

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320



April 2020

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

We are all adapting to a new and different way of life, taking each day as it comes. It is a bit stressful for most of us and with the latest announcements it looks like we will be in this for at least another month. Therefore, I'd like to share information that may be helpful as we move forward in adapting to different ways of being together while apart. The good news is that Jesus is walking with us through this stressful time. Look for those moments and events that are evidence of God's hand at work in our world.

Trinity is adapting and utilizing digital technology as we are able and ask that you bear with us as we learn best practices for doing so. As some of you are aware, we began live-streaming our Sunday worship service with a small crew. Our Bishop continues to be in conversation with State health and government officials and the church is considered "essential" during this period of time and we are permitted to live-stream with a group of under 10 people.

We will continue to offer worship service on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. by utilizing Facebook Live through the Episcopal Church of the Trinity's Facebook page to stream the service. But to make this easier, and for those who do not have a Facebook account, simply go to the church's website at <https://www.trinitycoatesville.org/> and click on the Facebook button which should take you directly to the church's Facebook page. The bulletin can also be accessed by going to our website and clicking on the link under "Latest News". The services do remain on our Facebook page to be watched at a later time if you wish. I will do my best to post the sermons to the website so that you may access them through the website.

Consider setting up an area in your home as worship space. Perhaps a tablecloth, candles, cross, possibly incense – be creative! Our Episcopal Book of Common Prayer has Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline and other wonderful prayers/resources for home worship.

If you don't have a Book of Common Prayer, it is available on-line <https://www.bcponline.org/>. Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has a weekly "Habits of Grace" meditation through <https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace> and of course, our own Diocesan Bishop Daniel Gutierrez has Noonday prayer and more through the Episcopal Diocese Pennsylvania's Facebook page.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

The Rector's
Desk 1-2

Vestry News 3

Constant
Contact 3

Arts Holding
Hands and
Hearts
(AHHAH) 3

Socks and
Underwear
Collection 4

Easter Flowers
Order Form 4

Birthdays,
Anniversaries
& Celebrations 5

Calendar of
Events 5

Mission
Statement &
Contact
Information 6

Holy Week will certainly be different this year and I am enclosing some resources for you to experience worship in your own homes. Enclosed is a small piece of palm for you to hold and process with in your respective rooms as you watch our service on-line. Also enclosed is a service that you may use in your home for Maundy Thursday. We plan to live-stream our Good Friday service at 7 p.m. on April 10th. For Holy Saturday, I have included the ancient sermon "The Harrowing of Hell" for your meditation on April 11th. We do plan to live-stream Easter Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. on April 12th and suggest that you get dressed up for the service. Make a special meal in your home, perhaps call your Trinity friends (and others) and say, "Alleluia! the Lord is Risen" and the person will respond, "The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!". A virtual Easter egg hunt is available at https://www.lexingtonegg hunt.com/?fbclid=IwAR2s5CuyL1cFyhzYRzKP6OgLjKAJmklQrvVY5YV2lhUF_FhQ9Z4utl_K9xl

A reminder that our brand new Engage on-line directory and on-line giving system is operational. The on-line directory is an easy way to find each other's contact information. To participate, simply go to the church's website and click on the "Giving" button. You will then want to 'log-in' and will be prompted to set up your Engage account. This will give you access to the on-line directory. You do not have to also set up any type of gifting to the church if you choose not to give electronically. Setting up your engage account will give you access to the on-line directory (a private church directory).

During this Stay at Home period, it is important to Trinity that your pledges continue to come in to the church, whether it is through our new on-line Engage giving option that can come directly out of your bank account or through regular the US Mail. We still have the same bills to pay. Several of you have already set up your on-line giving and/or have mailed in your pledge. We thank you! It is appreciated.

The church has a Zoom platform (thanks to the Diocesan offices) that we are using for our Parish Discernment Group meetings, Vestry meetings and soon to be used for our Confirmation Classes. If you would like to hold a meeting in this style (it's nice to see faces while speaking with each other), let the church office know and we will do our best to arrange a Zoom meeting for you. For personal use, Zoom has a free "basic" platform that you can use for video conversations with your family and friends. There are other platforms as well – Skype, Facebook, etc. that are free and helpful for "seeing" others while you communicate in this time.

