

Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
105 BRIDGE STREET * ELKTON, MARYLAND 21921
The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi

*May
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“I Can do all things through him who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

It was through Him giving strength to my mother who transmitted it to me, that I began my first journey away from our cottage to the great wide world of school. That day I was excited and scared at the same time, but her reassuring smile let me know that her love and God’s would protect me.

Recently I set forth on a less momentous journey on “Chicago”, my bicycle which had been given to me by my parishioner. My goal was to bike forty miles, but after only three miles, pow ! My front tire blew out, so I turned around discouraged and headed back. About halfway I encountered another adventurer who was pulling a cart loaded down with scrap metal. We encouraged each other as I sought the safety of home and he the scrap metal dealer.

We faced many journeys, both big and small and it was by faith that we struggle onward. We depend on His sustenance, not our own strength. In recent gospel readings according to John, Jesus referred to himself as the “ true” shepherd, and the “true” vine. When we commit ourselves to our true shepherd He is able to give us the strength to live one day at a time. A true shepherd provides guidance to his flock.

We have all seen the mother in Baltimore providing guidance to her son, when she discovered him among those who were looting and burning. We can only imagine what happened when she got him home.

Our mothers are the hands and hearts of Christ. It is not by their strength, but it is the power that He has given them that enables them to do the mighty things they do.

God has given my mother a long life. She is 95, and each day I thank God for blessing me with her. Whether your mother is far away, as is mine, or nearby, or in heaven with God, or nearby, let us celebrate her on May tenth and every other day as well.

In honor to our mothers, The Brotherhood of St. Andrews of Trinity will prepare breakfast for everyone at 8:45 am.

Peace and Grace

Nicholas

Your Prayers are asked for

<p><i>Randy</i> <i>Jacob Asroff</i> <i>Mary Helen Atwood</i> <i>Hamid Basil</i> <i>Jim Bauman</i> <i>Dustin Bartow</i> <i>Adele Bass</i> <i>Robert Burchett</i> <i>Goldie Cook</i> <i>Tim Coudon</i></p>	<p><i>Jesse Cugini</i> <i>Joe Heimberger</i> <i>Peggy Jordon</i> <i>Libby Keefer</i> <i>Kathy Koslak</i> <i>Victoria Marsh</i> <i>Rosemarie Scott Murphy</i> <i>Richard Palmer</i> <i>Justin Pearce</i> <i>Rose Perrone</i></p>	<p><i>Christopher Porteus</i> <i>Vaughn Potts</i> <i>Vaughn Potts Jr.</i> <i>Linda Rawlings</i> <i>Brooke Rollins</i> <i>Jane Sichangi</i> <i>Carroll Smith</i> <i>Betsy Spina</i> <i>Ron Thompson</i> <i>Lisa Wiegand</i> <i>Susan Tull Wilson</i></p>
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8:00 a.m. service

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
5/10	Victoria Koslak	Mitzie Snyder	Mary Helen Atwood, Gayle Mayo
5/17	Gordon Tozer	Mary Helen Atwood	Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
5/24	Mary Helen Atwood	Tricia Smith	Gayle Mayo, Susan Weed
5/31	Gordon Tozer	Mary Helen Atwood	Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith

10:00 a.m. service

Date	Acolytes	Lector	CBR	Ushers	P of P	Greeter
5/10	Carri Birdsall Jack Fossler	Bill Gorak	Debbie McKeown	Rick & Susan Burkholder	Janice Potts	Libby Keefer
5/17	Marina White Aaron Derby	Ross Lee	Orville Potts	Diane & Dwight Hair	Debbie McKeown	Kathy Davidson
5/24	Jack Fossler Marina White	Marina White	Kathy Davidson	Charlie Davidson Ross Lee	Mary Katharine Hitchcock	Jane Ayers
5/31	Carri Birdsall Marina White	Mary Morrison	Heidi White	Rick & Susan Burkholder	Orville Potts	Libby Keefer

TRINITY GARDENERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 If you enjoy gardening and could spare a few hours each month to assist to maintain the Trinity Church landscape or take on a special gardening project using indoor or outdoor plants then please contact Libby Keefer or Bill Smith at smithwf43@hotmail.com



BIBLE Study Our last Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, June 3. We will resume on Wednesday, September 16.





