

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Holy Week - Easter - April 2010

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Greetings,

Today, as I was working in the flower beds in the front yard, I was thinking about how fortunate I am to have a garden in which to dig. I love to work in the dirt. It gives me a sense of being in touch with something beyond myself. That sounds familiar.

Surely, there are others who would not get so excited about such a thing. I get excited about the dirt; others get excited about other things. What's important is that we recognize what it is that excites us. What brings us pleasure and connects us with something bigger than ourselves.

When I was first married, I wanted to "homestead". It was a bit of a surprise to those who knew me. I really couldn't pinpoint where I got the notion but it led me down a path of very interesting experiences. I read about livestock and gardening as much as I could. I talked to farmers and older folks who had the experience I needed to tap into. The first critter we got was a newborn Holstein calf, and then there were pigs, goats, and chickens, not to mention the 75' x 75' garden. Critters and gardens take a great amount of work but when one realizes that everything they put on the table was raised on that small piece of property, it is a very satisfying experience. It was the closest I was going to come to "homesteading". It gave me a feeling of being self sufficient as well as being able to share some of the abundant food with others. It also gave me the opportunity to watch the way God works as life grew from tiny seeds. Just as in the flower garden today, I felt connected to something bigger than myself.

We spend so much time these days in the "if only" stage. "If only" I had a bigger yard, a different house, a pool, (whatever), that we forget to take the time to appreciate what we have. We are in so many ways rich in the life we live. Where I find riches in my flower garden another might find in their kitchen preparing meals or in their living room reading the latest novel or a great classic.

Living in our culture of abundance and instant gratification, it's easy to take the everyday pleasures for

granted. I love the word *abundance*. Today, the word seems to take on a different sort of meaning. Unfortunately, when we think of abundance, the "if only" syndrome is brought forth in full force.

If we walk through any bookstore past the magazine racks, every single cover is trying to sell us something. A beautiful garden, a healthy, slimmer body, a youthful face, an organized home and, of course, we can't have *any* of these things without buying the magazine to view the treasure of information, secrets and products that lie inside.

I remind myself frequently to use the word abundance: abundance of sunshine, abundance of beauty in the world, abundance of goodness of people, and the abundance of the love of God. It's a BIG word. That's why I like it. It can describe everything. What do we have an abundance of; talent, money, love, kindness, space, food, books, time? What in life, (besides your Ipod), excites you? When we recognize those things that make us excited and realize every day we are surrounded with more than we can comprehend that brings joy and excitement, the reality of the abundance hits us right square in the face.

The "if only" becomes unimportant. For example, I often say, "if only I had a better singing voice". I stopped the "if only", paying more attention to those around me with the gift of bringing music to others. I will continue to strive to do better myself but also will always notice and acknowledge the abundance of wonderful music available to me through the talent of others.

Take time, as we approach this joyful Easter season, to acknowledge what gives you joy, the abundance of joy you feel and the abundance of gifts given by God to you and to others you meet. Share the joy and share your gifts with the people God places in your life.

The feeling of joy and abundance will actually grow each time you share. You will feel connected to something bigger than yourself! I guarantee it!

God's Peace, Mother Trula

### From History.com ... a note about Easter:

The exact origins of this religious feast day's name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term *hebdomada alba*, or white week, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as *esostarum* in Old High German, which eventually became Easter in English. In Spanish, Easter is known as *Pascua*; in French, *Paques*. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin *Pascha* or *Pasch*, for Passover. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection occurred after he went to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover (or *Pesach* in Hebrew), the Jewish festival commemorating the ancient Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. *Pascha* eventually came to mean Easter.

Easter is really an entire season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the

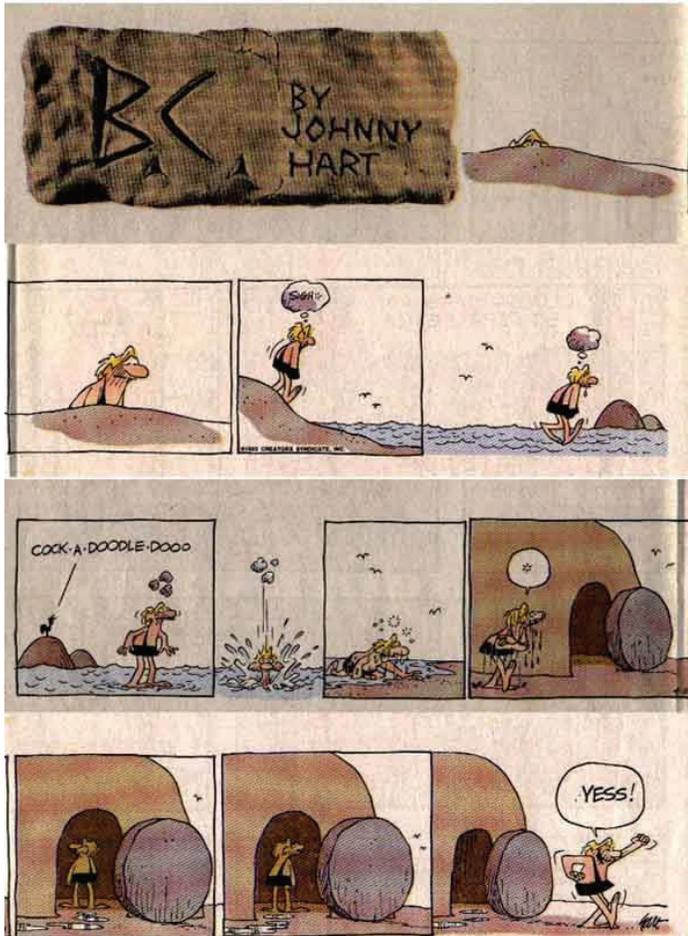
40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Christians believe he survived various temptations by the devil. The day before Lent, known as Fat Tuesday, is a last hurrah of food and fun before the fasting begins. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Maundy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The 50-day period following Easter Sunday is called Eastertide and includes a celebration of Jesus' ascension into heaven.

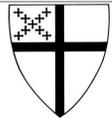
In addition to Easter's religious significance, it also has a commercial side, as evidenced by the mounds of jelly beans and marshmallow chicks that appear in stores each spring. As with Christmas, over the centuries various folk customs and pagan traditions, including Easter eggs, bunnies, baskets and candy, have become a standard part of this holy holiday.

### On Being An Episcopalian

*The following is an insight into why so many adults have chosen the Episcopal church. You may like to share these concepts with a friend who is searching for a spiritual home. (reprinted from St. Paul's Press)*

1. Worship that brings you into the action instead of leaving you on the sidelines.
2. A theology that demands using your intelligence rather than ignoring it.
3. A willingness not only to tolerate differences, but to celebrate them.
4. A heritage that takes the Bible seriously but is not bound by literalism.
5. A strong sense of community in which our consensus is in Christ, not to conformity of opinion.
6. A devotion to the Biblical Sacraments instituted by Jesus which evoke awe and mystery instead of factual explanation.
7. An understanding that ministry is rightfully the obligation and privilege of every baptized person.
8. An insistence upon morality (what is good and loving) and an avoidance of moralism (salvation by code and not by Christ).
9. The heritage of Apostolic faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in the Apostolic order given the Church by Him.





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Holy Week  
Easter

**Trinity 4/4** Hanako Henty, Shirley Huminik.  
**4/11** Keith Hollywood, Karen Nichols, Trula Hollywood. **4/18** Matt Hollywood, Jerilyn Park, Gage Streeter, Caden and Libby Hollywood.  
**4/25** Chris, Heather, Adam, Brandon & Caleb Hunsinger

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 4/4:** Trinity, Carbondale and Christ Church, Forest City, The Rev. Donald Schaible, Rector. 4/11: Church of the Epiphany, Clarks Summit. The Rev. Craig Sweeney, Rector; St. Stephen's, Whitehall, The Rev. Frank St. Amour, Rector. 4/18: Prince of Peace, Dallas; Trinity, West Pittston, The Rev. John Major, Rector. 4/25: St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, The Rev. Canon Calvin C. Adams, Rector; The Rev. Donna Jean Kiessling, Associate Priest; The Rev. Sally Bosler, Deacon.

**Anglicans Around the World 4/4:** For Christians everywhere. **4/11:** Church of Ireland, The Most Rev. Alan Edwin Thomas Harper. **4/18:** The Nippon Sei Kai (the Anglican Communion in Japan) The Most Rev. d Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu. 4/25: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East, The Most Rev. Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis.

