



DECEMBER 26–JANUARY 02, 2010

TRURO FAMILY NEWS

Holy Innocents Sunday

The Feast of the Holy Innocents commemorates all the infant boys slaughtered by Herod in his attempt to kill the baby Jesus. They are remembered as martyrs by the Catholic Church. We celebrate the Holy Innocents this Sunday, December 27.

Dr. John Bruchalski of Tepeyac Family Center (TFC) is the guest preacher at the 7:30, 8:30 and 11:15 Holy Innocents services. There is a forum at the 10 am discipleship hour to tell the amazing story of Divine Mercy Care (DMC) whose principal programs are The Tepeyac Family Center (TFC) and DMC Pharmacy. TFC is a pro-life non-profit OB-GYN medical practice that provides services to women regardless of race, creed, culture, or income level. DMC Pharmacy is a pro-life pharmacy located in Chantilly, VA. Truro was thrilled to learn about “*the best of modern medicine with the healing presence of Jesus Christ while assisting the poor*”.

Dr. John Bruchalski

Dr. John Bruchalski, guest preacher for Holy Innocents services on December 27th

Dr. John Bruchalski grew up in northern New Jersey. After attending a Salesian High School and a Jesuit college he went to the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile, AL, receiving his MD degree in 1987. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Eastern Virginia Medical Center and the Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine in Norfolk, Virginia in 1991. He received board certification in 1993.

He founded the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax, VA in 1994, with the mission of establishing an obstetrical and gynecological facility that combines the best of modern medicine with the healing presence of Jesus Christ—providing affordable healthcare to women, in particular, those with crisis pregnancies. In 2000, he founded Divine Mercy Care, a non-profit organization performing spiritual and corporal works of mercy in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia and is currently the Chairman of its Board of Directors. In 2005, Tepeyac Family Center became a part of Divine Mercy Care and currently operates as the first Catholic health care facility in the Diocese of Arlington.

Dr. Bruchalski has been married to his wife, Carolyn, since 1991 and is the father of two boys: John Paul, born in 1992 and Joseph, in 1996. They live in Oak Hill, Virginia.

Special Upcoming Services

***New Year's Eve Service, Thursday, December 31
11:00 pm (Chapel)***

***Epiphany at Truro, Epiphany Celebration and Pageant
Sunday, January 3, 8:30 & 11:15 am (Church)***

Special dramatic presentation of the visitation of the Kings to the Baby Jesus.



Snow Storms & Church Finances

Last weekend provided a beautiful prelude to Christmas with sixteen or more inches of snow. In response to safety and travel concerns, Truro Church canceled all weekend activities including Sunday services.

Though canceling church services is rare, it is not without consequences. Snow removal costs alone are likely to be over \$10,000. In addition, churches often do not fully make up lost donations when services are not held. So even though we didn't hold services last Sunday, our church expenses for the weekend were actually much higher than normal.

Through the end of November, we were running slightly ahead of what we had expected in contributions. Missing last Sunday's services has resulted in us being behind where we thought we would be for December income.

This is our gentle hint for everyone to help Truro meet its year end expenses. Your prayerful and generous giving as we close out 2009 is greatly appreciated and will help us meet our ministry goals.

The Website Is Now Live

You may have noticed the launch of our new and improved website. Truro Church has worked with Site Organic (Edge Media) to provide you a brilliant website with updated features, new content management system, and a remarkably fresh design. We believe our recent change will strengthen our ministries here at Truro and improve our communications. We are still going through a couple of changes and appreciate your patience and support.



NEW BEGINNINGS DIVORCE CARE—January 9–March 27, 2010. DVD Seminar Series and support group meetings, Saturdays 5 pm–7 pm, Conference Room. Explore life after divorce. Learn coping, healing, and recovery from renowned Christian experts. Free Seminars, Workbook price \$15.00. Contact: Don Emery, Tel: 703.401.0295, E-mail: donemery@aol.com, or Kekelwa N.Dall, Tel: 571.337.4821, E-mail: kenyad@cox.net.

