



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Lent begins at the end of this month. On Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26), we will have two services of Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes – at noon and at 7:00 p.m. The evening before, Shrove Tuesday, we will have a pancake supper from 5:00 to 7:00. We hope to have a Lenten soup-and-study (details TBA).

Shrove is an archaic word (the past tense of “shrive”) meaning absolved. Traditionally Shrove Tuesday was the day to go to confession to be absolved (shriven) of sins before beginning the Lenten fast. The pancake supper custom reflects a thrifty way to observe the medieval discipline of abstaining from fats and eggs in order to follow a strict Lenten diet: use them up before Lent rather than throw them out.

This month, the vestry will begin the important task of creating a ministry portfolio. This is the document that will introduce Holy Trinity to the priests who might want to be considered for our open position of Rector. It contains both statistical

information (budget, average Sunday attendance, compensation offered, etc.) and narrative answers to nine questions about the congregation and its ministries. When this complex document is complete (which may take a couple of months) and has been approved by the diocese, we will be ready to name and commission a search committee.

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,

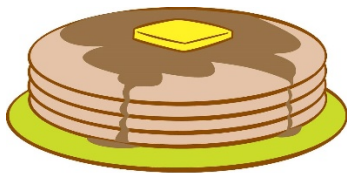
Mother Annette

Church News



No PALMS NEEDED

Since we have plenty of ashes left from last year's Ash Wednesday service, we will not need anyone to bring in old palms this year to burn. Thank you for asking!



SHROVE TUESDAY

We will hold our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday evening, February 25, from 5-7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, eggs, coffee, tea and juice! We will ask for a "free will" offering.

We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 26, at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.



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!



SUPPORT FOR PUERTO RICO

The diocese has designated February 9 as a Sunday of Support for Puerto Rico. You can find more information at: episcopalmaryland.org/rebuild-puerto-rico



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gloria Greason – 2/4
Arlene Hossbach – 2/4
Roberta Krenzer – 2/12
Valerie Mehl – 2/19
Scotty Gerber – 2/20
Florence Hrolenok – 2/22
Mary Anne Quinn – 2/23
Mary Lessner – 2/25

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Wes and Denise Thatcher – 2/22

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



Please note: We will update our prayer list during February. Please re-confirm names that should remain on the list by sending Leah an e-mail at HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com or calling the office on Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Thank you.

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)
Bill & Angie Martin (Janice's son &
daughter-in-law)
Alice Martin
James Florentine (Dave's brother)
Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron's aunt)
Jack Acly
Ellen Wallace
Danny Mitchell
Connie Waldron Careel
Marie-Elena Riggio (Frank's cousin)
Connie Bitetto (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
Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)
Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
Ruth Anthony
Cynthia Brown
Joanne Piper
Tina Barberia (Teresa's family friend)
Jennifer Burlock (Sue's daughter)
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)
Dewald Family
Jason Reynolds
Janice Reynolds
Valerie Mehl
Rachel Nealis
Jack Taylor (Leah's cousin)
Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)
Kaitlyn Alves
Kayla Sheridan
John Morris
Jeannie Morris

Kenneth Harle
Linda Duty
Tony Geiger
Todd Metz (Bob's son)
Brenda, Dwayne, Stanley
Brian Osborne
Larry Kinard
Bill Hightower
Linda Quinn (Mary Anne's sister-in-law)
Jane V. Quinn (Mary Anne's mother)
Kely Puig
George Burlock
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)
Nick Heuchan and family
Frank Riggio-Preston
Joyce Sullivan
Mildred Hessie
Nancy Taylor
Pat McGee
Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)
Kurt and Molly Stoltz
Tony and family
Wilbur Zink (family of Janice)
Clinton Smith (Jackie Huber's brother)
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
Julie Crosby
Linda R. Hiver

***PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR
DELETIONS***

** 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.



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.

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!

During a children's sermon, a priest asked the youngsters, "Does anyone know what a bishop does?" A young lad raised his hand. "Moves diagonally."