National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7

The mission of National Day of Prayer Task Force is to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture.

Noon to 1:00 pm at Circuit Court Courtyard, Main Street, Elkton.

Come and pray for our country and community.

Mother's Day

Breakfast

Sunday, May 10

Parish House at 8:45 AM

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will honor the Women of Trinity Parish by providing breakfast between the services (and by doing the dishes)

Please plan to attend in celebration of our moms!

HONOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL

Saturday, May 16 at 7:00 pm.

There will be a service to honor law enforcement personnel, sponsored by GEMA at Elkton High School. All are invited.



SUMMER SERVICE CHANGE Beginning Sunday, June 7

we will switch to one service on Sunday, at 9:00 A.M. The service will have 2 lessons and a psalm, opening and closing hymns, and music at the offertory. This service will be an opportunity for the 8:00 and 10:00 o'clockers to mingle, and for our worship ministries to have a gentler schedule.

We'll resume our regular schedule on September 13.



United Thank Offering – Spring Ingathering will take place on **Sunday, May 17** at both services.

Please make checks payable to United Thank Offering. Please name your blessings every day and recognize

them by dropping a coin in your blue box or envelope. Or, name your blessings by writing them down on a piece of paper and dropping it in the blue box. Then, when you're ready to deliver all your blessings to Trinity on May 17, write one check for all the blessings you've named and submit it in your envelope. UTO envelopes will be placed in the pews at both services on **Sunday, May 17**.

Envelopes and "blue boxes" will be available in advance in the back of the church.

We will Welcome

The Rt. Rev'd Henry Nutt Parsley as preacher and celebrant on

Sunday, June 21 at the 9:00 am service.

Please join us after for a reception to welcome him.

Trinity Teens

Thanks to all the parishioners and friends that helped in donating toiletries and other items.

With your support, we were able to collect a truck full. Also collected was \$120.00 that was donated to the Mary Randall Center.



COWTOWN RODEO

Trinity Fellowship is planning a trip to Cowtown Rodeo
Parishioners, Friends, & Family are invited to go on
Saturday, May 23 at 7:15 pm.

Cowtown Rodeo, 780 Harding Highway, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098.

For more information about the show, go to

<http://www.cowtownrodeo.com/>

Group Rate for 20 or More: \$12.50 age 13+, \$7.50 under age 12

Regular Admission for age 13 + \$20, under age 12 \$10

carpools can be arranged.

RSVP by May 16, Heidi - bsopres@aol.com or

(302) 836-5784 (Rain date: June 13)

Donation for Pentecost Flowers

A Celebration of the Holy Spirit

If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Day of Pentecost Sunday services, please complete this form and return it to the church office by May 17. Thank you!

Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of
\$ _____ for Pentecost flowers.

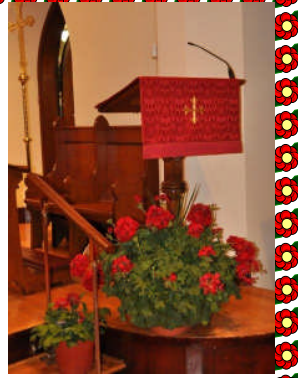
My donation is: (as it is to appear in the bulletin)

in memory of _____

a thank offering _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____



What e'er Thy Will

What e'er Thy will, Lord, keep me still.

Thy way is best; So let me rest.

Let come what may, To me today,

Sunshine or rain, Pleasure or pain,

Gladness or grief, Distress; relief.

May I believe, All I receive

Is sent in love, Down from above.

So let me rest; Thou knowest best.

Whate'er Thy will, Lord, keep me still.