



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR



Dear, Friends in Christ,

I invite you to fully engage yourself this year in the celebrations and liturgies of Holy Week. After all, this is the most important week in the Church year. It is a time when the Church chooses, in very special liturgies, to remember and emulate the life, death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. We remember and re-enact his actions, we reflect upon his teachings, and recommit to living as his disciples in the world today.

The final week of Lent, **Holy Week**, begins with Palm Sunday and the Passion of our Lord. Holy Week concludes with the Triduum. "Triduum" comes from two Latin words - *tres* and *dies* - that mean "a space of three days," But since we have four days with special names - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday - the "three" may be confusing to some. They are however, one continuous liturgical celebration.

The confusion is cleared up when we understand how the days are reckoned. On all high festival days, the Church counts a day in the same way as Jews count days and festivals: that is, from sundown.

to sundown. Thus the Triduum consists of three twenty-four hour periods that stretch over four calendar days.

Therefore, the Easter Triduum begins at sundown on Maundy Thursday with the footwashing and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, continues with Good Friday and concludes with Easter evening prayer at sundown on Easter Sunday: its high point is the celebration of the Easter Vigil [the Queen of Feasts (celebrated at the cathedral)] on Saturday evening at sundown.

During the Triduum, we celebrate the core mystery of our Christian faith: we ritualize Jesus' transition from life to death to risen life, and our own participation in that timeless mystery.

Each Sunday and especially throughout the Triduum, we do far more than recall events and facts; we experience an *anamnesis* (a remembering of the past while experiencing the event in the here and now).

I invite you to come and participate, really participate, in the Christ's triumphant procession into Jerusalem, his act of servanthood, his last supper, his betrayal, persecution and finally his agony and passion. I truly believe that in order to fully experience the risen Lord on Easter, one must fully experience Holy Week (April 9th -16th). In doing so, our Easter Alleluias will not only celebrate Christ's victory over death but our own.

See you in church this Holy Week!
I am your servant and His...

Eric +

FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH



Dear Friends in Christ,

As I look out my window, it is hard to believe that Spring is fast upon us. Holy Week and Easter are right around the corner. It is not too late to spend special time delving into a deeper relationship with God.

God is always inviting us, but we also must put our hand out to HIM and trust in Him to help us. The Bible says that we are to pray in our own private space, using our own words. God is with us 24/7, 365 days a year. Jesus is asking us, during this Lenten season, to reach out, to remember the price He paid for our sins. Surely, we can spend some of the remaining Lenten Season in relationship with him.

Holy week offers us time to spend with Christ, as we relive those most important sacrifices. For those who have never attended a Maundy Thursday Service, I ask that you try to attend. It is for me, one of the most moving services of the Christian Calendar. Remember, it is never too late to enter into a relationship with God, or to set aside that time of prayer in anticipation of the resurrection. "Let every man and woman count himself immortal. Let him catch the revelation of Jesus in his

resurrection. Let him say not merely, "Christ is risen," but, "I shall rise." Phillips Brooks

It occurs to me that some may be unable to attend Maundy Thursday services due to the inability to drive at night. If this is the case and you would like to attend, please contact me, or the church office, and we will try to make arrangements for you.

Peace,
Cindy+

FROM THE TREASURER

If you do online shopping, please consider using Amazon smiles.org. It is the same Amazon that you currently use, however, 0.5% of the purchase price gets sent to Holy Trinity. It's a way to help the church without having to do anything different except to use the following web site:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1493010>

Thank you so much. When you select your charity we are "Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD. We greatly appreciate your help... Mary Acly



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY	8 & 10 AM
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7 PM
GOOD FRIDAY	12 AND 7 PM
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD/ EASTER DAY	8 AND 10 AM

TRADITION OF THE EASTER LILY



The significance of Easter Lilies as a symbol of our Christian faith can be traced all the way back to creation. According to legend, when Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden, Eve wept. Wherever her tears fell to the ground, white lilies sprang up as a sign of God's promise of redemption for all mankind.



