



# The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Christ is risen indeed! What a proclamation in this time of continuing pandemic and uncertainty to still be able to shout that Christ is risen - indeed, this is good news.

You all continue to be in my prayers as we work through regathering possibilities - including outdoor worship so that we can meet together for spiritual nourishment, and nourishing our relationships with one another. Your continuing understanding of our working through these new ways of gathering together to celebrate our Lord's presence in our lives is to be commended.

As a way to gather together for prayer and study in Easter Season, I will be offering a 5-week Bible Study on I John - the Epistle for this Easter Season in our Lectionary. This study will be offered via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm, and in-person outside on Thursdays at 11am. The schedule will be:

### I John Chapter 1 ~

-Wednesday, April 14th @ 7pm via Zoom  
-Thursday, April 15th @ 11am Outside at Holy Trinity \*please bring your own chair on Thursdays

### I John Chapter 2 ~

-Wednesday, April 21st @ 7pm via Zoom  
-Thursday, April 22nd @ 11am Outside

### I John Chapter 3 ~

-Wednesday, April 28th @ 7pm via Zoom  
-Thursday, April 29th @ 11am Outside

### I John Chapter 4 ~

-Wednesday, May 5th @ 7pm via Zoom  
-Thursday, May 6th @ 11am Outside

### I John Chapter 5 ~

-Wednesday, May 12th @ 7pm via Zoom  
-Thursday, May 13th @ 11am Outside

This will be an opportunity for us to share and grow together in our relationship with one another and with God. Again, please bring a chair on Thursdays. If there is rain, we may have to postpone or combine sessions.

Happy Easter, everyone, and take care.

Yours in Christ,  
*Mother Lisa+*

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## ***HOW DO I CONTACT MOTHER LISA?***

I can be reached via cell phone number: **443-605-6398**, and via email at [hsexsex.rector@gmail.com](mailto:hsexsex.rector@gmail.com) I am available by call or text 8am-8pm, and for pastoral emergencies 24hrs a day. If I miss your call, please leave a message as that will help me to get back to you. Also note that Mondays are my sabbath rest, and I ask calls on Mondays to be for pastoral emergencies - thank you for your consideration.

Our regular church office hours will still be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. I encourage you to call the church phone - 410-687-5531 - during those hours.



## **FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH**

Greetings All,

Hallelujah He is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed Hallelujah!

We have mourned these three days to rejoice in the risen King! We can only imagine what the believers of Christ's time were feeling; certainly, they did not have cell phones, Internet or Facebook to alert them to the news, the great news of the Risen King! And we know when the Apostle's found out the body was gone, that they locked themselves up in a room- afraid of what was going to happen; that is, until Jesus showed himself to them and they believed! How fortunate we are to live today, in the shadow of Doubting Thomas who was told by Jesus, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen me but still believe". We live today confident in what happened two thousand years ago, knowing our sins have been redeemed and striving to live each day as Christ-like as possible. As we continue to maintain our safety, please know that I will, as always, hold you and Holy Trinity in my prayers. And I pray that we may all be blessed during this Easter season; and I look forward to the end of this pandemic and the ability to gather again safely, rejoicing in the love and grace of God!

Happy Easter,  
Cindy+

# Church News

## **STAYING CONNECTED, STAYING**

### **CHURCH**

*(from Mother Lisa)*

COVID restrictions continue. This is how we are continuing to love our neighbors and ourselves.

What can you do in the midst of this uncertainty?

1. Read the email updates that keep you in touch with what's happening at Holy Trinity.
2. Worship regularly, whether in person or on line.
3. Keep up your pledge. Our mailbox is locked, so your mail-in contributions are safe.
4. Stay in touch. Call or email each other. Call or email Mtr. Lisa or Dcn. Cindy. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity, for the Vestry, and for Mother Lisa.

If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!*

When sending contributions, please be sure to distinguish between your pledge and any other donations, such as for outreach. Use separate checks. If you send only one check, it will be recorded as pledge.

Again thank you to all who continue to support Holy Trinity. Your pledges and other contributions are essential for ministry at Holy Trinity.

