

# The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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## From the Rector



Dear Beloved in the Lord,

“Alleluia. Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia.”

This greeting, which comes from the early Church, sums up what we celebrate and who we are on this Easter Sunday. We know that Christ is alive and that as St. Augustine said, “We are an Easter people.” So now that Easter has occurred, how do we live our lives with the joy of the risen Christ alive in our midst?

My mother’s favorite Easter hymn is an interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15:14 wherein Paul writes, “if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and our faith too is in vain.” Hymn 192’s lyrics are:

“ Had Christ, that once was slain,  
Ne’er burst his three day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain,  
But now is Christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen, arisen!”

This is the cornerstone of our faith and the Good News of Christ Jesus. Christ by his death and resurrection has conquered sin and death so that we may live. So again, how do we live in Christ? As Easter people we are called to live a resurrected life and strive to become who God is calling us to be, following our Baptismal Covenant. We are to become transformed from worshippers, to followers, doers, and evangelists of Our Lord.

As disciples of the resurrected Jesus, we are called to give our time and talents to be witnesses to those who have never known Christ or to those who have lost their faith. We are called to call on our neighbors who have been absent from the congregation and minister to their needs. We never know, until we speak to another, what stumbling block may be preventing them from coming to or coming back to Our Lord. If Christ can overcome death, perhaps you can overcome your fear of calling someone on the phone to see if they are okay.

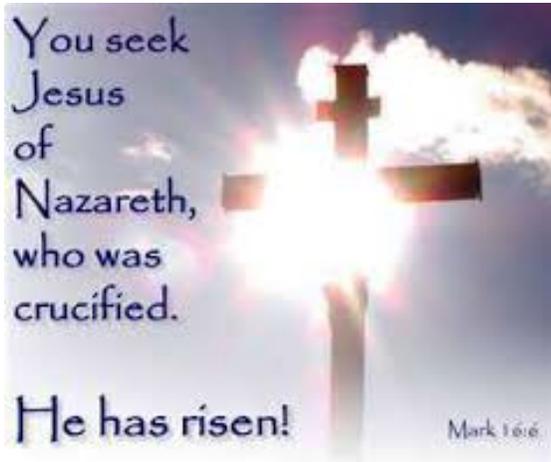
My prayer for you over the next 50 days is that you encounter the risen Lord on your journey toward wholeness and faith. May the Risen One touch you deeply and empower you as he did his disciples. May the resurrection lead you to become a better incarnation of yourself, at this time and in this place in your life, so that he may be in you and you in him. Once you encounter our Lord, may you live as one transformed by the power of the resurrection

and may you proudly proclaim, in word and deed,  
“Alleluia, Christ is risen!”

Wishing you a Blessed Eastertide, I am... Your  
Servant and His,

*Eric+*

**FROM DEACON CINDY**



Alleluia, the Lord is Risen! We have gone from the solemnity of Maundy Thursday to the sadness and grief of Good Friday to the joy of the Risen Lord on Easter Morning! Jesus taught us the meaning of love and through His divine grace, He showed us just how much He loves us! He taught us to take His love out into the world to share it with all people. Let us take the celebration of the Risen Lord into this needy world and show all people Christ's love. As we celebrated the Eucharist on Easter Sunday, and every Sunday, and shared in the mystery of Christ as they did two thousand years ago, and as Father Eric says the words, “Do this in remembrance of me”, remember it was not just the Last Supper Christ was talking about, but to take our lives out into the world to be a remembrance to Him. We have been given new life in Christ. Christ humbled Himself to be a sacrifice for all. Let us humbly follow in His footsteps, sharing His love with all. Alleluia, the Lord is Risen, the Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia! Happy Easter!

CINDY+

**FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER**

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**LETTERS OF THANKS**



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DEAR HOLY TRINITY FAMILY

Words cannot express our appreciation for your prayers, cards and phone calls during the difficult time of our Debbie's death and Don's illness. We are struggling to get through this time of grief and couldn't do it without you. You all are a true blessing and we thank you.

Teresa Schutte-Regester & Don Regester

Dear Father Eric,  
As you know my house was destroyed by fire. I want to start by saying hi and thanks to you and the congregation of your church for the \$200.00, dishes, pots and silverware given to my sister Somo on my behalf. I received the money, which was a great help along with what sister Somo sent.

All of these things are greatly appreciated by my family and I hope to meet you one day because I have heard so much about you from our late sister Gloria, Somo and others who have met you.

Please pray for my sister Somo because she is one of a kind, she has helped us her siblings and others in Liberia throughout the years. She is our corner stone, she never complains but will do what she can. Thanks again to you and the congregation and may God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Zoe Bishop-Cooper-Johnson



### GARDENING WITH GOD

Spring has finally arrived and many of us will be starting to work in our gardens. So how about doing it with God?

When you garden, your hands are touching God's amazing creation. The soil, crumbling beneath your fingers, supports the life of the flowers, plants and trees that God created to beautify our world and sustain us.

As you work the soil, work out problems with God as Counselor. As you weed and remove old blooms, ask God to "prune" the distractions from your life so you can grow stronger in your relationship with Him. As you plant, ask God to help you plant the seeds of His love in others.

"Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs."

(St. Francis of Assisi from his Canticum of Creatures)

### FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN

Winter has been good to us at Holy Trinity this year...no broken pipes, furnace breakdowns or much snow to clear. We did, however, lose four or five trees due to the severe winds we had for about three weeks.

As we go to print, we will be heading into Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. Spring is here and our grounds are coming back to life (Resurrection).

These grounds cannot be cared for by two or three people, so please remember that the property is the responsibility of all of us. We are asking for volunteers to help with this very important ministry.

### REMINDERS



### 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.holytrinitysex.org/>.

Did you know our service 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 website 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/](http://www.facebook.com/htessex/)



### The 2018 flower chart is now here

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. Forms are located in the narthex. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

Forms for 2018 are now available. Please pick one up in the narthex.



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

### Phone Tree



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 e mail address and/or phone number so you can be notified when issues arise. **Please be sure to check your email often.**



### 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

Margaret Vollerdt – 4/6

Joe Reichert, Jr. - 4/16  
 Regina Howard - 4/17  
 Loretta Gischell - 4/18  
 Fred Emkey, Jr. - 4/20  
 Kane Buckler - 4/20  
 Carol Dean - 4/24  
 Lillian Buckler - 4/24

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**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Gary & Mary Lessner - 4/4  
 M/M Bill Barton - 4/23  
 Jim & Chris Kinard - 4/26

**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.*

Melody Magin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)  
 Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)  
 Diane Leimbach (Teresa's Daughter)  
 Todd Metz (Bob's Son)  
 Amy Stevens (Jeannie's Niece)  
 Margaret Vollerdt  
 Bev McCormick  
 Barbara Jayman (Chris' Friend)  
 Marianne & Jay Jayman (Chris' Friends)  
 Heather Hildebrand (Jeannie's Friend)  
 Jeff Bindeman (Joan A. Grandson)  
 Millie and Joe Reichert  
 Paul Wilson (Joan's Grandson-in-law)  
 Mary Bogert  
 Joann Piper  
 Alice Moravec (Jeannie's Mom)  
 Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron)  
 Royton Egerton (Lessner's)  
 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)  
 Ardell McCarra (DIN of The Spence's)  
 Angie Martin (Janice's Daughter-in-law)  
 Bill Hightower (Cindy's Brother)  
 Linda Stempor  
 Chris Aclly  
 Gary Lessner  
 Roger Simeone  
 Billy & Dianna Anderson (Joan's Family)  
 Lynnell Parker (Friend of Frank P.)  
 Eleanor Barr (Leah)  
 Derek Myers (Lana Peters)  
 Keith Shuey (Frank Preston)  
 Deb Westmoreland (Friend of MAQuinn)  
 Jim Cornell (Leah's Uncle)  
 Jordan Woodard (Sam's Niece)  
 Mollie Akers (Leah's Cousin)  
 Donald Bogert (Mary's Son)

Tina Barberie (Teresa Family)  
Sue Cornell (Leah's Aunt)  
Keith Baker (Millie's Cousin)  
Ken & Barbara Wheeler (MAQ friends)  
Aalias McCullen (MAQ friend)  
Ronald Lidings (MAQ friend)  
Sharon Daniels (RM)  
Leah Seay  
Jean Bowen  
Bev McCormick

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**The next day set aside for Holy Baptism is Sunday, MAY 20, 2018, The Feast of Pentecost. If you are considering baptism, please see Fr. Eric as soon as possible.**



### **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.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



The Extreme Balloon Man will be our presenter again this summer for our free VBS to be held July 11, 12, and 13. Save the dates! As usual, we will start with a light supper at 6:00 pm followed by the Bible program. We finish each evening at 8:15 pm. Our program is for Pre-K (potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Invite friends, family and neighbors to attend. Watch for registration forms in May. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Seay. Thank you.

