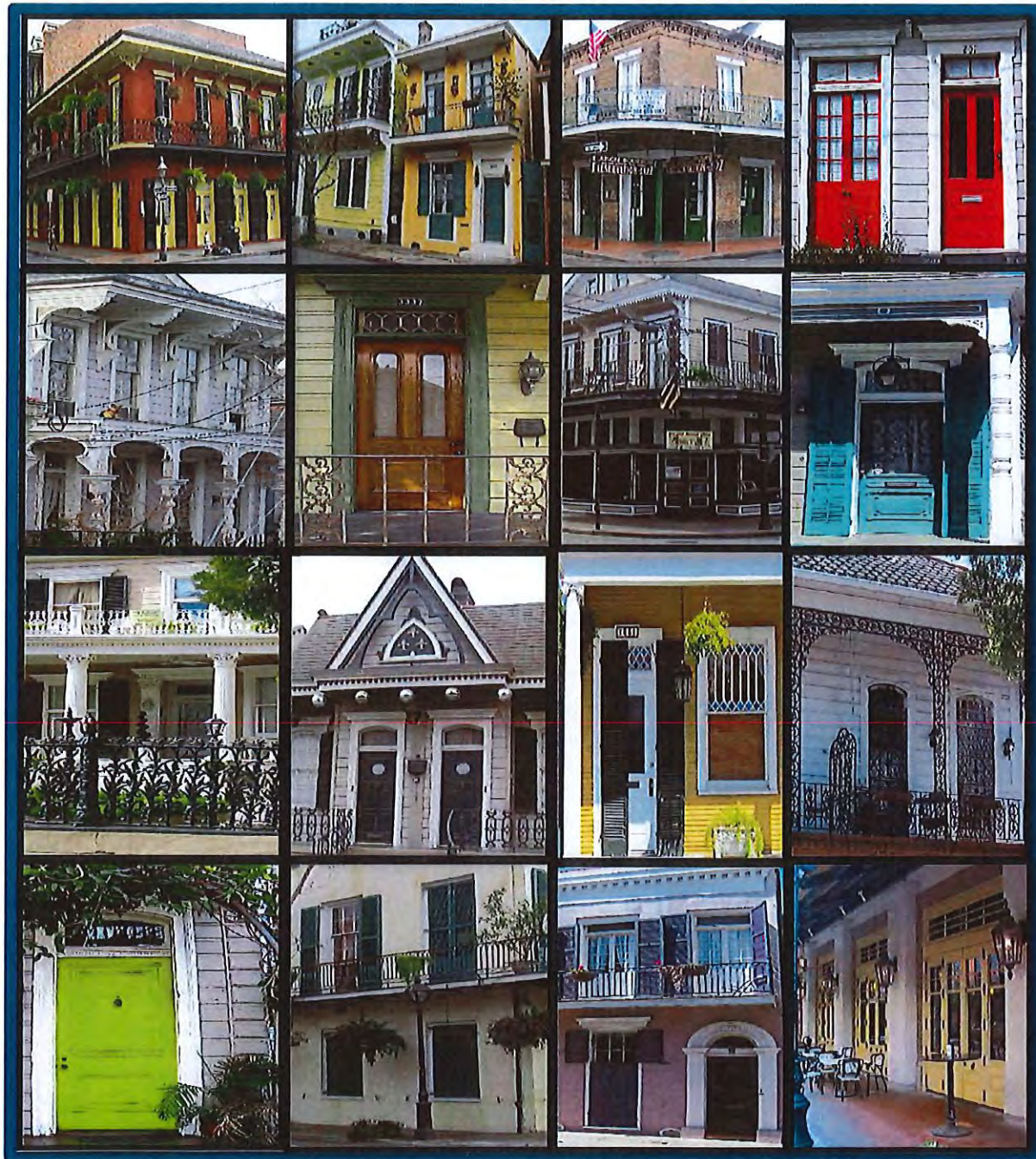


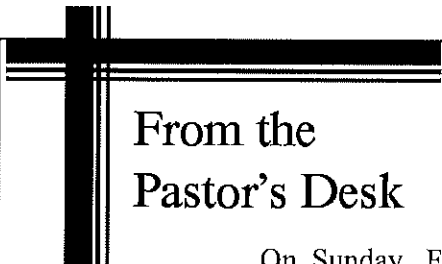
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MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER



*Here I am at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door
I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.*

Revelations 3:20



From the Pastor's Desk

On Sunday, February 16, we sang two hymns that included the word "transport". Every time we sing these hymns, I am always struck by the use of the word "transport", since I know that it is not being used in the usual way. Being someone who is often fascinated by words, their use and origin, I finally had to look this one up.

First let us consider those two hymn verses. The first came from the hymn, *The King of love my Shepherd is*. Verse #5

Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport and delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

The second is from the hymn *To God be the glory-great things He has done!* Verse #3

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing
Thru Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and
greater will be
Our wonder, our transport
when Jesus we see.

It is obvious in these two verses that the word transport is not being used in the sense of moving people or things from one place to another which would be the first definition entry of the word. However, there is a secondary definition to the word transport that we are less familiar with today and that is the definition used here. That definition is, "to carry away with strong and often intensely pleasant emotion."¹ What is being moved here is our emotions. In the first verse, we are being moved by Jesus' sacrificial blood poured out for us. In the second, we are moved when we finally see Jesus in the heavenly realm.

As we approach the season of Lent, I am reminded that it is a season which does move us emotionally. On Ash Wednesday, we are moved by the reminder that we "are dust, and to dust we shall return". We are moved on the first Sunday of Lent, when Jesus spends forty days fasting in the desert and is tempted by Satan. We are moved when Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead on the fifth Sunday of Lent. We are moved as we walk the way of the cross on Wednesday of Holy Week. We are moved when Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane and is betrayed on Maundy Thursday. We are moved at the Good Friday Tenebrae service when we sit in darkness and hear the loud bang of Jesus' tomb being sealed. Finally, we are moved when Mary Magdalene finds the empty tomb on Easter Sunday and is the first witness to the gospel proclaiming the risen Lord.

Let us 'move' together in this season as we journey to the cross and beyond with Jesus, rekindling our faith as we relive the great mysteries of Lent, Easter and God's love for us conveyed through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

¹ "transport." *Merriam-Webster.com*. Merriam-Webster, 2020.
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Sermon Preview

February 26 Ash Wednesday (1 and 7:30pm) – HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: **"LIVING A HOLY LIFE"**

Isaiah 58:1-12

March 1 Lent 1 – HOLY COMMUNION

Sermon: **"THE SPIRITUAL DIET OF FASTING"**

Isaiah 58:1-12

March 8 Lent 2 – SHARE SUNDAY

Sermon: **"THE HELPING HAND OF GOD"**

Psalms 121

March 15 Lent 3 – HOLY COMMUNION & JUNIOR CHOIR

Sermon: **"THE SOCIAL REALITY OF SIN"**

Psalms 95

Children's Sermon "May I Have Your Attention?"

March 22 Lent 4 – SENIOR HANDBELLS/HOLY COMMUNION AT 10:00AM

Sermon: **"TO BOLDLY GO WHERE GOD CALLS US"**

1 Samuel 16:1-13

March 29 Lent 5 – HOLY COMMUNION AT 10:00AM

Sermon: **"COME AND SEE; AN INVITATION TO TRUE FAITH"**

John 11:1-45



Junior Choir

This year has been a year of growth for our Junior Choir. Of course, I am delighted! February 16, we sang "You Are a Temple". A number of people stopped me to say what a nice job they did!

The next time we sing will be March 15 when we will be doing "The Passover Lamb". Since it is during Lent, it has a special message to all of us. (It may be interesting for adults to use this Lenten season to think about the story of Jesus on the earth and what life was like then gives us much to ponder.)