## **COVID VACCINE INFORMATION**

The Maryland Department of Health has launched a phone line where seniors can call for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. It is designed for people without Internet access. The telephone number for this new COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center is 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

If you do have Internet access, you can go to the following website for more information as well:

<https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Departments-of-Health-and-Aging-collaborate-on-vaccine-outreach-for-vulnerable-populations.aspx>

## **DIocese OF MARYLAND YOUTH EVENTS**

Join diocesan Youth Missioner, Kate Riley, for the Sunday Brunch Bunch, Sundays from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. This time of fun, fellowship and formation is open to all students and youth workers with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play.

Sign up for a weekly reminder here:  
<https://www.remind.com/join/cd96b2>

Use this link to join:  
<http://bit.ly/sundaybrunchmd>

Use the following link for the Calendar of Diocesan events:  
<https://episcopalmaryland.org/events/>

## **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**



### **Backpack Ministry**

If you would like to help, please do not bring food to Holy Trinity! We can accept donations (cash or check) to purchase items. Due to COVID restrictions, we are not using the parish hall.

### **Ongoing Programs:**

We hope that you have been collecting aluminum pull tabs at home for the **Ronald McDonald House**. Please keep them at home until we are able to collect them again.

**Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)** is still operating. Please see details below under the “Local Food Pantries” section.



## **LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES**

### **Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)**

***Please see new contact information for EIO below!***

**Contact:** [410-406-2288](tel:410-406-2288) OR 211

### **New Physical Address:**

**Piney Grove United Methodist Church**  
201 Bowleys Quarters Road  
Middle River, MD 21220  
410-406-2288

**By Appointment Only! Call first!**

**Donations:** Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:

**Eastern Interfaith Outreach**  
P.O. Box 18122  
Middle River, MD 21220

### **Special Monthly Food Distribution:**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021

**Time:** 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. (or until the food supplies run out!)

**Location:** 99 Stemmers Run Road (parking lot)

### **St. Clare Catholic Church Food Pantry**

**Location:** 714 Myrth Avenue in Essex

**Hours:** Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon



Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland offers nutritious, fresh, prepared meals delivered to your home. Eat better with Meals on Wheels!

For those unable to cook or grocery shop for themselves – due to age, disability or illness, look to Meals on Wheels for dependable, friendly service.

To learn more, call 410-558-0923 or apply online at:  
[mealsonwheelsmd.org/client-application](http://mealsonwheelsmd.org/client-application)



### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Pam Nines – 4/2  
Jessica Weber – 4/4  
John Nines – 4/5  
Margaret Vollerdt – 4/6  
Rob Gatchell – 4/8  
Joe Reichert, Jr. – 4/16  
Regina Howard – 4/17  
Loretta Gischel – 4/18  
Kane Buckler – 4/20  
Carol Dean – 4/24  
Lillian Buckler – 4/24



### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

Gary and Mary Lessner – 4/4  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barton – 4/23  
Jim and Chris Kinard – 4/26

**ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH**



*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  
Alice Martin  
Shanan Gelver (Alice's family)  
Athena Gelver (Alice's family)  
Ellen Wallace  
Joan Anderson  
Bill and Diane Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)  
Bunky and Pam Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)  
Chris and Patty Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)  
Ruth Anthony  
Joanne Piper  
Margaret Oduor  
Gladys Agandi  
Valerie Mehl  
John Morris  
Jeannie Morris  
Judy Harle  
Bob Metz  
Ratajczak family  
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)  
Deb Pirog

Julianne Salamone (Teresa's granddaughter)  
Somo Bishop  
Jackie Spence  
Maranda Powell  
Patty and Rich Rubin (Mary Anne's family)  
Crosby family (Lynne Clementoni)  
Collin Crosby (Lynne Clementoni's  
grandson)  
Patti Ballwanz  
Wally Hossbach  
Dina Munford  
Sandy and John O'Donnell (Mary Anne's  
cousins)  
Derek Schavelin (Alice's nephew)  
James Rice (Arlene's grandson)  
Ginny Floyd  
Sharon Goslin  
Linda Sanders (Sam's sister)  
Larry Eastman  
Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)  
Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)  
Lorraine Pick  
Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)  
Donna Wrightson (Millie's niece)  
Kelly Auber (friend of the Seay family)  
Carol Carrolla (friend of Mary Anne's  
family)  
Jason Borkowicz (friend of Jaylen)  
Mary Lessner



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

***PRAY FOR OUR HEALTHCARE  
WORKERS***

Please pray for members of our congregation who work in health care settings:  
Laura Nielsen, Cindy Christopher+, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Mary Acl, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert, Lisa Balderson.



