



Tidings

MARCH 2018

We are now halfway through our Lent season. The purpose of this season is to set aside time for reflection on Christ's suffering, his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection. For this season to keep the Christ event happening we need to continue to pay attention to the presences of God in our lives. This outward practice should be a mirror of our consciousness. This practice which is full of actions should unlock our deeper understanding of God's grace. As it is for our Parish, God will strengthen us, transform, nurture and sustain our life in faith.

Soren Kierkegaard spoke of our need to suffer in order that we might know the meaning of the good news of Jesus Christ. We do this in-order that we become Christ's hands and feet in proclaiming the Good news. We become God's presence in the world. By keeping the observance of this season each year, we are not just conforming to our liturgical season, but we are keeping the presence of the Holy God alive and present in our lives. As Jay Rochelle puts it, "Christ's presence becomes real in the liturgical times and seasons..."

If Christ is the sacrament of God's presence in the world, then all of the life may become sacramental". So, we carry the Christ among us when we truly observe our Lenten practices and, in doing so, God meets us.

Paul reminds us we are vessels that carry the presence of God. *"Do you know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies"* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

Grace and peace.

Nicholas

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25

8:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Liturgy of the Palms.

Maunder Thursday, March 29

7:00 pm - Special Liturgy & Eucharist with organ & choir.

Good Friday, March 30

12:00 noon - Ecumenical "Seven Last Words"

United Methodist Church, Main St. Elkton

7:00 pm- Liturgy for Good Friday, Trinity Church

Easter Sunday, April 1

8:00 am - Morning Prayer

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist with choir

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Senior Warden's Message

Like you, I was greatly disturbed by the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14. As someone living in the USA, and not some war-ravaged zone elsewhere in the world, I do not expect to have to live in fear of leaving my home and getting shot. The parents of the students and the families of the school staff did not expect that their loved ones who left home that morning were headed into a war-zone. I do not believe that these events should be trivialized as political issues because at the heart of the matter are moral issues, but in the USA it's at the political level where we can effect change. We should not just hope this will work itself out. Take action – educate yourself as to the laws, contact your representative in Congress, write to your local paper, sign a petition, check out <http://30guncontrolactionsyoucantakenow.com>, participate in the "March For Our Lives" in Washington DC. If the students of Parkland can take a stand, each of us can, too.

The fact that this took place on St. Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday is disturbing to me, too. Not that any day would be appropriate for a massacre, but a day that celebrates love and a day in which we are reminded of our mortality and begin the holy season of penitence, prayer, and self-sacrifice...?! How could God let this happen? It is a strong reminder that there is evil in the world and humans have been given the freedom of choice. We must be vigilant. As Fr. Nicholas often reminds us, God is there for those who call on Him. So, of course, we must pray.

Trinity Updates

Thank you for your pledges to the Capital Campaign. You continue to make Trinity Magic. The Vestry will meet this month and we will discuss the capital projects and prioritize them.

The Food Pantry continues to serve the community every Tuesday and is seeking additional volunteers.

The Women of Trinity have been busy and have several things planned, including the Yard Sale on June 23. One project they recently tackled was ridding the kitchen of rodent droppings. Thank you!

Ross and Heidi, along with Eric Broussard from St. Stephen's, met with St. Augustine's Vestry and they are interested in joining with us for mission/outreach opportunities such as Christmas in April and Safeguarding God's Children training. The more, the merrier and what a wonderful opportunity to further our community outreach!

Thank you to the Brotherhood for their donation of a snow-blower. This will enable us to keep our campus safe for our Trinity family and community members who wander our property.

In response to several members who are saddened by the discontinuation of the weekly Saturday service, we hope to have a monthly 5:00 pm Evening Prayer service on the 4th Saturday beginning March 24.

Also, we hope to offer opportunities for fellowship along with it.

As always, your input is welcome! Thank you for all you do to keep Trinity vibrant!

Blessed Lent,

~Heidi



Lenten Lunch & Program
Tuesday, March 20

Noon - 2 :00 pm, Parish House

A vegetarian soup, bread, and beverage will be offered. All participants are requested to bring a can of vegetarian soup that will be placed in a large pot, heated, and served for the group meal. Bread and beverage will be provided. The program will feature selected readings from Kathrin Burlerson's recent book on 'Stations of the Cross' will be read as well as commentary and prayers from selected members of the Christian faith.

Women of Trinity Fun Day Social
Thursday, March 15, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm

Soup, Sweets & Drinks only \$5.00

Join us for lunch, or stay for a fun day of cards, games and fellowship!



Happy Birthday March

- 3 Hans Nafzinger
- 7 Judy Caffey
- 9 Aaron Derby
- 16 Andy Lee
- 25 Louise McLean
- 27 Vickie Koslak
- 29 Rodney Long



Donation for Easter Flowers

If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Easter Sunday service, please complete this form and return it to the church office by March 26. Thank you!

