

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Lent - Easter - April - 2006

Greetings,

I was driving in the car today and was so pleased and thankful for the sunshine and the promise of spring. I think everybody gets a little more energy when it seems like that "promise" is just around the corner.

Personally, I am an individual who marvels in God in Nature. I cannot help but feel the abundance and the love and the sheer joy of the natural world God has given to us.

The seasons of the year are so reflective of the church year. We are looking forward to a renewal of life in nature and a renewal of life in Easter. Easter sets the experience of springtime next to the ancient stories of deliverance and the proclamation of the risen Christ.

This Lenten season we've been talking about the persons God meant us to be. We've talked about daily reflection and looking inside ourselves for our authentic, natural beauty that is a gift from God. We all have it and it's not at all difficult to find.

Our problem seems to be that we let too many other things get in our way. We find things to occupy us that do not reflect who we are or were meant to be.

Even the true talents that we have, we can often use them beyond their usefulness. That sounds strange but if we spend all our time doing the one thing WE love to do, what time do we have to do the things we were meant to do? Guess what? We can love those things as well.

Too often we become so scattered in our society today because we want to experience it all, we forget we need to help others experience as well.

I consider myself a very fortunate person for so many reasons. I'm thankful for so many experiences in my life. I find myself wondering what I can do to help others to have the same wonderful experiences.

It may be as simple as a person who can't go out on the porch and enjoy the beautiful sunshine needing some help making that happen. Or a child who has never seen a calf born or caught a lightning bug in a jar needing an adult to show them.

I wonder about the person of any age who has not experienced church. And I think about how truly fortunate I am in my experience of church. I have felt the presence of God in the little country and small town churches that I have attended.

I have seen and felt the love of God through the people who are present in Trinity.

In this season of reflection and renewal, I pray that I do not miss the opportunities that are presented to me to help others truly experience God.

I wonder, again, I wonder, how can we all make that a reality?

God's Peace,
Deacon Trula

A Soft Space for Children

We are planning to create a soft space in the back of the church for children. Welcoming all of God's children to worship includes finding ways to make them feel comfortable and secure.

Do you have ideas? Would you like to help? Talk to Deacon Trula.

We are also looking for a nursery attendant for the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings. If you know of a young person who has the hour free, please talk to Deacon Trula.

Spring Clean Up

The crocuses are already blooming in the memorial garden, the daffodils and tulips are coming up and there are still dead mums and peony branches from last fall.

As they say, many hands make light work. Can you help? Talk to Barbara.

Also, if you're making a recycling run some Saturday, the parish hall bin is overfull and there are many large cardboard boxes in the sacristy.

Celebrate Saints!

We'll be having some picnics this summer to celebrate Saints... as of press time, we're firm on celebrating **St. Laurence of Rome**, Deacon and Martyr, with a costume party and barbeque on Round Top on August 10. Legend has it that Laurence was martyred in Rome by being slowly burned (barbequed!). He had refused to hand over the treasure of the church, instead, he gathered up the poor and the sick and told the Roman Prefect that the people that the people were the church's treasure.

Next Fall, we'll celebrate **St. Francis** with a blessing of the animals on October 1.

Stay tuned, more saints to come!

News from Fr. Ned

With the support of his friends and family, Fr. Ned entered St. Joseph's hospital on March 24 to be treated for severe depression and alcohol abuse.

He announced this to the congregation on March 19 saying, "Most of you have no idea that I'm depressed; that is because the high point of my week is being here worshipping with you on Sundays."

He says he really likes the people there and the program and is doing quite well. He may or may not be home in time for Easter. He thanks you all for your loving support and prayers. Visitors are limited to family and clergy for a short time on Sundays. He cannot receive cards or letters, but your prayers are most welcome.

Building News

You'll notice a wooden prop holding up the sacristy porch roof. While it is not the most attractive of architectural pieces, it is necessary until a new roof can be built. There was no way to reanchor it to the brick. Work will be completed in late April.

In the meantime, the leak around the rectory chimney has been fixed and we are awaiting a second bid on replacing the furnace.

The final phase of the church restoration is weather dependent and will include grading the north side of the church for drainage. The contractor must also fix the broken driveway and reseed the lawn before final payment will be made.

We are awaiting another bid from an electrician for improving our outside lighting. Also, thanks to Mark Hollywood, we have pressure treated lumber to replace parts of the church sign in the garden. The original is plywood and it's held on through the winter... barely.



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Lent - Easter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity Prayer Cycle</i> 4/2 Fanna Proper; John and Carol Reed 4/9 Carla Ross, John Schoonover 4/16 Laura, T.J. and Tyler Smith 4/23 Roger and Mary Ann Smith; 4/30 John, Barbara and Shelley Strange</p>			<p>Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday Set your clock ahead one hour Saturday night.</p>			<p>1 Spring Forward!</p>
<p>2 Lent 5 9:00 Deacon's Mass I 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 7 Lenten Discussion Group, Parish Hall</p>	<p>6 11 Chrism Mass, Cathedral <i>Sarah Catlin Draper</i></p>	<p>7 <i>Jan Beck, Jr. Kelly Murray</i></p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 Palm Sunday 9:00 Deacon's Mass I 10:00 Coffee Hour 11:00 Lunch meeting for</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 <i>Rachel Cama-Lekx</i></p>	<p>12 7 Lenten Discussion Group, Parish Hall</p>	<p>13 Maundy Thursday 7 Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar <i>Dianne Catlin</i></p>	<p>14 Good Friday 7 Liturgy for Good Friday <i>John Gurney</i></p>	<p>15 Holy Saturday 7 The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter <i>David Bean</i></p>
<p>16 Easter Day 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>17 <i>Catherine Gurney Stanley</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 <i>Jim Patterson Stephen Paul</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 Easter 2 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour 10:30 Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>24 Registration Deadline for Safeguarding God's Children Training on 4/29</p>	<p>25 St. Mark</p>	<p>26 Yom HaSho'ah (Holocaust Remembrance Day) 7 Evangelism Meeting, Parish Hall</p>	<p>27 Diocesan Council Hearing on Safeguarding God's children policies, 7:30 to 9, St. Luke's Scranton</p>	<p>28 Christophany --- Through Sunday at Spruce Lake Retreat</p>	<p>29 Safeguarding God's Children, Redeemer, Sayre</p>
<p>30 Easter 3 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour <i>Mark Hollywood</i></p>	<p><i>Kajo Keji, 4/2 The Congregation at Mogiri; 4/9 The Congregation at Mondikolok; 4/16 The Kiri Archdeaconry and Adire; 4/23 The Congregation at Aire 4/30 The Congregation at Ajire</i></p>	<p><i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle 4/2 Grace, Allentown, Patrick Malloy; Grace, Honesdale, Susan Cembalisty; 4/9 St. Mark's/St. John's, Jim Thorpe, Joseph De Acetis; 4/16 St. John's, Hamlin, Edward Erb; 4/23 Grace, Kingston, Geoffrey Howson; 4/30 St. Peter's, Hazleton, and St. James, Drifton, Jeffrey Funk.</i></p>		<p><i>Anglicans Around the World 4/2 The Church of England, Rowan Martin, Archbishop of Canterbury; 4/9 Jerusalem and the Middle East; 4/16 The Church of Africa and the Diocese of Cape Town; 4/23 The Worldwide Anglican Communion; 4/30 Nippon Sei Ko Kai, the Anglican Communion in Japan</i></p>		

When you are ill

Please, please let someone from the church know. Call Trula or Barbara at the church office. We care about you and want to be there to help in any way that we can. With the new privacy laws it is difficult for us to find out on our own.

Church office is 570.888.5715
Trula's cell is 607.425.1039
Barbara's cell is 607.738.0183

Safeguarding God's Children

Child Abuse Prevention Training will be offered at the Church of the Redeemer on April 29. Registration deadline is April 24. All clergy, vestry, paid church personnel and volunteers who regularly work with or around children may need to take or update their training. \$15 if you pack your own lunch, \$20 if lunch is included.

The Evangelism committee meets once a month and is planning the events you'll read about in this paper and in the coming months. Picnics, saints' day celebrations and more are in the works. Join John Schoonover, Hermine Shapiro and Deacon Trula and help with the planning. They'll be pleased to see you.

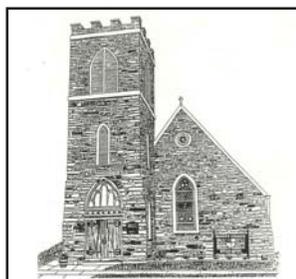
"Holy Week is a sacred opportunity for the church to devote its full attention to God's unfathomable love for the world. However, if we are not careful to step back from our temporal concerns in order to contemplate the great love of the Father demonstrated through Christ's death on the cross, this week may turn out to be a lost opportunity ... Holy Week is a wonderful time to begin drawing nearer to God"

[from "Slowing Down in Holy Week," editorial, The Living Church, 4/9/06]

April Highlights

Lenten Group meets April 5 and 12
Sunday of the Passion - Palm Sunday is April 9
Maundy Thursday is April 13
Good Friday is April 14
The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter is April 15
Easter Day is April 16
Vestry Meets April 23

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