



March 2024

Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

In my ministry with Thistle Hills, I have come to recognize and appreciate the profound spirituality of 12-step programs. I was even introduced to "The Life Recovery Bible" which is a wonderful resource complete with a topical index, making it easy to find the scriptures, notes and/or meditations for whatever you may be going through. As March brings us to Holy Week, I share, from The Life Recovery Bible, a passage on Faith, from page 1331. (Read Luke 22:31-34 about Peter's denial of Jesus):

"It is easy to lose faith when we are troubled. As we are buffeted about by the storms of life, we may feel like the faith we once had has slipped away. We may begin to feel anger toward God.

Simon Peter had his ups and downs with God. On the night Simon Peter would deny him, Jesus said to him, "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

Jesus pointed out that Simon had an assailant in the spiritual realm. Jesus knew Peter would be attacked and "sifted," but he also was confident that afterward Peter would return to God. Wheat is sifted by throwing it repeatedly into the air. The kernels are separated from the chaff as the lighter chaff is carried away by the wind. All that remain are the good, solid wheat kernels.

We should not be surprised that we face times when our faith seems to disappear. We may feel as if we are being ripped open and our faith is being blown away like chaff. But we needn't worry. We will find the core of our faith

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again. And when we do, we will be all the better for it—and better able to encourage others, too.”

This year, try to set aside the time to attend our Holy Week services. Maundy Thursday will be an Agape in our social hall, where we will experience one of earliest known versions of what we call the Eucharist today. There will be some light refreshments in keeping with what an agape was like in Jesus’ time. Afterward, we move into the Sanctuary for the “Stripping of the Altar” in preparation for Good Friday.

The Good Friday liturgy in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer is a moving liturgy and an important part of our journey to a glorious Easter Sunday celebration. Join us!

Trinity’s Annual Meeting **March 10th after the church service in Stone Hall**

Church of the Trinity’s annual meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10. Liz Hulse, Trinity’s Community Engagement Coordinator, will be present to share what she has been up to in the community and discuss with the congregation the ways in which she can be helpful in making connections with our wider Coatesville community. Vestry members will be present for questions and to hear from our members about any new ideas, suggestions, etc. Come! We look forward to hearing from any and all!

We elect members to Vestry and Convention/Deanery delegates at our annual meeting. Be thinking about who a good vestry member or delegate would be as our Annual Meeting approaches. We have four slots open and two members willing to run again: Betty Sullivan and Bill Terry. Joe Kirkner has been nominated as of the writing of this article and has agreed to run.

The vestry is the body within a congregation that, with the clergy, leads and manages the parish. The vestry:

- Helps to discern the vision toward which God is drawing that particular community;
- Articulates and communicates the vision;
- Holds the community accountable for its realization of that vision; and

- Keeps the mission of the Church and that of the individual congregation clearly before the parish community.
- Works on budgeting
- Establishes and enforces policies and procedures
- Establishes action plans
- Maintains property.

The deanery/convention delegates are elected to represent Trinity at our annual Diocesan Convention and vote for people in Diocesan leadership positions, the Diocesan Budget, various changes or new initiatives in our Diocese, etc. Our convention is usually held on a Saturday, at the end of October or beginning of November at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. Opening Eucharist and social time occurs on Friday evening. There may also be an occasion to attend one or two other meetings in our Brandywine Deanery throughout the year.

Monday Bible Study

We now meet on Mondays in the Parish Hall from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. (No bible study on March 4). The Bible Study includes videos, discussion and handouts based on material of Anglican Bishop NT Wright. Bring yourself and your favorite Bible. You may bring a lunch and beverage with you. You may also want to bring a notebook and pen to take notes. We are doing a survey of the books of the New Testament through April, and then go deeper into a New Testament book of the group's choosing.

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.

“Ceol Nan Clarsaich”

An Afternoon of Celtic Music for the Clarsach:
the Traditional Scottish Celtic Harp

A Reception Follows in the Parish Hall

The Concert will also be live-streamed through the church's website

St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17, 2024 3:00 pm

Come and enjoy a program of
Ancient, Traditional, and Contemporary Music
Arranged and Played on the Clarsach by

Dan Hinkle

A Free Will Offering is requested to support the
Thistle Hills Ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church
“Transforming challenging pasts into beautiful futures.”

