

# Trinity Tidings

## From the Interim Rector

Dear Trinity on the Hill,

I bid you hello and thank you for the welcome as your interim priest after the departure of Father Chris Adams. I'm no stranger to Trinity on the Hill. Father Colin Kelly and I met at St. Bede's in Santa Fe before he became the rector way back when, and I worked with your search committee as the transition officer for the Diocese when Fr. Chris was called.



It's fortuitous to begin now as we begin to come back together to worship in person. Registration or RSVP will be asked of you for both the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services, and we'll still be wearing masks, which will allow us to join in the congregational singing of hymns at the 10:30 service. We intend to continue live-streaming the 10:30 service. Additionally, we're gathering in person at noon on Wednesdays in the St. Athanasius Chapel for the Healing Service.

A little about me: I'm married to Dr. Linda Raney, who is Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Fe, and music director of the Santa Fe Women's Ensemble. We've lived in Santa Fe since 1985, when we moved from Indiana for my job as News Editor of The New Mexican. The job lasted a couple of years, and I enrolled at the University of New Mexico in the Art Department and ended up with a Master of Fine Arts in Photography. I taught in the Media Arts program at UNM and at Santa Fe Community College for several years while working at the Museum of Natural History in Albuquerque, producing educational videos.

I left those positions behind in 2003 when I entered the ordination process and went off to seminary at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver with an emphasis in Anglican Studies. I was ordained in 2006, and was called as rector of Church of the Holy Cross in Edgewood in early 2007. I served the church until September 2016, when I was appointed Canon to the Ordinary by Bishop Michael Vono. My time as CATO continued under our current Bishop Michael Buerkel Hunn until my successor was inducted at Diocesan Convention 2019.

During my tenure as CATO I completed the training as an interim minister through the Interim Ministry Network. I am honored to have been called by the Vestry at Trinity to be your interim, and look forward to the journey we will share in the months to come.

God Bless,  
Fr. Raymond

**[Editor's note: Father Raymond kindly requests that you wear your name tags when you attend worship to make it easier for him to remember names.]**

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## Weekly Worship Schedule

### Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist  
(reservation required)

10:30 am Rite II Choral Eucharist  
(reservation required)

### Wednesday

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

12 noon: Healing Service

Both in St. Athanasius Chapel

### Friday

7:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

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# THOUGHTS FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

## Thoughts from the Senior Warden

Summer is officially here and with it many positive signs. We have hired an Interim Rector. Welcome to Fr. Raymond Raney who is already working diligently to assist the Vestry and to put names with the masked faces. Brenda Abeyta is tackling our bookkeeping, while Claire Singleton and Nancy Coombs are sharing the day-to-day adventures in the church office. We should keep all these fine folks in our prayers as they learn the finer points of their individual roles.



But what is next for Trinity on the Hill? By the time you read this, The Rev. Canon Lee Curtis, Diocesan Transition Officer and Canon to the Ordinary, will have visited us to share the Eucharist, some coffee, and details of the transition process which will eventually culminate in the calling of a new Permanent Rector. I pray he was able to answer your questions and clarify the steps that the Diocese, the Vestry, and the parish will be undertaking in the remaining months of 2021 and into 2022.

The next step for the Vestry will be to appoint a chair for the Search Committee and to assist her or him in actually constituting that group. Unlike in previous searches, at least one-third of the Search Committee will be chosen from among current Vestry members. This will ensure that there is clear communication between the Committee and the Vestry as they both work on their own important tasks to support TOTH during this transition period. The remaining members of the Search Committee will be drawn from current TOTH parishioners who are in good standing with the church. Watch your mailboxes and the church's Facebook page for more details about the Search Committee.

