

# TRINITY NEWS

## **Pentecost 17 "The Habitual Furniture of our Minds"**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm resonates with our need to be cared for and to offer care. The Shepherd of Israel comes and safety is assured. The sounds of the night are less scary because we are not alone. The Creator comes as a Shepherd.

We all need someone who cares, someone who loves us, and someone open to our love. Christ called himself the Good Shepherd and placarded Psalm 23 as part of the "habitual furniture of our minds" (C.S. Lewis).

The passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians (4:4-13) has much to offer. "Like the incarnation of Jesus and similar to the sacraments, literature embodies meaning in concrete form" (Leland Ryken). The scriptures mix attention to our inner sanctum with the details of our life and ultimate concerns. Here Paul writes about joy, praise and gentleness and much more. There are too many beautiful words in this passage to make adequate comment. We have used some of the following words in formal blessings: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication and thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". God's peace is refreshment: love and grace settling mind and heart, led into a still place where assurance abounds.

The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14) invites us to the Table of Life. It asks us to bring our best dreams and take risks and let go of excess baggage. It asks us to sit around the table and let the gathering throng look at us the celebrants, as we sing songs of hope and love in a divided world. The rainbow people of the world with wistful faces are always our audience, crying out for basic dignities, acceptance, a little share of earth's abundance and ears to hear heaven's whispers of hope.

**Bishop Arthur Jones**



## **HARVEST SUNDAY.**

In preparation for our Harvest Sunday celebration on October 16, 2011, parishioners are asked to please bring donations in the form of **non-perishable food items** for distribution to our Outreach beneficiaries:



- St. Margaret Episcopal Church in Payong, Antipolo
- Holy Faith Episcopal Church in Cainta, Rizal
- Seminarians - St. Andrew's Seminary, Quezon City

The Parish Office will be accepting donations which may include - but not necessarily be limited to - the following: sardines, instant noodles, dried fish, mungo beans, rice, sugar, cooking oil, powdered milk, coffee, cereals, cookies, crackers and biscuits, candies, and dried noodle packages - bihon, vermicelli, pancit, macaroni, spaghetti, etc.

Your donations will mean a lot to the recipients and will be greatly appreciated.

Let's share our blessings!

## **OUTREACH**

The Outreach Committee is once again soliciting sponsors to partially shoulder the tuition of 26 students for school year 2011 to 2012 at the Holy Spirit Christian Learning Center in Taguig City. Your assistance of P4,000.00 per student will greatly help these children acquire good values and Christian education. A sign-up sheet, with names and family background of each of these students, is posted on the church bulletin board for those who wish to participate in this worthwhile endeavor. Thank you for all your generosity.

## **RELIEF OPERATION**

**The ECW, EDCP in coordination with the ECW,CHT will be conducting a relief operation in Nueva Ecija on Oct.28-29, 2011. The Nueva Ecija deanery of EDCP is one of the worst hit areas by typhoons Pedring and Quiel that needs assistance. For any concern kindly coordinate with :**

**Patricia Dalmas ( 0926-7406233) or Betsy Reodica EDCP (0918-2991374)**

### **NEXT WEEK'S**

#### **READINGS:**

Isaiah 45:1-7;  
 Psalm 96;  
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;  
 Matthew 22:15-22

### **TO PLAN:**

October 11, Tuesday.

- Bible Study, 10am
- Group Discussion, 7:30pm @ the Tutton's (#3 Sta. Potenciana, Urdaneta Village). Interfaith relationships.

October 13, Thursday.

- Midweek Eucharist, 10am

October 16, Harvest Sunday. [NEXT WEEK. Please see separate announcement.]