Dan will be selling CDs of his solo Clarsach Music
Proceeds benefit Thistle Hills Ministry

Dan won 1st place in the Scottish Harp Competitions at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. He has played at various venues including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Celtic Fest in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, the Kutztown Folk Music Program, the Reading Community College, and various special church music programs. Dan is a retired Episcopal priest, and a second year Novice in The Order of the Eagle, an international Celtic Christian new monasticism group. He currently worships and facilitates Bible Study here at Trinity Church.

HOLY WEEK and EASTER 2024

March 24	The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	9:30 AM
	The Liturgy of the Palms; Dramatic reading of the Passion and the Holy Eucharist	
March 28	Maundy Thursday	7:00 PM
	Agape in Stone Hall	
	with The Washing of Feet <i>(optional)</i>	
	The Stripping of the Altar	
March 29	The Good Friday Liturgy	7:00 PM
March 31	Easter Sunday	9:30 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS

Not unlike so many other items which we use on a regular basis, whether food or fuel or clothing, we have just been advised of a price increase from our provider, Coatesville Flower Shop, on the altar flowers we sponsor each week to remember family, loved ones and friends. The DePedros and their staff have been good friends and supporters of Trinity and our congregation, and a faithful supplier of our needs. This increase is understandable, and the first one presented in the many years of our business relationship with CFS.

The new price to Trinity will be \$50 effective Mar 1, and we will be passing it on to our members who wish to commemorate those meaningful intentions. This will not impact those who have committed to altar flowers through and including the month of Feb, whether they have been paid for yet or not.

Thank you for your understanding and for your support of this ministry.

Respectfully, Vic Shanley Altar Flowers

Outreach Coordinator

As Trinity's Community Outreach Coordinator I recently participated in the faith-based meetings of the Chester Co. Hospital Wellness Program that is seeking to improve the health of Coatesville residents. See below for wellness programs. I also attended Coffee w the Chief, a CYI Community Coalition meeting, and visited the Senior Center among other community connections. If you would like to know more, are interested in attending with me, or need assistance with the links and information below please contact me, Liz Hulse, at liztrinity323@gmail.com or leave a message at church at 610-384-4771.

Community Events & Resources:

Careers: the Laborers' Local 413, along with the Laborers' District Council of Metropolitan Area of Philadelphia and Vicinity, will be accepting applications for their Construction Craft Laborers' Apprenticeship program. Contact Mark Whitlow at 267-809-5234.

Home Repairs: Chester County Home Repairs Program: call 610-713-8088 to apply

Youth: CYI and the Y have many programs for youth. Contact Coatesville Youth Initiative at 610-380-0200 or coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org The Brandywine Y can be reached at www.ymca.org/locations/coatesville-ymca or call 610-380-9622

Health: This link has all the **free Wellness programs** offered by the Chester County Hospital for March and April 2024. There are programs on weight management, diabetes, cancer, etc. There are also **support groups**

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=6c846124c5&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1791351985167581065&th=18dc2923b79abf89&view=att&disp=safe>

Family: GRANDfamily Connections: click on this pdf flyer for an event geared to the needs of grandfamilies.

You may also contact the **Coatesville Center for Community Health at**

610-246-2261 Another way to learn more about GRANDFamily Connections is <https://youtu.be/WMgiBXbkfml>

Voter Registration: March 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Brandywine Center, 744 East Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville.



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2024

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 \$13.00. Make checks payable to Church of the Trinity and return this order form with your payment to the parish office by March 10.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED _____

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



Caroline Puma	3-Mar
Adeline Grace Hamburg	5-Mar
Antonio Wilson	6-Mar
Wesley Gordon Hamburg	6-Mar
Chris Haak	7-Mar
Mildred Coveleski	9-Mar
Esther Harvey	14-Mar
Michelle Butler	20-Mar
Meg Devereux	26-Mar
Joseph Kirkner III	29-Mar
Robin McWilliams	29-Mar
James Shreve	29-Mar

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
						SH Rented
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SH Rented	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Annual Meeting	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		Kitchen Rented
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Celtic Harp Concert 3PM	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Palm Sunday	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon ***** Maudy Thursday Agape Service-Hall 7pm	Good Friday 7PM Service	
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Easter Sunday						

Readers, Servers and Greeters for March 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
3/3	Seth Haak	Minnie Kirwin	Betty Sullivan
3/10	Greg Bentley	Chris Haak	Vic Shanley
3/17	Erika Haak	Tom Swett	Deborah Murray
3/24	TBD	TBD	TBD
3/31	Pat Bush	Bill Terry	Kent Nation

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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:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1-3 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4-7 PM

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM