



Trinity Tidings

From the Rector [Editor’s note: this is the transcript of a sermon that Mother Mary Ann preached at a wedding on June 6, 2026.]

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful people. Amen.

Many years ago, this church had a parishioner named Ed Davidson. He was a retired English professor. One day he said to me “The sermons we have here are always about the same thing.” I asked him what he meant and he said “Oh! Well the details are different, but if you’re paying attention, you’ll soon realize that every sermon here is about love.”

No matter what else was going on, the over-arching message we got here, at Emmanuel, was that God is love, and that God loves us more than we can ask or imagine. No matter how hard life gets, God is always there, loving us and caring for us. And there is nothing we can do that will ever keep God from loving us.

I think that consistent message has a lot to do with why this place means so much to so many of us, including Tony and Bill. I think it has a lot to do with why they held on to the dream of being married here.

Thirty years ago, when I was a member of this parish and in discernment for ordination, Fr. Herbst sent me up to Chicago to meet with a priest named Chilton Knutsen. We had a far-reaching conversation, but I only remember one thing she said that day. We must have gotten on the topic of my gay friends and how they fit in the Church (this was the mid 1990s). She said “Mary Ann, God doesn’t call us to be straight, God calls us to be *faithful*.”

Huh.

It took me a while to wrap my head around that. In fact, I’ve been pondering it for 30 years. But if we really read the Bible closely, and we consider the history of the Church, and we examine the lives of people who have *really* tried to be like Jesus, it becomes very apparent that she was right.

As priests, part of our job is to help congregations and individuals live the most faithful lives that they can: faithful to God, faithful to the Gospel, faithful to the care of this beautiful world and all of the people in it.

To do this hard work, we priests need every tool we can get. Now every toolbox has things in it that are more crucial than others. I honestly have never touched a socket wrench. But a Phillips head screwdriver is something I couldn’t do without.

Likewise, when the church has a couple who love one another, especially one that has proven through longevity (25 years!) that they are meant to be together, we need to be able to help them make their commitment permanent. We do that through the sacrament of marriage. In doing so, we invite them to stand before the altar, before God, and before all of their friends and family, and ask them to vow to love, cherish, and be faithful to one another for the rest of their lives. And that is exactly what Bill and Tony are doing here today.

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sunday

8 am: Rite I Holy Eucharist

10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist (with music)

6:00 pm Choral Evensong, 1st Sunday (resumes in October)

7:00 pm: Compline (until end of June)

Wednesday

12:30 pm: Healing Service St. Athanasius Chapel

~ Come Worship With Us! ~
All are Welcome

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Twenty-five years together is a *long* time. It's a long time to wait to be married. And I will be honest with you - I have made Tony and Bill all kinds of offers over the years of other places to get married: "Let's go to Hawaii!" "You can get married in my church in Freeport." "How about Galena?" "Brown County? Tony loves Brown County" "Any church in the Diocese of Chicago?" "Come to Tulsa!"

But the answer was always "No." No matter how enticing, the answer was always "No." Because Bill and Tony wanted to be married **HERE**. In front of *this* altar; in the place where they have prayed and worshiped and sung and cried and mourned and laughed and basked in the beauty of holiness; in the place where they have built life-long friendships with people who have become like family. Here, where they have shared their incredible talents for things like music, teaching, hospitality, entertaining and, most of all, their love for Jesus.

In these twenty-five years, Bill and Tony have been through so many ups and downs. They've had some incredible travel adventures together. They've shared their love for music and art. They've become each other's family. They have made innumerable friends. They've survived some serious health events. They both lost their beloved mothers. They have both made significant contributions to the world around them through their work, their hobbies, their generosity, and their immeasurable kindness. We have all benefited from that.

Shortly we will have some prayers for them. One of the prayers asks this:

Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair.

It's important to continue to pray like this for Tony and Bill, but I think many of you may agree with me that, through their life together, they have been doing this for years, even if we weren't overtly aware of it.

I suspect there are people in this room who think that church isn't for them. But I don't mean that in the sense of a preference like, "I'd rather stay home and do the NYT crossword puzzle." I mean that in the sense that the Church is not **for** them, but rather, may be against them. That's understandable. Some churches (not this one) define themselves much more about what they are against than what they are for. Some churches are more about whom they exclude than whom they include. But that isn't about God, that's about human blindness. It's an unfortunate truth that God has *always* loved us – every single one of us but, depending on who we are, the Church may not have made us feel that way. Sometimes it's taken the church a long time to get things right.

Thirty years ago, Deacon Chris and I wouldn't have been doing what we are doing today. Sixty years ago, divorced people would not have been welcome at the communion rail. But here we are today, witnessing the marriage of two people who love Jesus and love the Church and one another with their whole hearts. And they have been faithful to that purpose for a long, long time. And what they want you to know, if you don't already, is that this Church is **for** you because God has always been **for** you. God has always loved you, whether or not you are aware of it or even want it. God loves each of us as if we are the only person on earth, and God loves each of us more than we can ask or imagine.

Many of us have prayed for this day to come for years. We prayed that Bill and Tony would find each other (before we even knew who the other one was). We have prayed for their relationship. We have prayed that they could be married in the place that they have loved so well.

Let us continue to pray for them. Because this world desperately needs more people to be a sign of unity, forgiveness, and joy. And most of all, the world needs more people like Tony Collins and Bill Techau. People who can show us that God. Is. Love. Amen.

PANCAKES FOR PRIDE!

WHERE: TOTH Church, Kelly Hall
Entrance on 39th St--Look for the pride flags!

WHEN: June 27, 5:00-6:30 PM



Come to Trinity on the Hill
Episcopal Church for a
free, fun-filled, family-friendly
pancake supper
in a welcoming environment!



IT'S FREE!

Show your pride: bring your
pride flags or dress up!

ALL ARE WELCOME

Open to all, no strings attached--
we just want to show the love!

FROM THE CO-JUNIOR WARDENS



Greetings from your Co-Junior Wardens!

It's interesting to see all that happens in our church in the context of several months, and we (especially Mark) have been busy!

For some unknown reason, one of the windows at the south entrance to Kelly Hall decided to shatter and has been covered with lovely watermelon fabric until the window can be replaced. I have been in frequent contact with Pella Windows, from whom I am trying to get a replacement window under warranty. Along with this, we are requesting estimates from two different companies to repair Pella latching hardware on Pella doors around Kelly Hall.

Next up, Mark repaired and reprogrammed the thermostat for Shop on the Corner to better align with when the space is occupied. He also replaced the thermostat and remote sensor for the main sanctuary to add instantaneous remote control from the church pews via the mobile app.

Mark also removed failed and unnecessary fire alarm parts at the Kelly Hall north doors and covered a hole in the wall. He replaced and tested the fire alarm horn/strobe outside the small kitchen. He also finalized a 5-year test and certification report for the fire sprinkler system and replaced various parts that were needed.

And finally (!), I have been requesting and fielding estimates for repairing/replacing the railing on the south stairs. Once we have received the final estimates, we can present them to the Vestry for approval.

If you have suggestions for further upgrades to our beautiful church, please don't hesitate to talk to one of us or give us a call. We welcome your comments!

Blessings,

Mark Hartman and Lisa Rothrock

Matthew 11:28-30: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



**CUTE DOG PICTURES!
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THE 2026 LOS ALAMOS FAITH AND SCIENCE FORUM



For 2026, the Los Alamos Faith and Science Forum invites you to examine issues at the interface of faith and science on Wednesdays from June 10 to August 12.

After a light dinner at 6 pm, presentations will begin at 6:30 pm, to be followed by a Q&A session and table discussion. This year meetings will be held here at Trinity on the Hill.

The unique characteristics of our universe will be described by Joyce Guzik, with a tie to our Creator. The Haarsmas, who presented in 2015, will follow with a Christian perspective on the multiverse. Other presentations will provide a scientific perspective on religion. The remaining presentations will address the ethics and psychological aspects of human interactions among ourselves and God's creation.

These and other presentations are listed in the chart on page 6. Further details may be found at:

<https://losalamosfaithandscienceforum.org/summer-2026>

Date	Speaker(s) - Topic
June 10	James Carroll – Introduction to Religious Studies from a Scientific Perspective
June 17	Victoria Erhart – Oppenheimer and the Science of Hinduism
June 24	Nels Hoffman – Saved by the Spirits: Did religion rescue paleolithic humans from extinction?
July 8	Joyce Guzik—Expansion on the book, “Just Six Numbers”, by Martin Rees
July 15	Loren and Deborah Haarsma, Guest Speakers, by YouTube, followed by Zoom, “God and the Multiverse.” The recording will be followed by a live Q&A on ZOOM.
July 22	Kathryn Paige Harden, Ph.D. Dept. of Psychology, U of Texas, Austin – Live Guest Speaker “The Genetics of Vice and Virtue”
July 29	Jack Shlachter – Synchronous Sin and Synesthesia at Sinai
August 5	John Ambrosiano - Searching for the Origin of Goodness
August 12	Chick Keller – Human Responsibility for the Earth with Scriptural Ties

For more information, visit: <https://losalamosfaithandscienceforum.org/summer-2026>

For the Record: Spring 2026

Holy Baptism: Malcolm and Daniel Van Heule, May 31, 2026



Cuddy and his new friends

Ready, Set, Ho Ho Ho!