For those who are to preach, it is customary in my country that the preacher kneel for prayer before entering the pulpit. The daughter of one of my clergy noticed her father praying Sunday after Sunday as he prepared to mount the pulpit. She asked her daddy what he prayed for. The priest replied that he was asking God to help him preach a better sermon, whereupon the child asked, "Well, why doesn't He?"

Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa

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.



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

Elected Vestry Members:

Gary Riggio-Preston	Arielle Juberg
Len Sampson	Christopher Acly
Laura Nielsen	Loretta Gischel
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TRINITY PLAYERS

The Beginning – The Middle – and The End

In the fall of 1964, a few interested thespians met to explore the possibility of theater at Holy Trinity. At that time, the church was still on Eastern Boulevard.

In February 1965, we gave our first production, a one act comedy called "Curiosity". We performed on the altar with those old moveable black boards as back drop to block off the altar. There was a blizzard that night, so we had to reschedule the show.

We did two more plays while at Eastern Boulevard.: a chancel drama on Palm Sunday evening and a western comedy in front of the altar. The third play was performed in the church basement. It was an old-time melodrama entitled, "Music at the Crossroads."

After relocating to our present church on Mace Avenue, we performed on the floor at the far end of the Schutte-Regester Hall: "Who Murdered Who". It was a one evening performance, with a served spaghetti dinner.

We finally built a stage at the end of the hall, and our first on-stage production was "Pool's Paradise". It was set in a vicarage with such characters as a Vicar, a Bishop, Choir Boy and others playing parts as members of a congregation. The plot was the need for money for a new roof on the church. Members of the cast were secretly playing football pools hoping to win enough money to pay for the roof.

Later, we began doing three performances: Friday and Saturday evenings and a Sunday Matinee. By this time, it was 1987, and we erected a new stage in a new location. The present Sunday School room and Boardroom now occupy that space.

The Trinity Players continued each year until 1997 when we presented our first ever Murder Mystery Dinner. It was a big hit!

Throughout the years, we have also performed chancel dramas during Holy Week, at covered dish suppers, in place of a Sunday Sermon and as a springboard for stewardship drives. We did a Clown Mime on the altar one Sunday, and we were later invited to perform it at two other churches and as the opener for the Diocesan Convention in 1993. Just to recall a few of those chancel dramas, they were: “On the Eve of Holy Week”, “This Rock”, “Have You Seen My Son?” and “Treasures in Heaven”.

This brings me to the end of the Trinity Players chronology. Those were good memories of a dedicated, hard-working group of parishioners that included chefs, wait staff, ticket takers, publicity, photographers, program printing, stage hands, directors and many other contributors to the financial and fellowship success of the Trinity Players.

I enjoyed sharing this memory with all of you, as I am the last of the founders of The Trinity Players!

Submitted by Teresa Schutte-Regester



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.



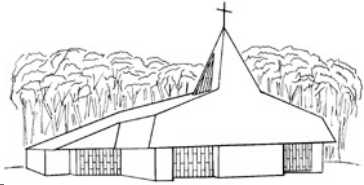
FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the March Newsletter are due by February 15.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY 2020

	2	9	16	23
Chalicerist	D&A Sample	K&R Ross	Chris A. Sylvia	Sylvia J Huber
Lay Reader	Anne M.	R.Ross	R. Ross	Theresa
Intercessor	J.Huber	Anne M.	Theresa	J Huber
10:00 A.M.				
Verger				
Thurifer				
Server	-----	Wesley	Aiden	Aiden
Crucifer	Asa	Kaitlyn	Asa	Kaitlyn
Torch				
Torch				
Gospeler	-----	Wesley	Aiden	Aiden
Chalicerist	Teresa	Chris K.	John M.	Chris K.
Chalicerist	Janice	John M.	Teresa	Jean B.
Intercessor	Mary Anne	Denise	Richard G.	Denise
Reader (OT)	Jason	Richard G.	Susan	Chris K.
Reader (NT)	Teresa	Maggie	Maggie	Mary Anne
Usher	Joe	Jean B.	Chris K.	Leah
Usher	Millie	Mary D.	Gloria	Asa
Teller	Jean B.	Don A.	Anne K.	Chris K.
Teller	Millie	Scott	Michele	Ellen R.

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



February 2020

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