



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Trinitarian

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ARE YOU IN THE BOOK??

This year, when Bishop Fisher joins us for Pentecost, Sunday May 20th, at the 10 am service, we will offer Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows (as well as Baptism, particularly for any adults who wish Baptism and Confirmation).

Did you know that by our canons (rules of how we operate as the Episcopal Church) each parish is to keep a record of all baptized persons, communicants, confirmations, marriages and burials? Churches have a strong history of being able to help keep family information and for subsequent generations to find out more about their families. Our books date back to Trinity's founding in 1863.

If you are new to Trinity – or have been here for years, it may be that you came to Trinity from another Episcopal Church or a totally different denomination. We would love to record your membership in our “Book” (Trinity’s *Register*)! If you have come from another Episcopal church, this is as simple as requesting a letter of transfer. If you have come from another denomination, you can be “received (or confirmed)” when Bishop Fisher visits in May.

And, by the way, if you have never been baptized, we can take care of that as well!

If you are interested – just let me know!

Infants wishing to be baptized should have their parent(s) contact me about convenient dates.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Mac



Parishioner Sharing

- *Confirmation Class* – Members of the confirmation class did a presentation on their outreach project, making birthday bags for the food pantry. Bags will be given to food pantry clients to celebrate family birthdays. The class will be gathering donations from local businesses and at the high school. Parishioners will be invited to contribute.
- *Organ Project* – The current organ will be removed at the end of May. We will be without an organ in June, July, and August. The installation of the new organ should be completed between late August and mid-September. The current organ will be decommissioned, potentially to be installed in another church.
- *Publicity* - Dave Scott will do press releases.

Treasurer's Report - Finance Committee

- The most economical option for the copier is to buy the one we have now.
- A structural engineer will evaluate options for the chancel wall next to the organ.
- The church interior needs to be scraped and painted before the new organ is installed.
- D'Alio Electric appears to be the best option for installing the air conditioning.
- John Ellis will ask his energy contacts for guidance on attic insulation and LED lighting.
- About \$1800 in rectory repairs that have been delayed will go forward.

Wardens' Report

Capital Campaign

- We will wind up the campaign by Easter.
- Justin Varteresian, Ginny Starkis, and Lisa Ruggiero spoke at Sunday's services.
- A final mailing will be done this week.
- Follow-up phone calls may be necessary.
- The current total is \$343,293 from 73 families.

Event Planning

- Responses to last year's sabbatical study revealed that parishioners would like more parish-wide events.
- Vestry members and parishioners will be asked to make suggestions. Events can be at the church or off-site events that we attend as a group. If you have an idea for something we can do, send an email to Ginny Starkis at vstarkis@verizon.net.
- The UTO breakfast will be on October 14 rather than in the spring.

Bishop's Visit on May 20

- 9:00-9:45- The Bishop meets with confirmation class and adults being confirmed or received.
- 10:00 – Service of baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation.
- Coffee hour after church followed by the Bishop meeting with the vestry for lunch.
- A clean-up day is needed before the visit in early May.

Rector's Report

- Beth Stochaj will take over acolyte scheduling.
- Acolyte training will be arranged.
- Parish Leadership Day is Saturday, March 17.
- The former Grace Exchange building across Exchange Street has been purchased by a Coptic-Orthodox Church. Fr. Mac is looking forward to establishing a relationship with them. He has already spoken with their rector.
- The Sunday night Lenten discussion group has been interesting with excellent discussion.

New Business

Scholarships

- A committee needs to be formed to distribute scholarships.
- Graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply regardless of what their plans are after graduation.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you tired of sitting during church? Do you want to be a part of the service? Do you want to feel more important in the church? If you answered yes to any of these questions, maybe you should consider becoming an acolyte...

Some of our current acolytes got together and discussed what they liked about acolyting, what initially made them nervous about acolyting, and why they think you should become an acolyte.

"I like being able to not just sit during the entire service and participate more."

"I like being able to help Fr. Mac during the service."

"I get a new perspective of the service when I get to be up on the altar."

"I enjoy being able to see what happens 'behind the scenes' of the service."

"I like carrying the big cross and lighting the candles at the beginning."

"I like serving the church and Fr. Mac."

"I like to help Fr. Mac make the wine."

"At first, I was nervous about carrying the heavy cross and dropping it but I got over that when I learned that there was a lighter cross that I could carry"

"I was nervous about my first time acolyting because I wasn't sure if I'd do it right, but the other acolyte helped me out and I wasn't so nervous anymore. You're not alone up there. There are plenty of people to help you out."

"I was worried about timing of when to do things, but Fr. Mac gives me cues each week and it helps a lot."

It is easy to start as an acolyte, as there will always be another (more experienced) acolyte with you! Also, with more acolytes, there will be a bigger rotation schedule allowing more flexibility in weekends. Acolyting won't take up much of your time, and you shouldn't worry about messing up because there is plenty of help so you know what to do during the service.

If you are interested in this great church opportunity, please contact Beth Stochaj in church or at bwstochaj@comcast.net.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

This year's Lenten offering is for Dismas House in Worcester. Please bring your filled Mite box to church Easter weekend and place it in the wooden cross up front. If you forget, you can bring it in during the Easter season.

Thank you!

- *Trinity Mission Committee*



GFS Applications

Attention all graduating high school seniors! Trinity GFS Scholarship applications are now being accepted! Each year, Trinity gives monetary awards to qualified members who are entering an institution of higher education. These awards recognize attendance and service to Trinity Parish during the applicant's high school years.

Please go to our Trinity website (trinitychurchmilford.org), and on the home page, click **Serve-- In The Church You'll Love--- Education- Trinity Girls Friendly Society Scholarship** . Click on the Trinity GFS Application to download the form. Instructions are included and it only takes a few minutes to complete. All applications must be submitted by May 1, 2018. Feel free to reach out with any questions (gfs@trinitychurchmilford.org).



Laundry Love Regional Gathering

Trinity will be hosting a Gathering for Laundry Love volunteers from Southern New England on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at noon at Trinity. We have invited volunteers from Worcester, Hingham, Stockbridge, New Bedford, Pittsfield, Taunton, MA and Manchester NH.

Mandy Martinez who works for Laundry Love will also be joining us.

She is the first hired person they have had in all 14 years LL has been going on. Laundry Love has been an all-volunteer organization.

We want to get together with other Laundry Love folks to see what has worked well for them, what has not worked out so well and how do they get their funds to run LL events.

Trinity LL volunteers are also invited and we will provide lunch for this gala event.

We have also put the word out for other churches to see if they would be interested in starting their own LL events in the future.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following dates/times with question marks:

Laundry Love Volunteers Needed	5:00 – 6:30 pm		6:30 – 8:00 pm	
April 5 th at Double Bubble	Verna	Janet	Verna	Mary J.
April 18 th at EZ Laundromat	?	?	Mary J.	?
May 3 rd at Double Bubble	?	?	Mary J.	?
May 16 th at EZ Laundromat	Janet	?	Janet	Mary J.

Please contact Mary Johnson to sign up!

Mary Johnson



MEAT RAFFLE

Trinity is having another Meat Raffle on Sunday, April 29th, 2018 starting at noon in the upstairs hall. There will be 2 bonus raffles (#10 and #20) at no extra cost and a brief intermission after raffle #10. Meats included are filet mignon, T-bone steaks, chicken breasts, and more. If you're not able to come but wish to play/support Trinity, you can buy a sheet ahead of time and we will have volunteers play for you. Sheets will be

available to buy on the 22nd. We can also fill you in with details as to how a Meat Raffle works. This event is open to the community and it's so much fun! Sandwiches prepared by Melanie Manoogian Figueroa will be available for purchasing along with snacks and soft drinks. Only 100 seats are available, so come see what it's about.

Interested in volunteering or looking to earn community service hours? Email me at misstraceyngcc@gmail.com

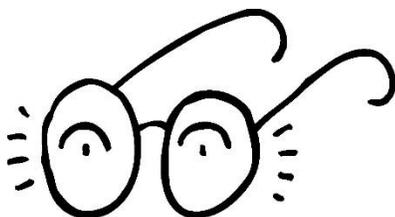
Tracey N. Morse



ROMEO'S LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch at Jr's Diner, 296 Main Street, Milford, at 12:30 PM on Friday, April 6th. Please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or 508-634-8996 by April 4th if you wish to attend so we can make reservations. Romeo's is a social group for retired men and other men who wish to join us during their lunch hour.

EYEGGLASS RECYCLING



Trinity's participation in the Milford Lions Club eyeglass recycling program continues. The total number of glasses collected by Trinity parishioners for people in need is 310. Anyone with eyeglasses, glasses cases, or gently used sunglasses that they no longer need, can put them in the collection box near the piano in the parish hall. Thanks to all who have contributed so far!