While we are thinking about what the future holds for TOTH, we can at least gather together to worship inside the sanctuary! As of June 20, we began in-person worship and congregational singing at the 10:30 service. We currently must remain masked, socially distanced, and at only 50% capacity, but the Bishop may change those requirements when Governor Lujan-Grisham lifts state-wide restrictions on July 1. I predict we will still need to be cautious to protect those who have not yet received COVID vaccines – especially our children. Please continue to RSVP to worship in person at either 8 am or 10:30 am and plan to join us for coffee hour in the garden between the services. Note that the 10:30 service also will continue to be available on Facebook.

Congratulations once again to the six new deacons who were ordained at the Cathedral of St. John on June 19, 2021, with special prayers for Lynn Finnegan and Jill Cline as they begin their diaconal ministry in the Diocese of the Rio Grande. We trust that the Holy Spirit will be with them all as they go forth to minister and to serve.

Finally, please continue to pray for the Vestry and this entire parish as we re-establish our traditional ministries, re-energize our outreach, and continue to care for each member of our TOTH family, both near and far. Does that mean catching up on or increasing your 2021 pledge? Does it mean volunteering to help with maintenance or landscaping around our church buildings and grounds? Does it mean learning more about joining the Altar Guild or Choir, or becoming an Acolyte or a Server? Does it mean joining the parish Prayer Chain or signing up to help with special parish events? Does it mean helping with Shop on the Corner? Or does it mean proposing and starting an entirely new ministry? What **does** the reopening of our church building mean to YOU?

We are cautiously emerging from the shadow of COVID. What a perfect time to give thanks for our TOTH family who sustained us through the last 18 months, and to discern what we each can do to make this a stronger and more vibrant community in the months and years ahead. Thanks to each of you for all that you do to make our parish so welcoming and friendly. I look forward to seeing you back in church!

Faithfully submitted,  
Margaret Odell, Senior Warden

## FROM THE CO-JUNIOR WARDENS



Greetings from the Junior Wardens! So much has been happening, but the best has been selecting our new interim rector, Father Raymond Raney, or Father Raymond, or Father Ray. He says he answers to any of these. What a joy and blessing to have such a gifted and experienced leader at the helm!

Mark rewired the lights in Fr. Ray's office and replaced the old fluorescent bulbs with new LEDs. He also ordered, and has in hand, automatic door openers for handicap access to the two Kelly Hall bathrooms. We are still waiting on his decisions for electrical wiring. Thank you, Mark!

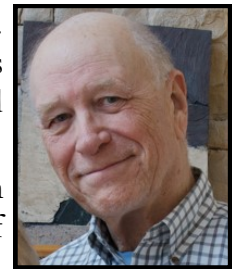
Rick Rothrock was able to relocate the sanctuary camera near the choir loft and has removed all the extraneous wires so that we can be ready for the 10:30 in-person service, yet still be able to offer this service online, as well. Bless you, Rick!

Meanwhile, we are contracting with ABC Roofing to fix and reroute our gutters. We are also fixing up the church van (thank you, Leni Moore!) and the rector's (Chris's) car for sale. Paul also did a great job of getting rid of the old, dilapidated car that was parked in our upper lot.

More news will be coming next month. Paul and Lisa have both been on vacation in June. We hope you have a chance to take time for yourselves and take care of yourselves, as well, to regroup and refresh with the Lord.

Blessings and peace,

Lisa and Paul



Following her ordination to the Transitional Diaconate, Lynn Finnegan is pictured right with Jo Moore and Mother Laurie Triplett, her sponsors, and Bishop Michael Hunn in the Cathedral of St. John, Albuquerque, on Saturday, June 19.



Jill Cline with her supporters and the Bishop at her ordination



PICTURES FROM JILL'S LAST SUNDAY AT TOTH ON PAGE 5



## ALTAR GUILD THROUGH THE SEASONS



**LENT**

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**ORDINARY TIME**

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Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes as the altar changes during the Church year and how, during every Sunday and special service, the Altar is ready for the clergy to celebrate and the congregation to worship together? Then you might be interested in learning the secrets of the Altar Guild. The Altar Guild consists of dedicated teams of men and women who work together to make this all happen and are very willing to accept and train new members.