PARISH LIFE

As Holy Trinity continues to expand, so do our ways of communicating information. In addition to sending items for the bulletin and newsletter announcements, please also forward any important information about ministry drive collections or upcoming events to Brett Robinson at hthesocial@gmail.com **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

70th Anniversary Update



Holy Trinity's 70th anniversary is coming soon. It is on June 11, 2017. **A reminder that there will be one service that day at 10:00 am followed by the reception.**

In preparation for the big celebration, we have planned for a professional cleaning service to clean the church, kitchen, restrooms and hall. A deep cleaning will be done on Wednesday, June 7 and Thursday, June 8. Before the cleaning is done, it is a good opportunity for us to clean out cabinets, closets or areas that have accumulated stuff no longer useful. We want to have our church clean and sparkling for the occasion.

Looking back over the past 70 years, what were the styles of the time? What music was popular? What movies were showing? The 70th Committee will be reminiscing through some of these years. If you are so inclined, select an era and dress in the style of that period. Also, if you have a favorite hit song, please let us know and we will ask the DJ if he has it. Give the name of the song to Teresa or Leah.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Margaret Vollerdt – 4/6
Joe Reichert, Jr. – 4/16
Regina Howard – 4/17
Debralee Dunlap – 4/17
Loretta Gischel – 4/18
Fred Emkey, Jr. – 4/20
Kane Buckler – 4/20
Carol Dean – 4/24
Lillian Buckler – 4/24

We are still collecting non-perishable food items for students at Sandalwood Elementary School. We try to add holiday items to the bags, so once again; the children will be receiving a chocolate Easter Bunny in their bags. Thank you so much for your contributions that allow this ministry to continue.



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Mitch Kile & Dianna Reitz – 4/3
Gary & Mary Lessner – 4/4
Bob & Mary Gemmill – 4/19
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Barton – 4/23
Jim & Chris Kinard – 4/26

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pam Nines – 4/2
Jessica Weber – 4/4
John Nines – 4/5

PRAYER LIST

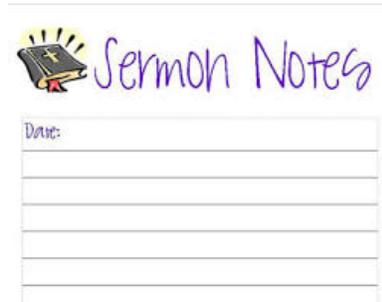


O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech you to behold, visit, and relieve your sick servants for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon them with the eyes of your mercy; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; preserve them from the temptations of the enemy; and give them patience under their afflictions. In your good time, restore them to health, and enable them to lead the residue of their life to your glory; and grant that finally they may dwell with you in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MelodyMagin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)
Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)
Diane Leimbach (Teresa's Daughter)
Debbie Salamone (" ")
Todd Metz (Bob's Son)
Amy Stevens (Jeannie's Niece)
Margaret Vollerdt
Bev McCormick
Barbara Jayman (Chris' Friend)
Marianne & Jay Jayman (Chris' Friends)
Ruth Mumford (Chris' Mom)
Heather Hildebrand (Jeannie's Friend)
Father Eric+
Jeff Bindeman (Joan A. Grandson)
Joe Reichert
Paul Wilson (Joan's Grandson-in-law)
Mary Bogert
Joann Piper
Andrea Horrocks (J.Morris)
Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron)
Noah Businsky(Lessner's G.Granchild)
Vince & Diana Kalwa (The Harle's)

Debbie McCall (Helen's Daughter)
Stephanie Harris (Lana Peters Niece)
Carol (Loretta's Friend)
Emily Denning (The Dombrowski's)
George Burlock (Susan Huber)
Theresa Garrett (Friend of The Spence's)
Joan Oldewortle(Friend of The Spence's)
Angie Martin (Janice's Daughter-in-law)
Bill Hightower (Cindy's Brother)
Linda Stempor
Chris Acly
Gary Lessner
Roger Simeone
Billy & Dianna Anderson(Joan's Family)
Lynnell Parker (Friend of Frank P.)
Martin Hauf (Ron)
Charlyn Cassady as her mother has entered hospice in Florida

Please let the office know if a birth date or anniversary date is missing or when to add or remove a name from the prayer list.



CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION

In contemplating Fr. Eric's sermon on March 19th, I offer this bit of wisdom from Rumi who was a 13th-century Persian Sunni Muslim poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic. Rumi's influence transcends national borders and ethnic divisions: Iranians, Tajiks, Turks, Greeks, Pashtuns, other Central Asian Muslims, and the Muslims of South Asia have greatly appreciated his spiritual legacy for the past seven centuries. His poems have

been widely translated into many of the world's languages and transposed into various formats. Rumi has been described as the "most popular poet" and the "best selling poet" in the United States.

“I said: What about my eyes?
God said: Keep them on the road.
I said: What about my passion?
God said: Keep it burning.
I said: What about my heart?
God said: Tell me what you hold inside it.
I said: Pain and sorrow.
God said: Stay with it. The wound is the place where Light enters you.”

-Denise



TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class will be taught by Father Eric or Deacon Cindy and will meet two Sunday's per month during the first part of the 10:00 service. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Seay.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the date. Holy Trinity will have VBS from Wednesday – Friday, July 12-14, 2017 from 6:00-8:30 pm. Our presenter will be the Extreme Balloon Man again from last year with new lessons. Please mark your calendar! Information regarding registration will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Seay.

PHONE TREE AND CHURCH COMMUNICATIONS



Anne Knott coordinates our Holy Trinity Phone Tree. This ministry keeps parishioners up to date on important issues that affect our church. Please be sure that Anne has your correct email address and/or phone number so you can be notified when issues arise. **Please be sure to check your email often.**



Remember to sign up on the form in the hall to host a Sunday coffee hour. If you have questions, please see Millie.



Serving the Community, the Nation, and the World!

An important part of our mission here at Holy Trinity is to “communicate to the community the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.”

A later statement in our mission further extends “the community” to the rest of the nation and world. The first place to start is by having a great and up-to-date website. Thanks to much work by Dan Barber, our website is a model for other churches in the Diocese and can be found at <http://www.holytrinityessex.org/>.

Did you know the sermon is currently available to be seen by the entire world? Each week anywhere from 30 to over 100 people view our worship service online. By visiting this site you can see all of the homilies and worship services going back to May 13, 2012 when we began this ministry.

You can also find our church on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/htessex/



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For your convenience, we follow the lead of Baltimore County Schools; therefore;
If schools are closed, so are we.
If schools start late, so do we.
If schools close early, so do we and there will be no evening events EVEN IF the weather clears.

On Sundays we will strive to be open; however, there will be an announcement on the answering machine by 6 o'clock that Sunday morning.

A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR



Why do we always sing about food at church?” the little boy asked his grandma. “I can’t think of any hymns with food in them,” she answered. Her grandson persisted, “Well what about ‘Sleep in Heavenly Peas’ and ‘Up From the Gravy, A Rose?’”

FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Items for the MAY Newsletter are due by April 16.
Thank you in advance for your cooperation in
turning in your article promptly.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7 PM

SERVER – Kaitlyn Ross
CRUCIFER – Asa
GOSPLER – Kaitlyn Ross
CHALICIST – Chris Acly
CHALICIST – John M.
INTERCESSOR – Susan H.
READERS – Denise & Ron Ross
USHERS – Millie & Joe

GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 noon

Teresa
Janice

7:00 pm

CHALICISTS – Frank & Gary P.
READERS – Michele, Chris K., Sue K.
USHERS – The Benson's