



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue to celebrate our Lord's resurrection, I hope you are also taking time to enjoy the beauty of Creation this Spring. I continue to be surprised each week by new buds on the trees, tender new leaves, flowers blooming, and the crispness of fresh-cut grass. As we gather outdoors for worship beginning May 2nd, this will be something that we will continue to enjoy together.

There is something particularly holy in outside worship. There is something holy to being with God in God's Creation as it shows forth its glorious new life. There is something holy to hearing a squirrel scratching a tree trunk, hearing birds join us in singing God's praises - even that big whiff of pollen reminds us Creation is living, evolving, happening seen and unseen.

There is something holy in outside worship because it reminds us that God's continuing Creation is still happening around us - so it is also still happening inside us. We are also continuing to be made new.

It is this very reminder of the new life that we have in God as part of Creation that sparked offerings for our continuing to grow together this summer. We will be offering Spirituality Saturdays that will highlight three spiritual practices meant to cultivate and care for the presence of God in our lives through the Holy Spirit:

June: Vizio Divina - seeking God visually around us

*Saturdays 6/19, 6/26, and 7/3 at 10am outside

July: Lectio Divina - seeking God in reading Scripture intentionally

*Saturdays 7/17, 7/24, and 7/31 at 10am outside

August: Centering Prayer - seeking God in a type of silent prayer

*Saturdays 8/14, 8/21, and 8/28 at 10am outside

I am glad to continue our common life together as a Christian community ever seeking to follow in the path, in the groove of our Good Shepherd. Happy Easter, and God be with you all.

Yours in Christ,
Mather Lisa+



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Dear Friends,

Time and life continue to move forward, and as we know my time at Holy Trinity was always limited; now that time has come to an end. My last Sunday at Holy Trinity will be May 30, 2021.

I cannot tell you how much the last 6 years have meant to me. I was so extremely blessed to come to such a kind, caring and welcoming congregation. With your love I have been able to learn and grow. All of the experiences I have shared with you I will carry with me to my new church. I will miss you all deeply and will continue to hold you and Holy Trinity in my prayers. I will forever remember that round coffee table at 8:00 that fed me not only donuts and coffee but fed me spiritually as I watched time and time again your generosity to others...friends and strangers alike. I have seen the people from 10:00 do the same as well. As I would move from table to table at those fabulous coffee hours, I always felt the fellowship you all shared with me, and it has been such a blessing.

Christ is alive and well at Holy Trinity! We have laughed together and cried together but that was always the consistent point. We did it together. We have shared potluck

dinners, bonfires, Easter eggs, flea markets and Christmas caroling to name just a few of the wonderful things you do!

And now, through your prayers and your church leadership, we have found a new rector, Mother Lisa+, who I believe is a perfect match for our church. I am confident in Lisa's+ ability to move Holy Trinity forward, to grow and expand our congregation, to offer new and exciting challenges for all of you to participate in and to keep Holy Trinity growing into the future; big things are coming I can tell! I cannot thank you all enough for sharing your lives with me, for accepting me as a new Deacon and for allowing me to navigate my way forward into that role. I would not be the person or Deacon I am today without your help, and I will forever hold you in my heart. I truly love you all.

Thank you again for all the blessings you have shared with me. I know you will continue to be that caring and welcoming congregation that I love so much and that you will give Mother Lisa+ your full support to keep Holy Trinity a vibrant congregation and the shining star of the diocese. You all are the greatest! Much love to you all!

Yours in Christ,
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>

FUNERAL COST AID FROM FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has begun accepting applications for its program to assist families with the financial expenses of funerals for COVID-19 related deaths.

FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program will reimburse individuals and households for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred between Jan. 20, 2020 and December 2020 to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic.

The program is funded with \$2 billion from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. FEMA says assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

More information can be found in [this article](#) and [this document](#) from FEMA.

If you do not have Internet access and would like additional information, please call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

SUMMER FAVORITE HYMNS

It's that time of year again! For the summer, Jason Kamrath, our Organist, is asking for "Favorite Hymn Requests" from our parishioners. Since we will be having outdoor services, we will be able to join in the singing again at the 10:00 service (weather permitting). So, please let us know some of your favorite hymns, and Jason will do his best to include those in the summer church services.

Please submit your requests as soon as possible! We will accept requests throughout the summer; however, they must be turned in no later than the 15th of the month to be considered for the following month (May 15 for June; June 15 for July; and July 15 for August). When submitting your hymn requests, please include the following:

- your name and telephone number
- hymn name
- hymn number

Please send to:
jasonkamrath@gmail.com

If you do not have e-mail, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. If you have to call at another time and leave a message, please speak slowly and clearly.

Thank you!

LIMITED FREE COOLERS AVAILABLE

Meals on Wheels has a limited number of 48-quart size used coolers available free of charge on a first come, first serve basis (see picture below). If you are interested in getting one of the coolers, please call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.



LOW-COST RABIES VACCINATIONS

The Baltimore County Department of Health offers low-cost animal rabies vaccinations clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets. Rabies vaccinations are held at the Baldwin center by appointment only. Vaccination is **\$9 per pet** and includes **free** microchipping and initial pet license. Payments are made at the time of appointment. We prefer cash (exact change is requested) but will also accept credit cards (processing fee may apply).

