



CHURCH OF THE TRINITY  
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# trinity topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

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I hope you dance! This month I share with you from the pages of the book, *He Walks Among Us: Encounters with Christ in a Broken World* by Richard and Renee Stearns. And, I do hope you dance!

Psalm 30:11-12 "You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent, O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Despite many years of childhood ballet lessons, I am not, by anyone's definition, a dancer. But dancing is such an integral part of many cultures that, when we travel, I am often called upon to join in, which is fine, since it breaks the ice and gives those watching a reason to chuckle. In fact, if I listen quietly enough, I believe I can hear people in faraway places still laughing at that funny woman who couldn't seem to put one foot in front of the other.

Although they live in circumstances that would not make me feel like dancing, I encounter girls and boys, men and women everywhere rising up to dance at the slightest excuse for a celebration. This is particularly true in Malawi, known to visitors as "The Warm Heart of Africa." In the community of Chingale, a spontaneous conga line formed as women circled a shallow pond where tilapia was being farmed. So great was their joy at having food for their families and a product to sell in the market that they couldn't contain themselves. And they conscripted into their dance several of us whose only experience with tilapia was on a plate at Red Lobster.

Malawi was in the grip of a terrible food crisis due to drought, famine, and government efforts to reduce the country's dependence on agriculture. Children were suffering. But in this little community, a World Vision agricultural specialist had helped the people start a fish farm, and the dancing women were hardly able to contain their happiness.

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Their celebration made me think of King David's reference to dancing in Psalm 30. It's believed to have been written in response to the incident recorded in 1 Chronicles 21:1-22:6. David had become overconfident in his ability to lead Israel and, in direct disobedience to God's command, ordered that his military leaders count his troops. Confronted by the prophet Gad, David acknowledged his sin and willingly submitted to God's discipline. Although the discipline was very painful, David later praised God, thanking Him for His mercy and restoration.

When life is hard, it's easy to get discouraged and overlook the ways God might be at work in our lives. A fishpond may not seem much to get excited about, but the people of Chingale didn't see it that way at all. Rather, they believed God had intervened in their lives in a way that filled them with so much joy they couldn't keep their feet from moving. David felt that way too. God turned the repentant king's mourning into dancing.

What is your response when you hit a bump in the road either of your own making or as the result of circumstances beyond your control? Do you despair, or do you dance? I'm reminded of the country song Lee Ann Womack sings: Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance / And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance / I hope you dance.



When was the last time you went dancing? - Renee



### **Trinity Sunday School and Nursery**

We are reclaiming our space upstairs for Sunday School use and for a Nursery that will be staffed by a professional caregiver. The fire escape is now repaired, the walls are freshly repaired and painted and new flooring is in place. We give you great thanks for the contributions of furniture and supplies for the new nursery! It look fabulous! You are the best! Donna Puma (licensed elementary school teacher) is managing the nursery operation and is happy to speak with you regarding any questions you may have. Share the good news with others who might be quite interested in the nursery and fresh, new Sunday School space for our children. We value our young people and this is one of the ways in which we are outwardly expressing it!

### **What's Cookin' in Coatesville?**

Our First Monday healthy meal program continues on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the social hall. This month we are serving Lemon Chicken Pasta, Strawberry Spinach Salad and Jam & Oatmeal bars for desert. If you would like to participate in this time of fellowship by helping to serve and clean up, please arrive around 5:45 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m.

### **Celebration of Bishop Dan's Ministry**

**April 30** — Celebration of Bishop Dan's ministry, Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, 4pm. This is an opportunity to say "farewell" to Bishop Dan and thank him for his ministry as a Bishop to us.

## **Welcome Bishop-Elect Gutierrez!**

### **The Biography from the Election Process of our New Bishop-Elect:**

#### **The Rev. Canon Daniel G. P. Gutierrez**

##### ***Canon to the Ordinary, The Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande***

The Rev. Canon **Daniel G. P. Gutierrez**, a priest of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, is canon to the ordinary, chief operating officer, and chief of staff for the diocese, which is based in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As part of his role in diocesan leadership, he also serves as executive director of the diocesan conference and retreat centers, and he oversees all aspects of ministry, human resources, budgeting, funds and investments, and capital campaigns within the diocese. He also serves the Episcopal Church through administrative and budgetary oversight of the Navajoland Area Mission and is vice president of the Episcopal Church in Navajoland Economic Development Corporation.

Before Gutierrez was named to his current position in 2011, he had an extensive career in public service — including serving as chief of staff to the mayor of Albuquerque and as director of the Bernalillo County Economic Development Department. He also was president of a strategy and media firm whose clients included state and local political leaders.

Gutierrez was ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood in 2008, both in the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and subsequently he served at the Cathedral Church of St. John and at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Albuquerque. After joining the diocesan staff, he was called to rebuild two struggling parishes, serving them as vicar and rector.

Gutierrez is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, where he earned bachelor's degrees in history and political science in 1987 and a master of arts in public administration in 1992. In 2007, he earned a diocesan certificate in Anglican studies through the Trinity School for Ministry, and in 2011, he was awarded a master of theological studies degree from St. Norbert College.