The Sunday after Easter will be "God's Alive" as our anthem. It tells us about the seasons and how God created everything. We may think of plants and trees and birds and how much each thing is able to live and grow. God loves us and cares for animals and plants and all of His creation. The wonder of God's love is for all of us! How blessed are we!

The Junior Choir meets each Sunday for just 15 minutes before Sunday School. They are able to learn the words and music there. The children receive a letter at home with the words for the next song and beyond. So everyone in the family may hear it before coming to church. This year we have ten children in the Junior Choir. They are Lilyana Amato, Riley Green, Eliza Hill, Ethan Hill, Olivia Hui, Katie Reichert, Abigail Shockley, David Shockley, Lexi Tsvik and Logan Tsvik. I am so proud of them and for their contribution to the Service each time we sing.

Thank you for praying for our Junior Choir members. Be sure to speak to them when you see them.

Love and blessings for all,

Mrs. Schmidt

Kids Page

Joyful noise



Use your voice and this hand-crafted percussion instrument to make joyful noises to the Lord.

What you need:

- Dry beans (about one Tbsp)
- Plastic Easter egg
- 2 plastic spoons
- Masking tape
- Markers and stickers

What you do:

1. Place the beans inside the egg and snap it closed.
2. Set the egg in a spoon and cover it with the second spoon so the spoons are holding the egg.
3. Tape the spoons to the egg. Also wrap tape around the spoons from top to bottom to make a shaker handle.
4. Decorate your shaker and use it as you sing praises to God.
5. Experiment with sounds by filling other eggs with coins, rice, and so on.



MAKE MUSIC TO THE LORD

People of the Bible used many different instruments to worship God through music.

Directions: Using the clues, unscramble the names of instruments found in Psalm 150. Then write the circled letters in order in the spaces below to complete verse 6.



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| A type of horn | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> | MURTETP |
| Played by King David | <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | PRHA |
| Plucked to make sound | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | IGSNSTR |
| Similar to a tambourine | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | MRBELIT |
| A type of harp | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> | ELRY |
| Blown through to make sound | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | EPPI |
| A percussion instrument | _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | YBLACMS |

Le_ everyt_ing tha_ has _r_ath
_raise the _ORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV

Answer: trumpet, harp, strings, timbrel, lyre, pipe, cymbals; Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Psalm 150:6, NIV



Trinity Lutheran Church
Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
Saturday March 28th at 9:00 AM
Registration (Required)

All Ages Welcome

Bring a Friend!

**Register by filling out the cards in
your child's Sunday School class or
by calling the Office
at 856-939-4411**

Sunday School News: March 2020

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. Romans 8: 5 & 6

The spiritually minded are concerned with the things the Spirit desires. Things God has revealed or spiritual gifts He has given. These concerns are about eternal things in distinct contrast to things material and temporal. All the joys, experiences and states of our spiritual nature are realized by contemplating the amazing and unchanging truth in God's Holy Word. Together: justification, forgiveness, sanctification, growth in knowledge of God and fellowship with him, lead to overwhelming joy. Those awakened make a conscious effort to grow, finding peace and joy in reading, thinking and talking about them and listening to others speak of them. They frequently feel the need for close communion with God. Being spiritually minded is life and peace for it awakens the soul to Godlike attributes, to its highest capability, and fills it with purest pleasure of being in his presence. Being focused upon the Lord brings life and peace, hope and joy.

Ash Wednesday, February 26th was the beginning of Lent. In preparation Faith Guides were handed out the Sunday before. Our spring semester starts on Sunday, March 1st. New lessons were purchased; we are all ready to go. Easter is April 12th. Social Concerns will again have an Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast on Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 AM. In the coming months we are making plans for our annual plant sale during the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd the weekend before Mother's Day from 8:00 AM until noon. Bob Zenter will again provide the plants. We will have an assortment of perennials, flowering shrubs and some trees. We will need several volunteers to help with the sale. Proceeds will benefit "Trinity's Scholarship Program" On Mother's Day and Father's Day, Moms and Dads will receive a Sunday School tote bag.