If you think this might be a volunteer opportunity that would interest you, please contact Ellie Giovanielli, Marilyn Lisowski or Rozelle Wright.



**EASTER**

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We bade a fond farewell to Jill Cline on June 6. Jill has now been ordained a Deacon and will serve in Raton and Las Vegas. We are sad to see her go and we wish her well. Rozelle Wright took these pictures after the June 6 service



### COFFEE HOUR IS BACK!

As of June 13, Coffee Hour resumed between the services, around 9 am, in the Courtyard. Do join us!  
Many thanks to our barista, Keith Stephens.



Photos: Rozelle Wright

### *From the Editor:*

Dear friends,

Over the past month or so, I have been getting used to my new role as Office Manager, working in tandem with Nancy Coombs as Parish Administrator. We miss Cynthia and her invaluable knowledge, wisdom, and advice. Thankfully, she is still in town and is willing to assist us when we need her.

Please be patient as we adjust to our new roles and working hours. Feel free to drop by so we can see your faces again. No masks required if you are fully vaccinated, as we are.

No *Trinity Tidings* in July. Happy summer!

Best wishes,

Claire

## CREATION, GRATITUDE AND UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

This is my monthly reminder to be thinking about using your UTO blue box to symbolize your gratitude for blessings. Boxes at TOOTH are very slowly disappearing so please pick one up next time you're at church, either in the hallway by the chapel or in the Narthex. This article is from the Rev. Heather Melton, staff officer for UTO, who lives in Farmington.

"This morning I woke up to find a rare late spring storm brewing overhead. It has continued all day - dark sky, swiftly blowing winds and a sprinkle of rain occasionally. I love days like this because they are a reminder to pay attention. I don't know about you, but I often get so busy I miss all sorts of opportunities to notice the good things happening all around me in creation.

I love nature - in fact I have a degree in environmental science because I enjoy the outdoors so much. But I often get so busy that I don't always take the time to stop and appreciate what is happening right outside of the window that my desk faces. I'm good about the big things - for example, I will spend weeks looking for the first signs of spring each morning or rush out to experience the first snowfall. But once they arrive I often go back to being busy. Creation is the first gift God gave us, and maybe because it was the first it is often something we forget to regularly give thanks for. I'm trying to be better about noticing the good things happening in creation this summer, because I want to be an example for my kids.

Earlier this year, the girls each asked for a fruit tree: A peach and a pink lady apple. Both are now growing happily in our front yard. I like think this is due to the regular visits from the girls. Each day they go out and examine their trees for any change and then shout joyfully the updates to the other one. We give thanks for each little carrot shoot coming up in the garden, notice how quickly the potatoes sprouted and made joyful plans when the first pumpkin leaves formed. We're spending a lot of time noticing creation because it also has become a respite for us during the pandemic. Creation, which has long been a gift to us, is one we have come to really depend on for joy over the last year, in ways we really hadn't before.

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### Trinity on the Hill's Mission

*The Mission of Trinity on the Hill is to share the power and joy of God's love, to fully embrace all God's children, and to respond to the needs of our community and the world in the spirit of Jesus Christ*

**The next regularly scheduled issue will be in August. Submission deadline Friday, August 20.**

Submit electronically to admin@latoth.org

UTO reminds us that the first step of practicing gratitude is to simply notice the good things happening, to be present and awake in the world we live in, to see the gifts of love God is placing all around us. The next step is to give thanks for those gifts and one of the best ways we can give thanks is to do our best to care for the earth. This can feel like a difficult task, especially living with small, messy people, but it can also be a creative task. The tin that holds your tea bags can become storage for buttons for example. When we begin to see things that we would have discarded instead recycled in new ways, we get to join in the process of creation and creativity. I think God rejoices each time we join in the work of creation, whether through gardening, composting, recycling or repurposing. Each time we do these things, we help to make the earth a little better for everyone. I think that if creation was God's first gift of love, my garden and compost pile are my thank you notes back to Him.

This summer I want to invite you to be more present to the gift of creation. I've decided this summer to track how many days I spend at least an hour outside and then make a thank offering in my blue box for each one of those days at the end of summer. What if we were more intentional this summer about enjoying creation and giving thanks for it? How might it change our relationship with God and our neighbors? How might we be changed if we deepen our relationship with the love of God as experienced in nature? I hope you'll consider joining me in this project over the next few months."

As the reminder printed on each blue box says - "Notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for your blessings, make an offering for each blessing."

Cathy Walters

Trinity on the Hill UTO representative

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Please put Sunday, August 1, on your calendars.**

That's the date TOTH will say goodbye to VALERIE FASSBENDER and wish her well as she heads off to Seminary in NYC.

There will be a farewell celebration in Kelly Hall from 1—3 pm that afternoon.

Watch for more details in your e-mail and church bulletins!



## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, June 27, The Rev. Canon Lee Curtis, Canon to the Ordinary (CATO) and Diocesan Transition Officer, spoke to TOTH parishioners about milestones for the TOTH transition to a permanent Rector. He began by highlighting 5 characteristics of this type of transition:

- ◊ TOTH will grow closer to the Diocese through our interactions with the CATO;
- ◊ We will all learn pieces of TOTH history;
- ◊ There will be changes in lay leadership;
- ◊ Some parishioners will find it too difficult to come to church during this time and others may renew their membership and activities;
- ◊ A new vision for TOTH will emerge, culminating in the calling of our permanent Rector.

Canon Curtis explained that, under the leadership of Bishop Hunn, the Vestry drives the search process, beginning with the formation of a **Search Committee**, hopefully by no later than mid-September. Rather than the Search Committee being sequestered from the Vestry, as in previous searches, the Committee will actually consist of at least one-third Vestry members, so there will be close communication.

Canon Curtis will be back at TOTH in October or November for a larger congregational meeting in Kelly Hall. At that time, all parishioners will be encouraged to provide their opinions and answers to a set of short-answer questions, so the Search Committee can then flesh out the **Parish Profile**. The Parish Profile, written by the Search Committee in January and early February, will be presented to the Vestry for approval in late February, with an eye to posting the profile nationwide by March 1. The Search Committee should begin receiving applications and conducting Zoom interviews in April and May, presenting their final candidates to the Vestry for consideration in June. The Vestry then invites the candidates whom they feel are the best potential fit for TOTH to visit for in-person interviews. If a suitable candidate emerges from those interviews, the Vestry could, with the Bishop's approval, issue a call, with the new Rector starting at TOTH in the early **fall of 2022**.

Canon Curtis did remind us that the Episcopal Church is experiencing an unprecedented shortage of clergy and that COVID has disrupted the typical search processes. This could mean that aiming for a new Rector to begin in the fall of 2022 is overly optimistic. We could have to repost the parish profile if no suitable candidate emerges or if our first choice accepts a call from another congregation. He reiterated that the Vestry, Search Committee, and parish should not become fixated on a particular timeline because this is all being done in **God's time** – not ours.

While all this search activity is taking place, TOTH is incredibly lucky to have Fr. Raney as our Interim Priest-in-Charge. It is his job to attend to the spiritual life of our parish, to help us learn more about ourselves as a congregation, and to provide advice to the Vestry. Fr. Raney will not be actively involved in the search, nor will he be a candidate for the position of permanent Rector.

Canon Curtis reminded us that those parishioners who are not directly involved with the search, either on the Vestry or Search Committee, have two particularly important responsibilities during this time of transition. First, **PRAY!!** As the Bible says, “the prayers of the saints availeth much,” (James 5:16, KJV) and we are all saints, who can support the search process with strong and frequent prayers. Second,

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**GIVE!!** This is not the time to back off on financial support for TOTH. Canon Curtis said it is actually the time to double down on stewardship. If we cannot show potential candidates that we are a strong, committed congregation with a healthy budget and vibrant stewardship, this transition period could go on far beyond fall of 2022!

