



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Trinitarian

March 2018

**Mark your calendars!
Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule**

Palm Sunday: March 25th

- ✦ 8 am Holy Eucharist
- ✦ 9:30 am Community Blessing of the Palms at Draper Park
- ✦ 10 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday of Holy Week: March 28th

- ✦ 9 am Holy Eucharist in the Lane Chapel

Maundy Thursday: March 29th

- ✦ 6:30 pm Dinner, Foot-washing, Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, start of the Vigil
- ✦ 9 pm The Watch – All night Vigil in the Church – Sign up at the top of the stairs

Good Friday: March 30th

- ✦ Noon – 3 Hour Service
- ✦ 6 pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by
- ✦ 7 pm – Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday: March 31st

- ✦ 2 pm – Easter Egg Hunt
- ✦ 7:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 1st

- ✦ 8 am Holy Eucharist
- ✦ 10 am Holy Eucharist and Family Communion Celebration

50 Days after Easter is Pentecost: Sunday, May 20th

- ✦ 10 am Holy Eucharist with Bishop Doug Fisher with:
 - Baptism,
 - Confirmation,
 - Reception, and
 - Reaffirmation

Talk to Fr. Mac or Rev. Susan to find out more!

SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN PROGRAM

Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time?

Meeting Jesus

in the Gospel of John

With a beautiful prayer journal, facilitation guidance for small groups from the Center for the Ministry of Teaching, and videos from the monks of SSJE, Meeting Jesus is a six-week journey and reflection on the Gospel According to John.

We will meet as a group on Sunday evenings from 5pm till 7:30pm throughout Lent, ending on Palm Sunday, March 25th.

Special Note! This year we will have activities for our young people (toddlers through teens) each Sunday evening. Fr. Mac will facilitate for the adults in the Upper Parish Hall and Rev. Susan will facilitate for the young people in the Lower Parish Hall.

Our meetings will begin with all of us sharing a simple supper (soup, salad, bread and dessert) as we share our experiences of the past week. Following the meal, the kids will go downstairs with Rev. Susan for their own program while the adults meet upstairs. Our time together following the meal will include prayer, and activity and conversation.

All participants are encouraged to subscribe to the daily video and prayer email at <http://meetingjesusinjohn.org/>. Go to the bottom of the page to sign up (right under the heading “Lent 2018: Meeting Jesus”). Below the signup is a wonderful introductory video from our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry (<https://youtu.be/j9xlkCfEGEw>).

Fr. Mac has prayer journals for all participants!

Talk to Fr. Mac with any questions you may have, and know that you can fully participate in this program whether you can join us on Sunday evenings or not.

FROM OUR DEACON IN THE DIASPORA

We are in the midst of Lent and soon Easter will dawn. This Lenten season began with deep heartbreak, fear and shock for the students, faculty, friends, families and community rocked by yet another mass shooting in Parkland, Florida. So many, once again, have been pained to their core in the midst of such violence. Countless are angered and pained throughout our nation.

We label one another as only “for” or “against” and as “right” or “wrong”. We have done little to stop the romanticizing of violence and its aftermath. News media continually jump to “breaking news”. Rarely do we see or hear the ramifications on all that is reported. Impersonal levels of injuries reported: minor; serious; life-threatening, dead. We rarely hear of how people are permanently altered, emotionally and mentally.

Our hope comes through Jesus: our call is to carry and share hope and love to all we encounter. My hope is that respect and dignity for one another grows while holding the other in the same deep loving respect as Jesus freely gives to us.

The Reverend Deacon Beth Washburn

UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES

Our Prayer Book states that “Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints’ Day or the Sunday after All Saints’ Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present.”
BCP p312



Are You Baptized?

For the coming year, the current scheduled dates are:

March 31 (Easter Vigil)

April 15

May 20 (Pentecost)

November 4 (Sunday after All Saints)

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).

If you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation of your Baptismal Vows, talk to me! Throughout Lent we will offer opportunities for adult preparation for these sacramental events.

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

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Mac



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 11th. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward before you go to bed on March 10th!



WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

In the rare event that the weather prevents Fr. Mac from getting to church and it is necessary to cancel worship services or close the church office, there will be a message on the church answering machine – 508-473-8464. Always exercise caution when driving on the snow!

BREAD FOR OUR EUCHARIST



For the past few years we have been using real bread, made by many of our members, and by our Confirmation classes, Family Communion Class participants and Junior Youth Group. For the past year our Junior Warden, Ruth Warner has been our master bread maker! We realize that there are some who prefer traditional wafers, or gluten free wafers, so please know that they are also available at every service, just let Fr. Mac know if you would prefer one of these alternatives when he offers you the bread. This is a wonderful ministry which we would like to share with everyone. If you are interested in making communion bread, there is a recipe on our Trinity website. As Fr. Mac takes his monthly retreat at the SSJE Monastery, he would like to share their recipe and instructions with you. They can be found on the SSJE web site at: <https://www.ssje.org/2017/07/31/altar-bread/>. You can also touch base with Ruth and she will share her bread making experience with you.



EMERGENCY SUPPORT

If you lose power this winter, we have many parishioners with power and with a willingness to share their homes! If a winter storm should leave you without power, call the church (508-473-8464) and we will find you a warm home in which to weather the storm. Likewise, if you have power and space available to share, call Fr. Mac at the church or on his cell. Also – if you have a spare portable generator to lend for a short time, call the church!

Treasurer's Report

Finance Committee

- Bids for air conditioning for the parish hall and the chancel were discussed.
- The organ replacement is scheduled and on track.
- Options for the copier are being explored.

Parochial Report

- Will be sent to the vestry for approval at the March meeting.

Parish Audit

- Scheduled for March 8, 2018

Wardens' Report

Capital Campaign

- Copies of the capital campaign summary report date were distributed. The current amount pledged is \$331,990 from 54 families. Our emphasis now is on participation. We would like everyone to be involved.
- The Capital Campaign Committee will meet with the consultant to discuss the rest of the campaign.



Rector's Report

- The Congregational and Methodist churches in Milford area assessing their future. Fr. Mac has started a dialogue with their pastors to explore how we might support one another.
- Parish Leadership Day is Saturday, March 17. Everyone should try to attend.
- The boiler has been inspected.
- Fr. Mac will see if there is any interest in a trip/tour to Oberammergau in 2020.

Parishioner Sharing

- The Trinity Institute was excellent but not well attended.
- Attendance is down but total pledging is about the same.
- We need to follow up with people who have been regular attenders but suddenly stop coming to church.
- The 10:00 AM service is a family service and noise from children is to be expected. There are yellow bookmarks in the pews to let parents know about the activity bags. Ushers can also provide them.
- We can talk to Rev. Susan about facing the congregation when she signs the Lord's Prayer.

WHAT IS A MITE BOX?

The term comes from the story Jesus tells of the widow who put all she had into the offering:

Mark 12:41-44 (from the King James Version, our usual version, the NRSV translates the "two mites" as "two small copper coins, which are worth a penny").

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.

And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:

For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

Fr. Mac

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Lenten Mite Box Offering

Every year our Mission Committee chooses a program as the recipient of Trinity's Lenten Offering. This year's designated offering is for Dismas House. Located in Worcester, the mission of Dismas is to reconcile former prisoners to society, and society to former prisoners, through the development of a supportive community.

Dismas House provides transitional housing and services to former prisoners. The men and

women of Dismas House live and work as a family, helping each other grow towards the goal of reintegration into society. Dismas provides a consensus-based, sober alternative to a return to the streets, and a return to incarceration. Their cooks, donors, board members and other volunteers help make reconciliation a reality. Go to www.dismasisfamily.org for further info.

The Mite Boxes will be available in the front of the church as well as in the Parish Hall on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. Please return your Mite Box on Easter and place it in the wooden cross near the altar.

Thank you!

- *Trinity Mission Committee*





We'll be serving a wonderful St. Patty's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage with several other root vegetables. Dark and soda bread will also be served, along with drink and desert, and a kid friendly option. There will be a 50/50 auction and plenty of good Irish Music. (There might even be other types of entertainment.) We'll have a free will offering: \$8 suggested donation for adults and \$4 for children under 13. The proceeds will go to Trinity's General Account/Fundraising. The public is invited. Come and enjoy all the company of our Trinity Family. Please sign

up or email londavescott@gmail.com to make a reservation.

Thanks.

Dave Scott



You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- St. Patrick wasn't Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
 - He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
 - March 17 is the date of St. Patrick's death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
 - The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
 - The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.
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Healing Prayer

Healing Prayer is back. We used to offer prayer at the Altar rail right after each of the services on the first Sunday of each month. We switched to pray during the service but that faded into the fabric of busy Sunday mornings. There is quiet prayer each Saturday morning from 8 to 9, which is wonderful and I encourage you to join in, but that is not quite the same as healing prayer. We will resume Healing Prayer with anointing of oil at the end of each service at the Altar rail starting March 4th.

Mary Johnson



ROMEO'S LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch at the Hopedale Country Club Bar and Grille at 12:30 PM on Friday, March 2nd. Please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or 508-634-8996 by February 28th 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.

Laundry
Love



Laundry Love continues on the first Thursday of each month at Double Bubble laundromat on Route 109, and on the third Wednesday of each month at EZ laundromat on School Street. Our volunteers are there from 5 pm to 8 pm. We offer \$10 per adult to help with the cost of doing laundry. We provide soap and dryer sheets, as well as camaraderie and fellowship. We have our

“regulars”, who appreciate the financial support to help make ends meet each month and the friendly atmosphere. We also have our “walk-ins” who are surprised by the generosity and can seem overwhelmed by an act of kindness. It is my honor to work with a great group of volunteers. We have a core of regulars as well as a few one-time only volunteers (teens looking for volunteer hours for National Honor Society or for Confirmation class.) We have volunteers from three different churches now: Trinity, Hopedale Unitarian, and St. Stephen’s in Westborough. We have a woman volunteer from the community who help us with translation for our Spanish speaking clients. We always welcome more volunteers. You can talk to Mary Johnson to schedule a time, or just drop in. We will share one of our red aprons with you and welcome you to our team. Volunteering for Laundry Love is one of those things in life that just makes me feel good about the world, maybe it’s being around all the soap, but the world seems a little shinier.

Laundry Love Regional Gathering

Laundry Love in Milford is not lonely. There are also Laundry Love programs in Hingham, New Bedford, Pittsfield, Taunton, Stockbridge, Worcester, and one in Manchester, NH. We are trying to organize a gathering of Laundry Love volunteers from all over the region. We want to have a forum to talk about what has worked well for each of us and what has been less successful. We also want to find out how others are getting their funding. In general, we want to brainstorm and support each other. We have reached out to each of these other sites. We have received feedback and there is interest. We have offered Trinity in Milford as a gathering site. No date has been set yet. Details to follow.

Mary Johnson

MEAT RAFFLE



Trinity is having another Meat Raffle on Sunday, March 25th, 2018 starting at noon in the upstairs hall. There will be 20 games for \$2 each OR buy the whole sheet of games for \$35 for a \$5 savings. Meats included are spiral hams, filet mignon, T-bone steaks, 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 18th and 25th. 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! There will be a concession stand selling snacks and soft drinks as well. 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



March 25th through May 20th takes us from Holy Week to Pentecost!

We are an Easter People – every Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection – our faith is grounded in the fact of Jesus’ death and resurrection. Holy Week is our opportunity to experience the mystery and to follow Jesus from his triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Sunday of the Passion, to his death on Good Friday in preparation for his rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. The fifty days of Easter take us through Jesus’ ascension to the birth of the church with the coming of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem at Pentecost.

Wednesday of Holy Week – March 28th, we join together in the Lane Chapel for the Eucharist as we recount events at the end of Jesus’ public ministry and move towards the experience of the last supper.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29th, we will join together in our parish hall for a pot luck meal, as Jesus celebrated the Passover, and live into the servant-hood Jesus proclaimed with the symbolic act of foot-washing (or hand-washing, for those who prefer), followed by a celebration of the Eucharist. After the Eucharist we will process to the Nave for a solemn conversion of the sanctuary in preparation for Good Friday.

We will conduct a night watch with a garden of repose near the baptismal font, remembering Jesus’ question to his disciples as he prayed in the garden of Gethsemane “Could you not keep awake one hour?” The church will be open throughout the night and you are invited to drop in for an hour to pray with Jesus in the garden. If you have house plants you would like to loan to the church for our Garden of Gethsemane, please bring them any time before Maundy Thursday evening and you can take them home any time after Good Friday morning.

Good Friday, March 30th, the day Jesus was taken into Roman courts, before Pontius Pilate and Herod Antipas, who sent him back to the Jewish court where Roman soldiers took him to Golgotha, the place of the skull, where he was crucified, we will have three services:

- ✦ Noon till 3pm. The three-hour service features mediations on the last seven “words” of Christ from the cross. The meditations will be offered by local clergy.
- ✦ 6 pm service where we will walk the Stations of the Cross, and
- ✦ 7pm service with the Trinity Choir and the Book of Common Prayer’s Good Friday liturgy.

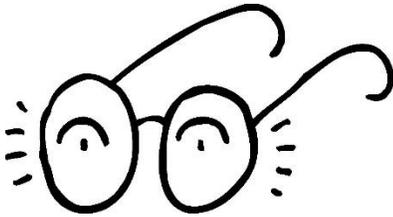
Holy Saturday, March 31st, will be a quiet morning.

- ✦ **2pm** – All our children will gather at for an Easter Egg Hunt.
- ✦ **7:30pm** – The evening marks our first Easter service The Great Vigil of Easter. The Great Vigil includes the rite of the New Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle, the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet), salvation history proclaimed in the vigil lessons, the rites of Christian Initiation, and the first Eucharist of Easter. As we proclaim Christ’s Resurrection everyone is invited to bring bells to ring each time we sing or say Alleluia.

Easter Sunday, April 1st, we gather to celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection at 8am and 10am. We will present the Hope Chests we have been filling throughout Lent as an offering to provide support for Dismas House. As we proclaim Christ's Resurrection everyone is invited to bring bells to ring each time we sing or say Alleluia!

We continue the Easter celebration throughout the 50 days of Easter – reading from the Acts of the Apostles, hearing the stories of the development of the early church, culminating with the coming of the Holy Spirit on May 20th, the Day of Pentecost.

EYEGLOSS 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 275. 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!



COMMUNITY DINNER

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 March 28th, March 29th, and March 30th. If you are interested in helping to prepare and serve the dinner, please contact communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org to serve in this meaningful mission.

NewsLetter DEADLINE

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



From the Editor

As I edit this month's newsletter, I am gazing out at the lack of snow and beaming, only my hopes will be dashed when tonight's storm kicks in. But warmer days are ahead, and the snow will be gone soon. As we move together through this Lenten season toward the approach of spring and Easter just behind it, be grateful for the small things.

Elizabeth Kfisiewicz

Editor

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Thursday, March 1

2pm Cadette Girl Scouts Mtg.
5pm Laundry Love
7pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 2

12:30pm ROMEO's at Hopedale
Country Club Bar and Grille

Saturday, March 3

8am Prayer Group
8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
5pm Worship Service

Sunday, March 4

3^d Sunday in Lent
8 & 10am Worship Services
9:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30am Confirmation Class
5pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 5

6:30pm Senior Girl Scouts Mtg.
6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
6:30pm Al-Anon Group Reps Meeting
8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 6

7am Networking Meeting
12pm AA Meeting
6:30pm Tai Chi
7:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 7

9am Eucharist & Fellowship
12pm AA Meeting
6pm Children with Special Needs
Support Group

Thursday, March 8

10am Staff/Leadership Meeting
7pm MAHC
7pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 9

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394
5pm Brownies Overnight

Saturday, March 10

8am Prayer Group
8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
10am Cadette Girl Scouts Mtg.
5pm Worship Service

Sunday, March 11

4th Sunday in Lent
Daylight Savings Time Starts
8 & 10am Worship Services
9am Kitchen Crew Meeting
9:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30am Family Communion Class
1:30pm Smitten with Knittin'
5pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 12

6pm Senior Girl Scouts Mtg.
6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
7pm Vestry Meeting
8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 13

7am Networking Meeting
12pm AA Meeting
6:30pm Tai Chi
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 14

9am Eucharist and Fellowship
12pm AA Meeting

Thursday, March 15

Newsletter Deadline
2pm Cadette Girl Scouts Mtg.
7pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 16

6pm Scrapbooking Group

Saturday, March 17

*Patrick,
Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461
Parish Leadership Day*
8am Prayer Group
8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
10am Book Club Meeting
5pm Worship Service
6:00pm St. Paddy's Day Dinner

Sunday, March 18

5th Sunday in Lent
8 & 10am Worship Services
9:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30am Family Communion Class
11:30am Confirmation Class
5pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 19

Saint Joseph
6pm Senior Girl Scouts Mtg.
6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 20

7am Networking Meeting
12pm AA Meeting
6:30pm Tai Chi
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 21

9am Eucharist & Fellowship
12pm AA Meeting
5pm Laundry Love
6pm Children with Special Needs
Support Group

Thursday, March 22

7pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 23

Saturday, March 24

8am Prayer Group
8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
10am Cadette Girl Scouts Mtg.
5pm Worship Service

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday
8 & 10am Worship Services
9:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Community Blessing of the
Palms (Draper Park)
11:00am Youth Choir Rehearsal
12pm Meat Raffle
5pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 26

6pm Senior Girl Scouts Mtg.
6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 27

7am Networking Meeting
12pm AA Meeting
6:30pm Tai Chi
7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 28

9am Eucharist & Fellowship
12pm AA Meeting
4:30pm Community Dinner

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday
4:30pm Community Dinner
6:30pm Dinner, Foot-washing,
Eucharist, Stripping of the
Altar
7pm Yoga Class
9pm Vigil – The Watch

Friday, March 30

Good Friday
12pm Ecumenical Good Friday
Service
4:30pm Community Dinner
6pm Stations of the Cross
7pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday, March 31

Holy Saturday
8am Prayer Group
8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
2pm Easter Egg Hunt
7:30pm The Great Vigil of Easter



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