

# Month of Mission



**February 7 - Epiphany V- Mission in the Parish** Grace and Holy Trinity Church will hold its Annual Meeting beginning at 9:45 AM on February 7. Worship will follow at 11:00 AM and lunch at noon. We will elect our new Vestry members, receive a report on 2009 finances as well as a presentation on our budget for 2010. An informative booklet covering a wide range of ministries will be made available. This meeting is a “must do” event for everyone who wishes to stay informed about and to celebrate the work of our great congregation.

## **February 14 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany - Mission in Richmond.**

The Rev. Dr. Dwight C. Jones will preach at the 11:00 AM service. (We will offer our full schedule, but the Rev. Dr. Jones will only preach at the 11:00 AM service.) Dr. Jones has been an active public servant in Richmond for over 35 years. He was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1993 and he currently serves as the Mayor of Richmond. He has served on many corporate and community boards and has been appointed to various committees. His service has included Richmond Renaissance (former chair), MCV Hospital Authority, Metro Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau, Richmond Red Cross, YMCA Board of Directors, Richmond Commission on Human Relations, and was recently appointed to serve on the Virginia Commission on Immigration. Perhaps most



importantly Dr. Jones is the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in South Richmond. The web site of First Baptist Church says: “We are a church striving to be more committed to God. We encourage our members to develop better spiritual growth habits and we provide enabling infrastructure for that to take place. We stress ministry and not maintenance, so that our members can discover their spiritual gifts and utilize them to the glory of God. Our worship style is in the context of celebration and praise. Our music ministry is one of the finest in the city. We have a major commitment to community. We believe that a church can not be judged on its worship or material holdings alone, but the witness of the church in the community is a telling thermometer of a church's witness.” Grace and Holy Trinity Church is pleased to welcome Dr. Jones. We look forward to hearing him preach as we discern together how we, as Christians, can work to help Richmond grow in health and strength.



**February 21 – The First Sunday in Lent - Mission in Virginia** In observance of Theological Education Sunday and as part of Grace and Holy Trinity’s “Month of Mission”, Christopher Garcia will preach at all services on February 21. Christopher is in his final semester at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, completing his M.Div. degree in preparation for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of Virginia. Christopher is presented for ordination by Saint Andrew’s, Burke, where he and his family have been active members since 2002. He is married to Cheryl; they have two children, Elizabeth, 16 (a sophomore at West Springfield High School), and Thomas, 14 (in 8th grade at Lake Braddock Secondary School). He and his family live in Springfield. During

his second and third years at seminary, Christopher's field education parish has been Saint Peter's, Purcellville. At Saint Peter's, Christopher serves at the altar, preaches frequently, leads Morning and Evening Prayer, and has assisted with the men's Sunday formation class, Children's Church, and the high school youth group. Christopher retired from the Army in 2007, after 25 years of active duty. He spent most of his career as an Army attorney in The Judge Advocate General's Corps, with duty across the US, in Germany, Korea, and in Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. His final five years were in the Pentagon, serving on the Joint Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff.

**February 28- The Second Sunday of Lent – Mission in the USA** At all our services on the 28<sup>th</sup>, we are please to welcome Meredith Maple. Meredith is actively involved with the Virginia Commonwealth University Campus Ministry where she serves as the Student Minister for Service and Outreach. Meredith a sophomore at VCU, and is studying Fashion Merchandising in the Art School. She is from Alexandria, Va, and attended West Potomac High school. St. Luke's, Alexandria is her home church, where she was very involved as an acolyte, lay reader, Sunday school teacher, chalice bearer, and a member of the Vestry. She will be telling us about the great work that our VCU students have been undertaking in New Orleans as that city continues to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

