



# The Trinity Bell



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*The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.*



## A Word from Father Tony

Dear Trinity Family,

Recent conversations have raised questions about the differences in Protestant and Catholic theology and what it is Episcopalians believe. In a very succinct article on

“What Distinguishes Protestant from Catholic

Thology,” Geoff Ashley highlights six major issues that divide Protestants and Catholics: Mariology, Purgatory, Indulgences, Transubstantiation, Justification and/or Perseverance by works, and the Centrality of the church.

Mariology, or the theology of Mary as Theotokis, or God-bearer, includes the doctrines of Mary’s Immaculate Conception, her Perpetual Virginity and lastly, her role as Mediatrix or co-mediator with Christ. Protestants soundly reject as unscriptural the notion that Mary was sinless from birth or that she never had other children with Joseph, and believe that Jesus Christ is our only mediator. However, Mary still holds a special place in the hearts of many Anglicans. Holy Days honoring Mary include the Annunciation, the Presentation, the Visitation and the Major Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin. Mary Chapels are not uncommon in Cathedrals and larger churches, including the Chapel of the Apostles at the School of Theology in Sewanee, Tennessee.

As for Purgatory, Indulgencies and praying to the Saints, the 22nd of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion first established in 1563, states “The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory, Pardons, Worshipping and Adoration, as well of Images as of Relics, and also Invocation of Saints, is a fond thing, vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.” Along with Luther and the Protestant reformers of the 16th Century, the Church of England rejected these practices of the Medieval Church. However, old habits are hard to break! As Anglo-Catholics, we still remember Holy Men and Holy Women in our hymns and celebrate them on the Church’s calendar with special feasts and fasts.

The biggest obstacles that continue to divide Protestants and Catholics are our different understandings, different theologies concerning the Sacraments of the Lord, the Doctrine of Justification, and the Centrality of the Church. Many Protestants reject the idea that there is any grace or power transmitted or conveyed in Holy Baptism or Communion. Anglicans and Episcopalians believe that there is a real presence, a mystical presence, of

Christ in Baptism the Holy Eucharist. The English Reformation did not reject the Sacraments of the Roman and Orthodox churches. We specially honor the two instituted by our Lord: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. We believe the sacraments are outward and visible signs of an inward and spiritual grace that pardons and sustains us to bear fruit for God’s kingdom.

Along with other Protestants, Anglicans and Episcopalians reject any notion that salvation is earned through works of the Law or on our own merit. It is only through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit that we can do anything good or worthy. Catholics believe that everything God created is Good and through the sacraments and the power of the Holy Spirit given in the sacrament, we are empowered to make wise choices, to enter into cooperation with the Spirit in a process of sanctification leading to our ultimate perfection in Christ in Paradise.

Already I have said too much and probably botched both views of Justification, however, I believe if you could lock the Pope, his Cardinals, Orthodox and Protestant leaders in a room, they could work these matters out in a New York minute. Ultimately, we believe the same thing: Our righteousness comes from God through Christ’s atonement for our sins on the Cross, not by our own works or merit. However, a Christian life devoid of good works, a Christian life lived in depravity; a Christian life that refuses the guidance of the Holy Spirit is perhaps not a Christian life at all. As James said, “Faith without works is dead.”

Finally, we come to the issue of the Centrality of the church – Is the Bishop of Rome, the successor of Peter, Christ’s vicar on earth? Should all faiths return to Rome and accept the authority and rule of the Pope? Ain’t gonna happen! Unless – unless there is a huge change of heart in of Rome. I believe Pope Francis and future Popes need to embrace the Protestant and Orthodox Churches as partners in the Mission to spread the Good News of Christ to the world. There needs to be vigorous and ongoing dialogue and negotiation to reconcile the differences that keep us apart. In the meantime, Anglicans and Episcopalians continue the Via Media, the middle way – carving a spiritual path between Protestant and Catholic based on Scripture, Reason and Tradition.

Tony +

**The First Sunday September 7  
One Service at 10:00am**

**TRINITY FIESTA  
Immediately following the service.**

**Head of the Church  
Jesus Christ**

**The Rt. Rev. Samuel Johnson Howard  
Bishop of Florida**

**Members of the Vestry**

**Virginia Smith, Sr. Warden 2015**

**Bob Hood, Jr. Warden 2017**

**Donna Eichelsderfer 2017**

**Anne Lowry 2015**

**Vi Paul 2016**

**Clay O'Neal 2017**

**Bob Tickel 2016**

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Figg Poncher, Organist**

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**Figg Poncher,  
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Linda Wilcox,  
Parish Administrator  
and Editor of the "Trinity Bell"**

**Service Times**

**8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE OCT.  
TRINITY BELL IS SEPT. 15th**



**NEWS FROM THE ECW**

The Women of Trinity will resume meeting starting on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at a 6:30pm dinner meeting in the parish hall. Lidia Cedeno, who is Cuban and a Spanish teacher at Keystone High School will be the speaker for the evening. All women of Trinity are included in the roles of the Episcopal Church Women and are invited to come and learn more about the ECW and to join in the fellowship. See you there!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Sept. 3 Virginia Smith  
Sept. 5 Shelia Lowry  
Sept. 7 Margaret Rice  
Sept. 8 Yary Rivera  
Sept. 9 Jack Rice  
Sept. 10 Kathi Warren  
Sept. 22 Mary Rynd  
Sept. 30 Mary Barrow



O 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. *BCP p. 830*

Several children found a dead robin. Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Sept. 9 Marilyn and Ken Blair  
Sept. 20 Dottie and Bill Durham  
Sept. 28 Liz and John Middleton

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.



**CURSILLO**

An Ultreya, a part of Cursillo, is a get-together of all those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and others who may be interested in attending. They include a pot luck dinner and a joyful, music filled celebration of the Eucharist. The next Ultreya will be held on September 14 at 4pm at St. Mark's in Starke. Cursillo is a 4 day weekend with 15 short talks, group discussions, lots of good food, time for spiritual direction if desired, and a wonderful time to renew and deepen your relationship with Christ. If you are interested in attending a weekend, speak with Fr. Tony, Clay O'Neal, Linda in the office or anyone you know who has already attended Cursillo.



## THOUGHTS FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Rally Day is almost here --- Sunday September 7th. You are in store for a lot of fun, laughter and surprises. On a serious note though this day has been set aside by the Stewardship Team to give you the opportunity to see and hear all the wonderful things that our 24 clubs, organizations and committees are accomplishing together here at Trinity. You may find one that appeals to your heart and abilities and be inspired to sign up as a volunteer. In God's house there's just the right place for each one of us. Through sharing your gifts of time and talent we are able to continue the important ministries of Trinity ... inside our doors and outside to the community.

I like thinking of Stewardship as a year round season. Stewardship is all we do with all that has been entrusted to us by our loving God. Since that is the case, we make decisions consciously or unconsciously everyday of our lives ... that is why Stewardship is a year round activity. On Rally Day pledge cards will be blessed by Fr. Tony and mailed the following day. May you make your pledge in the coming year, not simply to meet a budget, but to share in the work of God in and through our parish.

*Virginia*



## RALLY DAY SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH



## JR. WARDEN'S REPORT



We welcome back all of our Summer Travelers. Now that school is back in session and soon (hopefully) the weather will be cooling our church activities are coming fast and furious.

If you are not aware we have instituted a new policy on access to the Office during business hours. Due to security concerns the Office Door is locked at all times. A Doorbell has been installed and a remote controlled deadbolt. Please ring the doorbell and if someone is in the office they will unlock the door. Sorry for any inconvenience but our Insurance Company requested this change for the safety of the Rector and Office Staff.

You may have also noticed the lights on the front of the church have been changed out. The Original Fixtures have been taken to St. Augustine to obtain and estimate on repairing them.. Depending on the price I hope to have them restored and then reinstalled on the front of the Church. I will keep you updated.

As the weather cools we will resume our maintenance and painting of the Exterior of all buildings. If you have any concerns please let me know so I can add them to the list of areas we plan to work on. We are also planning to have the Youth paint their room in the Parish Hall for a much younger look and feel. We are also planning to have the Young Men from the program at Camp Blanding in the Fall to do maintenance around the property. We will need adults to supervise them so please consider this opportunity to volunteer and spend a day having a positive influence on Young Men who are planning a productive future for themselves.

If you see anything that needs my attention or have any suggestions please let me know. Remember, I and all the Vestry members are here to serve you and welcome your suggestions and concerns.

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. - 1 Peter 4:10

Thank you all for your support and help,

Bob Hood  
Junior Warden  
rrwhmj@yahoo.com

### Trinity Bell Report for the month of July, 2014

	Jun Actual	June Budget	Over/Under	Y-T-D Act	Y-T-D Bud	Over/Under
<b>Total Reve-</b>	\$ 12,717	\$ 13,082	(365.39)	\$119,948	\$95,739	\$ 24,209
<b>Total Ex-</b>	17,177	19,845	2,668	118,513	118,894	381
Surplus /	(4,460)	(6,763)	2,302	1,435	(23,154)	24,590

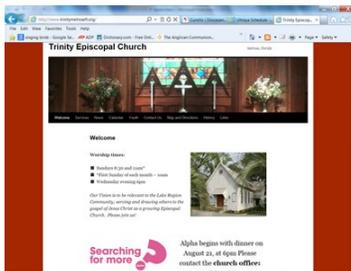
Collections	June Actual	June Budget	Over/Under Budget	Jan-Jun YTD Actual	Jan-Jun YTD Budget	Over/Under Budget
Pledges Offer-	\$7,183	\$9,582	(\$2,399)	\$62,756	\$69,484	(\$6,728)
Non-Pledged	1,832	1,842	(10)	14,303	14,649	(346)
Growth In-	602	167	435	3,366	1,167	2,199
Plate Offerings	424	250	174	2,431	1,750	681
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$10,041</b>	<b>\$11,841</b>	<b>(\$1,800)</b>	<b>\$82,856</b>	<b>\$87,050</b>	<b>(\$4,194)</b>

For the month of July we had a **deficit of \$4,460**. Y-T-D we have a surplus of \$1,435.

Because the Pledges are under budget by **\$6,728**, we are slipping into a cash flow problem. We cannot afford to have this continue going forward. If Pledges are not caught up, bills cannot be paid on time. I ask everyone to be cognizant that being in arrears presents problems for our Church. I know that our vacationers will catch up when they return, but think about your boss saying he will catch up on your paycheck later in the year.

Trinity is truly blessed to have a Rector who is involved in making this an even better Church. The involvement in the community and outreach programs grows each month.

Carol Pettie, Treasurer



### TRINITY'S NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

Thanks to our new webmaster, Laurie Alsobrook, Trinity's website is even more exciting, interesting and inviting to newcomers. And, it should be more informative to our Trinity members as well.

Copies of the "Trinity Bell", the monthly calendar, and the servers schedule are all included on the website, so you can go and double check your schedule any time you might have misplaced, used for kindling, or have your paper copies eaten by the dog!

For wider interests, there are links to the yearly lectionary website, The Episcopal Diocese of Florida, The National Episcopal Church, The Anglican Communion, and Forward Day by Day.

There is a special page with our current monthly calendar and during the holidays, all of our special services and their times will be listed as well as meetings, special events, and our usual services. If your organization or committee has something they would like to have included, you can get in touch with Laurie or the office, and if you include a picture or logo those can also be uploaded.

The address for the site is: [www.trinitymelrosefl.org](http://www.trinitymelrosefl.org) (don't forget the "fl" at the end of Melrose or you'll end up in Massachusetts!

Go and take a peek and see how exciting the new website is as it's frequently updated.

# September 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Scouts 7pm	2 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Rally Day Cmte 10am Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	3 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</b>	4 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA Alpha 6:pm	5 2-5pm Thrift Shop	6 9am -12 Thrift Shop Youth Trip to "Night of Joy"
7 <b>First Sunday One Service 10am RALLY DAY and Lunch Following</b>	8 Scouts 7pm	9 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Rally Day Cmte 10am Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon ECW Dinner 6:30pm	10 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</b>	11 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA Alpha 6:pm	12 2-5pm Thrift Shop	13 9am -12 Thrift Shop
14 <b>Holy Eucharist 8:30 &amp; 11:00 9am Confirmation CIs Breakfast Following Both Services</b>	15 Scouts 7pm	16 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	17 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</b> Vestry Meeting	18 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA Alpha 6:pm	19 2-5pm Thrift Shop	20 9am -12 Thrift Shop Talent Show 7pm
21 <b>Holy Eucharist 8:30 &amp; 11:00 9am Confirmation CIs Breakfast Following Both Services</b>	22 Scouts 7 DOK 6:00pm First Day of Fall 	23 Access 10am-2pm 10am Sisters' Circle Noon at Betty's 5:30 pm AA ~ Wicker 7:00pm AIAnon	24 <b>Eucharist and Healing Service 6pm</b>	25 10 - 4pm Thrift Shop 7:00 pm AA Alpha 6:pm	26 2-5pm Thrift Shop	27  9am -12 Thrift Shop
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## SERVERS' SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 2014



Date	Service	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Greeter
7-Sep-14	Single Service 10AM	Sharon Jax Bob Tickle	Joyce Chesnut	Jeanne Eaton Clay O'Neil	Joyce Chesnut Margaret Kidd
<b>14-Sep-14</b>	<b>8:30</b>	Rodney Paul	Jeanne Eaton	Bob Hood	Kathi Warren
	<b>11:00</b>	Kristi Gregory	Kristi Gregory	Will Flynn	Carol Flynn
21-Sep-14	8:30	Rodney Paul	Mary Rynd	Robert Menzen	Donna Eichelsderfer
	11:00	Bob Tickle	Margaret Rice	Kristi Gregory	Joyce King
28-Sep-14	8:30	Rodney Paul	Brian McCrea	Clay O'Neal	
	11:00	Sharon Jax	Marie Curewitz	Liz Middleton	Joyce King
Vestry		Donna Eichelsderfer and Virginia Smith			
Altar Guild		Kristi Gregory, Amanda Gray and Betsy Livingston			

**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.**



## RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

### Sunday, Sept. 7th

Be sure to mark Sunday, Sept. 7th to come and help celebrate all the Ministries of Trinity, and enjoy a fantastic Mexican fiesta meal. Bring the kids, bring your friends and come to the Fiesta!

There will be a very short and funny play, games, goodies, a piñata, and Father Tony in a dunking booth!

This will be a wonderful opportunity to see each of our ministry opportunities, how they touch the church and the community and give you a chance to sign up to participate in any which might interest you. If you have some new and helpful ideas for Outreach or Fellowship, if you would love to work with the Altar Guild, if the Youth of the church are your interest, you can sign up to be on those teams. Would you like to be an Usher, Greeter, Lector or Eucharistic Minister? Would you rather help in the yard or in the kitchen, or are you interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King or Cursillo? Rally Day will provide an opportunity for all of those things and more.

There will be paper sombreros for all of the ministries and for each one you sign up for you'll have a chance at dunking Father Tony! If your schedule is uncertain, or the timing is not right for you to sign up for something right now, the Stewardship Committee will be happy to collect \$5.00 for 3 balls so you can still have a chance to dunk your priest!

### OUTREACH

Our Iron Chef Dinner is scheduled for October 18th at 6:30pm this year. This is the only fund raising event the Outreach Committee puts on each year. This year the "Secret Ingredient" will be chocolate! That doesn't mean that everything will be a dessert, and we're looking for some exceptional unique, interesting and flavorful dishes! You can check on the internet, browse through your cookbooks, put on your thinking caps and aprons and consider participating as a chef this year. We hope to have at least twelve chefs so this will be a very diverse and successful event.

Thanks to all who assisted the youth committee with transportation and serving assistance at the recent "Church Without Walls" service in Jacksonville. Also, thanks to Trinity members who faithfully serve each month and work at Lake Area Ministries in Keystone. Please remember that on the first Sunday of each month we collect offerings of food, personal care items and financial assistance to help support LAM.

As school resumes, we are hoping to continue supporting the Pac-A-Sac program which began last school year in March at Melrose Elementary School. We will coordinate this through the new Principal at Melrose Elementary.

We also plan to offer the "Thanksgiving In the Park Dinner once again on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone in the community who wishes to participate as a helper, or just to enjoy the meal is always welcome.

As you can see, there are various opportunities to use your time, talent and financial resources as a good steward in support of our Outreach ministries in the upcoming months.

Faithfully,  
Bob Tickel, Outreach Chairperson

### GIGGLESOME - BACK TO SCHOOL

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Church elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher made a note, and put it on the apple tray... 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table she saw that there was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. She started to write a note but saw that a child had written one and put it there first, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples.'

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**COMING EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sept. 6 Youth Trip to  
Night of Joy**
- Sept. 7 First Sunday  
Rally Day  
Mexican Fiesta**
- Sept. 9 ECW starts 6:30pm  
Dinner in Parish Hall**
- Sept.14 Inquirer's Class Starts**
- Sept. 20 Talent Show**

**OCTOBER**

- Oct. 4 Blessing of the Animals  
In Heritage Park**
- Oct. 5 First Sunday  
Stewardship Celebration**
- Oct. 18 Iron Chef Dinner**
- Oct. 19 8:30am Service  
in Heritage Park**
- Oct. 26 Pumpkin Carving Party**

**REGULAR EVENTS**

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

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

Tuesdays: Noon Bible Study at Betty's

**Wednesday: 6:00pm Eucharist and Healing Service**

**Thrift Shop**  
Open 10 am to 4 pm Thursday  
2 pm—5 pm Friday  
9 am—Noon Saturday

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