

TRINITY TIDINGS

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From the Rector

It's still Lent. 40 days and 40 nights can seem like an eternity when all you want to do is get to Easter. Even though the word Lent is derived from the Latin word for "spring", Lent feels like the impatient longing for spring that doesn't arrive soon enough, particularly after this winter. Lent serves as an appropriate metaphor for our life as we are constantly in a place of "not yet". Always on a journey and rushing to journey's end, we experience our days and weeks and lives evaporate before us without even noticing. We long for better days, knowing we can't go back, so we sprint into the future that is not ready for us for we haven't given it the preparation necessary for it to be anything more than a projection of a time long past. Lent is not to be rushed through, not to be tossed aside in favor of the brightness of the Easter feast. Lent is to be savored and plodded through like the mud after the snow has melted. It is supposed to be a bit uncomfortable, not because Jesus loves when we are in pain, but because it's hard work to stay present in the moment with that which we call Holy. Lent is a good road to travel but one which must be taken at its own pace. Lent is akin to the tradition which claims we "trudge the road of happy destiny." In these last days of Lent, avail yourself of opportunities for worship and study, penitence and self-denial. May our lives be poured out through this season and not merely evaporate. Be intentional as to what you do and in the discovery of who you are. Mostly, love yourself and one another and spring (Lent) will burst forth.



Rev. Rick +



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Rector

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Trinity Day School

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Bishop Provisional

The Rt. Rev. Rodney R.
Michel
Assisting Bishop

Trinity Men's Breakfast - Saturday April 5th @ 8:00 a.m. - McArthur Hall

What To Do When You Are Diagnosed With Cancer?



Please join us! **Dr. Robert Ozols**, nationally recognized leading expert in the field of oncology, and former Chief Clinical Officer at Fox Chase Cancer Center will be our featured guest speaker. It will be a thoughtful and informative morning.

Please RSVP rstike@comcast.net if you plan to attend. Feel free to bring a friend.

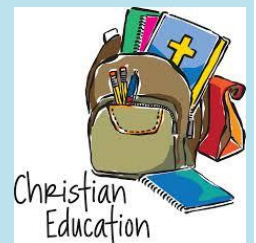
Our own **Rev. Rick** and **Warren Wilbur** will be our chefs-du-jour and an old-style, traditional **steak and eggs breakfast** is planned. We can always use extra hands for set-up and break-down so please come a little early and stay an extra few minutes if your schedule permits. We look forward sharing a breakfast together!

Trinity Men's Breakfast Planning Group- Ashby, Bill W, John Mc, Ian, Rick L , Roger

Upcoming Adult Education

April 6 - Icons - Whitney Chandor

"After many centuries of isolation, western Christians are slowly finding their way back to the wellsprings of Christianity of the East. They are drawn to Byzantine icons even though they may find them strange. Knowing that they are on unfamiliar soil, they wonder what the correct approach to an icon might be.' Join us 4/6/14 to see a collection of Russian icons from about 1820. Whitney Chandor and Inez Bing will be showing how they were created and used by Russians for meditation spiritual strength from the 13th century to the present day.



(No Class on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday)

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**2014
Vestry & Officers**

Wardens

Jon Hayward
Roger Stikeleather

**Vestry Support Team:
Congregational
Formation**

Whitney Chandor
Elaine Crooks
Lori Daukas
Mary Richardson Miller

**Vestry Support Team:
Mission and Ministry**

Bruce Harris
Bob Marcino
Kristen Steuber

**Vestry Support Team:
Stewardship of
Resources**

Charlotte deJesus
Rick Lansill
Bill Wolf, Mike Yount

**Treasurer and Asst.
Treasurer**

Gary Wilmore
Dick Dafrico

Clerk of Vestry
Megg King

**Diocesan
Representatives**
Mary Richardson Miller
Bill Wolf

Series on Social Justice

April 27 - ECS - Dave Griffith

May 4 - DVIC - Deborah Faust

May 11 - Mission Philly - Steve Wilson and the Youth Group

May 18 -- TABASAMU - Trey Wilson

May 25 - Mission Haiti - Kim Laughlin, Emily Laughlin, Olivia Harrison

June 1 -Under the Shadow of Apartheid- Guest Speaker, Siri Hurst

**Join us during the Christian Education time at
9:00 a.m. each Sunday in the Chapel.**

Lent & Easter Events

We have had a wonderful Lent season so far with our weekly simple suppers. The super soup chefs have outdone themselves. Please join us Wed. April 2nd & 9th @ 6:00. Your chefs will be Men's Breakfast Group and the Vestry.

