



# the bridge

Connecting the people of the Trinity Wall Street community

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## A Saint in Every Borough

Last summer, parishioner Ralph Lowry visited a man incarcerated at Riker's Island several times.

Ralph tells the story very matter-of-factly, "I went to see him and talk with him, reassure him and pray with him."

Ralph is one of Trinity's Lay Eucharistic Ministers, whom the Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones, Trinity's priest for pastoral care, refers to as Trinity's "saints in every borough."

The Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist Mark and other members of the pastoral team in making sure that members of the Trinity community who can't come to church for whatever reason are cared for and receive the sacraments. The team worked with Mark for a month to learn about the responsibilities of pastoral care and to become licensed to administer the sacraments on behalf of Trinity.

"Many of the people we visit are older and have been coming to Trinity for many years. What we are doing is saying, 'Now that you can't come to church, the Church will come to you.'"

"It's a call of service," said Chris Ballard, another member of the Lay Eucharistic Ministry team. When you visit someone, he said, "you reinforce the idea that they are the Body of Christ, even if they're physically unable to join the Body of Christ on Sunday."

When Mark made a pastoral visit to a hospital earlier this year, the parishioner he was there to see got three calls—all from members of the Trinity community.

"The constant thread I hear from the team is that people are happy to see them and feel loved by Trinity," Mark said. "To me, it's a powerful thing—that people are touched by how much Trinity cares for them."

"I go to bring comfort to someone else," Ralph said about his pastoral visits. "But I think I get as much out of it as they do. People have done so much to see that I get by, the least I can do is to give back to the community, to humanity."

Trinity's Lay Eucharist Ministers are Regina Jacobs, Adriane Paniagua, Chris Ballard, Kathy Bozzuti-Jones, Pearl Chin, Roslyn Hall, Ferina Moses, Luciana Sikula, Arthur Sikula, Mildred Chandler, Yvette Tsiropoulos, Gabriel Bonadie, Ryan Campbell, Deborah Hope, Eileen Hope, Ralph Lowry Jr., Joyce Mondesire, Dolores Osborne, Sr. Ann Whittaker, Sr. Gloria Shirley, and Sr. Promise Atelon.

**Do you know of someone who is in need of a pastoral visit? Contact the Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones at [mbozzuti-jones@trinitywallstreet.org](mailto:mbozzuti-jones@trinitywallstreet.org) or 212.602.0765.**





## Word from THE VICAR

For such a short season, Advent is incredibly rich. Our Advent theme this year, to serve as a sort of lens through which to revisit the symbols, themes, and events of these four weeks in our preaching and teaching, is *Expect Hope*.

It is a provocative theme. Expect hope? Does that imply hope is not yet here? Are we talking a verb and a noun, or two verbs? Is hope the object of expect? What if we put punctuation between the two: Expect. Hope. Is that redundant? If not, how do expectation and hope differ?

Are what we expect and what we hope related? Christian expectations are cosmic but our personal hopes are often small. This can be true especially in December, when our hopes may not be so much focused on the return of Christ as on finishing our frantic preparation for tomorrow's party.

Do we honestly expect that for which we hope? Frederick Buechner wrote, "For Christians, hope is ultimately hope in Christ. The hope that he really is what for centuries we have been claiming he is."

With that hope comes the expectation that the world as we know it will be turned upside down when Christ returns. Hmm. Do we honestly hope for that which we expect? Maybe some of us more than others. Depends on how comfortable we are with how things are, with how life is going at the moment.

I expect that the theme will trigger fresh Advent insights for everyone. I truly hope that this is the case.

Blessings,

*Anne Mallonee*

The Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee, Vicar

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## Yankees Take Philadelphia, and Manhattan

For the second time in as many years, Trinity staff and parishioners had a front row seat on a quintessential New York experience—the ticker tape victory parade. This time, the parade honored the Yankees' World Series win. Regardless of whether or not the Yankees are your team, the parade was an amazing sight to see.



