



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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The
Season
of
Lent



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

We began Lent on Ash Wednesday with the bidding “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” Toward the end of this newsletter, you will find the schedule of Lenten study activities at Holy Trinity. We have both a daytime group focused on becoming more familiar with the Bible, and an evening group focused on spiritual practices, including those mentioned in the Lenten bidding.

I have experienced many different Lents – some were intense, others more relaxed; some were focused on reading the Bible, others on service; some included fasting, others did not. How Lent is for each one of us results from many factors, both within

our own soul and in the Holy Spirit’s promptings. I’ve come to believe that the important thing about Lent is to be intentional about developing at least one holy habit, and to be open to the detours and surprises that the Holy Spirit sometimes offers us.

Whatever Lent is for you this year, my prayer is that it will help your soul to grow and will bring you closer to God.

The vestry and I continue to value your participation in the weekly congregational discussions: these discussions provide grounding for the Ministry Portfolio, and they allow your perceptions and hopes to be part of the process. If you have questions about the process, do ask.

Please continue to pray for the vestry and for Holy Trinity Church.

Faithfully,

Mother Annette



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Dear Friends in Christ,

I sit here on another gloomy rainy day watching my Birds eating from their feeder- I just filled it up, they had eaten me out of house and home! All kinds of birds are flitting back and forth filling themselves with the seed I provided for them. Now, these birds would survive in the wild, finding berries, bark or in these wet conditions worms to fill themselves, but the food I put out, ensures that they will find their fill and flourish throughout the winter. Just like the birds, Christmas is over, and we are fast approaching Lent. The weather has been gloomy, and we need sustenance to feed ourselves, to fill our yearnings and ensure we weather the many winters of our lives. Lent is an excellent time, to contemplate God and all that He has promised us. He is more than willing to feed our inner souls, and by feeding our inner spirituality, we may outwardly shine in the dark and rainy days of winter. Lent is the perfect time to meditate on God's word- to allow Him to feed us with His wisdom. Sometimes, we feel we don't know how or where to start. So, I've listed a few Bible verses below, from various books of the Bible. One type of meditation is called Lectio Divinia- it has 4 easy steps. (1)Read a scripture, (2) meditate on it, see if one

word or phrase inspires you, (3) pray on that word or phrase, (4) contemplate- rest in God's presence and ask God to explain its meaning for you. Choose one each week, spend time in meditation, but allow the scripture to wash over you, to seep into your heart.

During this Lenten Season, let God be the center of your life, let Him feed you spiritually and fill you with all His goodness; and in turn, you take all His goodness out and feed the world.

Yours in Christ,
Cindy+

Joel 2:12-14
Matthew 6:16-18
Philippians 3:10-11
1 Peter 5:6
John 17:17
Genesis 3:19
Luke 13:3

Church News



ANNUAL CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS!

Grace Waddell and her team of volunteers will begin making the Annual Chocolate Easter Eggs beginning on Monday, February 17, 2020! They will be making eggs on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 9:00 a.m. in the Holy Trinity kitchen. You do not have to work every day...any time you can offer will be appreciated.

We also need donated food items to use when making the eggs. Please pick up some of the items listed below the next time you go to the grocery store:

- 10X Sugar
- Parkay margarine (sticks)
- Vanilla Extract
- Coconut Extract
- Coconut flakes
- Jif Peanut Butter (creamy only)
- Waxed Paper

--Monetary donations to cover the cost of the chocolate and packing items are needed also.

If you are able to help or have any questions, please contact Grace at 410-335-1987.

Thank you!



Note: Some Egg Makers were not available for these pictures.

**BALTIMORE INTERNATIONAL
SEAFARERS CENTER**

Meet and serve the people
who bring us goods
from around the world

The Baltimore International Seafarers Center needs more volunteer ship visitors. Ship visitors need to:

- Listen well and respect other cultures.
- Be reliable and able to work one shift per week (7-8 hours day, or 4.5-5.5 hours evening).
- Have a good driving record and be willing to drive vans around the Port.
- Follow procedures and be adaptable.
- Keep seafarers' confidences confidential.
- Be able to climb stairs.
- Pass a background check (no cost to the volunteer) and be trained.

