



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Trinitarian

April 2019

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

Saturday before Palm Sunday April 13th

- ✠ 5 pm Holy Eucharist

Palm Sunday: April 14th

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

Wednesday of Holy Week: April 17th

- ✠ 9 am Holy Eucharist in the Lane Chapel

Maundy Thursday: April 18th

- ✠ 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: April 19th

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

Saturday: April 20th

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

Easter Sunday: April 21st

- ✠ 8 and 10 am Holy Eucharist

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 (King James Version)

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. [NRSV: two small copper coins, which are worth a penny] 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

LENTEN MITE BOX OFFERING

Each year during Lent our Missions Committee chooses a program as the recipient of that year's Lenten Offering. The designated offering this year is for the "Change the Babies" ministry.

"Change the Babies", which is a ministry created by the Rev. Betsy Fisher, supports the children living at the Mampong Babies Home in Kumasi, Ghana. The Mampong Babies Home houses 20-30 infants whose mothers have died in childbirth. Many remain there four to five years until their family is able to care for them. The Mampong Babies Home has become a vital ministry in our companion diocese.

The Missions Committee will be collecting contributions for this ministry throughout Lent. Our church has made a commitment of donating \$1500.00 per year for a total of five years. The goal is to raise \$1500 per year – the cost of caring for one baby from birth to age 5. This will be Trinity's fifth year of contributing to Change the Babies.

Please consider contributing to our collection using a Mite Box during Lent. 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.

If you prefer to donate using your Giving envelopes for Missions, the designated Sundays are March 17, and April 21. Please make a note on your check in the memo section, "Change the Babies". If you wish to donate cash, please put your donation in an envelope marked "Change the Babies". If you need an envelope, there will be designated "Change the Babies" envelopes on the table where the service bulletins are kept.

These envelope donations can be placed in the collection plates during the Offertory throughout Lent.

Thank You.

Your Missions Committee:

Maryellen Yaroshefski, Andy Yaroshefski, Dwight Kee, Ginny Starkis, Mary Torian, Justin Varteresian, & Lucille Clinkman

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 several years 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.

BCH SUMMER CAMP - REGISTER NOW!

BCH Camp is a place where all campers feel accepted, loved and are able to develop authentic friendships. We do this by providing opportunities for campers to explore their interest and try new things. Campers learn important life lessons and gain ... Read more at

<http://www.bchcenter.org/bchcamp>



And remember that Trinity's GFS

Scholarship Fund helps support all our young people with a \$100 scholarship per camper to be sure that all can take advantage of the experience of Summer Camp. Additional support is available if needed, just talk to Fr. Mac

MARCH VESTRY MEETING SUMMARY



Parishioner Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... A few people have found the new tri-fold Sunday bulletins and service order confusing, but they understand the reasons for the change.
Follow-up from Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... Job descriptions for treasurer and assistant treasurer are under way.
Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... Following the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the vestry voted to repay \$20,000 that we borrowed from ourselves as part of the window replacement project and

	<p>\$25,000 to reduce the deficit. The funds were moved from Capital Campaign funds and had been designated for that purpose during the campaign. The additional \$25,000 of the deficit will be paid in March 2020.</p>
<p>Renewal Works</p>	<p>This is an ongoing undertaking for the vestry and the parish.</p> <p>Some aspects of the process are already happening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... Lenten group members and vestry members have prayer partners. •... The women's lunch group had their first gathering. •... The first potluck supper for the parish is on March 23. •... Simple suppers take place before the Sunday Lenten group meetings. •... An adult education class is being explored. •... A women's dinner group is being formed.
<p>Warden's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... A potluck supper and penny auction will be held on Saturday, March 23. The vestry is in charge of planning, set-up, and clean-up. Parishioners are encouraged to attend. Please bring a dish to share and an item for the penny sale. •... A kitchen update is in process. We have met with a consultant and have an overview plan of possibilities. •... We are getting quotes for new cushions and carpets in the church. •... The Christian Education Committee will be meeting to look at options for Sunday School in the fall and for adult education opportunities. New members are encouraged to join.
<p>Rector's Report Fr. Mac</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •... Generous parishioners have donated four Red Sox tickets for Monday, April 22. They will be auctioned off as a fund raiser for the church. •... Father Mac has been meeting with groups and churches in Milford and the police chief because there is no overnight emergency shelter in Milford. They are looking at the potential for providing shelter for next winter using a model like that in Blackstone that involves participation of many groups and locations. •... A committee of the wardens and previous Bishop's Cross recipients will meet to discuss whether to reinstitute the Bishop's Cross, whether to change it, and to develop guidelines.

CHRIST HAS TRIUMPHED!



Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger.
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right.
Faith and hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

—Phillips Brooks

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 5, 2019. Feel free to reach out with any questions (gfs@trinitychurchmilford.org).

SPECIAL SILENT AUCTION



We have Four Red Sox tickets for April 22, 2019, section 41, row 24, seats 1-4, available for a silent auction. This one item silent auction is being kicked off at the Pot Luck Supper on Saturday March 23, 2019. The Auction will run through Palm Sunday April 14 when the winner will be revealed. Please check out the tickets and keep the auction going. The auction list can be found in the parish hall on Sundays leading up to April 14,2019.

TRINITY MEAT RAFFLE



Greetings, Trinity! Our next Meat Raffle will be in May. I'm gearing up for a Memorial Day/Camping theme. We'll have sausages, ribs, burgers, and much more included for this raffle. 20 raffles at \$2.00 a piece, or all for \$35.00. These events are family friendly and last about 2 hours. All proceeds after expenses go towards Trinity's Faith Funding. More details and a date to come, so stay tuned!

In faith,

Tracey N. (Jackson) Morse



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 – April 17th, 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, April 18th, 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, 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, April 19th, 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 by local clergy on the last seven “words” of Christ from the cross.

7 Last Words		Scripture	Meditation by	Church
1st Word	Forgive Them	Luke 23:32-34	Phil McCutchen	Bethany Community Church, Mendon
2nd Word	Paradise	Luke 23:32-33, 39-43	Jane Wilson	First Congregational Church of Milford
3rd Word	Son / Mother	John 19:25-27	Eric Rodriguez	The Way Church, Milford
4th Word	Forsaken	Mark 15:33-39	Tony Lorenzen	Hopedale Unitarian Parish
5th Word	Thirsty	John 19:28-29	Marsha or Justin Barter	Salvation Army, Milford
6th Word	Finished	John 19:29-30	Fr Raphael Seif	St. Shenouda & St. Karas Coptic Orthodox Church, Milford
7th Word	Commend	Luke 23:44-46	Lourey Savick	The United Parish of Upton, UCC/UMC

✦ 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, April 20th 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 21st, 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 the Mampong Babies Home. As we proclaim Christ's Resurrection everyone is invited to bring bells to ring each time we sing or say Alleluia!



ROMEO's LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch at Jr's Restaurant, 296 Main Street, Milford, at 12:30 on Friday, April 5. If you wish to attend, please contact Dave Clinkman at clinkman@comcast.net or [508-634-8996](tel:508-634-8996) by Wednesday, April 3rd 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 394. 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. April meals take place on the 24th, 25th, and 26th.

If you are interested in helping prepare and serve the dinner, please contact community.meal@trinitychurchmilford.org for how to serve in this meaningful mission.



Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the May edition of *The Trinitarian* is April 15th. Please try to honor this deadline, content that is submitted late may not make it into the newsletter. All articles should be sent to: news@trinitychurchmilford.org.



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From the Editor

Happy Easter to members of the Trinity family. Peace and blessings to all.

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