5th Sun of Lent</b> 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:15 Coffee 9:45 Sunday School	30 7:00 pm Scouts	31 Access 10am-2pm 1:00pm Isalah 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker				



**SERVER'S SCHEDULE ~ MARCH 2009**



Date	8:30				11:00			
	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Usher	Greeter	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Usher	Greeter
Mar. 1	<b>One Service 10AM</b>		Ken Blair	Donna Eichelsderfer	Jerry Thomas	Marilyn Blair	Jim White	Ginny White
Mar. 8	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Paul Stegall	Clay O'Neal	Kelly O'Neal	Suki Hoffman Paul Stegall	Pat Poppell	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Mar. 15	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Craig Lee	Rodney Paul	Vi Paul	Kristi Gregory Craig Lee	Liz Middleton	Ken Blair	Marilyn Blair
Mar. 22	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Jeanne Eaton	Eric Beshore	Ann Beshore	Pat Poppell Rodney Paul	Jerry Thomas	Kristi Gregory	Cinnie Brown
Mar. 29	Jerry Thomas	Joyce Chesnut	Alan Pankratz	Penny Pankratz	Jerry Thomas	Jean Giesel	Ed O'Bryan	Yvonne O'Bryan
Altar Guild	Cinnie Brown and Jean Stegall							
Mission Board	Vi Paul and Ed O'Bryan							

Thank you for placing yourself in the service of Our Lord and His Church. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please arrange for your replacement and notify the office.

## *Out of my mind...*

People often ask me for copies of my sermons. But since I do not write them out in their entirety, I do not have copies as such. I do have outlines with some introductory material and quotes. If you wish one of these, please let Linda know. We will have the ability to make a copy for you in the office.

Also, Craig Lee tapes the sermons each week and they are available on our website at [trinitymelrosefl.org](http://trinitymelrosefl.org). I am in the process of seeing that these are put on CD's for sale at cost since several of you have asked.

And since I am in the midst of bold-face capitalism I might just as well let you know of the books available. We have in the office

*Hidden Mirth: The Grace Behind the Goodness* - \$30.00

*A Mirrored Surprise* - \$10.00

*Christ's Centripetal Cross* - \$7.00

*A Worship Manifesto* - \$5.00

*Indicative and Imperatives* - \$7.00

*And Jesus Everything: Conversations with A. B. Simpson* - \$7.00

A new book is in the works called *Take Your Chants: A Worship Polemic*. I hope to have it out by Christmas. Enough already! I've got that off my mind! Don't buy bonds, buy books!

*Fr. Jeff Mackey +*

### **DAUGHTERS OF THE KING LENTEN QUIET DAY**

On Saturday, March 28, the Daughters of the King will sponsor a Lenten Quiet Day. The Day will start at 8:30am with a delicious breakfast served by the Men's Club. At 9:00am, when breakfast is over, we will proceed to the church where Father Jeff will lead us in a day of prayer, meditation and silence. There will be a quiet lunch break for which you may bring your own bag lunch and the afternoon will end at 3:00pm. If you are only able to come for the morning or afternoon portions of the day, you are welcome. There is no cost for the day, just the gift of quiet time in the Lord's presence and everyone is welcome, members or non members. If you would like to attend, please call the office so we will have a count for breakfast.

### **News from Boy Scout Troop 109**

Change is in the air at Troop 109. Father Kidd is stepping down as Scout Master but will continue serving the Troop as a Committee Member. Thank you Father Kidd, for all your years of service and dedication to Troop 109.

Robert Milam is stepping in as Scout Master. After a year of showing his ability and dedication to the Troop as Assistant Scout Master, we look forward to his work in his new position.

Currently in our Troop we have eleven boys. Allan Wainwright just earned his Eagle Rank last month. Congratulations Allan! What an accomplishment. Another Scout, Jordan Mortl, is working on his Eagle Project, and will soon be an Eagle Scout. Thomas Moore recently attained the rank of Life Scout and Caleb Moore attained the rank of Star Scout.

Our Webelos Crossover ceremony is scheduled for this weekend, February 21st. We will hopefully be getting two or three new Scouts. We combined our Crossover with a camping trip to Camp Echockotee. The new boys will earn their Totin Chit which allows them to carry a pocket knife, and their Fireman Chit, which allows them to build fires.

That's all for now. Thank you for your continued support of Troop 109.

Laine Moore  
Troop 109, Journalist

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### **SPECIAL EVENTS IN MARCH**

Mar. 1 First Sunday One Service 10:00am  
Mar. 3 ECW Meeting 6:30 pm  
Outreach Meeting 10:00am  
Isaiah Class 1:00pm  
Mar. 4 Soup Supper - St. Anne's  
Mar. 5 Isaiah Class 7:00pm  
Mar. 6 Ultreya at Trinity  
Isaiah Class 1:00pm  
Mar. 11 Soup Supper - St. Mark's  
Mar. 12 Isaiah Class 7:00pm  
Mar. 13 Men's Cursillo Starts  
Mar. 14 Diocesan Altar Guild, Camp Weed  
Mar. 16 Craft Class 10:00am  
Mar. 17 **Happy St. Patrick's Day**  
Isaiah Class 1:00pm  
Mar. 18 Soup Supper - Trinity  
Mar. 19 Women's Cursillo Starts  
Mar. 23 DOK Meeting 6:45pm  
Mar. 24 Isaiah Class 1:00pm  
Mar. 25 Soup Supper - St Anne's  
Mar. 26 Isaiah Class 7:00pm  
Mar 28 DOK Quiet Day  
Mar. 31 Isaiah Class 1:00pm

### **REGULAR EVENTS**

**Sunday : 8:30 & 11:00 am Holy Eucharist**  
9:15 am Coffee  
9:45 - 10:45am Children's Sunday School  
Adult Spiritual Development

**Youth Group**  
After 11:00 Service on Sunday  
Wed. Evening Bible Study Parish Hall

**1st Sunday of the Month**  
One Service only at 10:00am  
In the Parish Hall

**Wednesday: Holy Eucharist  
and Evening Prayer 6:00 pm**

**Thrift Shop**  
Open 10 am to 4 pm Thursday  
9 am—noon Saturday

**Access Program**  
Tuesdays 10am—2pm