If interested, contact the Center director at: 410-685-1240 or MaryHTDavisson@aol.com. There's no regular office staff, so don't be surprised if you don't get an immediate call back.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mary Gemmill – 3/2
Juliana Marin-Giordano – 3/3
Stanley “Boe” Krenzer – 3/4
Maggie Giordano – 3/7
Trudy Simeone – 3/8
Cindy Christopher – 3/8
Mary Dombrowski – 3/9
Somo Bishop – 3/11
June Emkey – 3/15
Joan Anderson – 3/15
Pat Morgan – 3/18
Jim Kinard – 3/20
Noah Rodriguez-Hobbs – 3/20
Alexis Pomraning – 3/21
Terri Hett – 3/23
Dianna Reitz – 3/30
Tyrone Jackson – 3/31



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Joe and Laura Znovena – 3/6

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



PRAYER LIST

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Bogert
 Melody Magin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)
 Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)
 Alice Martin
 James Florentine (Dave's brother)
 Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron's aunt)
 Jack Acly
 Ellen Wallace
 Danny Mitchell
 Marie-Elena Riggio (Frank's cousin)
 Connie Bitetto (Frank's cousin)
 Winnie Briscoe (Frank's cousin)
 Wayne Preston (Gary's brother)
 Bill & Di Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
 Chris Anderson, Sr. (Joan's son)
 Joan Anderson
 Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
 Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
 Ruth Anthony
 Joanne Piper
 Tina Barberia (Teresa's family friend)
 James Baker (Millie's brother)
 Margaret Oduor
 Gladys Agandi

Heather Hildebrand (friend of John and Jeannie)
 Tina Goins (niece of John and Jeannie)
 Kathleen Monroe (friend of John and Jeannie)
 Valerie Mehl
 Rachel Nealis
 Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)
 John Morris
 Jeannie Morris
 Judy Harle
 Kenneth Harle
 Bob Metz
 Todd Metz (Bob's son)
 Bill Hightower (Cindy's brother)
 Linda Quinn (Mary Anne's sister-in-law)
 Jane V. Quinn (Mary Anne's mother)
 Chris Ratajczak (Darlene's son)
 Leonard Ratajczak (Darlene's husband) **
 Edward McClanskey (Darlene's friend)
 Dewald Family (Ratajczak family & friends)
 Phyllis Thomas (Denise's aunt)
 Frank Riggio-Preston
 Nancy Taylor
 Pat McGee
 Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)
 Michelle Chin (niece of Richard Chin)
 Wilbur Zink (family of Janice)
 Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
 Julie Crosby

** As you know, transplantation of an organ can not only save a life but can greatly improve the quality of life. Leonard Ratajczak, Darlene's husband, needs a kidney transplant. If you or someone you know might consider donating a kidney, please be in touch through Deacon Cindy. And please pray for Len and for all those awaiting organ transplants.

PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS



COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up on the chart on the wall in the hall to host a Sunday coffee hour. If you want to know what this entails, please see Millie Reichert.

PARISH HALL RENTAL

The parish hall is rented on a strictly first come, first serve basis. If you would like to rent the hall, you must speak with Leah Seay, Parish Secretary. All events are to end at or before 11:00 pm, and the hall is to be cleaned and ready for use the next morning.



FLOWER MEMORIALS/ THANKSGIVINGS

If you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Regester. There are no flowers on the altar during Lent; however, there are plenty of Sundays available after Easter!

The 2020 forms are on the table in the narthex. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.



A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR!

Dear God. I heard about how Jesus turned water into wine. Did you know my mom can turn water into Kool-Aid?

--Andrew, age 6

For next week's men's clothing drive, we are requesting you drop your pants in the foyer.

A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favorite recipe, along with a short antidote for it.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service for the church, please remember to clean up any trash or spills during or after Coffee Hour. The mop handles are labeled for use specifically in Kitchen, Hall or Bathroom to avoid cross contamination. If you need to use a mop for a bigger spill, please use the correct one. If you have questions, please ask John Morris, Wes Thatcher, or Asa Seay. Thank you.

Also, if you happen to use the last of a roll of paper towels or toilet paper, please

replace it. The extra supplies are kept in the storage room toward the back of the Parish Hall, near the Operation Backpack Outreach cabinet. If you're not sure, just ask!



MESSAGES

Anne Knott maintains the primary list of e-mail information. However, if you change your email address and you don't give the change to Anne, it is not possible for her to notify you of situations impacting the parish. Anne can be reached at anneews@verizon.net or see her on Sunday's after the 10:00 service.

MAILING LIST UPDATES

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 or see Leah Seay or Jeannie Morris after the 10:00 service on Sunday.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Senior Warden - Christine Kinard
Junior Warden - John Morris
Assistant Junior Warden - Wes Thatcher
Treasurer - Mary Acly
Registrar - Theresa Ridgeway
Financial Secretary - Jean Bowen

Vestry Members:

Gary Riggio-Preston	Arielle Juberg
John Morris	Christopher Acly
Laura Nielsen	Loretta Gischel
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	Ron Mardaga



For your convenience, we follow the lead of Baltimore County Public Schools:
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 6:00 a.m. that Sunday morning if we are not able to have our regularly scheduled services.



Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7. (Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. on March 8.)



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the April Newsletter are due by March 15.

LENT 2020 – STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

It is not necessary to commit to a whole series. Each day's program will be understandable on its own.

Daytime Soup and Study: noon to 1:45 p.m.

every Thursday from February 27 through April 2 except not March 19

Topic: Basic Bible

We will explore how the Bible came to be, what the major components of the Bible are, and some ways to get more out of reading the Bible.

Evening Study (no soup): 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Three Thursdays: March 5, March 19, and April 2

Topic: Spiritual Practices for Daily Life

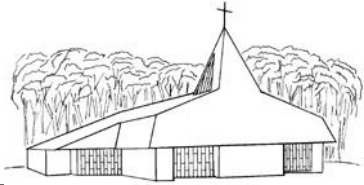
We will explore such spiritual practices as fasting, meditation and prayer, study, self-examination, hospitality. We will also explore how we can cultivate our spiritual practices so that they become holy habits.

Sun 2/23 Last Sunday in Epiphany	Mon 2/24	Tues 2/25 5:00-7:00 Pancake Supper	Wed 2/26 Eucharist noon and 7:00	Thurs 2/27 noon Soup and Study	Fri 2/28	Sat 2/29
Sun 3/1 Lent 1	Mon 3/2	Tues 3/3	Wed 3/4	Thurs 3/5 noon Soup and Study; 7:00 Study	Fri 3/6	Sat 3/7
Sun 3/8 Lent 2	Mon 3/9	Tues 3/10	Wed 3/11	Thurs 3/12 noon Soup and Study; 7:00 vestry	Fri 3/13	Sat 3/14
Sun 3/15 Lent 3	Mon 3/16	Tues 3/17	Wed 3/18	Thurs 3/19 <u>no noon</u> group; 7:00 study	Fri 3/20	Sat 3/21
Sun 3/22 Lent 4	Mon 3/23	Tues 3/24	Wed 3/25	Thurs 3/26 noon Soup and Study	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28
Sun 3/29 Lent 5	Mon 3/30	Tues 3/31	Wed 4/1	Thurs 4/2 noon Soup and Study; 7:00 study	Fri 4/3	Sat 4/4
Sun 4/5 Palm Sunday	Mon 4/6	Tues 4/7	Wed 4/8	Thurs 4/9 7:00 Maundy Thursday service	Fri 4/10 noon Stations of the Cross; 7:00 Good Friday liturgy	Sat 4/11 Holy Saturday 10:00 a.m. liturgy
Sun 4/12 Easter	Mon 4/13	Tues 4/14	Wed 4/15	Thurs 4/16 7:00 vestry	Fri 4/17	Sat 4/18

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
MARCH 2020

	1	8	15	22	29
Chalicerist	D&A Sample	K&R Ross	Chris A. Sylvia	Sylvia J Huber	D&A Sample
Lay Reader	Anne M.	R.Ross	R. Ross	Theresa	Anne M.
Intercessor	J.Huber	Anne M.	Theresa	J Huber	J. Huber
10:00 A.M.					
Verger					
Thurifer					
Server	-----	Wesley	Natalie	Lily H.	Natalie
Crucifer	Tyler	Kaitlyn	Asa	Kaitlyn	Asa
Torch					
Torch					
Gospeler	-----	Wesley	Natalie	Lily H.	Natalie
Chalicerist	Teresa	Chris K.	John M.	Chris K.	Chris K.
Chalicerist	Janice	John M.	Teresa	Jean B.	Jean B.
Intercessor	Mary Anne	Denise	Richard G.	Denise	Teresa
Reader (OT)	Jason	Richard G.	Susan	Chris K.	Mary Anne
Reader (NT)	Teresa	Maggie	Mary Anne	Maggie	John M.
Usher	Joe	Jean B.	Chris K.	Leah	Wayne
Usher	Millie	Mary D.	Gloria	Asa	Barbara
Teller	Jean B.	Don A.	Anne K.	Chris K.	Jean B.
Teller	Millie	Scott	Michele	Ellen R.	Anne K.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ANY OF THESE DATES IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT



March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	2 9am-12pm Easter Egg Makers 12:00 PM Al-anon	3 10am-12pm <u>Office Staffed</u> 9am-12pm Easter Egg Makers 7:30 PM AA	4 6:30 PM Al-anon	5 10am-12pm Office Staffed	6 9am-12pm Easter Egg Makers	7
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