## A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR



A woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled to see an intruder there. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables. She yelled, “STOP Acts 2:38” (which reads, Repent and be Baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ, so your sins may be forgiven). The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done.

As the officer cuffed the man to take him in he asked the burglar, “Why did you just stand there, all the lady did was yell Scripture to you.” “Scripture” replied the burglar. “She said she had an axe and two 38s!”



## CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED THIS YEAR’S FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS! EVEN THOUGH WE FACED MANY CHALLENGES (LACK OF ADVERTISING AND HEALTH ISSUES) WE WERE ABLE TO RAISE \$4088.00. AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL WHO LENT A HAND.**

## FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR



## NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Newsletter articles for May are due April 22<sup>nd</sup> .

Janice Barber



# APRIL, 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Services 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt  AA – 7:00 pm	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED SEA – 7:00 pm Al-anon - noon	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED  AA – 7:30 pm	<b>4</b> OFFICE CLOSED NO SERVICE TONIGHT  Al-anon – 6:30 pm	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Services 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am  AA – 7:00 pm	<b>9</b> SEA – 7:00 pm Al-anon - noon	<b>10</b> AA – 7:30 pm	<b>11</b> NO SERVICE TONIGHT Al-anon – 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> Vestry – 7:00 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Church Cleaning 9:00 – 12:00
<b>15</b> Services 8 & 10 am Sunday School  AA - 7:00 pm	<b>16</b> SEA – 7:00 pm Al-anon – noon	<b>17</b> AA – 7:30 pm	<b>18</b> Al-anon - 6:30 pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Services 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am  AA - 7:00 pm	<b>23</b> SEA – 7:00 pm Al-anon – noon	<b>24</b> AA - 7:30 pm	<b>25</b> Al-anon - 6:30 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Services 8 & 10 am Sunday School 10 am  AA - 7:00 pm	<b>30</b> SEA – 7:00 pm Al-anon - noon					

MINISTRY SCHEDULE  
APRIL, 2018

	1	8	15	22	29
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>					
Chalicerist	D&A Sample	Sylvia J.Huber	J.Huber R.Ross	Chris A. Sylvia	D&A Sample
Lay Reader	Anne M.	TheresaR	R.Ross	Chris N.	R.Ross
Intercessor	J.Huber	J.Huber	J.Huber	J.Huber	J.Huber
<b>10:00 A.M.</b>					
Verger	Kaitlyn A.				
Thurifer	Chris K.				
Server	Payton	Lily	Kane	Wesley	Payton
Crucifer	Asa	Tyler	Alyssa	Cayden	Kaitlyn A
Torch					
Torch					
Gospeler	Payton	Lily	Kane	Wesley	Payton
Chalicerist	John M.	Chris K.	John M.	Gary L.	Frank P.
Chalicerist	Janice	Frank P.	Jean B.	Chris	Gary P.
Intercessor	Chris	Susan	Michele	Teresa	Denise
Reader (OT)	Richard G	Jason	Chris	Mary L.	Teresa
Reader (NT)	Michele	Denise	Richard G	Gary L.	Denise
Usher	Joe	Mary D.	Chris	Frank P.	Wayne
Usher	Millie	Jean	Gloria	Gary P.	Barbara
Teller	Jean B.	Scott RH	Jackie S.	Mary D.	Millie
Teller	Millie	Don A.	Anne K.	Chris	Anne K.

IF YOU KNOW IN ADVANCE THAT YOU CANNOT SERVE FOR CERTAIN DATES, PLEASE DROP A NOTE TO ME (JANICE BARBER) GIVING THE DATES AND I WON'T SCHEDULE YOU. IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED COMES UP AFTER THE SCHEDULE IS PRINTED THEN IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT.