

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



June 2020

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

June appears to be the month in which Chester County will be transitioning into the “yellow” phase of our state’s COVID-19 plan. Our own Diocese is taking into account the state wide plan and also carefully considering how all of the churches in our Diocese enter back into in-person worship services. We will be restricted to 25 or fewer people gathered in the sanctuary during the yellow phase and will need to follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing, etc. Following is Trinity’s general plan for beginning in-person worship on that designated Sunday in which it is determined that we can do so (stay tuned for that first Sunday date). I also refer you to the much more comprehensive and detailed plan from the Diocesan Offices <https://www.diopa.org/news/plan-for-return>.

It is important to know that coming to church on Sunday morning is completely up to you. There is no pressure to do so until you feel ready. We will continue to live-stream our services. The Vestry devoted time, energy and care in coming to the following outline and we wanted to get it to you in time for your proper reflection and careful thought. You have a few weeks to consider this option and understand what to expect if you come.

Please note that we will need you to call the church office (610) 384-4771 or send an email (trinitycoates@aol.com) in order to “reserve” a place in the sanctuary. This is our way to keep our numbers to 25 or less, without having to turn someone away at the door. If you call for a reservation and we happen to have 25 people already reserved, you will be first on the list for the following Sunday. Stay tuned for that first Sunday that we are ready for our soft opening.

Please review the plan and if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the church office or send an email. As has been customary during this unusual time, the plan will remain subject to change.

Take good care and I miss you all! Stay safe and well.

With love,
Sherry+

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Episcopal Church of the Trinity, Coatesville
COVID-19 Reentry Plan (Soft Opening)
Revised May 2020

Once health officials and governing authorities have determined that Chester County has reached the phase in which we can hold church services again, we will adhere to the following guidelines for the opening of the church building. This outlines the beginning stage as we 'phase-in' and as the risk minimizes, we will adapt. The plan is subject to change based on recommendations from health and government officials.

Worship

- We will continue to offer services via live-stream for those who are at high risk or simply not comfortable coming to the service in person.
- We will be taking reservations ahead of time for those who wish to attend in-person worship, as we are limited to 25 or less in our gathering. Please contact the church office at 610-384-4771 or send an email to trinitycoates@aol.com for reservations for the upcoming Sunday.
- Masks should be worn in the church and if someone arrives without one, a mask will be provided.
- We will maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet apart within the worship space. This means that individuals or members of the same household will need to sit every other pew. Each pew is sixteen feet long, so one household unit will sit at each end of that long pew. We are limited to gatherings of 25 or less during the yellow phase. Ushers will be present for direction on seating.
- Usher(s) will be present at entry to ensure masks are worn, attendance records are kept, seating is appropriately social distanced and proper sanitizing upon entry has occurred.
- Singing is among the riskier behaviors when it comes to spreading droplets or aerosols, so the choir will not be gathering together to sing anthems. There will be no singing in the pews (humming is permissible). Solos will be a possible replacement of anthems with the soloist at an appropriate distance from any other people.
- No touch passing of the peace, we may wave at each other or bow to each other.
- No touch collection. The offering plates will be available near the red entry doors to the sanctuary.
- Offering communion will be in one kind – wafers/bread, no common cup. We will continue to pray the prayer of Spiritual communion for those who do not wish to receive communion and for those who are watching online. (Hand sanitizer just before administering communion, no common chalice, masks are worn) Usher(s) will coordinate single file, appropriately distanced, communion line.

- Upon entering the sanctuary/church building, please stand six feet from the person or family unit in front of you until entryway is clear. Exiting the sanctuary will be coordinated by the Usher(s) in order to ensure proper distancing. Staggered exiting, both doors utilized.
- No coffee hour, no food preparation until risk is minimized. Instead, socially distanced time for chatting can happen on the front lawn after service for those who wish to do so.

Small Groups/Sunday School/Nursery

- Small groups of 10 or less can begin to gather in the social hall, with appropriate distancing and the wearing of masks. It is also appropriate to continue meeting virtually.
- Sunday school does not meet in the summer and there will be no nursery care.

Church Business

- Regular office functions could resume more or less safely while maintaining social distancing and wearing masks. Continue to attend to cleaning and sanitizing the office. Pay particular attention to high-touch surfaces and cleaning hands after dealing with the offering.
- Church leadership teams of less than 10 might consider meeting in person while wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, or continue meeting online.
- Hold off on allowing building users/renters to resume operations until further notice. (Renters will need a plan to address cleaning needs and written agreement to observe gathering and distancing protocols, when we begin to allow rentals of our space).

General Building

- Maintain a good stock of tissue, soap, hand sanitizer, disposable gloves and disinfectant wipes.
- Clean the building regularly and between user groups, paying extra attention to high-touch surfaces. Trinity has one Sunday service; therefore, the sanctuary's regular cleaning schedule of Saturday evening remains appropriate.
- If you become aware of someone in the church or a building user infected with COVID-19, notify the church office immediately and cooperate fully with contact tracers.
- High risk individuals, whether staff, volunteers, or program participants, should continue to shelter in place. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Engage On-Line Directory

If you haven't checked out our new Engage Online Directory, we encourage you to do so. It is easily accessed through the church's website: <https://www.trinitycoatesville.org>. Simply click on the box that says 'Online Giving for Members and Visitors and Member Directory'. At the next screen you may either enter your user name and password, or if it is your first time, click on create account just underneath the sign in button. You will then set up your user name and password. You will next see your personal information. You may make changes to your information, and even upload your own personal photo! To see other Trinity members, simply click on the 'my groups' button and then click 'directory'. This will present you with all of the members in our Trinity online directory and their contact information. The more of you who update your information, the better able we will all be to keep in contact with each other.

Pledges and Giving

Many have chosen to give to Trinity via the online giving program and that is wonderful news! We thank you so much for maintaining your pledges. We wanted to be sure you were aware that it is less expensive to the church for you to contribute via your bank account. The fee to the church is only 30 cents for a bank transaction. If you pay by card (debit or credit) the fee is 50 cents plus additional fees charged by the card holder (the percentages vary depending on the card merchant). For example: If you contribute \$25 to the church via your checking account, it only costs the church 30 cents. If your contribution \$25 to the church via a card (debit or credit), the fee is roughly \$1.57.

Adult Education Offering: Trauma Sunday, May 31st at 11:15 am via Zoom

We are all going through a collective trauma and the effects of this will manifest in the months to come. This is very normal. We are fortunate to have Jennifer Grubb, who has some expertise on the topic of Post-Traumatic Stress, willing to share with us via a Zoom session on Sunday, May 31st beginning at 11:15 a.m. She will be offering some coping strategies for us as well as sharing just what it is and how it may manifest. The Zoom session will open at 11 a.m. for those who are new to the format to be able to sign in and get settled prior to 11:15 a.m. The Zoom link is:

Topic: Post Traumatic Stress and Coping Strategies with Jennifer Grubb
Time: May 31, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96467631448?pwd=R3J1OUJLTkI3bGhBNXc5STBNdEpaUT09>

Meeting ID: 964 6763 1448

Password: 940139

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adsfuAPEq2>

ALTAR FLOWERS

During this pandemic, some businesses were considered nonessential and forced to close. Such was the case with flower shops, including our good friends at Coatesville Flower Shop. This prompted me to send out an apologetic email to those of you who had memorials scheduled for March and beyond. But without blinking an eye, our own expert floral designer, Pam Smyth, stepped up to the plate and offered to create the flower arrangements for each Sunday's service that you've seen on our Livestream service, including Easter Sunday. Pam's trained eye for color and imagination "blossomed" with her creations. We all thank you, Pam, for giving so freely of your time and for showing your love for Trinity and its members in this ministry!

As things have now evolved, we are now receiving delivery of our flowers from Greg and his team at the flower shop and those who have upcoming altar flowers scheduled will be receiving the normal reminder from me.

Thank you for your understanding and patience during this time.

"Your Floral Department"

COLUMBARIUM

Thanks to favorable weather, "spare time" and help from a few great friends, the landscaping phase of the Trinity Columbarium project is taking shape. If you've stopped by or tuned in to our Livestream service this past Sunday, you can see that the starkness of the granite and concrete has been softened by some beautiful plantings that will be maturing and making for a welcoming space for quiet meditation.

None of this would have been possible without the talent and expertise of our own Kathleen Deets-Price, who is our Pastor's sister-in-law. Kathleen shared with me her creativity in the planning and the shopping as she carefully chose what we would plant. And I know it wasn't easy, but Kathleen bit her tongue many times as she maintained her patience with me. What a partner!

But when it occurred to me that a Japanese Weeping Cherry Tree would not fit in my SUV, I had to lean on someone who never says "No" when it comes to Trinity. Thank you, Joe Kirkner, for taking the time away from your other obligations to schlep up to East Earl to pick up the tree and large bush in your truck. Couldn't have done it without ya!

Finally, we are blessed to have a member of Trinity who wanted to share the fruits of her labors with us and add to the beauty of the columbarium. A few months ago, Fida Abbott asked if we would like to include a few of her home-raised Hydrangea in the columbarium garden. Needless to say, we gratefully accepted her generous offer, and now some of these (soon-to-be) beauties have moved from Fida's home to their forever home at Trinity. Thank you, Fida, for your addition to the overall aesthetics of this project.

But it's not over and done with.....you don't have to own a greenhouse to realize that our "new arrivals" need nurturing and feeding in order to grow, flourish and survive. I was happy to see to it while they were at my home prior to being introduced to the columbarium last Saturday. And I've made sure that they've gotten the liquid nourishment needed since. But this has to be an ongoing and regimented task, so I'm reaching out to the members of Trinity to find those one or two members who would like to become the caretakers or groundskeepers of the columbarium garden. This would require at least a good weekly watering during those weeks when we don't get an appreciable rainfall, as well as seeing to the overall health of the plantings by removing dead leaves, etc. I know of several "green thumbs" among us, so who would like to share that interest and caring for nature with Trinity?

If you feel the desire to give freely of some of your time in perpetuating what we've started with the Trinity Columbarium, please drop me an email or give me a call at 610-389-0715 to discuss. And if anyone thinks this is some menial and insignificant assignment, think again! As always, the support of Trinity's members is always there, is valued and is appreciated.....I thank you! Vic Shanley Chmn., Columbarium Committee



Tammy Chiesa	3-June
Nicole McGovern	4-June
Laura Puma	6-June
Ian McGovern	7-June
Marshall Evans	9-June
Marion Kirwin	11-June
Cailin Morris	15-June
Barbara Post	15-June
Cliff Gardiner	18-June
Tom Swett	18-June
Julie Fredd	21-June
John Coveleski	23-June
Tresa Washington	24-June
Clint Bush	27-June
Kimberly Stauffer	30-June

Caroline and Greg Bentley	6-June
Carl and Miranda Croft	14-June
Kim and Nick Stauffer	18-June
Clifford and Ruth Gardiner	18-June
Erika and Chris Haak	21-June
Lance and Jeziel Bush	
Jamoca and Anthony Harkins	28-June

Congratulations Corner!!!!

**Congratulations to all high school
and college graduates!!! Class of 2020**

June 2020

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

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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.

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

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM