



THE NEWSLETTER OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# The Trinitarian

March 2019

## SUNDAY NIGHT LENTEN PROGRAM

An Invitation from our Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry to Practice the Way of Love

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. – *Ephesians 3:17-19*

In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Before they were called "church" or "Christian," this Jesus Movement was simply called "the way."

Today I believe our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. But how can we together grow more deeply with Jesus Christ at the center of our lives, so we can bear witness to his way of love in and for the world?

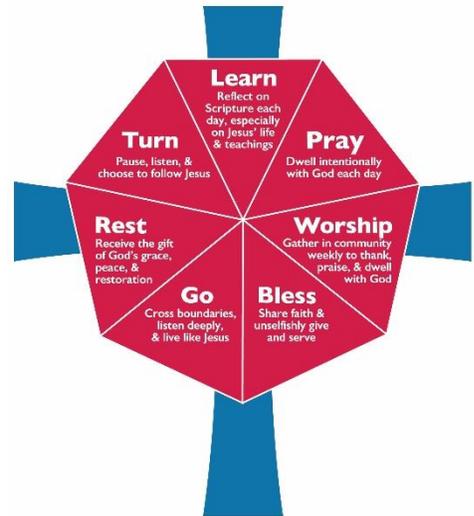
The deep roots of our Christian tradition may offer just such a path. For centuries, monastic communities have shaped their lives around rhythms and disciplines for following Jesus together. Such a pattern is known as a "Rule of Life." *The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life* – outlines a Rule for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

It is designed to be spare and spacious, so that individuals, ministry groups, congregations, and networks can flesh it out in unique ways and build a church-wide treasure trove of stories and resources. There is no specific order you need to follow. If you already keep a Rule or spiritual disciplines, you might reflect and discover how that path intersects with this one. By entering into reflection, discernment and commitment around the practices of **Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go - Rest**, I pray we will grow as communities following the loving, liberating, life-giving way of Jesus. His way has the power to change each of our lives and to change this world.

Your brother in the Way of Jesus,

*+Michael*

*The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry  
Primate and Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church*



**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

Join us as we explore *The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life* this Epiphany and Lenten season. We will meet as a group for nine Sundays, starting on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>, through Palm Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet each Sunday evening from 5:30pm till 7:30pm.

Our meetings will begin at 5:30pm with a simple supper followed by our program from 6 - 7:30pm.

Each week is designed to stand alone and all are encouraged to attend the full series, if possible.

An introductory video by Bishop Michael Curry is available at <https://tinyurl.com/Trinity-Lent>

Need more information, or have questions – see Fr. Mac

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## TRINITY MEAT RAFFLE – NOON ON MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>



Greetings, Trinity! Our next meat raffle is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon in the upstairs hall. We're having a St. Patty's Day themed event with great cuts of meat including corned beef, hams, filet mignon, cash prizes, and more. There are 20 raffles per sheet at \$2.00 per game OR buy a whole sheet for \$35.00. That's a \$5.00 savings for all of the raffles. If you're not able to attend but really want to play, we have volunteers who will play for you. Snacks and soft drinks will be sold, and this is a family friendly event, so all are

welcome! The few rules we have are explained before the start and all proceeds after expenses go to Trinity's Faith Funding. This event lasts about 2 hours so it won't eat up your whole day. If you're looking to volunteer to help, please email me at [misstraceyngcc@gmail.com](mailto:misstraceyngcc@gmail.com)

Blessings to all,

*Tracey N. (Jackson) Morse*

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## 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

## LENT MADNESS 2019 THE SAINTLY SMACKDOWN IS BACK!

Just when you thought Lent couldn't possibly become even more penitential, have we got an online hair shirt for you! For the tenth year running, people of faith are filling out saintly brackets and gearing up for the 2019 "saintly smackdown."

With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. Throughout Lent, thirty-two saints will do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout this penitential season.

Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at <http://www.lentmadness.org> about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year, Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. 2019 heavyweights include Ignatius of Loyola, Nicodemus, Margaret of Cortona, John Chrysostom, and Nicholas of Myra (aka St. Nick). The competition kicks off on "Ash Thursday," March 7, with an epic battle between Biblical saints Mary and Martha.

The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website <http://www.lentmadness.org> and, while not necessary to participate, you can order The Saintly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2019 at <http://www.forwardmovement.org>. This companion guide includes biographies of all 32 saints, a full-color bracket, and information about how to fully participate. Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John's Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church's calendar of saints, Schenck devised this devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born.

Starting in 2012, Schenck partnered with Forward Movement (the same folks that publish Forward Day by Day) executive director Scott Gunn, to bring Lent Madness to the masses. Schenck and Gunn form the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee, a more-or-less benevolent dictatorship that runs the entire operation.

Borrowing inspiration from yet another national sporting event, Schenck and Gunn are referring to the 2019 competition as Lent Madness X.

Over the years, the formula has worked as this online devotional has been featured in media outlets all over the country including national television, the Washington Post, NPR, USA Today, and even Sports Illustrated (seriously). More importantly thousands of people have been inspired by the saintly stories of those who have come before us in the faith.

Ten “celebrity bloggers” from across the country have been tapped to write for the project: the Rev. Amber Belldene of San Francisco, CA; the Rev. Laurie Brock of Lexington, KY; the Rev. Megan Castellan of Ithaca, BY; Anna Fitch Courie of Honolulu, HI; Dr. David Creech of Morehead, MN; the Rev. David Hansen of Woodlands, TX; Emily Miller of Chicago, IL; Carol Howard Merritt of Chattanooga, TN; The Rev. Marcus Halley of Minneapolis, MN; and the Rev. David Sibley of Walla Walla, WA. Information about each of the celebrity bloggers and the rest of the team is available on the Lent Madness website.

If you’re looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn’t be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

<b>FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING SUMMARY</b>	
<p><b>Appointments</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .. June Jones was appointed to fill the open vestry seat.</li> <li>• .. Brandon Kee was appointed as youth delegate to Diocesan Convention.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parishioner Sharing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .. Feedback about increased use of the prayer book has been positive.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Renewal Works</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .. Brian O’Toole and Wayne Stochaj from the Renewal Works team presented the results from the parish-wide survey and the suggested next steps the parish can take.</li> <li>• .. The greatest percentage of parishioners is looking for spiritual growth and guidance.</li> <li>• .. Suggestions include opportunities for prayer and Bible study and developing spirituality through interpersonal relationships and social activities.</li> <li>• .. The Renewal Works team will meet to work on developing specific opportunities and programs and will need the support of the vestry.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rector’s Report</b> Fr. Mac</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• .. This year’s Lenten program is Michael Curry’s <i>The Way of Love</i>. The first meeting will be Sunday, February 17. It will be a simple supper followed by program and discussion.</li> <li>• .. The Shrove Tuesday supper is Tuesday, March 5, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Help is needed for set-up, clean-up, and serving.</li> <li>• ....Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Services will be at 9:00 AM, noon, and 7:00 PM.</li> </ul>

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## WELCOME SPRING – POTLUCK AND PENNY SALE



Come join our Trinity family as we reinstitute regular Potluck Suppers, combined with the ever-popular Penny Sale! Our first Potluck Supper this year will be at 6pm on Saturday, March 23 – to Welcome Spring!

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## THE GIVING GROUP

The Giving Group MA is a group of 100 friends dedicated to making amplified contributions to four selected non-profits each year.

\$100 x 100 Friends = \$10,000 to a Non-Profit  
FOUR TIMES A YEAR

We meet every 3 months.

Every member brings the name of a non-profit they are passionate about to enter into a random drawing. At each gathering we will pick four non-profits and then the nominator will give a brief (less than 5 minute) pitch followed by a brief Q&A. Members vote on which cause to support. The non-profit that receives the most votes will be awarded \$10,000 in donations, \$100 from each member.

Interested in finding out more - check out the website at [TheGivingGroupMA.org](http://TheGivingGroupMA.org) or the Facebook page at [facebook.com/tggma](https://facebook.com/tggma).

The first meeting is at 6:30 pm on March 7, 2019 at 74 South St Hopkinton MA 01748.

Come join us and help make a difference.

*Bob Prevelige*

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## 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 (508-498-6998). Also – if you have a spare portable generator to lend for a short time, call the church!



Daylight Savings Time begins on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward before you go to bed on March 9<sup>th</sup>!



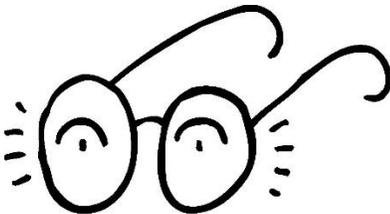
### WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

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!



### ROMEO's LUNCHEON

The Romeo's group will meet for lunch at TJ's Fine Food and Spirits, Route 135 at the Hopkinton/Ashland town line, at 12:15 on Friday, March 1 (note the change in time). If you wish to attend, please contact Dave Clinkman at [clinkman@comcast.net](mailto:clinkman@comcast.net) or [508-634-8996](tel:508-634-8996) by Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 373. 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. March meals take place on the 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>.