Enclose is a check/cash in the amount of \$_____for flowers.

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

in memory of

a thank offering for

Name_____

Phone_____

Sunday, March 11- Morning Prayer 8:00 am C & C 9:15– 10:15 am

Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, March 12 -Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 13 - Food Pantry 10:00 am– 11:30 am

NA Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 14-AA Meeting 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 15- Women of Trinity Fun Day 11:30 to 2:30 pm

Sunday, March 18- Morning Prayer 8:00 am C & C 9:15– 10:15 am

Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Worship Service

Tuesday, March 20-Lenten Lunch & Program Noon—2:00 pm, Parish House

NA Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 21- AA Meeting 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 24 - Evening Prayer 5:00 pm

Palm Sunday, March 25-Morning Prayer 8:00 am C & C 9:15– 10:15 am

Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Liturgy of Palms

Monday, March 26-Women of Trinity meeting, 11:30 am

Tuesday, March 27-NA Meeting 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 28-AA Meeting 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday, March 29- Special Liturgy & Eucharist, 7:00 pm

Good Friday, March 30- 12:00 noon – Ecumenical “Seven Last Words” at United Methodist Church

7:00 pm Liturgy for Good Friday, Trinity Church

Easter Sunday, April 1– Morning Prayer 8:00 am

Holy Eucharist with choir, 10:30 am

Upcoming Events

TBD – Celebration of Shared Ministry with St. Stephen’s

Mar. 15-17 – Evangelism Matters Conference in Cleveland Heights, OH <http://www.evangelismmatters.org/>

Spring TBD – Trip to “Jesus” at the Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA

May 5 – 150th Diocesan Anniversary Event at the Harriet Tubman Museum

June 23– Annual Trinity Yard Sale 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

July 5-13 – 79th General Convention in Austin, TX

CAMP WRIGHT

Registration for Summer 2018

Check out

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

ORDINATION PROCESS OPENED

If you have been feeling a sense of call, the Commission on Ministry encourages you to have a conversation with the priest serving your Church. The Commission on Ministry looks forward to seeing who the Lord has called to serve this part of the Kingdom.

Prayers are asked for

Barbara

Mary Helen Atwood

Jacob Asroff

Dustin Bartow

Hamid Basil

Bob Boulden

Pam Boulden

Robert Burchett

Marion Conner

Goldie Cook

Tim Coudon

Jesse Cugini

Donna H. Dellinger

Deborah Edwards

Alan Fenson

Shawnda Fenson

Judy Fisher

Mike Fossler

George Gibson

Ruth Gilbert

William Gilbert

Eve Glantz

Dan Graham

Margaret Graham

Eric Hearn

Joe Heimberger

Mary Katharine Hitchcock

Bill Jackson

Robert Kane

Art Kendall

Kathy Koslak

Elizabeth Lane

Margaret Long

Victoria Marsh

John McLean

George Miller

Mary Morrison

Susan Orr

Richard Palmer

Lawrence Parker

Rose Perrone

Beverly Porteus

Christopher Porteus

Janice Potts

Linda Rawlings

Jane Sichangi

Carroll Smith

Betsy Spina

Marlene Thompson

Robert Wallace

Rose Wallace



Vigil Candle Sponsorship

You can sponsor the Vigil candle for a week for a donation of \$10.00.

This sponsorship is to the Glory of God, and can be in memory of, or in thanksgiving for people or events in your life. Simply fill out this form and drop it off or mail it to the church office, along with your donation of \$10.00."

Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to sponsor the Vigil Candle for the week of _____

to the Glory of God, and in memory of _____

or in thanksgiving for _____

BACK IN THE DAY



Hi!

I am cleaning out old picture files and ran across the attached from the 1950's?

I was on the vestry at the time they awarded the contract for the rectory. Two bids - Henry Shank & Bill Scott. Scott's bid was \$1,000 less than the other one so we had to call for an explanation. Scott said he just gave Trinity a break. \$1,000 in those days is like 40/50,000 today. If I remember right the totals were 15,000 + 16,000. Lew's Collins, Jr



Father Leswing was Rector from 1949 to 1959. The vestry rented a house on Appleton road for the Leswings while Trinity House was being built. Thanks to Lew Collins for the great pictures.

Lunch
will
be
sold!

Church YARD SALE

105 N. Bridge Street, Elkton

Saturday, June 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Event will take place Rain or Shine!

Yard Sale Reservation Form:

(You must provide your own tables)

Outside space \$10.00

Indoor space \$15.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to -Women of Trinity
mail form with payment to

Trinity Episcopal Church, 105 N Bridge Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Return your form early so you can reserve your space.

This is the only yard sale we will have this year!!

Please return to the church office by June 2