Canon Curtis expressed his enthusiasm for working with TOTH during this difficult but exciting time. This is a chance for TOTH to take stock of where we are in our ministry and to discern where the Lord is calling us for the future. The Vestry will be naming a chair for the Search Committee shortly, followed by instructions to the parish for how to either volunteer to serve or to nominate someone else for that committee. Please continue to pray for the Vestry and bring any questions or concerns about this transition time to our attention. With God's help, we are all in this together!

Margaret Odell, Senior Warden

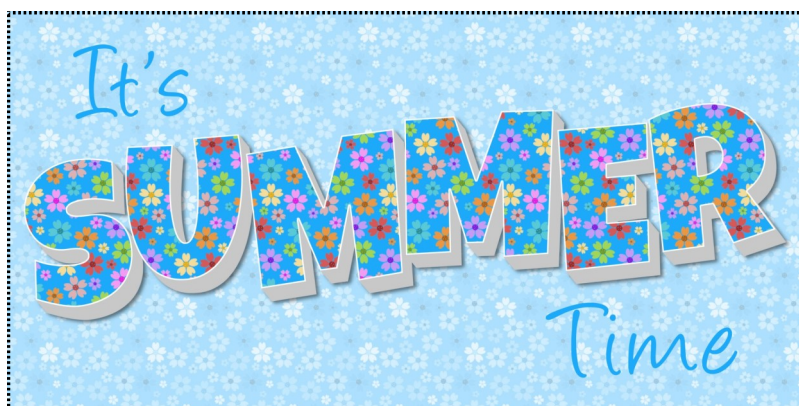
## NATIVE

Please join the **Anti-Racism Group** for our next event in the series, "Justice, Peace and the Dignity of All: Dismantling Racism". We will be hosting a potluck book discussion on **August 11 at 6:00 pm** at TOTH. We will be discussing *Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God* by Kaitlyn Curtice. The church office will be ordering some copies of the book so please let us know if you would like one. The following is a summary of *Native* provided by Valerie Fassbender.

Kaitlyn Curtice is a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian. In *Native* she shares what it means to experience her faith through the lens of her Indigenous heritage as it intersects with her European ancestry and her evangelical Christian upbringing. She calls for a reckoning with the genocidal legacies of US settler colonialism and African slavery, and offers decolonization as "... an invitation and a gift for humankind to re-establish correct relations with each other - and the earth." Curtice's faith has its origins in identity, belonging, and a sense of place. She encourages her readers to embrace their own origins and to share and listen to each other's stories with the hope of building a more inclusive and diverse culture.

We look forward to seeing you at the potluck on August 11.

Alison Bailey



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EVERYONE!**  
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### Remaining Connected during COVID-19

Let's get something straight: Screen-Time Burnout is a real thing. But it's the safest way to stay connected, so let's use it to the best of our ability. Knowing this, however, we have expanded some in-person offerings for those who desire.

#### Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** via Zoom at 8 am. Contact Rozelle Wright or Lynn Finnegan for the link. First Tuesday meeting outdoors at 6:30 am.
- Zoom **Coffee Hour** at 10 am. Link sent out via email ([admin@latoth.org](mailto:admin@latoth.org) for more information)

#### Wednesdays:

- **Starting July 7: Holy Eucharist at 7:30 am** in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.
- **Service of Healing** at 12 noon in St. Athanasius Chapel. In-person service only.

#### Fridays:

- **Morning Prayer** via Zoom at 7:30 am. Led by Deacon Lynn Finnegan. Zoom link sent via e-mail.
- **Bible Study** via Zoom at 1 pm. Contact [admin@latoth.org](mailto:admin@latoth.org) for more information

#### Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am, in person only.
- **Choral Eucharist Rite II** at 10:30 am, in person and via Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/trinityoth](https://www.facebook.com/trinityoth)
- **Christian Education** via Zoom at 12:15 pm. Link sent out via email.