



# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

April was a challenging month for all of us, and I am grateful that our Trinity family has remained connected in creative ways, even though physically distanced. Let's continue our commitment to check in on each other and remain connected.

The feedback regarding our on-line worship services has been positive. This led to a discussion at our last Vestry meeting (via Zoom) in which we agreed that even when this pandemic is over, we will continue to offer services live-stream and/or recorded to be available for those who are not able to attend our services physically. We are now working on a re-entry plan for when the time comes for us to be able to open our doors on a Sunday morning. It will be a gradual process and will begin with adhering to social distancing guidelines, masks, etc. Stay tuned for the when and how of it all. I look forward to being able to see you all in person, even if at a distance.

In my homily on April 26<sup>th</sup> I referenced life principle #6 from the book, *Find Your Way Home: Words from the Street, Wisdom from the Heart*, written by the Women of Magdalene with Becca Stevens (of Thistle Farms). It is #6 Take the Longer Path: "There is no shortcut on the spiritual path. The journey to wholeness is lifelong. We walk the path slowly and remind one another that love is waiting for us when we are able to receive it. The journey is slow and miraculous; and our job is just to keep going, respecting love's power."

Our journey to wholeness is indeed lifelong and may we never stop seeking wholeness in our lives. This is a hard thing that we are going through, but we will get through it and we pray that together we may see the small miracles that are happening all along the way. Look for them. It may be a meaningful conversation with a friend or family member you haven't spoken to in a while, it may be the realization that the skies are so much clearer in previously smog filled areas, it may be spending time at a dinner table with the whole family present, it may be having the time to reflect and pray, it may be ..... you fill in the blank.

I miss you all. Stay safe and well.

With love, Sherry+

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## Engage On-Line Directory

If you haven't checked out our new Engage On-Line 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 say '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

In this period of shelter-at-home, 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.

## Online Worship Services

Trinity continues to offer online worship services on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. We are currently using 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 be accessed by clicking on the 'bulletins for online worship' under Latest News. The church is also creating a Youtube channel for access to recordings of our worship services. Stay tuned!

## Fundraising

Yes, we were all looking forward to another successful fundraiser for Trinity in early May. But lo and behold, a little thing called Covid-19 got in the way and radically altered our plans.....indeed, our lives!

But your Fundraising Team has not been idle and is already formulating plans to schedule some fun and profitable events for the coming months, once we have received the “all clear” from Washington and Harrisburg. They may be different than what we’ve done in the past, and they may be a combination of separately held past events.....but they *will* be geared towards the constant and sole objective of raising needed funds for our Trinity.

Thank you all for your patience, stay tuned and STAY WELL!

Vic Shanley, Chmn.

## Columbarium

“Hey, Vic, it’s Spring! Where’s the landscaping you promised for the Columbarium?”

Yes, it is Spring and yes, your eyes are seeing clearly that we have not completed the landscaping phase of the columbarium project. The design, shopping, delivery and installation was all about to begin when we basically shut down due to Covid-19. No one is more disappointed than I am, and I can assure you that commitments will be honored and the grounds will take on a totally new, bright and peaceful air in the not too distant future.

As with anything else worth waiting for, patience is the operative word. Thank you for yours!

Vic Shanley, Chmn.



Carl Croft 2-May  
 Luke Fazio 5-May  
 Beatrix Kirwin 6-May  
 Connor McWilliams 11-May  
 Greg Bentley 12-May  
 Donald Carron 16-May  
 Ray Hulse 17-May  
 Elizabeth Hanley 23-May  
 Jack McGovern 24-May  
 Zoe McGovern 24-May  
 Debra Tillotson 27-May  
 Kathleen Deets Price 28-May  
 Beth Fazio 29-May  
 Al Carey Sr. 30-May

John & Minnie Kirwin 26-May

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Mother's Day</b>						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	<b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>					
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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**