



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings from the kingdom of God, the reign of love and the culture of peace (*already in progress somewhere very, very close to you!*)

Christmas is nice, mind you, but we are an Easter people. Easter is the feast day that shapes us, defines us, and creates our future.

And when I say future, I'm not talking about some guarantee that you will spend eternity in heaven because some tomb could not hold Jesus. I am talking about that exhilarating next step that you might take and all because Easter has rolled away the stone that has entombed your heart and invited you to live guided by that heart.

Because Easter's message is that you cannot murder love. You cannot murder a dream. You cannot possibly murder something that is eternal and that burns within each of us, and which Easter both frees us and dares us to recognize.

We have come through a long, long Lent, which began as our lives shut down over three years ago. We are, all of us, eager to step back into the light and breathe in resurrection – the hope and promise of new life in the spirit, the gift of reckless and unconditional love and compassion.

For you see, we are in truth, resurrection people. And the future that we can see through those eyes can be nothing but good.

A happy and most blessed Easter to all.

Peace,
Ken+



Church News



Adult Formation/Bible Study

We will continue meet every Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m., in-person and on Zoom, for a lecture series by Dr. Bart Ehrman, *How Jesus Became God*. Here is a portion of Dr. Ehrman's course summary:

Jesus of Nazareth was a preacher of the imminent apocalypse, who proclaimed that God was soon going to intervene in history, overthrow the forces of evil, and set up a good kingdom here on earth. In the last week of his life, Jesus took his message to Jerusalem, the capital city of Judea, and there, faced violent opposition. He was arrested, put on trial, charged with imagining himself the future king of the Jews, and condemned to death by crucifixion. He died as a powerless and forsaken Jewish preacher of an apocalypse that never came.

Yet four centuries later, millions of people throughout the Roman Empire considered Jesus not to be a failed Jewish prophet but to be a divine being, none other than the God who created the universe, equal in power and stature with God the Father Almighty and a member of the Holy Trinity. How did this come to be? The course will trace the evolution of doctrine and belief spanning the first thousand years of Christendom.

If you have any questions, please contact Ken+.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 2 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7 - 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monthly Craft Group

Our Monthly Craft Group will be held this month on Saturday, April 8, at 1:00 p.m. Bring a craft to work on, and enjoy some conversation!

Monthly Fellowship Lunch

Our Monthly Fellowship Lunch will be held this month on Saturday, April 29, at 12:00 noon. Please bring your own lunch.

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. 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.

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>

Outreach Ministries

from Lynn F., Chairperson



Operation Backpack:

The backpack ministry to Sandalwood Elementary School continues as it has been. You are always welcome to contribute by bringing needed food items such as: 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. You can also make a monetary donation at any time.

The bags are packed between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. All are welcome to join in the effort. Also, each week there is a rotation of folks who deliver the bags to Sandalwood Elementary School. We can always use additional volunteers to deliver the backpacks! If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kinard or myself.

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO):

EIO is open to serve those in need. They are operating on an appointment basis, so please call in advance. The new address is listed later in this newsletter under “Food Pantry”.

There is a great need for food donations at this time! We are still collecting shelf stable food items such as canned soup, pork and beans, tuna, and chicken for EIO. If you are able to buy a few items on your next grocery shopping trip or if you have any extra items in your pantry at home, please bring them in. Please make sure the expiration date is at least several months out. There is a bin in the Parish Hall labeled “EIO Donations” where you can place the donated canned food items to help those in need in our community. (More detailed information regarding EIO is also provided below under the Food Pantry section.)



Ronald McDonald House Baltimore:

Please continue to collect the pull tabs from any aluminum can products. I collect the tabs, and once or twice per year I take them to RMH. The tabs are then recycled with the profit used to fuel the shuttle bus to take family members of the children to the local hospitals. The collection box is located on the lower shelf of the main table in the Narthex.

If anyone has any questions or would like to be a part of the planning for any or all the Outreach ministries we do, please let me know. All are welcome. I pray many blessing for our ministry at Holy Trinity and for each of us as we provide to those in need.

In His Holy name.
Lynn F.



Local Food Pantries

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 410-406-2288 OR 211

Physical Address:

Maranatha Chapel
3 Bowleys Quarters Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-406-2288

By Appointment Only! Call first!

Donations: Bring in shelf-stable items and place them in the bin in the Parish Hall marked “EIO” or 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:

These food distributions are until the food supplies run out on that day. Please call for distribution site information: 443-838-2126.

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.



April Birthdays

- Pam – 4/2
- Jessica – 4/4
- John – 4/5
- Rob – 4/8
- Joe Jr. – 4/16
- Loretta – 4/18
- Kane – 4/20
- Carol – 4/24
- Lillian – 4/24



April Anniversaries

- Gary and Mary – 4/4
- Bill and Terri – 4/23
- Jim and Chris – 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.

- Alice
- Athena (Alice’s family)
- Peter (friend of Alice)
- Ellen
- Grace
- Millie
- Joan
- Bill and Diane (Joan’s son and daughter-in-law)

Bunky and Pam (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Chris and Patty (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Margaret
Gladys
John
Jeannie
Powell family
Judy
Ratajczak family
Bob
Betty
David (son of Bob and Betty)
Jesse (Tim's son)
Somo and family
Crosby family (Lynne C.)
Robert Sr. (friend of Lynne C.)
Robert Jr. (friend of Lynne C.)
Wally
Lorraine
Ryan (Helen's grandson)
Elizabeth (Millie's sister)
Donna (Millie's niece)
Kelly
Mary
Sylvia
Anne
Jerome
Mary Anne
Nancy
Kathy (Leah's cousin)
Mike (Leah's cousin)
Butch and Wanda (friends of Mary Anne)
Dan and Janice
Eric
Wyatt
Vy (Sheila's sister)
Rhett (Sam's great nephew)
Lou (Rick's mother)

Pray for our Healthcare Workers

Please pray for members of our congregation who work in health care settings:
Laura , Pam , Josh+, Don, Jody, Joey.



PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

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
Junior Warden – John
Treasurer – Ellen R.
Financial Secretary – Jean B.
Registrar – Valerie

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	2023
Laura	2023
Vacancy	2023
Scott	2023
Barbara	2023
Loretta	2023
Sam	2024
Tyler	2024
Vacancy	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 is generally staffed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

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:

The Rev. Ken Phelps, Rector
410-790-1631

If Ken is not available, call:

The Rev. Linda K. Boyd, Deacon
410-967-7404
OR
Christine, Sr. Warden
410-382-6928



REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Join us for socializing between or after services. Store-bought food and beverages are allowed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the wall in the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Rental

If you would like information about renting the Parish Hall for an event, please send an email to HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office 410-687-5531.



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 Barbara Benson in person or mail them to the church address listed on the form.

The 2023 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 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. Contact Anne.



Final Word from the Editor

Items for the May Newsletter are due by April 15. Please note that May will be our last newsletter until September.

APRIL 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

April 2, 2023, 8:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

**** 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!

April 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Nancy

April 6, 2023, 7:00 p.m. (Maundy Thursday)

Ushers: Gloria
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: N/A

April 7, 2023, 12:00 noon (Good Friday)

Ushers: Gloria
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: N/A

April 7, 2023, 7:00 p.m. (Good Friday)

Ushers: Sam
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: N/A

April 9, 2023, 8:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

April 23, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

April 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Ushers: Gloria and Sam
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Gladys

April 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Loretta
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

April 16, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

April 30, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

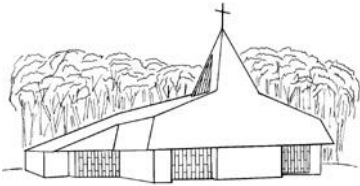
Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
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April 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Nancy

April 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys



April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	3	4 10am-12noon Office Staffed	5	6 Maundy Thursday 10am-12noon Office Staffed 11:00 am – Adult Formation/Bible Study 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	7 Good Friday 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	8 1:00 pm – Monthly Craft Group (bring a craft to work on)
9 Easter Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	10	11 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7pm-Vestry Meeting	12	13 10am-12noon Office Staffed 11:00 am – Adult Formation/Bible Study	14	15
16 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	17	18 10am-12noon Office Staffed	19	20 10am-12noon Office Staffed 11:00 am – Adult Formation/Bible Study	21	22 Earth Day
23/30 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	24	25 10am-12noon Office Staffed	26	27 10am-12noon Office Staffed 11:00 am – Adult Formation/Bible Study	28	29 12:00 noon – Monthly Fellowship Lunch (“brown bag”)