



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

I miss seeing you all! I imagine most of you, like me, miss a lot of things and still have days that are good and days that are not so good. I am doing my best to focus on the present and discover new opportunities and ways of accomplishing necessary tasks. I am doing my best to focus on what I need to leave behind and what I want to take with me as we 'bounce forward' from this particular time in our lives. I am doing my best to enjoy what each new day brings and what the gifts might be in the challenges that arise. It is not easy work, but it is necessary work. I was moved by this piece written by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and am sharing it with you this month:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

*that it is made by passing through some stages of instability—
and that it may take a very long time.*

And so I think it is with you;

*your ideas mature gradually—let them grow,
let them shape themselves, without undue haste.*

Don't try to force them on,

as though you could be today what time

*(that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will)
will make of you tomorrow.*

*Only God could say what this new spirit
gradually forming within you will be.*

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*Give Our Lord the benefit of believing
that his hand is leading you,
and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
in suspense and incomplete.*

—Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Hearts on Fire

Limited In-Person Worship

Trinity began limited, in-person worship on June 21st following our safety protocols/plan put in place to minimize risk. Our Bishop has made the decision that our Diocese will NOT move into the green stage until at least September 1, but that is dependent on the virus. Therefore, we will continue to limit our attendance on Sundays to 25 or fewer people gathered in the sanctuary until further notice.

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.

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.

Church Office Hours for Parish Administrator

Jamoca Harkins, our Parish Administrator, has new office hours. They are Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

VACATION

Pastor Sherry will be unavailable Tuesday, August 4 through Thursday, August 6. She will then be on vacation the week of Monday, August 24th through Monday, August 31st. There will be NO Trinity live-stream worship service on Sunday, August 30th. Please visit our National Cathedral <https://cathedral.org/> for their Eucharistic worship service at 11:15 a.m. Or visit our Diocese of Pennsylvania <https://www.diopa.org/> for their 9 a.m. worship service with guest preacher, the Rev. Jessie Thompson who is serving St. James, Prospect Park and St. John the Evangelist, Essington; music provided by Free Church of St. John and Cristo y San Ambrosio.

FUNDRAISING

Hey, have you heard? The bird is the word???

That's right.....in just two short weeks, Trinity will be hosting it's "Umteenth Annual Chicken BBQ"! And you definitely don't want to miss out on THE best BBQ'd Chicken Dinner in the City of Coatesville. The star of the show, the piece de resistance, is Al Carey's offering of a perfectly barbequed, sizzling, savory, scrumptious half of a chicken, slathered in his mystery sauce, accompanied by a bountiful baked potato, garnered with green beans tweaked with Nora's recipe, a summery and cool cole slaw and a delightful dinner roll.

Got your attention? Looking for your dinner of choice for the evening? Well, we've got you covered for Sat, Aug 15 from 11am - 4.30pm when we'll be serving up all the dinners you'll need for family and friends. And can you believe the cost for all you'll get is just \$11.00???? You can't beat that, and you won't want to, because while you're enjoying your dinner, you'll know you're supporting your Trinity in a big way.

Need some assurance about safety in the face of Covid? Everything about this event will be CDC and Diocese Guidelines compliant.....everyone will wear face masks, all food servers will wear gloves, social distancing will be marked on public areas, no customers will be permitted beyond the ramp entrance, no dining will be allowed on Trinity grounds, compliant runners will deliver your dinners right to your car window at curbside so you won't even have to get out of your car if prepaid. And the BEST part is.....you can order AND pay for your dinners as soon as you finish reading this by simply logging on to the Trinity website and clicking on to the Chicken BBQ tab and following the easy steps. Come on now, if we made it any easier we'd eat the dinner for you!!!

The pandemic has had no small impact on our lives and so many things that are a part of our daily lives. If you're reading this, you know that Trinity is a big part of your life, and I can assure you that Trinity has been affected, as well. As you're ordering your Chicken BBQ Dinners, remember that you are instrumental in minimizing the financial minuses that our church has experienced this year to date.....Stone Hall rentals, fundraising events, normally attended Sunday service, etc. We've got 120 dinners ready to serve.....how many are YOU ordering?

As always, a very personal thanks for your continued support. Vic Shanley, Chmn., Team Chicken

COLUMBARIUM

While most of us have been physically distant from our church, there has still been activity, some of which you may be unaware. I speak specifically here of enhancements to the columbarium. This has included the development of the "Peace Garden" surrounding the apron area and enclosed within the defining fence. I'm pleased to report that all of the plantings that we installed are thriving.....and I hope Madam Treasurer will indulge my frequent watering during these heat waves!

When we were in the planning stages of the columbarium, we not only envisioned the final product that would one day become an integral and permanent part of Trinity and a final resting place for many of its members, but we also foresaw the need to oversee, maintain and preserve this part of our church not unlike any other portion of our physical plant. This would require a committee or a team whose diligence and vigilance would insure that what we see today will not be jeopardized by neglect and lack of attention.

The columbarium project has been no small source of gratification for me, seeing now the fruition of several years of work. And I've been fortunate(?) to have had the time over the past ten months to finally dot the i's, cross the t's and put a bow on it all. But now, unfortunately(?), the amount of time available for me to tend to it will be drastically reduced. Do you see where I'm going with this? Yes, it's time to build a *team* to embrace the columbarium as a ministry of which they want to belong.

In the coming days/weeks, I will be reaching out to some of our members to ask if you'd like to step up to the plate and be part of "Team Columbarium". But there's nothing that says you can't step forward right now and take your place on the bench. Just drop me an email or give me a call, no invitation required. I like to think the Trinity family is proud of our columbarium. Would you like to make sure that pride doesn't tarnish?

Thank you and stay well!

Vic Shanley, Chmn., Columbarium Committee



Barbara Chatman-Royce	1-Aug
John Petura	5-Aug
Susan Petura	7-Aug
Maureen Evans	16-Aug
Ashlyn Saylor	17-Aug
Marie Price	19-Aug
Abrielle Butler	23-Aug
Jacqueline Heston	24-Aug
Caroline Bentley	24-Aug
Lisa Hartman	28-Aug
Cheryl Robinson	29-Aug



Joe and Pat Kirkner	6-Aug
Bill and Kathy Terry	8-Aug

Congratulations Corner!!!!

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Rev Sherry Away	Rev Sherry Away	Rev Sherry Away		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
						Chicken BBQ
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Rev Sherry Vacation	Rev Sherry Vacation	Rev Sherry Vacation	Rev Sherry Vacation	Rev Sherry Vacation	Rev Sherry Vacation
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Rev Sherry Vacation No Trinity Live Stream	Rev Sherry Vacation					

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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