Mission Teens, one of our outreaches, helps the desperate by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those willing to seek God as the answer to their problems. Please help them by making a donation. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Sunday School", envelopes are available as you enter the church. Please continue to help feed the hungry homeless by supporting UR Important 2 US. Donate peanut butter and jelly, bottles of water, packaged snacks and warm socks. Come join us Saturday, March 21st at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall to make PB&J sandwiches. We have a wonderful group who come to help. It is a joyful time of fun and fellowship. Thank you for your support of our outreaches through them others are being blessed.

Please remember to have your child bring an offering every Sunday to help cover costs. Yes, we are still looking for volunteers to teach. Children need help and guidance to develop a strong faith. Come visit our Sunday School. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

In the Name of Jesus may this New Year Bring Great Joy and Blessings to All.

Carl Nagel
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CONFIRMATION CLASS

God our heavenly Father invites us to pray to Him with joy and confidence through the merits of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is hard to believe that we are going into March already. We have started preparations for our eighth graders and their confirmation coming up at the end of May. Soon they will be taking a trip to Gardner's Funeral Home as we talk about the end of life and the followers of Jesus Christ. Our friends at Gardner's do an excellent job showing the eighth graders around the home and explaining the procedure at the end of life. The children are a little nervous about this trip and come back with a lot of questions and thoughts.

We have started a new unit in class on the Lord's Prayer and then will move on to the final unit of the school year on Confirmation and the duties in the church.

We were so excited to have one of our members, Owen Palmer come all the way from New Hampshire to visit us last week. He is the son of Corinne Palmer (Gawason) who was also confirmed here. Owen joins and listens to us every week by phone and has his own workbook. He is a very nice gentleman and joined right in with the class. We all love him.

The class is large but so much fun to work with. With a lot of different personalities, it makes the class interesting. They are doing an excellent job with their duties as acolyte and crucifer. They are always willing to read and discuss various topics. Thank you, Sunday School teachers, for preparing them. They come up to us already knowing The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles' Creed, and The Ten Commandments. Sunday School is truly a team effort.

Thank you and God Bless,
The Confirmation teachers.



ADULT CHOIR

I have started a new adventure. Retirement is nice but can get boring. I am now a substitute crossing guard for the town of Runnemedede, being employed by the Runnemedede Police Department. I love it! It is so funny to see some of the children of Trinity go by and ask, "What are you doing here?" My fellow workers are nice and so are the Police. If you see me somewhere, give me a honk.

There are so many beautiful songs for the Easter season. Pat Schmidt will start us off on Ash Wednesday with a nice solo with the choir – "I Want Jesus to Walk with me". We will move to "Alone" which is about Jesus praying by himself in the garden. Boy, the sacrifices He has done for us just because He loves us so much. We will be moving to "When I Survey The Wonderous Cross" where the men do such a good job starting us off so softly. We will end up with an arrangement of "Crown Him With Many Crowns" for Easter.

Practice is every Thursday at 7:30 PM. Why don't you come out and join us? We would love to have you.

Keep on singing,

Jim Shisler



The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday February 7, 2020. In attendance were Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Peggy Cochran, Val Colasuonno, Eleanor Epley, Dolores Keller and Dorothy Martin. We must give thanks to our helpers, Susan Dilks, Peg Floro and Marie Thatcher, who could not attend but provide so much for our cause. Pastor Andy joined us, and the meeting officially started at 10:10 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer. A request was made by a group at St. Charles Borromeo, called Helping Hands for hats, gloves, scarves, socks etc. for the residents of a tent city in Bellmawr.

