

March Tidings



Each year, the season of Lent invites us to pause and reflect on our relationship with God. It's a time to take small steps each day, aligning ourselves with God's dreams for our lives. By immersing ourselves in scripture, we equip ourselves to navigate the challenges of our faith journey, using His word as a compass when we face critical moments along the way.

As we journey into the unknown mysteries of God, we are called to be faithful and obedient to the life of faith He is leading us into, both as individuals and as a family of Trinity. While we may have a clear vision and mission for our ministry here at Trinity, we do not possess perfect clarity about the small steps we must take to get there. Each year brings new challenges that will require fresh approaches, but the mission of God remains constant and unchanging.

To offer a brief glimpse into the history of Trinity, the idea of starting a church in Elkton began in 1785, initiated by a group of influential men from the town. At the time, the nearest church, North Elk "house of worship," was about six miles away, and during the winter months, it was nearly impossible for people to make the journey due to poor road conditions. At that meeting, 200 pounds were raised to support the cause. However, the idea initially struggled to gain traction due to the financial challenges of the community and the lack of widespread interest in the church.

In 1832, the church was formally established, and the first vestry was created a year later. On April 8, 1833, the vestry elected its first priest, Rev. Henry Reese Lewes. Just three months after his appointment, the parish faced a financial crisis. To address the issue, the vestry decided to allocate all income from pew rents to support the rector.

After nine years of faithful ministry, the vestry decided to join St. Mary Anne's in North East to share the services of Rev. Robert Lloyd Goldsborough. Over the course of 193 years, circumstances have shifted, and the church has taken many small steps, leading us to where we are today, sharing mutual ministry with St. Stephen's in Earleville.

Trinity has experienced both high and low moments in its ministry. There have been times when the church was closed, facing its lowest point. Yet, at its highest, it has hosted diocesan conventions. As the 28th rector of this parish, I highlight this history not to suggest that we have perfect clarity about where we'll be tomorrow or a year from now, but to emphasize that if we remain rooted in God's mission and fueled by the knowledge of Scripture, we can trust that we will continue to be a vibrant church, bearing witness to God's love on the corner of Main Street.

I will end with one of my favorite quotes from Martin Luther King Jr., who said, "Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase." This has been the journey of Trinity, and it will continue as we walk forward in faith, step by step.

Shalom,
Father Nicholas

Acts of Kindness, Thoughts for Lent

As we enter Lent in 2025 it's appropriate to once again think of Acts of Kindness and set goals each day to do at least one each day during Lent. They can be as small as smiling to a stranger as you pass them, or paying someone a compliment. Many of you may not have known that February 17th was designated as "National Random Acts of Kindness Day". Just capturing a few that took place in Philadelphia from Fox 29, B101 and other news stations included:

- Passing out Good Day hats.
- Paying for a food order for the person behind them in line for a restaurant drive thru.
- Shoveling snow for a stranger.
- Bringing a valentine card and gifts to the homeless.

In our own Parish, some that took place recently included:

- Giving a \$20. bill each month to a gas station and food shop for anyone unable to pay their bill.
- Helping those in need from sickness or loss of a loved one.
- Being kind and courteous to other drivers.
- Helping with house maintenance for a sister living alone.
- Shoveling the snow for an older parent.
- The beautiful Acts of Kindness Mary Katharine led in our amazing Christmas gifts to our adopted family in need.

So, let's think kindness throughout Lent, and add our acts of kindness in words and deeds each day, and in doing so we will be letting others find God through us!!

Have a blessed Lent!!

Ross Lee

Happenings at our church

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Pastries by Penny is holding a Tea on Saturday, May 10th at 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, \$30 per person. If you are interested, please contact Mary Katharine 443-350-2439.

Proceeds benefit Trinity's Outreach fund.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY 3 Hans Nafzinger, 7 Judy Caffey, 16 Andy Lee, 25 Louise McLean, 29 Rodney Long

In our Community

MARY RANDALL CENTER provides day services along with breakfast for families experiencing homelessness. Clients can shower, have access to personal hygiene items, laundry room, mailing address, clothing and the food pantry. During March, in memory of Gayle Mayo, I am asking for donations of the following items as our 1st Outreach program of the year. Gayle served as the Administrator of this organization for many years. Please donate Shampoo, Body Wash, Bars of Soap, Cereal, Pop tarts, Granola Bars, and Oatmeal. If you are able to assist with this ministry project, feel free to bring in your goodies or donate money to the cause and Mary Katharine will do the shopping. As always, thank you for your consideration, participation, and support.

Prayer List

“Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you now and always.

Mary Helen Atwood, Tim Bennett, Cori Campbell, Susie Campbell, Betsy Clark, Lorris Clay, Marc DiLonardo, Alan Fenson, Shawnda Fenson, Diane Hair, Dwight Hair, Tom Hitchcock, Brian Hubis, Jenn, Libby Keefer, Dorothy Kirk, Carol Lee, Louise McLean, Pat McQuaide, Emma Melvin, Larry Parker, Susan Parlier, Robert Powell, Welenia Powell, Liz Rossi Prak, Hunter Smith, Tom Stansfield and Kyle Watson.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10:30 AM

Celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem with the waving of palm branches and shouts of Hosanna!

Maundy Thursday, April 17th at 7:00 PM

Final night Jesus had with his disciples before his crucifixion.

Good Friday Community Service at Trinity Church, Friday, April 18th TBA

Easter Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 AM

Celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ with Holy Eucharist and Special Music.

Easter Sunday Flowers

*If you would like to make a donation to the
decoration of the altar and church nave for
Easter Sunday Service.*

*Please complete this form and return it to the church
office before April 6th. Thank you!*

check/cash \$ _____ for Easter flowers.

*(please print, what you would
like written in the bulletin)*

in memory of

a thank offering

Name _____

Phone number
