

# Tidings

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## March 2017

### Lent

It is already one week into the Lenten season, but the words I uttered on Ash Wednesday still resonate in my soul as I journey through in this Holy period. “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” BCP 265. These words are always a reminder to us, who we are, who God is, and what God has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Lent to me is a lifetime of reflection and meditation. Lent provides us with the opportunity to enter in the presence of the Holy one through prayer and fasting. Lent is a response to God’s love. In Margie Ross’ book, “*The Fire Of Your Life*,” she says is “rightly understood by prayer and meditation. We strive to experience the presence of God, or heartfulness, as we open up of our hearts to the full light of God, by being aware of Him at every moment and in our deepest being.”

As the children of the light, Lent helps us to keep our spiritual life healthy, we are called to trust in God’s mercy by which we have life. We are also reminded to live lives of prayer and amercing ourselves into the Spirit of the one who gives us strength and understanding. In doing, so we will be seeking to be more like Christ, displaying kindness, compassion and forgiveness to one another. Professor Ronald Allen once said, “The spirit filled life of Jesus is “The pattern for the spirit filled life of the church.” Just as the Holy Spirit led Jesus to be tempted by the devil, so the church can expect to be led to places of temptation and struggle... but “ The Holy Spirit sustains the community in the face of such painful struggle.”

In our recent convention, the Bishop encouraged all parishes to devote some time in studying the Book of Acts. As a parish we will have our Bible study discussions on Wednesdays and on Sundays between services. The details of these forums and materials will be posted in our Sunday’s bulletin inserts when all arrangements are finalized.

Let us open our hearts to the Spirit of God and let us be attentive to the presence of the Holy in our lives.

Blessed Holy Lent.

Fr. Nicholas.

***How is the food pantry doing?***

15 families served in the food pantry in February, over 40 individual members.

2/7 2  
 2/14 6 24 people  
 2/21 3 7 people  
 2/28 4 13 people

~Ross Lee

**TRINITY GARDENERS  
 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



to put their talents to use to spruce up and transform the grounds of Trinity Church into a pleasant and well maintained landscape throughout the coming months of spring, summer, and fall. Volunteers for this activity are being asked to contact Bill Smith, [smithwf43@hotmail.com](mailto:smithwf43@hotmail.com) for additional details and to discuss specific projects they might want to address.

***Your Prayers are asked for***

Michael	Margaret Long
Randy	Victoria Marsh
Jacob Asroff	Kate Miles
Dustin Bartow	George Miller
Hamid Basil	Jean Mulford
Bob Boulden	Susan Orr
Pam Boulden	Richard Palmer
Robert Burchett	Lawrence Parker
Goldie Cook	Rose Perrone
Jesse Cugini	Christopher Porteus
Donna H. Dellinger	Janice Potts
Deborah Edwards	Charlotte Moore
Shawnda Fenson	Linda Rawlings
Alan Fenson	Zach Richardson
Judy Fisher	Antonette Rosato
Eve Glantz	Tom Schick
Eric Hearn	Jane Sichangi
Joe Heimberger	Geri Simons
Bill Jackson	Carroll Smith
Libby Keefer	Betsy Spina
Kathy Koslak	Marlene Thompson
Elizabeth Lane	

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR TRINITY SOCIAL**

this Wednesday, March 15, from 11:00 to 2:00 pm in the Parish House. We will have games to play, or you can bring your own, and bring a friend. Bring a lunch and \$5.00 for our outreach programs. We will have drinks and desserts! Perhaps you have a hobby you could share, a story you can tell, an art piece to color, we are open to suggestions. Please help us make this a community fun and gathering time!

It will be held the third Wednesday of every month.  
 March 15, April 19, May 17 & June 21.

***Coffee & Conversation  
 in the Parish House***

Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 am

3/12 Special Program - Pilgrimage – Iona,  
 3/19 - coffee & conversation  
 3/26 - Special Program - Pilgrimage—  
 Way of St. James  
 All are welcome!

***SUNDAYS 10:30 AM***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>CBR</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>P oP</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
3/12	Marina White	Ross Lee	Mary Helen Atwood	Susan and Rick Burkholder	Mary K. Hitchcock	Jane Ayers
3/19	Joan-Marie Parker	Marina White	Debbie McKeown	Eugene Caffey Ross Lee	Judy Caffey	Libby Keefer
3/26	Marina White	Bill Gorak	Ross Lee	Mary H. Atwood Gayle Mayo	Debbie McKeown	Jane Ayers

# March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 PM AA Meeting	2	3	4 Holy Eucharist Service 5:00 PM Pizza @ Seasons
5 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM C & C 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	6	7 Food Pantry 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM 7:30 PM NA Meeting	8 6:30 PM AA Meeting	9	10	11 Holy Eucharist Service 5:00 PM Pizza @ Seasons
12 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM C & C 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	13 Vestry Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Food Pantry 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM 7:30 PM NA Meeting	15 6:30 PM AA Meeting	16	17	18 Holy Eucharist Service 5:00 PM Pizza @ Seasons
19 Morning Prayer 8:00 AM C & C 9:15 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM	20	21 Food Pantry 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM 7:30 PM NA Meeting	22 6:30 PM AA Meeting	23	24	25 Holy Eucharist Service 5:00 PM Pizza @ Seasons
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# 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 April 3.

Thank you!

Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
for Easter flowers.

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

in memory of

\_\_\_\_\_

a thank offering for

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## LET US KNOW YOUR BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY

Our new Sunshine Committee Team at Trinity Church would like to acknowledge everyone's birthday and wedding anniversary.

Please give us your name and the month and day of these special occasions and drop it in the offering plate, call the office or send us an email.

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*ORGANIST'S SHOWCASE II*

*Hosted by*

*Trinity Episcopal Church*

*Sunday, MAY 21, 2017*

*3:00 pm*

*All are welcome.*

*The Artists*

*Troy Lawson, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel*

*Rodney Long, Trinity Church*

*Brent Pertusio, Emmanuel Church*

*Robert S. Wallace, St. Mary's Church*

*There will be a free will offering,  
a reception following the program*

***Holy Week Services***

***Palm Sunday, April 9***

*8:00 am Morning Prayer*

*10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms.*

***Maundy Thursday, April 13***

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

***Good Friday, April 14***

*Noon-Community Crosswalk*

*7:00 pm- Liturgy for Good Friday*

***Saturday, April 15***

*5:00 pm Holy Eucharist with hymns*

***Easter Sunday, April 16***

*8:00 am – Morning Prayer*

*10:30 am – Holy Eucharist with choir & bell choir*