We received the following: 3 Prayer Shawls, 4 Lap Blankets, and 1 gift bag

Osborn Family Med.Ctr. 29 Baby hats

Helping Hands 31 Adult hats, 7 youth hats, 6 scarves, 6 gloves and 2 pair of socks

Distribution:

Osborn Family Med.Ctr. 66 Baby hats, and 1 blanket

Helping Hands: 29 Adult hats, 7 youth hats, 10 scarves, 10 pair of gloves and 2 pair of socks

Corresponding Secretary: Barbara read an article submitted by Beth Shute that reported the Vogelsohn Library was accepting donations of yarn on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from noon till four. James Wakeley sent a "thank you" for his lap blanket and Susan Dilks sent a contribution as a memorial. Barbara also reported sending a sympathy card to Eleanor from our group. Our prayers are with Eleanor at this difficult time.

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported there were no baptisms.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday March 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., come join us see what you can accomplish. There was no formal reading to end the meeting (since I forgot to bring my devotional book). Instead, since Valentine's Day was near, we reflected on those around us who help to make our individual lives better. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Val Colasuonno
Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry
"May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Greetings in Christ,

March is here and Lent has begun. As we move forward to spring and the glory of Easter we reflect on our transgressions and celebrate the victory of the cross in Christ. It is a beautiful time of year. Flowers, trees and lawns bloom and grow with new life just as we do in Christ.

On our last workday, February 1st we had a great turnout which is not always the case this time of year (weather is usually a factor).

Below are some of the projects we accomplished:

- Since some of our doors did not pass fire inspection (they did not self-close) – one door had to be removed and the base of the door had to be cut. It was a lot of work as they are quite heavy. Other doors just needed to be adjusted. All our doors should now pass fire code and we have one less violation that is now corrected.
- We installed more carbon monoxide detectors.
- We inspected all the emergency lights. Only one needed a battery replacement.
- Painting in the sanctuary – a very talented prep and paint team painted to top cap of our wood base molding along the sanctuary wall. We had our carpet contractor install white cove molding on the base of the wood which left the top cap still exposed a dark brown. There are still some areas that need to be painted and should be completed on our next workday.
- There was general cleaning and decluttering.
- The glass globes for the candle holders from Christmas Eve services were dewaxed and stored away.
- The refrigerator from the food pantry was moved back to the pantry from our kitchen. We now have a brand new beautiful commercial refrigerator. If you have not seen it, please go take a look. It was paid in full by our Memorial Light Fund.

Our next work will be **March 7th starting at 8 a.m.** Some of our to do list includes:

- Inspections and maintenance
- Paint prep and painting
- Continued decluttering and cleaning
- Some electrical work
- Toilet repair and plumbing

Please consider coming out to help, enjoy great fellowship, an awesome coffee break and a great feeling knowing that you helped to keep Trinity a beautiful place to worship.

In Christ,
Rich Greiner – Co-Chairman of the Property Committee

SOCIAL CONCERNS

The Lenten season has begun. We will be having our Soup, Bread, and Dessert Wednesday suppers. Please join us for delicious soups and fellowship on March 4th, March 11th, March 18th, and March 25th.

Our next Pantry Day will be Thursday, March 26th. Share Sunday will be Sunday, March 8th. We are in need of the following items: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, tuna fish, cereal and tea bags.

Our Clothing closet continues to provide much needed clothing to our pantry families. The closet is also open to all members of the congregation as well. If you plan to drop off any of your donations, please remember to keep the **bags light**. Please remember we can only take clothes that are clean and in good condition. They can be dropped off in the containers on the porch at 17th Knight Avenue anytime. Please **Do Not** drop off non-clothes items such as toys, household items, TV's, electronics, etc.

On March 28th, we will be having our 5th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast. Registration is required and can be made through The Sunday School or by calling the church office. All are welcome and you don't need a child to attend.

We will be getting ready to fill Easter Baskets for our pantry families. Look for our Pantry Pig to arrive to remind everyone to bring in their donations of Easter Hams and canned goods. All hams and canned good are due back on Palm Sunday, April 5th.

