



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.

Coffee hour will follow the service. The vestry will meet with the bishop at lunch after coffee hour. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Blessings and Peace,

Fr. Mac

THE BIBLE CHALLENGE – READING THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

“What if we all could agree that prayerful reading of the Bible, as if it were a love letter written from God to each one of us, was vital to our spiritual lives?” - *The Reverend Marek P. Zabriskie*
Starting May 20 – We're going to read the Holy Bible - the whole Bible - in 365 days beginning on Pentecost. The Bible Challenge is a systematic way to read a section of the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures each day. – Are you in? Let Fr. Mac know!

We begin when the Spirit blows on Pentecost Sunday - May 20. For more info see wmarevival.org



Parishioner Sharing

- Changes have been made at the 10:00 AM service that include singing the psalm and the Lord's Prayer (through Eastertide).
- There might be an option to have joint activities with the Orthodox church for young adults.
- Sunday school has been reconfigured. Younger children and older children have been divided into separate groups.
- A discussion was held on how we can welcome and incorporate new members into church activities. One possibility is a ministry fair.
- Holy Week services were wonderful.

Treasurer's Report – Finance Committee

- There are a few issues with Tithely. Money received is subject to a 3.5% surcharge.
- The existing copier has been purchased.
- It was voted to accept the bid as recommended by the Finance Committee from Dalio Electric for \$29,250.00 for air conditioning in the parish halls and chancel.
- It was voted to accept the bid from Painter's Pride for \$9,250 to paint the inside of the church. The cost includes preparation and clean-up.
- We will get bids for replacing the carpet in the church.
- We will get quotes to put insulation in the parish hall ceiling to make the air conditioning effective.
- Installation of the new organ will begin on July 28.

Capital Campaign

- The capital campaign is almost over. The committee will follow up with phone calls to those who have not pledged or who have not been personally contacted. To date \$344,793 has been pledged from 75 families.

Event Planning - Ideas suggested are potluck dinners, pasta dinners, an off-site church picnic, traveling to events, and bus trips.

The Bishop's visitation will be on Sunday, May 20.

Parish Clean-up Day will be Saturday, May 5. Volunteers are needed.

Christmas Fair Wrap-up Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 29, after the 10:00 service. Thanks to Brian O'Toole and Charlie Johnson for providing and planting the flowers around the church.

Rector's Report

- Overall attendance at Holy Week Easter services was down.

- Regular attendance is still healthy.
- We will explore putting a banner on the 150th anniversary sign to show who we are.

New Business

- We discussed how we balance fund-raising suppers with social potlucks.
- . A **Laundry Love** lunch with churches throughout Province 1 will meet on Saturday, May 12th, at Trinity. Contact Mary Johnson if you are interested in attending.



The Welcoming Committee welcomes anyone who has come to Trinity Church for the first time. We give them a Welcoming bag which contains a Welcome to Trinity flyer with the names of the clergy and officers, a bookmark with information about Trinity, a special prayer, and a votive candle to light when they get home. They are asked to fill out the card in the pew so Fr. Mac can get in touch with them. We want everyone to feel welcome whether they are church hunting or visiting for the day. I can't do it alone, so if you see someone who looks like they are new, please go up and speak to them.

Mary Torian - Welcoming Committee

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to everyone who brought back their Lenten mite box offering for Dismas House in Worcester. If you have not yet returned your box, you still can throughout the Easter Season. Thank you again!

- Trinity Mission Committee



Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."



Thank you to everyone who helped during Holy Week, to those on the Altar Guild, and to those parishioners who helped get everything ready! Many people commented on the palms on the altar on Palm Sunday. The palms used are fan palms and we soak them in ice water for at least four hours so they will open fully. This year three were used for the display, they were overlapped and their stems were wired together. Then, using a needle and thread, we sewed the palms where they overlapped. Finally, with Fr. Mac's help, they were wired to the crucifix so they would not fall over. Since the palms are no longer in water they start to close, however this year, they did not close as much as in past years, so they looked very much like they did the day before. On the large processional cross, date palms were used. These were wired in a few places to the cross so they would stay in place during the walk to and from Draper Park.