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |   |
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| <p><b>Kajo Keji 4/4:</b> Leikor Archdeaconry and Parish, The Ven. Elia Busi, The Rev. Enoke Pitia. Tipere Parish; The Rev. Charles Tomor, The Rev. Jale Edward. 4/11: Liwolo Archdeaconry, The Ven. Abudengo Duku. Walilo Parish, The Rev. Juru Grace. 4/18: Logu Archdeaconry and Parish, The Ven. James Dima, The Rev. Ajustino Lubanga. Wojira Parish. 4/1 25: Romogi Archdeaconry and Parish, The Ven. Kenyi Emmanuel, The Rev. Anna Poni, Deacon Peter Wani. Wudu Parish &amp; Kangapo Prisons, The Rev. Rupasi Sombe.</p> |  |  |  |  | <p><b>1 Maundy Thursday</b><br/>7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar</p> | <p><b>2 Good Friday</b><br/>7:00 p.m. Liturgy For Good Friday</p>  | <p><b>3 Holy Saturday</b><br/>7:00 p.m. The Great-Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter</p> |
| <p><b>4 Easter Day</b><br/>9:00 Holy Eucharist II<br/>10:00 Coffee Hour</p>   | <p><b>5 AA 8:00 pm</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/><br/><i>Sarah Draper</i></p>         | <p><b>7 AA 7:30 pm</b><br/>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm<br/><br/><i>Kelly Murray</i><br/><i>Jan Beck, Jr.</i></p> | <p><b>8</b><br/><br/><i>Chela Bubniak</i></p>                                       | <p><b>9</b></p>   | <p><b>10 Easter 2</b><br/><b>5:00 Holy Eucharist</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>11 Easter 2</b><br/>9:00 Holy Eucharist II<br/>10:00 Coffee Hour<br/><br/><i>Rachel Cama-Lekx</i></p>   | <p><b>12 AA 8:00 pm</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b></p>                                     | <p><b>14 AA 7:30 pm</b><br/>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm<br/><br/><i>John Gurney</i></p>                          | <p><b>15</b><br/><br/><i>David Bean</i></p>   | <p><b>16</b><br/>Christophany, through Sunday</p>   | <p><b>17 Easter 3</b><br/><b>5:00 Holy Eucharist</b><br/><br/><i>Catherine Gurney</i><br/><i>Stanley</i></p>  |   |
| <p><b>18 Easter 3</b><br/>9:00 Holy Eucharist II<br/>10:00 Coffee Hour<br/><br/><b>Vestry Meets</b></p>   | <p><b>19 AA 8:00 pm</b><br/><br/><i>Jim Patterson</i></p>  | <p><b>20</b><br/>Clergy Bible Study 8<br/>4 p.m.</p> | <p><b>21 AA 7:30 pm</b><br/>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>  | <p><b>22</b></p>  | <p><b>23</b></p>  | <p><b>24 Easter 4</b><br/><b>5:00 Holy Eucharist</b><br/>9 am: <b>Children's Clothing Giveaway</b><br/>Parish Hall</p>                                |   |
| <p><b>25 Easter 4</b><br/>9:00 Holy Eucharist II<br/>10:00 Coffee Hour</p>  | <p><b>26 St. Mark the Evangelist</b><br/>AA 8:00 pm</p>  | <p><b>27</b></p>                                     | <p><b>28 AA 7:30 pm</b><br/>AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/><br/><i>Liberty Hollywood</i></p>                                  | <p><b>30</b><br/><br/><i>Mark Hollywood</i></p>   | <p><b>Coming Attractions:</b><br/><b>May 8th: Spaghetti Fellowship meal</b><br/><b>May 23rd: Pentecost</b><br/><b>May 30th: Trinity Sunday</b></p>    |   |

**April Highlights**

**Journey through Holy Week**

**Thursday, April 1: Maundy Thursday.** Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar, 7 p.m.

**Friday, April 2: Liturgy for Good Friday, 7 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 3: Holy Saturday.** Brass Polishing and decorating the church for Easter, 1 p.m. Everyone welcome!



**The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter, 7 p.m. , The Rev. Mary Kisner, guest preacher.** (please note that there is no 5:00 service on this Saturday)

**Sunday, April 4: The Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day.** Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.

**Saturday, April 24: Children's Clothing Giveaway, Parish Hall. Diocesan Training Day: St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre, 9 to 3**

**Plan Ahead: Spaghetti Dinner**



**Fellowship meal ... May 8** Mark your calendar now and plan on bringing along your family and friends.

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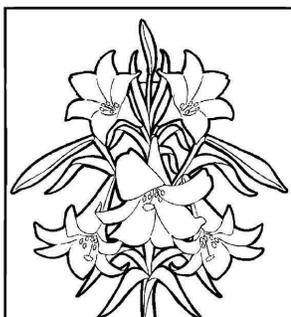
*Active Parenting*

Parenting is a rewarding but challenging job! Would you like to help Parents be successful? We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in teaching a program called *Active Parenting*. The Active Parenting program provides 12 parenting classes to help parents learn how to understand and redirect misbehavior, how to build courage, character and self-esteem in your child and effective communication skills for

children of all ages. Active Parenting is nationally accredited research-based parenting education and divorce and abuse prevention program that empowers and strengthens families. If you are interested and would like to be trained please call us at 265-6246 to reserve your spot. Active Parenting Training will be held Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (lunch provided) at the Children's House, Hospital Drive in Towanda.

The twelve classes can last anywhere from 2-12 weeks, depending on the instructor. Communities That Care has focused on faith based communities to administer the program and will fund the cost of the materials needed for the classes. It is hoped that the program will continue into the future. Please let Mother Trula know if you are interested in this program. It's a great way to reach out and help those parents in our community who are looking for guidance.

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