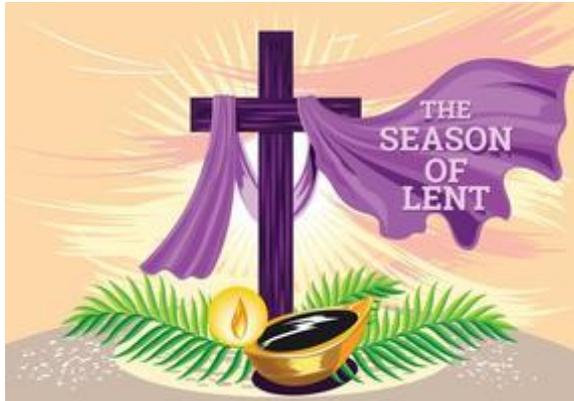


The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Church Family,

To be honest, I never know what to say when I sit down to write these few paragraphs, but this month Lorraine Wojtkowiak gave me a note that started with: “We all miss what used to be.” And I’d like for us to hold on to that thought because it’s true, and it can hold us together as we move forward. What we’re moving through is a grieving process, and it’s helpful that we’ve all lost the same thing; each of us knows what the other is feeling.

I understand there are hurt feelings and some anger, and disappointment, and frustration, too. But please, let’s not allow that to divide us into warring camps. If we go that way, there are only losers – nobody wins except Satan. We will continue to work with the Conflict Resolution team for as

long as it takes to heal. In the meantime, COVID numbers continue to go down which I hope will lead to “Mask Optional” and more singing.

Please feel free to call me with any questions and I will answer if I can. And if I can’t, I will find someone who can.

Once again, I leave you with this prayer written by James Richards in 1993:

GOD, YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR FUTURE, BECKONING US TOWARD A HORIZON WE ARE NOT SURE WE WANT TO REACH.

WE THINK OF THINGS THAT ARE PAST AND WISH YOU WOULD GIVE US, AGAIN, THAT WITH WHICH WE WERE COMFORTABLE.

BUT YOU LEAD US FROM THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR THE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL NOT BE WITHOUT YOU THEN, AS WE ARE NOT WITHOUT YOU NOW, AND GIVE US THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.

Sincerely,

Chris Kinard

Church News

Staying Connected, Staying Church

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 updates provided monthly in *The Vine* newsletter to keep you in touch with what's happening at Holy Trinity. If something comes up that cannot wait until the next newsletter, an email update will be sent out.
2. Worship regularly, whether in person or online.
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 our Senior Warden, Chris Kinard. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity and for the Vestry.

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.



Ash Wednesday services will be held on Wednesday, March 2. The 12:00 noon service will be for imposition of ashes only; the 7:00 p.m. service will be for imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist. Please sign up on Sign-Up Genius.



Livestream Volunteer – We are looking for volunteers to livestream the 10:00 a.m. service on Facebook. If you are interested, please contact Leah in the office.



Easter Flowers – Order forms are available on the table in the Narthex (and at the end of this newsletter). Please turn in your order form with payment to Leah or Chris no later than March 13. Thank you.

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

Operation Backpack:

Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry. We continue to support the students at Sandalwood

Elementary by packing backpacks with food for them to use over the weekends. If you are able to pick up some of the following items when you are at the grocery store, it would be greatly appreciated: single serve oatmeal packets, applesauce cups, fruit cups, raisins, packs of peanuts, crackers, ramen noodles, instant chicken noodle soup, juice boxes, or white or chocolate milk or Yoohoo. We also accept small cans of tuna and boxes of macaroni and cheese. You can place any donated food items in the bin marked "Operation Backpack" in the Parish Hall.

SPCA:

Since we were not able to have our SPCA Angel Tree this past Christmas, we will be collecting donations for the SPCA during most of Lent (through April 3); you can put donated items in the bin in the Parish Hall labeled "Maryland SPCA Donations". The last day to turn in items will be April 3. We will not have the tree up but here is a list of items that are needed (no prescription items):

- Canned dog food with gravy.
- Dry dog food (unopened bags).
- Dry cat food (unopened bags).
- Gerber jarred baby food—Stage 2 in beef, chicken, or turkey with gravy, 2.5 oz jars only.
- Canned cat food with gravy.
- Soft dog treats, such as Pup-Peroni.
- Scratch pads for cats (such as those available for purchase <http://stretchandscratch.com/>).
- PVC plumbing joints (extra large 6" fixtures, tubing is fine).
- Cat treats and toys, such as toy mice (no catnip) & ping pong balls.
- Dog toys: buster cubes (puzzle balls to keep the dogs entertained).
- Enrichment toys for our larger dogs: Busy Buddy toys, large Kongs, Tire

Biter Paw Tracks toys, basketballs and soccer balls.

- Scoopable cat litter.
- Fleece material and washable blankets (no sheets, please).
- Unused plastic litter pans for kittens and cats.

Ronald McDonald House:

Please continue to bring in your aluminum can tabs. They are used to help families staying at the RMH. The donation box is on the lower level of the table in the Narthex.

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

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

Please note: EIO expects to have to move to another location soon. If you know of a location that may be suitable, please contact EIO at the telephone number listed above or call the Holy Trinity church office.

Special Monthly Food Distribution:

Dates: Thursday, March 3 and 10, 2022 (weather permitting)

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

Meals 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.