On Maundy Thursday, the altar was stripped during the service to prepare for the watch. On the previous Sunday, the black veils were selected and marked (which one is to cover which cross), and the first run through was done. We do this every year to ensure that everything will go smoothly during the service.

The day before Easter, starting at 7:30am, members of the Altar Guild and parishioners started polishing brass (some pieces, including the silver, were done during the week). As the morning progressed, others came to help arrange the lilies, jonquils, and tulips, set the altar, clean the pews (including under the cushions), dust and sweep, and we were finished before 11am. I want to thank everyone who came on Saturday to help. The church looked so lovely for Saturday night and Sunday services.

If anyone is interested in joining the Altar Guild, or would like to learn more about our duties, please speak to me or any member of the Guild.

- *Maryellen Yaroshefski*

THE BIRTH OF MOTHER'S DAY



Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

HOOK AND HASTINGS ORGAN LAST SUNDAY



Sunday, May 27, will be the last Sunday our 1870's Hook and Hastings organ will lead the Trinity congregation in singing hymns, Psalms, and service music as well as providing an instrument for preludes and postludes. Starting Monday morning, May 28, the Trinity organ will be carefully removed and stored in New York state while awaiting installation and re-use by another congregation better suited by its limited resources. A 22 rank organ will replace our 9 rank Hook and Hastings. The new organ will consist of pipes from organs either replaced or abandoned by other congregations, all part of a long tradition of the recycling of pipe organs because pipes can last for centuries. Our Hook and Hastings organ provided us with musical support for probably 10,000 or more worship services, weddings, funerals, and musical programs over nearly 150 years, and will again serve a deserving congregation for another century or more as it did for Trinity Church, Milford.

- *Randy Bloom*



ROMEO'S LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch on Friday, May 4, at 12:30, at Acapulcos Restaurant, 231 East Main Street (just beyond Prezo's). Please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or 508-634-8996 by Wednesday, May 2, if you plan 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 hours.



LAUNDRY LOVE REGIONAL MEETING

On Saturday, May 12th at noon we've invited people who participate in Laundry Love events from Pittsfield, Lee, Taunton, Worcester, Hingham, New Bedford, MA and Manchester, NH – as well as someone from the national office of Laundry Love.

All volunteers are invited to join us (even if you only joined us once or followed us by email). Lunch will be provided. Some people will be joining us by Skype.

Our goal is to connect with other Laundry Love teams to see what has worked well for them, what has been difficult, what lessons have they learned and what can we learn about our Laundry Love events.

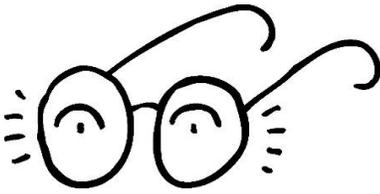


COMMUNITY DINNER

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 May 25th, May 30th, and May 31st. If you are interested in helping to prepare and serve the dinner, please contact communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org to serve in this meaningful mission.

EYEGASS RECYCLING



Trinity's participation in the Lions eyeglass recycling program continues. The current total 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!



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 June edition of *The Trinitarian* is May 15th. All articles should be sent to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org. Please **do not** send articles to the church office.



From the Editor

well. Until next month.

Elizabeth Kfisiewicz

Editor

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Wow, I didn't think I'd still be writing about winter in the May newsletter, but as I prepare this month's content, we have sleet and freezing rain in the forecast. Despite these difficulties, plants are bravely trying to stick their heads above the ground and forsythia are finally putting on a show. I believe this year will be like many recent years where it will suddenly get hot and everything will be in bloom at once. While I don't like the implications of this with respect to climate change, I rejoice in the beauty of the season, and may you do so as

Moth-Style Storytelling in Hopedale

"It Was Like Magic"

Bring your family and friends after the Hopedale Fairy Walk and share your multi-generational real life stories of mystery, wonder, and delight. Recommended for ages 7 and up.



**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 4-6PM
HOPEDALE UNITARIAN PARISH HALL**

**Some tellers programmed in addition to name drawing for open telling volunteers. For more information email Jennie Mulqueen, Ministerial Intern:
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