Please contact the church office 610-384-4771 if you are in need of food delivered to your home, or have other needs during this time. We may be able to help. Continue to keep in contact with one another through phone calls, as we are all part of a larger Trinity family, even though we are physically separated.

We will come through this together and I look forward to the day when we can once again gather in our sanctuary for worship. What a celebration we will have! In the meantime, take good care, stay safe and be well. God loves you with an everlasting love!

Peace and much love,

Sherry +

Vestry News

Trinity held its annual meeting on March 8th, our last Sunday together before the necessary changes were made. We enjoyed Canon Betsy Ivey's time with us as she preached and celebrated at our service and shared her role on the Diocesan staff at our annual meeting. The newly elected Vestry members are: Greg Bentley, Donna Fleck, Paul Cox and Robert Baynard, Sr. Their term will expire in 3 years in 2023. Our Diocesan/Deanery deputies are: Betty Sullivan, Pat Kirkner, Kait Dugan and Bill Terry.

Jim Anderson has served as our Senior Warden since 2013. He has served us well for 7 years and is ready to take a breather. When we can come together again, we will properly thank him and celebrate his service for many years. I am happy to share that Chris Haak has now accepted the role as Senior Warden. Thank you, Chris!

Constant Contact

We will be relying heavily on our Constant Contact E-mail system and ask that you do open those emails from Trinitycoates@aol.com through Constant Contact. It is one of our primary ways of communicating to large numbers at one time. Checking in on church Facebook page is also a way of obtaining current information. We are also going to utilize the US Mail system and good, old-fashioned phone calls as well.

Arts Holding Hands and Hearts (AHHAH) offers free online children's programs

- Tuesday 9 am Story Time Yoga,
- Thursday 9 am Dance with Me Zoom classes,
- Nightly Bedtime Stories with Ms. Amanda
- Plus, mindfulness/self-care and yoga sessions for adults.

Click our Facebook web address for times and days of sessions:
<https://www.facebook.com/ArtsHoldingHandsAndHeartsInc>

Socks and Underwear Collection

In January and February of this year we put out a call for donations of new socks and underwear for the men, women and children who live in Coatesville's shelters. The congregation responded bountifully:

83 pr. men's socks	63 pr. women's socks	29 pr. children's underpants
69 pr. men's boxers and briefs	47 pr. women's panties	18 pr. children's socks
33 men's undershirts	2 pr. women's tights, 2 bras, and one huge package sanitary supplies	

To give someone the most basic clothing for human dignity – that's wonderful. Thank you all for your gracious response.



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2020

This year again, we will be ordering a variety of flowers to decorate for Easter. If you are interested in placing memorial flowers in the church, please fill in your name, phone number and how many flowers you are ordering along with the name of the person(s) placed in memory of. The suggested donation is a minimum of \$12.00. Make checks payable to **Church of the Trinity**. Return this order form along with your payment to the parish office.

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED: _____

NAME/S OF PERSON/S PLACED IN MEMORY OF: _____



Nina Thompson	1-Apr
Evelyn Carey	2-Apr
Lily Fazio	2-Apr
Gail Craven	4-Apr
Sherry Deets	7-Apr
Diane Evans	7-Apr
Stacey Heston	10-Apr
Al Carey Sr.	11-Apr
Robert Baynard Sr.	14-Apr
Jodi Bakshas	15-Apr
Barbara Combs	21-Apr

Vic & Jacqueline Shanley	24-Apr
--------------------------	--------

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Palm Sunday				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Easter Sunday						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY

323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320-3409

For more information

contact:

The Reverend Sherry Deets, Rector

610-384-4771

trinitycoates@aol.com

Website:

www.trinitycoatesville.org

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.

Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

Jamoca Harkins,
Parish Administrator

Parish Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 930am-130pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 330-530pm

Friday: 930am-1230pm

THE EPISCOPAL
CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Pennsylvania
19320-3409

Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM