

## *A Letter from the Rector*

Dear Holy Trinity Family and Friends,

Last week the Vestry met for the first time since June. It was nice to have a summer break, but it is time to take care of business, especially as we head into the busy fall season. Here is a report of the many events and projects happening this fall.

### **Projects**

#### **The Columbarium Project**

As announced earlier this year, we are building a Columbarium to offer a final resting place for our members and friends of our community. The building supplies have been ordered, the final drawings are in hand, a contractor is on hire. We should expect to see building supplies arriving and progress happening in the coming weeks. If all goes as planned, actual construction should begin in early November and we hope to complete the installation of the Columbarium in the Laing Memory Garden by Thanksgiving Day. Pricing will be decided at the October Vestry meeting, with sales of the niches to begin in October.

#### **Paving the Parking Lot Project**

This is the most commonly requested upgrade for our campus. Everyone agrees it needs to be done. At our recent meeting the Vestry received initial estimates on asphalt, concrete and concrete pavers. After the Columbarium, paving the parking lot is the next priority on the list of development projects for our campus.

#### **Amelia Park Neighborhood Association Landscaping Project**

One of the blessings we have is the great benefit of our beautiful location in Amelia Park which comes with a membership in the Amelia Park Homeowners Association. Membership has its privileges and its responsibilities. There are many projects which we need to address in order to be a good neighbor in the Association, especially regarding our landscaping along the roads and the sidewalks. In the short term, we are asking volunteers to help get our landscaping back into shape. In the long term, the Junior Warden and the Vestry are researching contractors who can help us keep our grounds from reverting to jungle, keeping us in line with APHOA standards.

#### **Chancel Beautification Project**

The Chancel (Altar area) is in need of attention. We would like to have a proper Altar and Predella (the platform on which an Altar stands) along with a Reredos (decorative wall behind the Altar) and proper Lectern (where the Scriptures are read) and Pulpit (where the homily is preached). An anonymous donation has made possible the beginning work of planning for this project. The Chancel Project will follow the paving of the parking lot in order of priority.

### **In September**

**The Interfaith Dinner Network** – on September 30, the Holy Trinity team of volunteers will serve our first meal to the homeless and needy at the Hope House. Please keep these volunteers and those they serve in your prayers.

**Shoe Boxes for Haiti** – we are putting together a plan to send shoe boxes stuffed with gifts and supplies to the children in our Anglican school in Cap Haitien, Haiti. We will kick off this program on September 28. More information will be forthcoming as we make our way through September.

## **In October**

**The St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals** – Saturday, October 4th at 10 AM we will host our second St. Francis Day celebration. Last year, this event was very meaningful to our members and well received in the community. I invite everyone to be a part of this opportunity to bless God for creation and to seek His blessing on our world.

**Joint Provincial Synods of the Anglican Province of America and the Anglican Church in America** – October 15-17, Diana and I, along with Alex and Judy Constant, will travel to Belleville, Illinois, for this once-every-three-year event, gathering the whole church together. Please pray for safe travels for all involved. Moreover, pray for the unity of Christ's Church as the APA and the ACA attempt to find unity for our two denominations.

**All Saints Party** – October 31 at 6 PM in Scott King Hall, the saints of history will descend upon our campus to celebrate the feast day of All Saints. Last year we welcomed saints of all ages and stations in life and this year we hope to have an even bigger turnout. Pick a saint, get a costume and get ready for a great time.

## **In November**

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner** – on Thursday, November 27 we will host our second Thanksgiving Feast in Scott King Hall. This was a terrific event last year. This year, count on more meat, more vegetables, more desserts and more reasons to give thanks to God!

### **The Children's Ministry**

We are working to offer a quality ministry to our children, even as we continue to pray that God will bring more families with children into our parish family. Some of the ministries include:

- Sunday Bible College for two age groups, older and younger children;
- Quarterly visitations to Quality Care to meet the residents and deliver hand made crafts;
- Christmas Pageant practice and planning is underway for the early Christmas Eve Service;
- First Communion and Confirmation Classes for all ages will begin shortly after the Christmas break in preparation for the Episcopal Visit on Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2015.

### **And That's Not All...**

There are First Friday Fellowships, Third Friday Spaghetti Nights, a Women's Retreat, a Winter Conference, and a host of other activities going on. God has blessed us. And the blessings continue. Please keep all this in your prayers for the weeks to come and make your plans to avail yourself of the many good things happening at Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

Finally, here is a prayer I shared with the Vestry at our last meeting. I ask everyone to make it a habitual part of your prayer life:

Father almighty, who gave thine only begotten Son that He might draw all men to Himself: grant us such blessing that, following His example, and that of all His holy Church, we may effectively proclaim the gospel to the salvation of men's souls. In thy grace, we beseech thee to grant us the increase of those who are being saved, that together we may honor thy name, through Jesus Christ thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end, Amen.

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