New members are always welcome. We meet on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:00 service. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. Those who not only give of their wealth, but of their time, their talents and their possessions. With God ALL things are possible.

Dates to remember:

March 8th	Share Sunday
March 10th	Clothing Closet
March 26th	Pantry and Clothing Closet
March 15th	Pantry Pig arrives!
March 28th	Breakfast with the Easter Bunny 9:00 am

Luke 3:11 *And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."*

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

Mid-Week Lenten Program

JOIN US EACH WEDNESDAY AT 7:30P.M.

Our Mid-Week Lenten Programs are co-sponsored by
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
And
Gardner Funeral Home



Join us for Supper - Each Wednesday starting at 6:00p.m.
Soup, Bread and Beverage will be ready for you - just come!

- March 4 Movie Night. *Saved by Grace*: A retired police officer, despondent over the loss of his family, contemplates a dramatic decision which will change his life forever, until he meets a mysterious woman who, through her personal stories, gives him a reason to re-examine what is most important to him. Approximately 84 minutes.
- March 11 Movie Night. *Breakthrough*: When Joyce Smith's (Chrissy Metz) adopted son John (Marcel Ruiz) falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost as John lies lifeless. In the face of every bleak medical case history and dire scientific prediction, Joyce's unwavering belief inspires her community to pray for John's recovery. Based on the incredible true story, **Breakthrough** is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle. Approximately 116 minutes.
- March 18 The Midiri Brothers: Join us and hear the multi-talented and personable Joe and Paul Midiri "jazz" it up here at Trinity!
- March 25 Dr. Christopher Westfall will join us to sing and play the piano. With disciplined musicianship, polished vocals, and a warm personable stage presence, Chris brings the audience an engrossing musical experience.
- April 1 Trinity's Praise Band. Don't miss the special music and solo performances. Find out why the Praise Band has become a Trinity Lenten favorite!

MARCH

Birthdays

- 1 - Ryder Ludwick
- 1 - Amanda Mayer
- 1 - Bob Redles
- 1 - Jacob Engelhart
- 1- Wayne Rand
- 2 - Wayne Egolf
- 3- Maverick Devecchio
- 5 - Harry J. Rivell
- 5 - Karen Cundiff
- 5 - Justin Frockowiak
- 5- Mindy Martinez
- 6 - Christian J. Kochon
- 6 - Marcos Cepero
- 9 - Christine E. Lindstrom
- 11 - Ashley Jones
- 12 - Madison Raws
- 14 - Sherry Ann Schmidt
- 15- Brian Rozzelle, Jr.
- 18- Karly Raebiger
- 19 - Emma Hill
- 20 - Eliza Hill
- 20 - Richard Veneziani
- 20- Kurt Ruch
- 22- Anna Sharp
- 23 - Butch Lloyd
- 24 - Andy Devecchio, Jr.
- 24 - Denise Bennett
- 24- Robert Brashear
- 25 - Joyce Jones
- 25 - Nicole Quinton
- 25 - Payman Razavi
- 26 - Jeffrey Hui
- 26 - James Read
- 26 - Kirsten Hurff
- 27- Franklin Schmidt
- 28 - Paul Crew
- 28 - Brian Rumbol
- 30 - Arlene Greenidge

MARCH

Anniversaries

- 5 - Bob & Mary Lou Brashear
- 8 - Harold & Adele Virtue, Jr.
- 10 - Gerry & Paula Williamson
- 16 - Al & Terri Krout
- 16 - Russell & Jennifer Heath
- 27 - Michael & Lorraine Phillips



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of those listed

On February 1, 2020

JAMES F. AMOREBELLA (63)
of Woolwich Twp, NJ

On February 9, 2020

SHARON L. NAYLOR-BRASCHKE (72)
of Laurel Springs, NJ

On February 11, 2020

DONNA M. MILLER (65)
of West Collingswood Hts, NJ

On February 22, 2020

ARLENE J. HOON (72)
of Egg Harbor Twp., NJ



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