



trinity topics

From the Rector's Desk . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Trinity's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th after the church service. It would be so good to have a large percentage of the Trinity family there. The Vestry and I would like to share and answer questions you may have about the new organ, the new key card entry system and burglar alarm, the columbarium, the sanctuary walls, the 150th Anniversary, our new Strategic Plan, etc. This is also a great opportunity to dream a little about Coatesville's future and our involvement in the Coatesville community. There are some exciting changes that will be occurring near the church and we are striving to be ready and a part of those changes. We have our 150th Anniversary celebration occurring in 2018 and a large part of that has to do with our future – "150 Years of Faith in Coatesville". We want to recognize our past, celebrate our present and look toward a vision for the future. See you there!

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Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross and Compline will be available every Friday in Lent, beginning March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Joining the Church

St. Cyril's Day/Bishop's Visit

Our annual St. Cyril's Day celebration will arrive with a special twist this year. It is the 50th anniversary of the merging of St. Cyril's Episcopal Church with Episcopal Church of the Trinity. A Bishop will be with us to celebrate and preach and confirm/receive new members on June 25th. What a great day to confirm new members! If you are interested in officially joining Trinity Church, let either Deacon Joan or Pastor Sherry know. We will be holding sessions about the Episcopal Church (The Discovery Series) for a few weeks prior to the Bishop's visit in order to share more about just what the Episcopal Church is. This is open to anyone who is interested. If you would just like a refresher on the Episcopal Church, please join us!

Hope in Dark Places: Knowing and Proclaiming Christ Crucified A Diocesan Lent Day with Fleming Rutledge

March 25 9:00am-3:30pm

Church of the Good Samaritan

Join us as we gather together to hear one of the Episcopal Church's foremost writers and preachers lead us in a day reflecting on the Cross of Christ in preparation for Holy Week. *Note: Rutledge's book, **The Crucifixion: Understanding the Death of Jesus Christ** has recently been named the 2016 Book of the Year by Christianity Today.* Brochures are available in church.

New Alarm System and Entry

Trinity will be upgrading our smoke alarm system to include a burglar alarm system. Along with a new alarm system, we will be obtaining new front doors (the current wooden doors are rotting at the bottom) and a key card entry system. With an alarm system, anyone who enters the building during non-regular times will need to enter through the new doors located at the center of our plant (by the social hall) in order to deactivate the alarm. Pastor Sherry is creating a list of people who will need new key cards to get in the building. If you will be in need of getting into the building during "off" times, please give your name to Pastor Sherry or Jamoca Harkins (parish administrator).



St. Cyril's Chapel

St. Cyril's Chapel in the process of getting a facelift. The Evans family has graciously offered to paint and carpet the Chapel. Insulation on the exterior wall was added. Woohoo! We are grateful!

Annual Meeting

Church of the Trinity's annual meeting will be held on March 19. We elect members to Vestry and Convention/Deanery delegates at our annual meeting. Be thinking about who would be a good vestry member or delegate as our Annual Meeting approaches. We will be seeking nominations.

Episcopal Church of the Trinity Nominations 2017

Vestry (**nominate 5**). Four terms are expiring in 2017: Jim Anderson, Greg Bentley, Thomas Swett and Bill Terry. Jim Anderson has served 3 consecutive terms and according to our bylaws, must take one year off. Jodi Bakshas has moved out of the area, so we are also looking for someone to fulfill the rest of her term, which expires in 2019.

Greg, Tom and Bill are willing to stand for re-election.

Nominations for vestry

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Nominations for Diocesan/Deanery Delegate (3 positions): Annual Convention is usually second Saturday in November at the Philadelphia Cathedral.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

(To be eligible to nominate and vote for these positions you must have been a member of this Church for at least six months and be at least 16 years of age. The annual meeting is March 19th. Please put completed forms in the collection plate, or deliver to the church office.)

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads and manages the parish. The vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates the vision;
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and
- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.
- Works on budgeting
- Establishes and enforces policies and procedures
- Establishes action plans
- Maintains property.



Ash Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the church season of Lent, a penitential season of the church year. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Imposition of Ashes will be held at Noon (with no music) and at 7 p.m. (with music). This is a service that many people find to be meaningful. Join us!

Organ Update

We are getting a new organ at Trinity Church! Thanks to all who have contributed toward this new musical instrument over the last few years. The Vestry voted to move ahead with the building of the organ at its meeting on January 8th by utilizing non-specified funds to complete the purchase. It takes 12-14 weeks to build the organ, so the earliest we may see it in church is Easter Sunday.

There is still an opportunity to contribute toward the organ, as we have been given an anonymous challenge to raise an additional \$2,500. For every contribution we receive toward the new organ, it will be matched up to \$2,500. So far, we have \$1,100 toward the challenge match.

What's Cookin' in Coatesville/Parents Night Out

Our free healthy meal for the community is being served once again on Thursday, March 2 at 6 p.m. This month features Beef Stew, Buttermilk Cornbread and Mint Brownies for dessert. Our presenter this month is Selina Morresi, MPH, CTTS, CHES who is a Program Specialist with Caron Treatment Centers coming to share about drug awareness. If you would like to volunteer to help serve and clean up, please arrive at 5:45 p.m. or simply join us for a good healthy meal.



Scrip Matters!

Here's a report of the proceeds from the Scrip program in 2015 and 2016. In 2015, Trinity made \$ 1,180.17 from Scrip, for a per-month average of \$98.35. In 2016, we made \$ 757.88 for a per-month average of \$ 63.16. Combining the totals from the two years, we made \$ 1,938.05 for a per-month average of \$ 80.75 over the two years. These figures are for the total rebates received, minus the shipping costs for physical cards.