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



Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the April edition of *The Trinitarian* is March 15<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:news@trinitychurchmilford.org).

## 2019 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN WRAPUP

We would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our 2019 Stewardship Campaign. To those who submitted a pledge, thank you; your contributions and generosity are what help to make Trinity a strong community of faith.

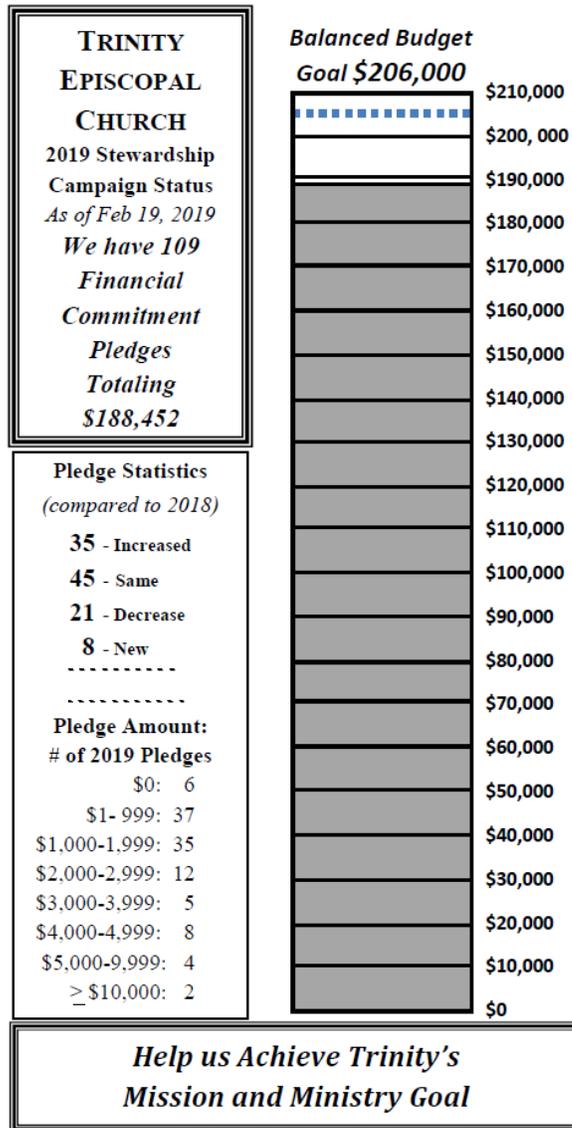
We created and sent out a total of three letters to the congregation. The first letter, along with pledge cards, was sent at the beginning of November. The second letter was sent mid-November to those who did not respond to the first letter. In early December we sent one last letter to those who had not responded to the first two letters.

As of today, we are at \$188,452, approximately \$19,000.00 short of our goal. The Vestry meeting in January accepted the Finance Committee recommendations for budget reductions, yielding a revised pledge goal of \$190,000.

If you would like to pledge, or make a one-time contribution to help fund Trinity's 2019 Mission and Ministry goals, you can go to the Trinity website and click the GIVE tab to access the giving page: [trinitychurchmilford.org/give](http://trinitychurchmilford.org/give)

Again, many thanks to all who contributed to this campaign.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Edla Ann Bloom,*  
*Susan Edmondson, and*  
*Ginny Starkis*  
 Stewardship Committee



## MARCH SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE

Each month throughout the year we offer the opportunity to support one or more of our special ministries. This month we are focused on two special needs: the Mampong Babies Home Fund (see the details in our Lenten Insert) and the Rector's Discretionary Fund (RDF). The RDF allows Fr. Mac to support both our parishioners and the local community when extraordinary financial needs arise. Please consider using the envelope provided in this issue of the Trinitarian to help support either or both of these funds. Envelopes are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall for all our email Trinitarian recipients.



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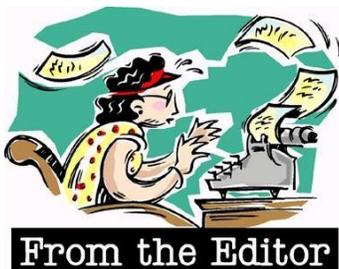
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Sunday, 8am and 10am

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As I write this, it's mid-February and despite the forecast, spring isn't far off. It's a time for new beginnings, so take advantage of this slower time of year to get involved with new opportunities. Until next time.

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