

# Trinity Topics

## From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

We begin the month of April with our blessed Holy Week and Easter celebration, reminding us of new life, always new life, resurrection life. It seems good and right to share from Becca Stevens' book *Practically Divine* this month. She writes:

"If we can't be perfect or it can't be perfect or we can't devote our life to it, sometimes we decide not to try it at all. But an act of love doesn't have to be perfect to be divine. In our pursuit of living in the practically divine, it is helpful to surrender our idea of perfection. We don't have to be perfect to be useful or beautiful. In fact, what we're missing, what is imperfect about us, is what makes us able to keep looking for and experiencing the divine. If we can love the imperfect parts of ourselves, we can find the strengths those "flaws" have given us and see the divine purpose in what is missing."

And the lyrics to the song "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me:

I want Jesus to walk with me;  
I want Jesus to walk with me  
All along my pilgrim journey.  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord walk with me;  
In my trials, Lord walk with me;  
When the shades of life are falling,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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In my sorrows, Lord walk with me;  
In my sorrows, Lord walk with me;  
When my heart within is aching,  
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

Amen.

### ***HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2023***

<b>April 2</b>	<b>The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday</b> <b>The Liturgy of the Palms; Dramatic reading of the</b> <b>Passion and the Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> <b>The Washing of Feet <i>(optional)</i></b> <b>The Stripping of the Altar</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>The Good Friday Liturgy</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Easter Sunday <i>(special music – harp)</i></b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>

*All Services in-person (masks optional) and live-streamed to Facebook Live*

### **Healing Service via Zoom** **Thursdays at Noon**

We continue to offer a Healing Service via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon. The Zoom link is emailed via our Constant Contact email service on Wednesdays along with a copy of the order of service for the week. The order of service is also shared on the screen during the service itself. We commemorate a “saint” from the Episcopal Church utilizing the resource ‘A Great Cloud of Witnesses’ and share a little healing music from a variety of sources.

## Vestry Meeting

Our next Vestry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at 11 a.m. in Stone Hall.

## Safety and Security Upgrades to Begin

Trinity was blessed to receive a \$25,000 PCCD (Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency) grant to assist us with updating and adding exterior cameras, adding, and upgrading exterior lighting, etc. You will begin to see contracting work happen in mid-April that is related to this.

## Earth Day Clean-up at Trinity

Saturday, April 22 is Earth Day and what a good day for members of Trinity to come together and spruce up/clean up our church property! Please come out to weed, mulch, pick up trash and generally make our property look inviting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Timing is 10 a.m. to Noon (ending earlier if we have a good turnout).

## Diocesan Clergy Conference

Pastor Sherry will be out of town at our annual Diocesan Clergy Conference beginning Monday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 19 at Camelback in the Poconos.

## A Weekday Bible Study and Fellowship Group at Trinity Church

**What:** A Weekday Bible Study and Fellowship Group will be offered at Trinity Church. Please join us as we learn how to read the Bible and make it a part of our devotional life as Episcopalians.

**Facilitator:** Pastor Sherry Deets has invited Dan Hinkle, a Retired Episcopal Priest to facilitate.

**Where:** Trinity Church Parish Hall.

**When:** Those who express an interest will be polled to determine the best weekday and time.

**Sign-Up:** Let us know of your interest. A Sign-Up Sheet will be available in the back of the

church on the Sundays of March 26, April 2 & 9. Or you may call the church at (610)

384-4771 or email the church at [trinitycoates@aol.com](mailto:trinitycoates@aol.com). Be sure to give us your name, email and/or phone #.

## **2 Required Texts:**

1. “A More Christlike Word: Reading Scripture the Emmaus Way” by Bradley Jersak. He is the Dean of Theology & Culture at St. Stephen’s University in New Brunswick, Canada. You can purchase a Paperback copy of this text from Amazon.com for \$15.77, or an online version for Kindle for \$14.98.

2. “A Bible, preferably one that includes the Apocrypha.” The church will have several study Bibles available, or you may bring your own. “The New Oxford Annotated Bible: New Revised Standard Version with the Apocrypha” is recommended. A Paperback copy of the recommended Bible can be purchased from Amazon.com for \$35.99, or an online version for Kindle for \$14.03.

**Synopsis:** Here is the synopsis of the text and study:

“The Scriptures are an essential aspect of the Christian faith. But we have often equated them with the living Word Himself, even elevating them above the One to whom they point. In doing so, we have distorted their central message and our view of God. Tragically, this has caused multitudes of people unnecessary doubt, confusion, and pain in their encounters with the Scriptures... Your journey on the Emmaus Way will open up to you the fullness of the Scriptures, and, most important, lead you to the God who deeply loves and welcomes you.” (From Amazon.com)



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
Alfred Carey Jr	11-Apr
Robert Baynard Sr	14-Apr
Jodi Bakshas	15-Apr
Barbara Combs	21-Apr
Joshua Grubb	28-Apr



Meg & Dev Devereux	12-Apr
Robert & Sarina Baynard Jr	13-Apr
Victor & Jackie Shanley III	24-Apr

## April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Palm Sunday		Chrism Mass O Cathedral 10AM  AA 7PM		Maundy Thursday 7pm Service  Noon Healing Service via Zoom	Good Friday 7pm Service	Holy Saturday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Easter	Sherry Off	AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
SH Rented	Clergy Conference	AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		Trinity Property Clean-Up Day Earth Day  SH Rented
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Vestry Meeting 11AM  SH Rented		AA 7PM		Noon Healing Service via Zoom		SH Rented
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### Readers, Servers and Greeters for April 2023

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
4/2	PASSION/TBD		
4/7	Good Friday/TBD		
4/9	Bill Terry	Paula Jennings	Deborah Murray
4/16	Chris Haak	Betty Sullivan	Minnie Kirwin
4/23	Greg Bentley	Tom Swett	Erika Haak
4/30	Seth Haak	Vic Shanley	Bill Terry

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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-Thursday: 5:30PM-8PM

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Church School  
Sundays 9:15 AM