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January 2018

Trinity Episcopal Church
3 Goddard Avenue
Rockland, MA. 02370

Clergy

The Rev. Sarah Brockmann
The Rev. Donald Isaac, Vicar Emeritus

Ministers

All of Us

Worship Schedule

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II with ASL Interpretation

From the Rector:

One of the first lessons in my Confirmation class is a survey of creeds. We're all familiar with the Nicene Creed, which we say just about every Sunday, as well as the Apostles' Creed, which we use as the basis of our Baptismal Covenant. But there are many other creeds out there!

I grew up in the Methodist Church, and the back of our hymnal offered, among others, the "Korean Creed" (no idea on the origins of that one!) and "A Modern Affirmation". That one is my very favourite. It begins with the usual run-down of what we believe about various aspects of the Divine and the church. But then it does something unique: it says what we're going to *do* about our faith! "We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth."

As Christians, that is our goal and our ministry; it's a summation of our baptismal covenant. Because we know love and mercy through Jesus Christ, we are bound to share that same love and mercy with the world – no quid pro quo, no exceptions. Last year in this very space, I wrote about how important it is for us to remember that as our nation and community reeled from a bitter election. This year doesn't look to be any more kind. Our call for this new year, then, is to make manifest that faith within us in the service of love as Jesus did before us and does for us still. It's not supposed to be easy. It's just supposed to be.

Sarah+

This month, the rector is thankful for:

- Sophie Picard and Erika Wiley, who presented an entertaining and hopefully inspiring dialogue between Mary and a Prophet at our early Christmas Eve service.
- Irene Bonn and the Altar Guild, for accepting a bunch of lovely, old, hand-embroidered towels that I found amongst my folks' things. I had no idea what to do with them – thanks for accepting them for holy service!
- Our amazing building crew: John Lutts, Jim Harney, George Hoyt, John Nazarian, Mike Burgess, Tom O'Neil, and Ernie Olson. The façade looks better than it has in years, thanks to you lot!
- Tom O'Neil, for serving faithfully as our Senior Warden over the past year, and Dan Crockett, for generously allowing himself to be nominated to serve in that same position
- John Lutts, for serving faithfully as our junior warden for the past several years – hoping to hear soon about a new candidate!
- Everyone who has volunteered to stand for office or taken up new responsibilities in the church. We need all hands to make this work!
- Everyone –for all of your prayers and support for me and my family over the past several months.

Annual Meeting Sunday

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Church will take place on Sunday, January 28th, following the 10AM service of worship. As is our custom, we will begin with a pot luck luncheon – please bring a dish to share. Following the meal, we will see to the business of the church, including elections for vestry and other parish positions. If you are not yet an official member of the church, you will have the opportunity to make yourself one! It's very important that everyone attend if at all possible – we need a quorum to conduct our business. Please make every effort to be there!

Epiphany and Twelfth Night Celebration!

(okay, technically this already happened, but for the sake of posterity...)

Celebrate the arrival of the Three Wise Men on Saturday, January 6th – the Feast of the Manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, or in more manageable terms, The Epiphany. Our special service of worship, The Stations of the Magi, begins at 6:00PM (if you'd like to actively participate, arrive no later than 5:15). Our worship service will be followed by a Twelfth Night Celebration in the parish hall; bring food to share if you can, but the important thing is to BE THERE! Finish the season of Christmastide as it ought to be done!

Snow Days

You never know when the forces of nature will bless us with snow, but we need to be prepared – and safe! If we have significant snow on a Saturday or Sunday, check the church answering machine for schedule changes – it will be updated by 7AM if needed, as will the Facebook page (unless we can't get online). And as always, if you don't feel safe going out, DON'T! You can always leave a message to have Rev. Sarah visit and bring communion. She's happy to do it! Just ask!

Youth Group Movie Night

On Saturday, January 20th, our South Shore Youth Group will be having a Movie Night – location TBD. Beginning at 6:30PM, we'll take in a movie on the big screen (picture tbd), with plenty of snacks and company, then take some time to talk about what we've seen. This group is a lot of fun! A flyer will go out soon, but if you'd like more information, speak to Rev. Sarah.

Deanery “Listening” Events

As part of the re-formation of our diocesan structure, and in response to the many listening events that preceded the whatever, the diocese is creating “Regional Canons” to more closely connect the deaneries to the diocese. To that end, the diocese is holding several area “Listening Events”, in order to get a better idea of what the deaneries are actually hoping to achieve with these new Canons. Our area event will be offering on Sunday, January 28th, from 4-5:30PM at Christ Church in Plymouth (same day as our Annual Meeting, so you could dedicate the entire day to church if you're of a mind!). They are particularly keen to have wardens and/or vestry members in attendance. If you would like to attend, please contact Rev. Sarah, as there is a list of questions that the diocese is asking us to consider for conversation before we show up.