For more information, please go to the following website:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/animalservices/rabies-clinics.html>

If you do not have Internet access, you can call 410-887-PAWS (7297).

Also, if anyone would like to utilize this service but does not have transportation, Mary Anne Quinn may be able to assist you. Please call her directly.

FAMILY UPDATES

Josh and Scott **Rodriguez-Hobbs** shared an update on **Noah!** He continues to grow and thrive...he turned 2 years old in March...AND he got his first hair cut recently! See below for his “before” and “after” photos.



Before



After

There's a new baby in town! **Nadja Schultz** was born on April 22, 2021. She weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 inches long. She is doing well. Her big brother is Tyler Schultz, and her great grandmother is Alice Martin.

DMY 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

“Operation Backpack”

Over one year ago, we had to adapt some of the ways that we do things, and we had to cancel other things due to the pandemic. We have been able to continue our **Backpack program with Sandalwood Elementary School**. We have just been given permission to again accept individual food servings to put in the bags. With 8 more weeks to go of the school year, we could use the following:

- juice boxes
- milk boxes (white and chocolate)
- Yoo-hoo chocolate drink
- cans of tuna, chicken or ham
- Pop-Tarts
- instant oatmeal packets

- cookies (individual packs)
- peanut butter crackers
- instant soup
- applesauce cups
- granola bars
- canned spaghetti/ravioli

If you can help, please bring in any quantity. Every milk box and can of tuna helps to provide the students with food over the weekend when they don't get school lunches.

Look for a plastic bin in the Narthex labeled "Operation Backpack Donations".

Seafarer's Shoebox Christmas Presents

If you happen to go on vacation this summer (who can remember what that is?), please bring your small toiletries from the hotel for the Baltimore International Seafarer's Ministry at the port (soap, shampoo, conditioner, hand lotion, toothpaste). You could also buy some travel size items at the store to donate (Walmart and the dollar stores are relatively inexpensive.)

We have also received a request for magazines that can be given to the seafarers (gently used is okay). Some examples of needed magazines are: Time, People, National Geographic, Sports Illustrated. Please no fashion or cooking magazines.

Look for a plastic bin in the Narthex labeled "Seafarers Donations".

Ronald McDonald House: I hope you have been saving those aluminum pull tabs for this most important organization! If you have any to turn in, please ask an usher.

Items for all of these outreach ministries can be brought with you to church on Sunday. However, if you are not attending church services yet, you can drop off donations at the church during

church office hours (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon).

Please consider helping us to help the children of Essex, the men who bring supplies from around the world to our port, and the families of the ill children at Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you kindly for your consideration and your generosity. If you have any questions, please contact me at: wesden@verizon.net or 410-780-4150.

Denise Thatcher
Outreach Chairperson

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



LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 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, May 5, 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

HELP WANTED

A fellow Episcopalian family new to the area is in need of part-time childcare for their 7-month-old son. They live in the Rosedale area. They are looking for someone who can watch their son in their home 2-3 afternoons per week (the days will vary) from approximately 1:00-5:00 p.m. There are two dogs in the home. If you are interested, please call the church office.



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

Meal on Wheels also needs volunteers to help deliver these meals. If you have any time to donate to this worthy cause, please call the telephone number listed above.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- John Morris – 5/1
- Bob Metz – 5/10
- Justin Brooks – 5/21
- Christina Florentine – 5/22
- Charles Keller – 5/23
- Beverly Hagner – 5/30



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- Carlos Hernandez and Maggie Giordano – 5/2
- Jason Kamrath and Brett Robinson – 5/11
- Don and Michele Alves – 5/22

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
 Alice Martin
 Shanana 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)
 Wally Hossbach
 Dina Munford
 John O'Donnell (Mary Anne's cousin)
 Derek Schavelin (Alice's nephew)
 James Rice (Arlene's grandson)
 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
 Glen Scanlon (Mary Anne's friend)

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 Acly, 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:

Cell phone number: 443-605-6398
(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.rector@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!

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

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. **Currently, this sign-up is a back-up for Sundays when we have services indoors due to inclement weather.** No sign up is required for outdoor services.

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
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.



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the June Newsletter are due by May 15.

MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 2, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

May 2, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Tyler Schultz
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: John Morris

May 9, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

May 9, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Lynn French

May 16, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

May 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Arielle Juberg and Gloria Greason
Lessons: Denise Thatcher
Prayers: Lynn French

May 23, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

May 23, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Arielle Juberg and John Morris
Lessons: Lynn French
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

May 30, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

May 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Arielle Juberg/Gloria Greason
Lessons: Richard Glendenning
Prayers: Denise Thatcher

**** Please note:** Until further notice, those scheduled to read the Lessons will read the First Lesson, lead the Psalm, and then read the Second Lesson. Thank you!



May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	3	4 10am-12pm Office Staffed	5	6 10am-12pm Office Staffed	7	8
9 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	10	11 10am-12pm Office Staffed 7 pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom meeting)	12	13 10am-12pm Office Staffed	14	15
16 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	17	18 10am-12pm Office Staffed	19	20 10am-12pm Office Staffed	21	22
23/30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	24/31 <i>Memorial Day (5/31)</i>	25 10am-12pm Office Staffed	26	27 10am-12pm Office Staffed	28	29