Gutierrez has been married since 1991 to Suzanne Fletcher Gutierrez, and they have one son, Jude, a junior at The Bosque School, a college preparatory high school.

***Q: What is your vision for the ministry of the bishop in a diocese? What aspect of the ministry of the episcopate in the Diocese of Pennsylvania excites you the most?***

My vision for the ministry is that the people of Diocese of Pennsylvania will know I love them. I will be a faithful shepherd, caring servant, authentic companion, and loving apprentice of Jesus Christ. This vision comes to reality only through the people of the diocese. I am deeply curious about the people I serve and have found that ministry is not about me. True ministry is living — spiritually and physically — with the faithful, the fallen, the seeking, the hurting, and the lost. We all jointly share in the responsibility of building the beautiful kingdom of God. The people of the diocese provide this sacred possibility, and this gives me hope and excitement.

The diocese has a story of pain, hope, endurance, and awakening that speaks of Christ present in our lives. This story is a testimony of the “ongoing incarnation” of Jesus Christ. Things are being made new and new chapters are being written. Let’s tell a new story.

In the first chapter of John, Jesus is traveling and being followed by curious observers. He is asked, “Where are you staying?” Jesus responds, “Come and see.”

Imagine if this diocese were to be known as the “come and see” diocese — a place to encounter God through prayer, community, liturgy, and service. A place where the dignity of humanity was lifted up, and a place that shows how people love one another. A place where Christ is reflected in each person. “Come and see” and you may want to join in this sacred story called the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

***Q: Using an example from your own ministry, how do you seek and serve Christ in all persons, love your neighbor as yourself, strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?***

I am blessed to work with the Episcopal Diocese in Navajoland. Initially, our task was to create an economic development plan, reorganize administration, and develop sustained outreach. But what began as an opportunity to work with Bishop Bailey and the Diné (Navajo) people has sacredly transformed into the realization of God's presence in our work. I am profoundly moved by this ministry and am forever changed.

Initially, both sides started with a suspicion of one another's motives. Over time, we allowed the Holy Spirit to enter our work, and we began to open our faith and lives to one another. We listened and learned one another's stories. We approached our time together as sacred presence. We looked at each other through a different lens — as loving children of God.

Now, each meeting is one of change. The Diné perceive our hearts and invite us into their lives. We understand the cultural and economic systems that force the Diné to operate in a method that is beyond our grasp. We continually break through barriers through laughter, mutual respect, and hard work. Our time is filled with dignity, honesty, and prayer. We bless one another and in the process find Jesus. In poverty, we meet our own poverty. We continue to build that beautiful kingdom of God one small step at a time.

When I call the Diné my brother and sister, they are not mere words. They emanate from each beat of my heart, and they resound with a loving truth centered in Christ.

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### **Annual Meeting Election Results**

At our Annual meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup> we elected four members to the vestry. They are: Jodi Bakshas, Joe Kirkner, Joseph Lee and Vic Shanley. Convention/Deanery delegates are: Caroline Bentley, Pat Kirkner and Bill Terry. The next meeting of the Vestry will occur on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. and we will begin the process of Strategic Planning with our consultant.





### April Birthdays

Nina Thompson	April 1	Diane Evans	April 7
Evelyn Carey	April 2	Stacey Heston	April 10
Lily Fazio	April 2	Alfred Carey	April 11
Gail Busch	April 4	Robert Baynard SR	April 14
Ryan Muschelli	April 6	Jodi Bakshas	April 15
Sherry A Deets	April 7	Barbara Combs	April 21
Kristen Busch		April 21	



### April Anniversaries

Jacqueline & Victor Shanley III	April 24
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Community Garden Clean-up 1-5 PM SH Rented	What's Cookin' in Coatesville? 6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM		HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SH Rented	Bible Study 7 PM			HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Vestry Meeting 11:15 AM	Bible Study 7 PM			HE Chapel-12N Pastoral Care Team Meeting 12:30 PM		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Veterans Brunch 12 Noon	Bible Study 7 PM			HE Chapel-12N		NA 10-11:30 SH Rented



## Readers, Servers and Greeters for April 2016



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Server	Torches	Greeters/ Ushers
4/3	Ken Nation Lon Cross	N/A Donna Puma	Al Carey Lon Cross	Jack McGovern Bill Terry	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
4/10	Vic Shanley Pam Smyth	N/A Chris Haak	Donna Puma Bill Terry	Jim Anderson Jim Anderson	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
4/17	Ebbie Carey Bill Terry	N/A Craig McGovern	Jim Anderson Jodi Bakshas	Jodi Bakshas Jodi Bakshas	TBA TBA	TBA TBA
4/24	Jim Anderson Andrew Bentley	N/A Violet Armstead	Al Carey Lon Cross	Al Carey Al Carey	TBA TBA	TBA TBA

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Thursday 1-5 p.m.

#### **Mission Statement**

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.

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#### **Service Schedule**

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays 12:00 p.m.

Church School

Sundays 9:15 a.m.

Bible Study

Mondays 7:00 p.m.