Summer seems like the perfect time to share news about the Children's Christmas Bazaar. ♥



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Event Day: **December 12**
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

We'll be welcoming about 300 young shoppers and their families!



DONATIONS NEEDED

We gratefully accept gently used, second-hand items from **September 1 through November 15.**



TREATS ARE A SWEET ADDITION!

Donate homemade or store-bought treats on **December 11** from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM in Kelly Hall.



LOVE TO SORT? WE NEED YOU!

If you'd like to help sort donations, email ccb.toth@gmail.com to be added to our volunteer list.



READY TO HELP?

To volunteer for setup on **December 11** or to help on the day of the event, please visit: www.latoth.org/bazaar



Thank you for helping us make this event special.

Fiesta on the Hill Saturday, May 2



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO ATTENDED AND HELPED RAISE NEARLY \$7000 FOR HOUSE OF HOPE'S BUILDING MISSION IN JUÁREZ.

Look out for the next fundraiser at the end of July!



FROM TYLER TAYLOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERFAITH COALITION ON HOMELESSNESS (ICOH)

If you are interested you can email tylerinnm@aol.com or the email addresses below.

Here's info about 2 easy volunteer opportunities to further the ICOH goals. Hopefully one or both will appeal to a number of you.

1) There is an opportunity, over the next month, to help Española kids become better readers by being a "reading buddy" for them (see flyer below). Note that **this starts Monday, June 15, and ends July 16. (NOTE from Cathy Walters - let's carpool!)**

2) Outside the front door of the Unitarian Church of LA , there is a multifaceted food pantry. The large, bear-proof box holds non-perishable items. Next to it are a refrigerator with fresh foods and a freezer. Donated items come from individuals, restaurants, the Holiday Inn, etc. KokHeong McNaughton is the longtime organizer of that, and she's lately suggested we take some of the ample pantry donations to Española. Frozen items can go to the Pathways Shelter, and others to the food pantry at McCurdy.

Three people are regularly delivering lots of overflow *clothes* from the 3 thrift stores in LA. It would really help if someone else could be responsible for delivering these *foods* every 1 to 2 weeks. If you can help with that, please contact Elizabeth Burr at teburr@gmail.com.

Be a Summer Reading Buddy

Change A Life

LEER Summer Reading Buddies listen to and support children as they read. Coming alongside the child as they read a book at their reading level helps strengthen their skills and self-confidence.



LEER Summer Reading Buddies volunteer at Camp Stars on days that work for you, Monday – Thursday, June 15 – July 16, from 12:30 – 2:30. You read with 3 different children in 30-minute blocks. You can choose whether to read once, once a month (June and July), once a week (June 15 – July 16) or once a day, Monday through Thursdays. Books and support materials are provided, as well as staff support to address questions and concerns.

Reading Buddies must clear a background check and complete a training video before your first session Camp Stars is based in KIDSPACE on the McCurdy Ministries Campus in Espanola.



For more information
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LEER (leh-EHR, to read)

A Children's Literacy Program for the Española Valley, improves children's reading proficiency through access to books and helpers, vetted and trained caring adults (Reading Buddies) who read one-on-one with elementary students.



LEER's goal is to instill a love of reading and to improve the overall reading proficiency of the children it serves by 10% annually.

How Can You Help?

There are two key factors to improve reading abilities: access to books and reading help and support.

Be a DONOR and help us provide high quality out of school time programming

Be a VOLUNTEER and help us provide the helpers!

Want more information or someone to share with your group?

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JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!



We had a lot of fun at last year's Pride Festival.

Come visit the TOTH table this year on

Friday, June 12, 3—7 pm

Central Park Square

Also, **Pancakes for Pride** is back!

Saturday, June 27, in Kelly Hall

Invite Your Friends!



Sundays:

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I** at 8 am.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II with music** at 10:30 am; streamed via Facebook live at www.facebook.com/trinityoth and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityontheHill>.
- **Compline**, 7 pm in the Sanctuary. Prayers by candle-light, with plainsong. All welcome!
- **Choral Evensong**: 6 pm, first Sunday of the month (no Compline), followed by a reception in Kelly Hall.

Tuesdays:

- **Women Alive** at 7:30 am; in Sherrill Hall (2nd and 4th Tuesdays), via Zoom (3rd/5th Tuesdays). Contact Rozelle Wright or Claire Singleton for the link. First Tuesday walks around sunrise, followed by breakfast.

Wednesdays:

- **Service of Healing with Holy Communion**, 12:30 pm in St. Athanasius Chapel.

Thursdays:

- **Bible Study**, 11:30 am, Library, led by Susan Sprake

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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 early fall. Deadline: check your email!

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