GIVING ENVELOPES—Labeled tithe envelope booklets are located in the covered walkway. The booklets are displayed in alphabetical order by last name. Please pick your envelope booklet up this week or next week. If you want an envelope booklet and you don't find one with your name on it, please contact Suzanne Driscoll at 703.273.1300 ext 120 or at sdriscoll@trurochurch.org.

TRURO PARISH RETREAT—May 21–23, 2010. It will be held at Canaan Valley Resort in Davis, WV. (www.canaan-valley-resort.com). The Falls Church went here for their retreat the past couple of years. Registration details to follow. Hope to see you there!



BY DESIGN Conference Life Challenges

Fri. January, 15, 6:30–9 pm and Sat. January, 16, 8:30 am–1 pm

This year's focus at the 2nd Annual BY DESIGN Conference will be on **Life Challenges** including conflict, depression, and suicide. We also will be offering sessions on the following topics: *Men, Women, Parents of Special Needs, and Parenting & Marriage*. Speakers include: Mary Yerkes, Jama Thurman, Penelope Hayes, Steve Tees and Ronald C. Zabel.

This conference is for teens and adults. Children's programs and childcare will be available. Contact Alice Hunt, ahunt@trurochurch.org or 703.273.1300 ext. 312, for more information.

A Global Celebration of Christmas *by David Case*

On Friday night, December 11, the Undercroft was filled with the aroma of chili, cornbread, and hot chocolate and the room was decorated with Christmas nativity sets from all over the world. We even had a visit from St. Nicholas (our own Warren Thrasher) who told about his life and ministry in Turkey and shared chocolate gold coins with all the kids.

Folks came from far and wide—from Turkey and Tanzania, from China and Korea, from Iraq and Iran, from Nepal and many Spanish speaking countries. Why were they coming? To celebrate the birth of a King—it was a party to celebrate Christmas with music from many lands to offer praise to the Christ Child. We ate well, we sang loudly, we listened carefully as international friends shared their musical offerings on string, pipe, voice and drum, and we considered



the Best Gift from the World's Greatest Gift Giver—the eternal Peace of God.

Who is it for? All of us—the lost, the blind and the burdened.

How do we receive it? By faith, trusting in His love and goodness, saying "I am Sorry for my sins"...

"Thank you for dying on the cross for me" ... and "Please come into my life and help me by the power of Your Spirit."

How much did it cost? The most valuable thing God could give—Himself in the person of Jesus, dying and rising again so we could have forgiveness and a right relationship with Him.

So lift up your hearts. A long time ago on a "silent night" the world changed for the better as God made provision for His beloved people all over the world to become part of His Global Family.

Life Management Study

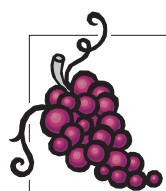
Do you want to discover more of God's plan for your life? Reduce stress and anxiety? Acquire the life management tools that will enable you to overcome procrastination, over-commitment and sleep deprivation? Register for this 13 week class to be held on Monday or Tuesday evenings beginning January 4 or 5. Registration fee is \$95.00 (\$75 for Truro members). Partial scholarships may be available. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back to anyone who completes the course. Call Christian Stewardship Ministries at 703.591.5000, or E-mail Ken@csmin.org

Lenten Study For Home Groups

Looking ahead to Lent, which begins February 17, Truro will continue the tradition of building up home groups. Our church-wide study for Lent this year will focus on "Irresistible Invitations." Once again we will support the formation of new home groups and the growth of current ones so that everyone who attends Truro will have an opportunity to participate in our spiritually enriching Lent program.

Home groups are an important part of our church life at Truro because they provide each of us an opportunity to: 1) Pursue a deeper understanding of God's Word in the company of fellow believers; 2) Care for one another in a more personal way; 3) Deepen our connection to our church by pursuing a common purpose in an environment of worship, prayer and fellowship; 4) Invite visitors to experience life at Truro outside of the church sanctuary.