March Birthdays

- Juliana Marin-Giordano – 3/3
- Stanley Krenzer – 3/4
- Maggie Giordano – 3/7
- Mary Dombrowski – 3/9
- Somo Bishop – 3/11
- Joan Anderson – 3/15
- Pat Morgan – 3/18
- Jim Kinard – 3/20
- Noah Rodriguez-Hobbs – 3/20
- Alexis Pomraning – 3/21
- Tyrone Jackson – 3/31



March Anniversaries

- Joe and Laura Znovena – 3/6

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
- Roseanna Sheridan (Alice’s daughter)
- 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
- David Metz (Bob’s son)
- Ratajczak family
- Jesse Fields (Tim’s son)
- Julianne Salamone (Teresa’s granddaughter)
- Somo Bishop and family

Ciata Bishop (Somo's sister)
 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)
 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)
 Sylvia Gray
 Grace Waddell
 Kaiden Adelung (Millie's family)
 Kenny Pomraning
 Frank Riggio-Preston
 Gary Riggio-Preston
 Connie Bitteto (Frank's cousin)
 Robert Riggio (Frank's son)
 Katelyn Riggio (Frank's granddaughter)
 Glenn Scanlon
 Douglas Campbell (Ron's cousin)
 Peter Taylor (friend of Alice Martin)
 Randy Robledo (friend of Clementoni family)
 Roger and Kathy Keene (friends of Mary Anne)
 Patty Rubin (Mary Anne's sister)
 Richard Glendenning
 Millie Reichert
 Poling family (Leah's cousins)

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, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert.



Daylight Saving Time:

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night (March 12)!

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
Treasurer – Ellen Reilley
Financial Secretary – Jean Bowen
Registrar – Valerie Mehl
Ombudsman – Ron Mardaga

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):

John Morris	2022
Laura Nielsen	2022
Vacancy	2022
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	2023
Barbara Benson	2023
Loretta Gischel	2023
Sam Seay	2024
Tyler Schultz	2024
Mary Anne Quinn	2024

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

Who do I contact?

The office will no longer be staffed on a regular basis. Leah will still take care of the office work but not necessarily at the same times.

If you have a non-urgent question, call the church telephone number (410-687-5531) and leave a message on the answering machine OR send Leah an email at HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com.

For urgent pastoral needs, call:

Christine Kinard, Sr. Warden
410-382-6928
OR
Ron Mardaga
410-687-0973





GET READY FOR CAMP

Senior High Camp: June 19-24

Middle School Camp: June 26-July 1

Family Camp: July 5-8

Adventure Camp: July 10-15

Youth Camp: July 17-22

Special Challenge Camp: July 24-28

[For adults 21+ with developmental disabilities]

Camp Spirit Song: July 31-August 5

[For youth grades 4-8 impacted by a family member's opioid substance abuse]



REGISTER AT [CLAGGETTCENTER.ORG/YOUTH-PROGRAMS](https://claggettcenter.org/youth-programs)

Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are still 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 for Sundays when we have services indoors.** No sign up is required for outdoor services.

Please note that, going forward, sign-ups will be weekly. **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 _____ 2022” item (choose correct date)
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. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want (**be sure to include full names and telephone numbers for those attending a church service**).

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 and leave a message.

If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call the church telephone number (410-687-5531) and leave a message. We will sign up based on the date/time of the message.

REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Due to Omicron, we are still not socializing in the Parish Hall after or between services. No food or drink is allowed in the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Rental

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Flower Memorials/ Thanksgivings

If you are interested, 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 2022 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 required areas.

Mailing List Updates

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 and leave a message OR send an email to HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com.



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 April Newsletter are due by March 15.

MARCH 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 2, 2022, 7:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)

Ushers: John Morris and Gloria Greason
Lessons: Chris Kinard
Prayers: John Morris

March 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Chris Kinard
Prayers: Jackie Huber

March 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Lynn French
Lessons: Mary Anne Quinn
Prayers: Lynn French

March 13, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Valerie Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

March 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Lynn French
Lessons: Lynn French
Prayers: John Morris

March 20, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

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

March 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Sam Seay
Lessons: Richard Glendenning
Prayers: Mary Anne Quinn

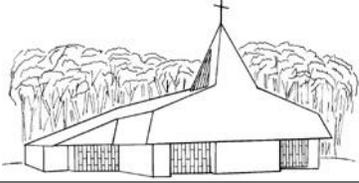
March 27, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Chris Kinard
Prayers: Jackie Huber

March 27, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Lynn French
Lessons: Mary Anne Quinn
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

**** 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!



March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12 noon-Imposition of Ashes-no Eucharist 7pm-imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist	3	4	5
6 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	7	8 7pm-Vestry Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Savings Time begins</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	14	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19
20 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	28					



Order your Easter Flowers no later than March 13, 2022!

Flower	Price	Quantity	\$ Total
Tulips (6")	\$ 9.00 ea.	_____	\$_____
Hyacinth (6")	\$ 9.00 ea.	_____	\$_____
Easter Lilies (6")	\$10.00 ea.	_____	\$_____
GRAND TOTALS:		_____	\$_____

Please print:
 Your Name(s) _____
 In Memory of _____

 In Thanksgiving for _____

*Please make checks payable to: **Holy Trinity Episcopal Church** and write **Easter Flowers** on the memo line. Orders due at Holy Trinity no later than March 13. Thank you.*