*The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper, rector and lifelong Yankees fan, blesses the crowd before the parade. Photo by Leo Sorel.*



*Parishioner Vincent Norman (above) and staff member Ted Ashton (left) show their Yankee pride in the Trinity Churchyard during the parade. Photos by Leah Reddy.*



## All About New Orleans

In the last three years, more than 70 members of the Trinity community have visited New Orleans to help rebuild that city in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. It's been an evolving relationship with the city characterized by partnership with several Episcopal organizations: All Saints' Church, the first Episcopal Church in the Lower Ninth Ward, Episcopal Social Services, formerly known as the Office of

Disaster Response, and Jericho Road, a program that continues to help people return to their homes and communities.

Visit [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org) to follow this extraordinary journey through stories, photos, videos, and interviews from the last three years. And then consider joining the next Trinity trip to New Orleans yourself!

## Trinity on the Road

This November, Holy Cross Monastery celebrated the life profession of one of its members and the Diocese of Washington held a diocesan-wide confirmation service at the National Cathedral. Important, but not unusual, events in the life of the Church. What was unusual – and wonderful – was that Trinity parishioners were part of both, in a number of ways.



*Canon Callaway, Brother Bernard, David, and Sister Promise at Brother Bernard's life profession on November 4 at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York.*

Brother Bernard Delcourt, OHC, was a parishioner at Trinity from 1999 to 2004. In 2004, he entered Holy Cross Monastery, a journey that took him to the life profession of vows on November 4, 2009.

The Rev. Canon James G. Callaway, D.D., Sister Promise Atelon, SSM, and head verger David Jette attended the service.

Just a few days later, the Diocese of Washington welcomed parishioners from all its churches to the Cathedral for their area-wide confirmation service. They also welcomed James and Amanda Gomez, who have been parishioners at Trinity since 2008. They are expecting a baby in March 2010, and wanted to be confirmed before their baby is baptized. Bishop Jane Dixon, a family friend, offered to confirm them in Washington.



*James and Amanda Gomez with Bishop Jane Dixon, who confirmed them in Washington on November 7.*

James and Amanda were touched that several fellow Trinity parishioners made the journey to support them during the service, including Art, Luciana, and Elisa Sikula, and Julie Dever.

"We were very humbled and honored that they came and supported us," James said.

## Getting Ready for Christmas



*Jasira, Katie, and Katherina make Advent wreaths at the parish Advent Fair on Sunday, November 29. Learn how to make your own wreath at home from Kevin Currie, Trinity's gardener, at [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org).*

## Thanksgiving in the Churchyard



*The Rev. Deacon R.C. Laird, Mollie Perry, Caroline Kennedy, and Cynthia Moten get ready to serve Thanksgiving Dinner in the North Churchyard following the Thanksgiving Day Eucharist. The dinner was part of Trinity's Brown Bag Lunch Program. More than 10 parish volunteers helped serve anyone in need of a meal. For more information about the Brown Bag Lunch Program, contact the Rev. Matthew Heyd at [mheyd@trinitywallstreet.org](mailto:mheyd@trinitywallstreet.org).*

## Christmas at Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel

There are a number of beautiful and different services at Trinity and St. Paul's on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



For a full list of all Advent classes, events, and services, turn to page 6 or visit [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org).

### Christmas Eve

**Family Eucharist: 3pm at Trinity**

This Christmas service is designed especially for children of all ages. There is lots of congregational singing within the celebration of the Eucharist. The Trinity Youth Chorus offers special music with participation from the children of the congregation.  
Preaching: The Rev. Mark Bozzuti-Jones

### Eucharist with Carols:

**4pm at St. Paul's Chapel**

This Christmas Eve liturgy is celebrated in the Chapel's contemporary style with special music by the Chapel Singers. Carols and hymns are sung by the congregation.  
Preaching: The Rev. Matthew Heyd

### Festive Eucharist: 6pm at Trinity

A traditional Christmas Eve liturgy with congregational carols and special music provided by the Parish Choir and the Trinity Choir.  
Preaching: The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper

### Festive Eucharist with Choral Prelude

**9:30pm at Trinity**

This festive celebration begins with a 30 minute prelude of anthems, by the Trinity Choir, and congregational carols. The liturgy features a full procession

and choral Eucharist. Additional hymns and carols are sung by the choir and congregation. The choral prelude begins at 9:30pm; service begins at 10pm. The service is also webcast via [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org).  
Preaching: The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper

### Midnight Eucharist:

**12am at St. Paul's Chapel**

A candlelight midnight Christmas Eucharist celebrated in the Chapel's contemporary style with music by the Chapel Singers with hymns and carols sung by the congregation. The service ends at approximately 1:15am.  
Preaching: The Rev. Daniel Simons

### Christmas Day

**Choral Eucharist: 11:15am at Trinity**

A festive celebration of Christmas Day with special music by the Trinity Choir with hymns and carols sung by the choir and congregation. The service concludes with a procession to the creche where gifts appropriate for children are offered. This service is also webcast via [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org).  
Preaching: The Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee

## Epiphany is Coming!

Did you know that Christmas is twelve days and not one? It's more than a song! Even though culturally the tree gets tossed out by New Year's, the Church has an extended party that arrives on the 13th day at the Feast of Epiphany. In many parts of the global Church—anywhere Orthodox Christianity is practiced—Epiphany even trumps Christmas.

What makes any party great are presents, good wine, sparkly lights and great party

games. The Feast of the Epiphany has them all. It collapses a whole collection of events together into one big event that points to Jesus' manifestation as God's Beloved in the world: the coming of the Wise Men bringing gifts; Jesus' baptism in the Jordan; Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana; and the Transfiguration vision, the ultimate mountaintop experience.

This year at Trinity, the Epiphany takes on some more of that celebratory spirit. There

will be lots of community singing at the service on January 6, with a chance to sing one last time all of our favorite carols; a collection and offering during the service of gifts of coats and supplies for the needy led by our Witness and Outreach team; and finally an easy-going family party in the Parish Hall after the service (and we'll even get Water into the mix with baptisms on the Sunday following!).

Come join the party!

—The Rev. Daniel Simons

## PS 315 and the Trinity Youth Chorus Partnership

Every Wednesday afternoon, ten students leave PS 315 and, along with their chaperones, make the long journey by subway from Flatbush, Brooklyn, to Trinity Wall Street for Chorister rehearsal. These fifth and sixth graders are the latest participants in a growing partnership begun by the school's principal, parishioner Beverly Ffolkes-Bryant, and associate organist Robert Ridgell several years ago.

For the past few years, the partnership involved Rob going out to Flatbush several times a year to teach master classes to Beverly's school chorus before they had a concert. The chorus, which Beverly also conducts, is made up of about 80 fifth and sixth graders.

This year, the congregational Witness and Outreach Committee made it possible to audition and bring ten members of Beverly's chorus into the Trinity Youth Chorus. The committee's support allows for paid chaperones to escort the students to and from Trinity on Wednesday afternoons.

"It's a wonderful thing," said Rob. "There's lots of mutual ministry happening through the Trinity Youth Chorus, Witness and Outreach, and Beverly."

## Concerts at One with a Choir Member



Photo by Leah Reddy

Trinity Choir member Caleb Burhans exhibited some of his other musical talents for a Concert at One on November 19. Caleb is a member of *itsnotyouitsme*, a two-man band that performs with electric guitar and violin. Watch the concert on-demand at [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org) and, while you're there, watch the Trinity Choir's December 14th performance of Handel's Messiah.

## News & Notes

### Baptisms

The Trinity community welcomed a number of new members into the Body of Christ on All Saints' Sunday:

Dean Ellsworth Butler, Catherine Leigh Dennis, Bryan Sam Jung, Victoria Jolie Magliore, Hazel Jane Moody, Christian Moy, Ethan Moy, Maxwell Rivera Sipes, Gavin William Spraker, Henry McCann Syme, Luc Robert Wenzel, and Tyler Gregory Gilbert.

### Wedding Congratulations

Trinity congratulates Andrea Spinella & Rob McDiarmid, who were married at Trinity on November 7.

### Rite 13 Celebration

Trinity celebrated with Samantha Stevens and Kudzai Tunduwani, graduating members of the Rite 13 class on Sunday, November 15. Here, the two graduates are shown with their certificates received during the 11:15am service and fellow youth group members. Rite 13 is a Christian formation class for middle schoolers.