## **VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS**

Officers (elected by the vestry for one-year terms; can be re-elected; do not have to be an elected vestry member to be elected as an officer):

Senior Warden – Chris Kinard  
Junior Warden – Wes Thatcher  
Registrar – Arielle Juberg  
Treasurer – Ellen Reilley  
Financial Secretary – Jean Bowen



Elected vestry members and date their terms end (initially elected by the congregation; if a position becomes vacant, the vestry elects a replacement to fill the rest of the term):

Chris Kinard	2021
Wes Thatcher	2021
Arielle Juberg	2021
John Morris	2022
Laura Nielsen	2022
Chris Acly	2022
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	2023
Theresa Ridgeway	2023
Loretta Gischel	2023

The parish clergy are also ex officio members of the vestry and the rector is the presiding officer.

## **HOW DO I CONTACT MOTHER LISA?**

Please see below for contact information for Mother Lisa:

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(available by call or text 8am-8pm, and for pastoral emergencies 24hrs a day). If no answer, please leave a message for a return call.

**E-mail address:** [hsexsex.lector@gmail.com](mailto:hsexsex.lector@gmail.com)

Please note that Mondays are Mother Lisa's sabbath rest/day off. Please no calls on Mondays unless for pastoral emergencies - thank you for your consideration!

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## Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are using a computer program to assist us with keeping track of who signs up for each church service. This is necessary because we can only have a limited occupancy in the church at any one time.

Please note that, going forward, sign-ups will be weekly. (We were signing up for a month at a time previously.) **SO, please plan to sign up each week no later than Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday.**

### To sign up by computer:

1. Type the following address into your Internet browser:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
2. Under “Search for a sign up” type the following email address:  
[HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com)
3. Click the “Search” button
4. Click on the “HT Church Services \_\_\_\_\_ 2021” item (choose correct month)
5. Choose either the 8:00 or 10:00 service by clicking on the appropriate blue “Sign Up” button.
6. Click the blue “Submit and Sign Up” button at the bottom of the page.
7. Type your name(s) in the “Comment” line and the number of people in your immediate family who will be coming, including yourself.
8. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want.

Please note: The software will not let you sign up if all of the spaces have been taken at that time. If this happens, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to notify Leah. We want to know if there are any parishioners who have not been able to sign up so we know if we need to consider adding a third service.

### If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call Leah during church office hours only! The church office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The church telephone number is 410-687-5531. You must speak to Leah directly. Messages left on the answering machine will not get you signed up for the service. Please do not call Leah at home; she cannot sign you up from her house.



# REGULAR REMINDERS



## **COFFEE HOUR**

There will be no coffee hour so long as we are in Phase Orange. When we are ready to enter Phase Yellow, there will be specific instructions about coffee hour.

## **PARISH HALL RENTAL**

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



## **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 in person or mail them to the church address listed on the form.

The 2021 forms are available from Leah in the church office. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

## **HOUSEKEEPING NOTES**

Please continue to follow the COVID instructions for sanitizing the pews and the restrooms.

## **MAILING LIST UPDATES**

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



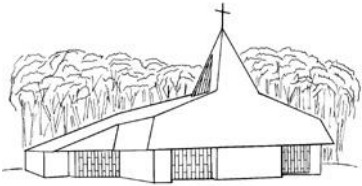
## **MESSAGES**

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](mailto:anneews@verizon.net).



## **FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR**

Items for the May Newsletter are due by April 15.



# April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>NOTE:</b> Mother Lisa will be on vacation April 5 through April 12. Contact Deacon Cindy with any pastoral concerns.</p>				<p><b>1 Maundy Thursday</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Office Staffed</p> <p>7pm-Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>2 Good Friday</b></p> <p>12:00 noon-Holy Eucharist</p> <p>7pm-Holy Eucharist</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4 Easter Sunday</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Office Staffed</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Office Staffed</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Holy Eucharist</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Office Staffed</p> <p>7 pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom meeting)</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10am-12pm Office Staffed</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p>
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