For those who don't know, "Scrip cards" are pre-paid gift cards, **exactly** the same as the ones you can buy and use in stores or online. But when you buy the retailers' pre-paid gift cards through Trinity's Scrip Program, the retailers refund a percentage of your purchase price to Trinity. For example, you buy a \$100 Giant Stores card for \$100 from Trinity, and you get to spend the whole \$100 dollars at Giant buying groceries. But Giant lets Trinity keep \$4.00 of the \$100.00 you paid us for the card. There is no extra fee! And the card is already active: you can buy a card after services on Sunday and spend it on the way home!

We stock a selection of Scrip cards for you to buy on Sundays. In addition, thousands of other retailers participate in the Scrip program; the amount rebated to Trinity varies from retailer to retailer. Any of these retailers' cards can be purchased on Sundays for delivery the following week. Also, you can set up an online account to buy Scrip online and get your card(s) in minutes, ready for use immediately online or in stores. A list of all the participating retailers, as well as more information on the Scrip program, is available any time at <https://www.shopwithscrip.com> or you can get a copy of the retailer list on Sunday after service.

To participate in this ongoing program, see Jim Anderson after services on Sunday, or contact him at 610-857-4751 or at jjima.trinity.ec@verizon.net



Veterans Brunch – February 26,2017

The timing of the brunch and when Trinity Topics goes to press may not always work out, but it doesn't stop us from relaying all the good things happening with our monthly outreach to our Veterans.

Last month (Jan 29, 2017) we had 30 volunteers serving 58 of our veteran guests!! We had fun serving a NUTRITIOUS meal of breakfast items plus a New Year's menu of pork, sauerkraut and all the fixings.

A special thanks to a visiting Veteran, Mike Clemens, who worshipped with us, and then rolled-up his sleeves and helped in the kitchen. And a "hats-off" to Craig and Jack McGovern who helped prepare food and serve on the serving line. Young Jack is working on a service project that is a requirement as he prepares to "cross the bridge" from Webelos into Scouting. Thanks Jack! Feb. 26, 2017 brunch will have chicken and gravy over potatoes, along with many other homemade menu items.

We thank our Veterans; members of Trinity Church; and this great land of ours. God Bless America. -Brunch Bunch



Women's Group

The Women of Trinity are having a meeting after church on March 5th. We have many topics to discuss; and vote on. We will have an officer's election; including a new position of "Inventory Control Clerk". We need to make decisions on many expense items; and discuss fundraisers for 2017/2018. We need to schedule our annual Secret Sisters Reveal gathering. If you are a woman and attend Trinity – you are a member of The Women of Trinity. Please make every effort to be in attendance on March 5th. (Hopefully, we will be able to report that the Shrove Tuesday (2/28) Pancake Dinner was a success!)



Amazon Smile

\$4.85, Obviously not a lot of money, but that is currently my contribution to Trinity on my Amazon Smile account. That represents two months, so hopefully over the course of a year, I'll generate about \$30 for Trinity at no cost or inconvenience to me, just buying what I planned to buy anyway, but using the Amazon Smile portal and designating Episcopal Church of the Trinity- Coatesville. The big question is: how can we leverage this going in to our 150th? Do you know anyone who shops a lot on Amazon, and might be willing to designate Trinity on Amazon Smile as a favor to you or in honor of our 150th?

If we could get 50 people who could generate \$30 per year, that would raise \$1,500 for Trinity! I encourage you to talk this up among your friends and family.

-Pam Smyth



Happy Anniversary

17-Mar James & Tammy Shreve

18-Mar Mark & Gretchen Olson

31-Mar Ray & Liz Hulse

Caroline Puma	3-Mar
Christopher Haak	7-Mar
Mildred Coveleski	9-Mar
Reese Olivia Olson	10-Mar
Esther Harvey	14-Mar
Michelle Butler	20-Mar
Joseph Kirkner, III	29-Mar
Robin McWilliams	29-Mar
James Shreve	29-Mar
Margaret Watson	29-Mar

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				HE Chapel- 12Noon Whats Cookin in Coatesville- 6PM		SH & Kitchen Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon Food Distribution	SH Rented Stations of the Cross to the Trinity 7PM	Memorial
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SH Rented	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel -12Noon Food Distribution Pastoral Care Team Meeting 1230PM	SH Rented & Kitchen Stations of the Cross to the Trinity 7PM	SH Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
SH Rented Vestry Meeting	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon	SH Rented Stations of the Cross to the Trinity 7PM	SH & Kitchen Rented
26	27	28	29	30	31	
VETERAN'S BRUNCH 1230pm	BIBLE STUDY 7PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL		HE Chapel – 12Noon	Stations of the Cross to the Trinity 7PM	



Readers, Servers and Greeters for March 2017



Date	Readers	Psalter/P-O-P	Chalists	Servers	Torches	Greeters
3/5	Kent Nation	N/A	Jim Anderson	Jim Anderson	N/A	TBA
	Craig McGovern	Bill Terry	Al Carey	Jim Anderson	N/A	
3/12	Lon Cross	N/A	Lon Cross	Al Carey	N/A	TBA
	Seth Haak	Caroline Bentley	Pam Smyth	Al Carey	N/A	
3/19	Ebbie Carey	N/A	Pat Kirkner	Pat Kirkner	N/A	TBA
	Jim Anderson	Donna Puma	Bill Terry	Pat Kirkner	N/A	
3/26	Vic Shanley	N/A	Jim Anderson	Seth Haak	N/A	TBA
	Chris Haak	Greg Bentley	Al Carey	Bill Terry	N/A	

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Parish Office Hours
Monday – Wednesday
8AM—12PM
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Mission Statement

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.

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Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

Church School

Sundays 9:15 AM

Bible Study

Mondays 7:00 PM