# PARISH CALENDAR | December 09

## DECEMBER

- 1 Exhibit: A Church for the New World**  
9am - 5pm · Trinity Museum  
Through December 29.
- World AIDS Day Eucharist** 📺  
12:05pm · Trinity Church  
Guest preacher: The Rev. Winnie Varghese.
- Trinity Knitters**  
5pm · 74 Trinity Place, 3rd Floor Library  
All knitters and crocheters, and those who wish to learn are encouraged to attend.
- 2 Prison Ministry**  
6pm · 74 Trinity Place  
Support prisoners and their loved ones through education, advocacy, and re-entry.
- Annual Docent and Usher Dinner**  
6pm · 74 Trinity Place, Parish Hall  
Celebrating the ministry of our docents and ushers.
- In Search of Peace: An Advent Labyrinth**  
7pm · St. Paul's Chapel  
Liturgies for Advent featuring music, chant, and spoken word.
- 3 Concerts at One: Zara Lawler, flute**  
1pm · Trinity Church
- 6 Discovery: The Nativity in Medieval Art**  
10am · 74 Trinity Place  
A lecturer from the Cloisters Museum, discusses how representations of the Nativity underwent changes during the Middle Ages.
- Discovery: Uncovering the Advent Symbols of Christ's Birth**  
1pm · 74 Trinity Place  
An art workshop on the Sundays of Advent.
- St. Nicholas Festival with the Trinity Youth Chorus** 📺  
2pm · Trinity Church  
The singers of the Trinity Youth Chorus celebrate the life of St. Nicholas in an array of holiday music.
- 8 Feast and Flourish: St. Mary the Virgin**  
1pm · Trinity Church  
An organ recital and demonstration by Robert Ridgell.
- 9 Stewardship Roundtable**  
6pm · 74 Trinity Place, 3rd Floor Library  
The Roundtable considers a different aspect of stewardship each month.
- In Search of Peace: An Advent Labyrinth Meditation with Music**  
7pm · St. Paul's Chapel
- 10 Concerts at One: Saeunn Thorsteinsdottir & Alexandra Joan** 📺  
1pm · Trinity Church
- Trinity Preschool Christmas Pageant**  
4pm · Trinity Church
- 11- Advent Artists' Colony**  
**13** Trinity Conference Center
- 13 Discovery: The Nativity in Medieval Art**  
10am · 74 Trinity Place
- Discovery: Uncovering the Advent Symbols of Christ's Birth**  
1pm · 74 Trinity Place
- The Trinity Choir in Concert: Messiah**  
3pm · Trinity Church  
Buy tickets at [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org)
- 14 Witness and Outreach Committee**  
6:30pm · 74 Trinity Place, 2nd Floor Parlor  
Engaging in mission and service to the world.
- The Trinity Choir in Concert: Messiah** 📺  
7:30pm · Trinity Church
- 15 Congregational Council Meeting**  
6pm · 74 Trinity Place, 2nd Floor Parlor
- 16 In Search of Peace: An Advent Labyrinth Meditation with Music**  
7pm · St. Paul's Chapel
- 17 Concerts at One: Solid Brass** 📺  
1pm · Trinity Church
- Labyrinth Walk**  
4pm · St. Paul's Chapel  
The labyrinth is available for walks every third Thursday.
- Trinity Knitters**  
5pm · 74 Trinity Place, 3rd Floor Library
- 18 Trinity Youth Chorus: Ceremony of Carols**  
4:30pm · St. Paul's Chapel  
The Trinity Youth Chorus performs Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*. Holiday Caroling for all.
- 19 Greening of the Church**  
10am · Trinity Church
- 20 Discovery: The Nativity in Medieval Art**  
10am · 74 Trinity Place
- Discovery: Uncovering the Advent Symbols of Christ's Birth**  
1pm · 74 Trinity Place
- Scooge and Marley**  
1pm · 74 Trinity Place  
Presented by Theater at Trinity.
- Advent Lessons and Carols** 📺  
3pm - 4:15pm · Trinity Church  
This special service highlights the message of Advent hope and preparation for Christmas. Music by the choirs of Trinity Church.
- 23 In Search of Peace: An Advent Labyrinth Meditation with Music**  
7pm · St. Paul's Chapel
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**  
For full descriptions of all Christmas services, see page 4.
- Family Eucharist**  
3pm · Trinity Church
- Eucharist with Carols**  
4pm · St. Paul's Chapel
- Festive Eucharist**  
6pm · Trinity Church
- Festive Eucharist with Choral Prelude** 📺  
9:30pm · Trinity Church
- Midnight Eucharist**  
12am · St. Paul's Chapel
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**Choral Eucharist** 📺  
11:15am · Trinity Church
- 27 No Discovery Classes This Sunday**

### EVERY SUNDAY

10am · 74 Trinity Place, 3rd Floor

#### Godly Play

Pre-Kindergarten through 1st grade.