Trinity Church serves free dinners in a clean, pleasant, and friendly environment. Anyone who is hungry or lonely is welcome. There are no eligibility requirements. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship with a satisfying meal.

Our upcoming dinners will take place on April 25th, April 26th, and April 27th. If you are interested in helping to prepare and serve the dinner, please contact communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org to serve in this meaningful mission.

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

A Journey To The Holy Land

Under the Direction of The Right Rev. Douglas J. Fisher
Local Guide Canon Iyad Qumri
13-Days: April 22-May 4, 2019

Monday, April 22, Day 1: Depart USA

Tuesday, April 23, Day 2: Arrive Ben Gurion Airport / Transfer to Jerusalem
Wednesday, April 24, Day 3: Horizons of Jerusalem / Herodium
Thursday, April 25, Day 4: Western Wall / Dome of The Rock / Israel Museum
Friday, April 26, Day 5: Shepherd's Field / Bethlehem
Saturday, April 27, Day 6: Jericho / Nazareth
Sunday, April 28, Day 7: Christ Church / Sepphoris
Monday, April 29, Day 8: Jordan River / Capernaum / Beatitudes / Tabgha
Tuesday, April 30, Day 9: Burqin / Nablus / Taybeh
Wednesday, May 1, Day 10: Old City / Church of The Resurrection
Thursday, May 2, Day 11: Free Day
Friday, May 3, Day 12: Beth-Phage / Dominus Flevit / Gethsemane / Dead Sea
Saturday, May 4, Day 13: Way of The Cross / Emmaus

Cost, Payment Plan and Travel Info

- \$2,100 + \$150 in Tips, based on double occupancy (this does not include airfare)
- A deposit of \$ 500.00 per person is due on January 21, 2019
- Your Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your arrival date. If it is not, you will not be allowed into Israel.

Note from Fr. Mac – I have taken part in this pilgrimage with Canon Iyad Qumri and I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in exploring the foundations of Christianity in its home setting! If you have any interest, talk to me and I will share my experience.

2020 PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU

Nearly 400 years ago the history of the Passion Play began. The plague raged in many parts of Europe and did not spare Oberammergau either.

In 1633 the Oberammergau villagers promised to perform the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year, in so far as no one was to die of the plague anymore. The villagers were answered by God and therefore in 1634 the first Passion Play took place.

The promise has been kept until today. From May 16th to October 4th 2020 the 42nd Passion Play will take place in Oberammergau.

We are exploring a Trinity trip to the Holy Land, culminating in attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau. This trip would occur in the summer of 2020. I need to determine the level of interest in participating to see if we can make this a possibility. At this point, a simple email or note to me letting me know of your interest, will get us started.

You can learn more about the passion Play at the official website:

<https://www.passionsspiele-oberammergau.de/en/home> or by chatting with Mary Torian, who attended the Passion Play in 2000.



WALKING THE FAITH

As spring buds and temperatures rise, it's fun to get outside and walk. Walking is great for both body and mind. "To solve a problem, walk around," advised St. Jerome. Naturalist Henry David Thoreau agreed, saying, "The moment my legs begin to move, my thoughts begin to flow." Indeed, walking has been linked to improved creativity and reduced anxiety.

Some Bible versions translate Ephesians 5:8 "Live as children of light," while others use "walk": "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (NKJV). What a great rendering! Living is something we often do passively and without much thought, while walking is an intentional, active pursuit; we must choose when, where and how we do it.

Now that we're children of light — newly alive springtime people, Easter people! — Jesus urges us to not just live the faith but to walk it. When our faith becomes active, new thoughts flow, anxiety decreases and we make strides in our relationship with Jesus.

—Heidi Mann



The latest version of our Trinity Calendar is now available seven days a week, 24 hours a day on our Trinity Church web site. Please visit www.trinitychurchmilford.org and click on the EVENTS tab at the top of the page! If you need a paper copy of the monthly calendar, please call or send an email to the church office. Thank you.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the May edition of *The Trinitarian* is April 15th. All articles should be sent to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org. Please **do not** send articles to the church.office.



From the Editor

Winter still holds its grip on us, even though the calendar says otherwise. Still, there is hope and sunny days ahead as I scan the latest forecast. So cast off the shackles of cold and let hope and rays of light shine in your heart in this spring season. Happy Easter to all!

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