Agape and Easter Vigil reception will be on April 17th and 19th respectively. The Vestry will be hosting Agape so please come and enjoy some family fellowship. For Easter Vigil, the reception will follow the service. If your name begins with A to N please bring an appetizer, from O to Z a dessert. We look forward to seeing you all then.



Vestry Update

We have received feedback from you that you would like to generally receive more communications regarding the many activities and happenings at Trinity Church. As such, we plan to be sending you, along with other information, more routine Vestry Meetings updates. As always, if you would like to discuss in even more detail or obtain additional information, please contact your Wardens, any member of the Vestry and of course Rev. Rick. You are also always welcome to attend any Vestry Meetings on the 3d Tuesday of each month. We would be happy to address any questions or suggestions you may have.

At the regularly scheduled Monthly Vestry meeting Tuesday March 18th the Vestry approved and/or discussed the following key items:

Worship in April

Sunday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
Church

9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer,
Church - Eucharist and
Healing Prayers following
in Chapel

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday



8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
Church

9:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
Church



Monday, April 14

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 p.m. Worship,
Chapel

Wed., April 16

7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross
led by TYG

- **Enhanced Parish Communications:** The Vestry and internal admin staff are working quickly to better identify, coordinate, and communicate the diverse and expanding communication opportunities within our Parish and community. Parishioners are already, and will be seeing many more enhancements in all our communication vehicles (bulletins, *Tidings*, e-blasts, oral announcements, etc.) which will better inform our Parish, and the greater community in some cases, of all the broad and wonderful opportunities for Ministry and places to engage within our Parish.
- **2014 Annual Budget:** The annual pledge campaign is approximately \$41,000 behind the original goal. The Vestry has determined that is not financially prudent for TEC to incur this level of overspending and voted to narrow that gap to a maximum \$17,000 deficit. The Wardens, Rector, Treasurer, and Finance Committee will submit recommendations immediately and adjustments to our expenses will be made by the conclusion of March. On-going focus and study will continue throughout the year on additional opportunities to increase revenue and decrease expenses with a desire to narrow the budget gap even more or perhaps eliminate it.
- **New Vestry Structure:** Vestry Support Teams have been meeting and contacting individual Ministries to gain input for needed resources, and identifying opportunities for better co-ordination and Parish communications. Most Ministries should be contacted in March and individual Ministry & Vestry Support Team members will expand face-to-face meetings in April. Additionally, Vestry Support Teams will meet the first Sunday of each month following the 9:45 Service. All Parishioners are welcome to attend those working sessions. We are very excited and are optimistic about this enhanced structure.
- **Trinity Time-Sensitive Priorities:** While almost everything we do is important, the Vestry discussed and recognizes that some Ministries and Church management items require more focus and attention at any given time than others. As such the Vestry is developing a list of key time-sensitive priorities that will receive additional and broader attention and resources beyond the Vestry Support Teams. We plan to have those priorities finalized by April.

Thursday, April 17



6:30 p.m. Agape Meal,
McArthur Hall
7:30 p.m. Worship
9:00 p.m. Nightwatch,
Chapel

Friday, April 18



12:00 Noon Worship
3:00 Tenebrae, Chapel
7:30 p.m. Worship

Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil

7:30 Great Easter Vigil,
Church
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Reception, McArthur Hall

Easter Sunday April 20



8:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. Holy
Eucharist, Church
10:30 a.m. Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 27

8:00 a.m. & 9:45 a.m. Holy
Eucharist, Church

Morning Prayer

Thursday Mornings

7:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Centering Prayer

Tuesday Mornings

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel

- **Increased Children and Youth Focus:** Based on feedback by you at the Annual Meeting, the Vestry discussed and recognizes the importance of our children and youth ministries and is dedicated to better identifying and providing additional resources to insure their success. New initiatives were discussed and will be initiated and communicated once they are further vetted.

2014 Annual Easter Egg Hunt



When: Easter Sunday - April 20th

Where: Outside! We will have two separate hunts! The younger ones will be up on the grassy hill behind the church and older children will be on the Day School playground

Time: Directly after the 9:45am service

For: Little ones - 5th grade

What to bring: Easter basket!!

If it rains - we will have the Easter Egg Hunt indoors! (chapel and church school classrooms). There will be an announcement made on Easter Sunday regarding the final details of the hunt! Please be sure to meet in the designated spot immediately following the church service.

Questions - Jenn Summers at jennifer.ann.summers@gmail.com

**Christian Education for
All Ages at 9:00 a.m.
Every Sunday***

***No Christian Education
on April 13 & 20th****

Memorial Easter Decorations



Help to decorate the church for Easter. You may make a contribution towards flowers for Easter in memory of or honor of a loved one. Please use the form provided on the narthex table. You may also email your request to the office
jenugent@trinitysolebury.org

Men's Clothing Collection:



Thank you for your donations of gently-used men's clothing for the Seamen's Church Institute. All the clothes have been delivered and maybe a couple of sweaters and trousers are already on their way to South America or some other exotic place. Thank you to Frank and Jean Evans for transporting all the clothes to Philadelphia.

Upcoming Music at Trinity

La Fiocco - Sunday, April 6th 3:00 p.m.

Italian and English Delights c. 1690-1730

Exquisite secular cantatas for countertenor, concertos for recorder and strings, and trio sonatas of the mid and late Baroque.

\$25 general audience, \$20 seniors, \$10 students.

Joseph Hill, countertenor

Lewis R. Baratz, recorder & harpsichord

Jonathan Goya & Claire Smith Bermingham, baroque violins

Lynn Fergusson, baroque cello

Benjamin T. Berman, harpsichord

Laudon Scheutt, theorbo

Concordia Chamber Players



April 27, 2014 3:00 p.m.

Subscription Concert III

Pohadka (Fairy Tale) by Leos Janacek

String Trio #2 by Bohuslav Martinu

Piano Quartet #1 in D Major by Antonin Dvorak

William Wolfram - piano, Arnaud Sussmann - violin, Mark Holloway - violin, Michelle Djokic - cello

Single tickets are \$25 for this performance:

Tickets available at the door (cash or check) \$25.

For more information and tickets:

<http://concordiplayers.org/concert-season/>

Changes to the Production of Weekly Notices

To allow for more flexibility in creating our "Weekly Notices", we are making some changes and are moving towards a more collaborative process. In our new process all the work of creating the notices does not fall on Jane Ellen, but instead all the staff, vestry, wardens and the rector share some of the burden in a collaborative approach. This way we hope to create a superior product, while reducing the burden on Jane Ellen to 'know everything about everything'. To make the process work there is a HARD deadline of 9AM Thursday for all notices - this allows the MINIMUM time to complete formatting, print, fold, staple, and setup the weekly email. BUT it is far better if everything is in by Wednesday 9AM - that way nothing is an 'emergency last minute change' To submit a notice, go to

<http://www.trinitysolebury.org/submitnotices> and click the button that says 'Click here to create a new event'.

You will be prompted through all the questions needed by Jane Ellen, and once complete, your notice will appear automatically for her in the notices. You can also email submissions, but in addition to the text, please include

start date, end date, whether this should be in the print and/or email versions. But if you email, it's more work for Jane Ellen as she must cut and paste all that information - so it's better to go simply go to

<http://www.trinitysolebury.org/submitnotices> and follow the step by step instructions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to talk to Jon Hayward, Jane Ellen or Debbie Stedman.

Senior Send-off Sunday, May 18th - 9:45

Spring has finally arrived, and as we gear up for graduation season, we invite all of our graduating seniors and their families to participate in Trinity's Senior Send-Off on Sunday, May 18th at the 9:45 service. The service takes place in the church and involves an exchange of gifts and prayers of the congregation. There is some advanced prep work that needs to be done, so if you have a graduating senior this year, please contact Kristen Steuber at teamsteuber@gmail.com or 215.828.3950 for all of the details. This is a very emotional and fulfilling experience, and we hope your family will participate.



PIG ROAST

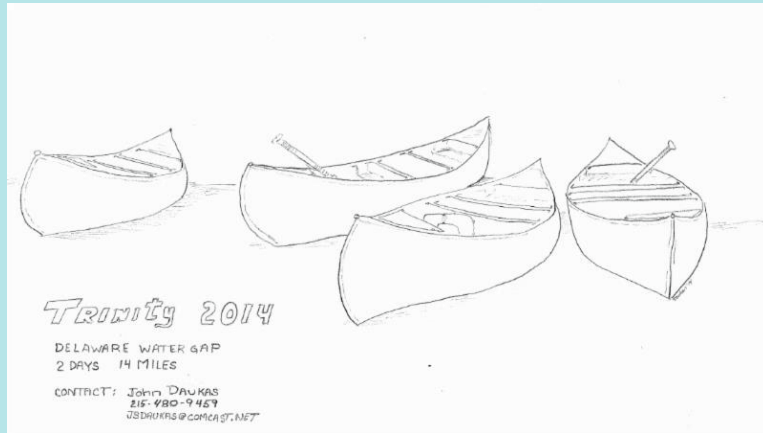
Mark your calendar for the second annual Pig Roast on May 18th, following the 9:45 service. Please bring a side or dessert to share. \$8.00 for adults (12 + up), \$4.00 for children (4 - 11), and children 3 and under are free. No family will pay more than \$25.00 to eat. We will be "on the hill" weather permitting so bring a chair or blanket to sit on. TYG will again be providing children's activities for \$5.00 per child. Funds they raise will go towards Mission Philly. Please call the office to sign up.

Canoe Trip



Outreach Survey Update

Thanks to everyone who completed the Outreach Survey in February. We had 109 responses and the Outreach Committee is in the process of digesting the results and formulating an Outreach plan. Results will be shared later this Spring.



We are looking to see if there is interest in an overnight canoe trip at the Delaware Water Gap. Trip is envisioned for July 13/14 and will include a 14 mile ride on the river with tent camping overnight. Please contact John Daukas jsdaukas@comcast.net 215-480-9459 ASAP if you're interested.

What is a Vestry?

You are warmly invited to attend our Vestry Support Team Meetings Sunday April 6th following our 9:45 a.m. service. All ministry leaders and/or all interested in learning more or being involved in a Trinity ministry are welcome. Read below for more details.



What is a Vestry?

The vestry "shall be agents and legal representatives of the Parish in all matters concerning its corporate property and the relations of the parish to its clergy" (Canon 14). Vital Practices- Episcopal Church Foundation

[In the Episcopal Church] a committee elected by members of a congregation to serve with the churchwardens in managing the temporal (functional, operational and material) affairs of the church- Merriam Webster Dictionary

What is the structure of a Vestry?

Vestries have historically had a wide range of forms generally based on a combination of factors including tradition, needs of the Parish during given timeframes, and abilities/skills of those volunteering to serve and lead. There is no right or wrong structure and they should reflect the diverse composition of the congregation.

At Trinity Church our Vestry consists of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clerk of Vestry and Vestry members. New to our structure during 2014 are Vestry Support Teams.

What is a Vestry Support Team?

A Vestry Support Team is a subset of individuals (or working group) within the Vestry that is organized to support the individual ministries and committees/task forces performing the many and diverse good works of God at Trinity Church.

It is the goal of these Vestry Support Teams to work with and for the ministries as needed and requested to help bring additional focus, resources, and broader Parish-wide communication opportunities leading to greater success and sustainability of the ministry. It is not the goal of the Vestry Support Team to manage or direct the ministry and there is no formula or one way prescribed procedure for this work. Each ministry and Vestry Support Team will develop its own unique and personalized operating relationship.

Who are our Vestry Support Teams?

We have formed three Teams at this time:

Congregational Formation:

Whitney Chandor, Elaine Crooks, Lori Daukas,
Mary Miller

Mission and Ministry:

Bruce Harris, Bob Marcino, Kristen Steuber

Stewardship of Resources:

Charlotte de Jesus,
Rick Lansill, Bill Wolf, Michael Yount

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What ministries and task forces do these Vestry Support Teams Support?

Our ministries include but are not limited to:

Congregational Formation

Music, Worship, Spiritual Formation, Christian Education, Adult Education, Hospitality and Fellowship, Children and Youth, Caregiving/(Trinity Cares), Newcomers, Men's Breakfast, Women's Bible Study

Stewardship of Resources

Property, Finance, Cemetery, Trinity Autumn House Tour, Lobsterfest, Cookie Bake, Stewardship/Planned Giving, Other Fundraising

Mission and Ministry

Outreach, Day School, Mission Philly, DVIC, Tabasamu, Diocese/ECS, Episcopal Relief and Development, Peacemeal

How do I contact these Vestry Support Teams to learn more or request their support?

There are various ways to learn more or request their support. You may contact any individual Vestry Support Team member noted above, any member of the Vestry, your Wardens, and as always, Reverend Rick.

Additionally, our Vestry Support Teams will meet separately from the regularly scheduled Vestry Meetings at various times, and will meet specifically during the 1st Sunday of most months after the 9:45 a.m. service. You are welcome and invited to join those meetings and/or request a specific discussion of your ministry of interest.



Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you for your hugs,
telephone calls and
beautiful cards filled with
love and prayers
- from Barbara Matybell

Lobsterfest 2014

Lobster... Corn... Chowder... Silent auction... Music... Kids games... Friends... Family... BYOB... it's our 19th Annual Trinity Lobsterfest June 7th!



Order your dinners early!



The success of Lobsterfest depends on the support of every member of the Parish, so please consider the following ways that you and your family can contribute to this effort:

Volunteer your time- Volunteers are needed in the coming weeks for mailings and to make phone calls. There are also a multitude of opportunities available on the day of Lobsterfest. Contact Kim kim@parkavepastries.com or 215-718-3973 to sign-up for your preferred volunteer slot.



Chowder Making - Join the fun on Friday June 6th for a day of clam chowder making! Morning and afternoon shifts are available starting at 9:00AM. Contact Kim Laughlin at kim@parkavepastries.com or 215-718-3973 to sign up.

Corporate Sponsorship-Can you rework the article from last.

Desserts-We are looking for those yummy desserts for Trinity's infamous dessert tent! Please contact the Church office to tell them what you will bring. And consider the weather on June 7th - items that won't melt are the best!

Supply Donations-Please keep an eye out for a good deal on those name brand sodas and bottled water and start stocking up.

We look forward to everyone's participation. Come and join the fun and support your Youth Group! A major portion of the proceeds from Lobsterfest supports our Mission Philadelphia efforts, June 21 - 28, 2012.

To order on-line or to access an order form click on the link below <http://www.trinitysolebury.org/lobster>



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FIRST CLASS



Palm Sunday – April 13th, 8 and 9:45 a.m., Church
Holy Monday – April 14th, 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Holy Tuesday – April 15th, 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Chapel
Holy Wednesday – April 16th
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross, Chapel
Maundy Thursday – April 17th
6:30 p.m. - Agape Supper, McArthur Hall
7:30 p.m. - Holy Eucharist, Washing of Feet and
Stripping of the Altar, Church
9:00 p.m. - Night Watch, Chapel
Good Friday – April 18th
12 noon – Good Friday Service, Church
3:00 p.m. – Tenebrae, Chapel
7:30 p.m. – Good Friday Evening Service
Easter Vigil – April 19th, 7:30 p.m., Church
Easter Day – April 20th, 8:00 & 9:45 a.m., Church
Easter Egg Hunt follows for children; bring you own baskets.

If you would like to submit
an article for the Tidings
please have your article
emailed to
jenugent@trinitysolebury.org
by the 15th of the month