#### Living the Good News

2nd grade through 3rd grade.

#### Morning Glories

4th grade through 5th grade.

#### Rite 13

6th grade through 8th grade.

#### Journey to Adulthood

9th grade through 12th grade.

#### The Gospel, Times, Journal, and You

All ages.

# Looking AHEAD!

As we approach the season of gift-giving, I am pleased to note new ways in which the Trinity Wall Street community will be sharing gifts in the coming year. Soon there will be a "Saint in Every Borough" and a "Docent for Every Day."

As you've read elsewhere in this issue, having a "saint in every borough" means that members of the parish have taken on the essential pastoral work of visiting people in hospitals and in prisons, as well as visiting those who are homebound. Trinity's membership is in every corner of the city and the parish can now reach many more than would ordinarily be possible.

We are also enhancing the docent program in Trinity Church. Millions of visitors come to Trinity every year and many of those wish for a welcome, to ask questions, and to be shown around our "home." The docents, led and trained by head verger David Jette, are drawn from staff and congregation, and their work can be valuable in making connections with visitors so that they feel welcome and are more likely to return to Trinity, whether it be in person or through the website.

These programs may look different, but they both extend Trinity into the community in a very personal way. Both ask people to offer their gifts. Both help create a vital parish that lives through others beyond the walls of our parish buildings.

I thank you for all of your gifts. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Faithfully,



The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper, Rector



## Trinity Grants Funds Young Adult Internship Programs

Just what do an organic farm in California, rebuilding in New Orleans, and at-risk youth in Connecticut have in common? They're all the focus of new young adult internship programs that are beginning across the country with funding from the Trinity Grants Program.

"Trinity Wall Street has made a commitment to raising a generation of leaders through its Spiritual Formation grants," said the Rev. Canon James G. Callaway, deputy for faith formation and Anglican partnerships.

Five new year-long programs join the five Episcopal internship programs that are already in place throughout the country. Each program is sponsored by a different diocese or church organization, such as the Abundant Table Farm Project, a

collaboration between the campus ministry of California State University and a local family farm.

"We interns are often poor in terms of our time, our finances, and our ability to be up-to-par as new farmers," one new intern wrote on the Abundant Table blog in November. "How can we name our scarcity before God and others? And, I wonder, what will its transformation into abundance look like?"

Learn more about the Young Adult Internship Program grants at [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org).

## Editor's Note

For the past five years, the goal of *The Bridge* has been to connect the people of Trinity Wall Street. In that time, the parish has undergone a strategic planning process, undertaken new mission and service trips, and held yearly parish celebrations from Christmas to all-staff outings. Now, *The Bridge* is changing. This is the last issue of the newsletter in its current form.

Day to day news will be carried on [trinitywallstreet.org](http://trinitywallstreet.org), in *Connections*, and a new weekly e-newsletter for the congregation. In addition, a "for the record" news section will be added to the 2010 issues of *Trinity News*. To subscribe to e-news or *Trinity News*, email [news@trinitywallstreet.org](mailto:news@trinitywallstreet.org).

Thank you to all who have provided us with stories, photos, and interviews over the years—*The Bridge* would not have been possible without your contributions!

—Nicole Seifert



## Weekly

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

#### Sunday

8am & 10am Eucharist (St. Paul's Chapel)

9am & 11:15am Eucharist (Trinity)

#### Monday-Friday

8:15am Morning Prayer (Trinity)

8:30am Contemplative Prayer at Trinity on Thursdays

12:05pm Eucharist (Trinity)

5:15pm Evening Prayer (Trinity)

5:15pm Evensong at Trinity on Thursdays

#### Daily

12:30pm Prayers for Peace (St. Paul's Chapel)

### The Bridge Mission

The Bridge connects the people of the Trinity Wall Street community through news and features that reflect the common mission of those who work and worship here.

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