Please begin to prayerfully consider hosting a home group for the 40 days of Lent as we pursue our study of "Irresistible Invitations." Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come.



NEW WINESKINS FOR GLOBAL MISSION 2010

APRIL 8–11, 2010

SPEAKERS AND MISSIONARIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD will come inspire and equip churches to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. 1000+ clergy and lay leaders, mission committee members, youth leaders, Sunday school teachers and potential missionaries are expected at New Wineskins 2010. **Save the dates and bring a team to this encouraging, life-changing conference!**

New Wineskins Missionary Network
Box 278, Ambridge, PA 15003 724-266-2810
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Jesus on Pilgrimage: An Ancient-Future Model for Youth Ministry

by *Tory Baucum*

Luke 2:41–52 records a remarkable childhood event in Jesus' life. As pious Jews, Mary and Joseph took an annual pilgrimage from Nazareth to Jerusalem on Passover. Jesus was twelve, the age many Jewish boys nowadays take the rite of 'bar mitzvah'—becoming, literally, "a son of the covenant." Luke says nothing about the Passover festival but instead focuses his attention on the aftermath of the festival. Mary and Joseph left Jerusalem believing that Jesus was with some extended family from Nazareth. When they realize that Jesus is not with their entourage, they run back to Jerusalem to find him. And where do they find him? In the Temple precincts, engaging in Torah study with the scribes and sages of Israel, who stand amazed at the depth of his questions and understanding. Even his interaction with his frazzled parents was memorable: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

There are many things I find memorable about this story: the picture of an unabashed piety in 2nd Temple Judaism, the role of Jewish practices (i.e. pilgrimage, worship, scripture study) which shaped Christian ones, the reality of extended family and thus a remarkable network of care-givers necessary to nurture a living faith in our children. But mostly I am impressed with the respect, recognition and responsibility with which the community upheld its young people. Jesus is only twelve years of age, yet participates fully as an adult in the faith of his family. It as if the community of faith raised a crown above his head and watched him grow into it.

Jesus likewise shows a remarkable awareness of children in his ministry. He even chided his disciples when they sought to shield him from them. My how those childhood experiences must have molded him!

I sometimes wonder why we don't reflect more on this story when we shape our children and youth programs. Or better, phrased: Why don't we shape our children and youth ministries around this story? At Truro we are trying to do just that. Our current confirmation program has taken this episode from Jesus' life to heart. And our current search for a youth minister is being conducted through this lens as well. We want a youth minister who can lead our kids on pilgrimage and mission so they are not intimidated by the world they are about to inherit. Pray for us as we come near the end of this search process.

On a personal note: I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching our children the heart of the Christian faith this fall, especially in comparison and contrast to Judaism and Islam. I hope to do so again next year. For example, I am grateful for the maturity our kids demonstrated when they met with Imam Johari, and particularly as he shared his faith in Islam. But then they took the next step and asked penetrating questions about how it diverged from essentials in our faith. Our children are already learning that there are different kinds of differences and that some of those differences make a world of difference. The uniqueness of Jesus is one of those differences.

As you read this several of our teens and many of their parents will be readying themselves for a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. And our goal is the same as Jesus' own experience: "that they will increase in wisdom and stature and favor with God and man."

sun 27 **Holy Innocents Sunday**
Special Guest Speaker: Dr. John Bruchalski

07:30 am, Worship
 08:30 am, Worship
 10:00 am, Worship (en español)
 10:00 am, Rector's Forum
 10:00 am, Men's Fraternity Presentation
 11:15 am, Worship
 05:00 pm, Alive @ 5

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06:30 am, Men's Group
 07:00 pm, AA Meeting

tue 29

11:30 am, Military Prayer
 06:45 pm, Young Adults
 07:30 pm, Boy Scouts

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06:30 am, Men's Bible Study, (Truro)
 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel

thur 31

11:00 pm, New Years Eve Service (Chapel)

fri 01 **New Years Day—Offices Closed**

sat 02

07:30 am, Men's Fellowship
 09:00 am, Prison Aftercare
 09:00 am, Epiphany Pageant Rehearsal

sun 03 **Epiphany Sunday**

07:30 am, Worship
 08:30 am, Worship
 10:00 am, Worship (en español)
 11:15 am, Worship
 01:00 pm, Love The World Fellowship
 05:00 pm, Alive @ 5

read ahead

January 03

Epiphany—
 How to Invite Others to Jesus

God as Guest, Pt 2

Matt. 2:1–12, Isaiah 61:1–6, 9

when you visit

Fill out a Welcome Card—These are found in the pew racks in the Church and Chapel. After you fill one out, please put it in the offering plate as it goes by, or give it to an usher on your way out. Filling out the card will allow us to send you more information about Truro.

what about children, teens, young adults, and families?

Our KidZone Team wears green shirts and will help find the right place for your child.

Nursery: Nursery available on Sundays during 8:30 & 11:15 am worship for ages 3 and younger.

Nursing/Cry Room: For nursing moms and upset infants/toddlers, located in the "Fellowship Room" off the Undercroft beneath the sanctuary.

Pre-K to Grade 6 AND Teens: No WEE or WOW Worship, Small Groups, or Youth Group, on Dec. 20, 27, or Jan.3. Programs will resume on Jan. 10. There are no scheduled Wed. night Ministry Dinners and Training on Dec. 16, 23, 30, and Jan. 6, we will resume on Jan. 13. Thanks so much!

Young Adults: We meet Tuesday nights for dinner and fellowship from 6:45–9 pm (Gunnell House Parlor). Anyone and everyone from late teens to mid thirties is welcome to join! Contact: Family Ministry at 703.273.1300.

needs & blessings

NEED: Truro parishioner in need of a live-in caregiver. Please contact Tim Teague, Ph.D. 703.273.1300 ext. 420 or e-mail tteague@trurochurch.org.

NEED: Looking for two volunteers who are 55 or older to become friends of residents in one of the Brain Foundation's homes in Fairfax City. Meet once a month to develop friendship. Bring them to church events as appropriate. For more information, contact Trudy Harsh at 703.830.8852 or trudy.harsh@cox.net.

BLESSING: Ikea, steel bunk bed frame—\$50. Call Anna at 703.273.1300, ext. 515.

BLESSING: Great holiday deal—time-share in Orlando, 6 miles from Disney, the week after Christmas—\$500! Wonderful family gift! Money goes to the youth "Journey to Jerusalem" trip. Call Anna at 703. 273.1300. ext. 515.

BLESSING: Pyramid Commercial is Looking to hire a part-time person to answer our phones and do light office work at our office in Fairfax, Va. Pay \$10/hr. Contact: Brendan T. Murphy, Mobile: 703.727.3187, e-mail: brendan@pyramidcommercial.com

BLESSING: For business owners, free IT assessment performed by OSOM Solutions a premier IT service provider. In these difficult times, know that a company based in integrity and competence can be there for your business. Please contact Amir Bayati at 703.395.5840 or amir@osomsolutions.com.

NEED: Former Turkish Missionary and son are in need of housing for three months starting December 20, while here in the US. Looking to house-sit. Please send any information or questions to Frances Blanchard, 859.514.3542, francesblanchard@yahoo.com.

LOOKING FOR HELP OR A JOB? If you are an employer or know of positions in your company, please check out the resumes on Truro's web site. Contact information can be obtained through Tim Teague, 703.273.1300, ext 420. If you would like to post your resume on Truro's website, please contact Truro Communications at communications@trurochurch.org, or ext 127.

truro family news submissions

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