



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

At the end of this month I will be retiring from parish ministry after 23 years serving Trinity! This has marked an incredibly meaningful part of my life's journey and I thank you for allowing me into your lives and hearts, sharing a part in your life's journey. I want to close out my usual monthly article with an excerpt from Joyce Rupp's *The Cup of our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth* on The Blessing Cup.

"To bless is to put a bit of yourself into something. It is to make holy, to change something or someone because of your presence". – Macrina Wiederkehr

"It is not only ordained clergy who have the power or ability to bless. Each of us can offer blessings. Each of us can be a blessing, too. When we bless, it is God's deep and vast goodness, or God-ness, in us that blesses another. When we bless, we touch another with the touch of this God-ness. In the Christian scriptures, Jesus does not bestow or offer many blessings. Rather, he *becomes* a blessing. His presence, his goodness, engenders life, strength, healing, courage, and vitality.

Many, many people have blessed my life. Probably most of them are unaware of how they have done this unless I have deliberately thanked them for doing so. Usually they have blessed me by their smiles, their loving looks, their stories and affirmations, their concern and their care. Once in a while they also bless me with a formal blessing, one that includes special words and actions.

One such person who blessed my life in this way was an older woman named Emily, who was a member of my Servite community. I had been serving as Emily's retreat guide, and the last day that I met with her, I suddenly felt this urgent need to be blessed. I was just beginning the writing of my first book and the vulnerability and unanswered questions of that process were looming very large for me. I needed strength and encouragement. I had this sense that I ought to have my hands blessed.

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Emily was very gracious. She took my hands in her own and held them, palms up, with great tenderness. I don't remember the words that she said. I only recall the profound sense of gratitude and peace that came over me at that time. I felt strength and courage well up in me. I knew then that not only did she believe in me, but that her goodness, her presence or God-ness was also blessing me. I left that place with renewed stamina and deepened hope, believing that the work I was about to do would be fruitful. Emily died of cancer several years after that blessing. I think of her often when I am using my hands for writing.

You may be at a place in your life where you can easily resonate with blessings, or you may be in a tough place where you wonder if you have ever blessed or been blessed. Wherever you are, I hope that you can pause today and believe in the possibility and the power of blessings”.

Friends, I will be leaving my role as Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Trinity in downtown Coatesville, forever changed and forever blessed by this experience. I hope that we can share with each other the blessings of the last 23 years as we move through the changes, walking expectantly and hopefully into the next chapter of our lives.

With much love and gratitude.

Many Blessings!

Pastor Sherry+

FUNDRAISING

Here we go again.....it's time for the Annual Chicken BBQ, Trinity's signature event! Each year, Trinity does itself proud by presenting this fundraiser, so widely supported by our members, our community and even folks from other areas who heard about it.

You'll enjoy a complete dinner including a full Half Chicken (slathered with AI's "secret sauce"), Baked Potato, Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw and Roll and Butter. Here's the best part.....all this for just \$16.00! That's only \$1 more than last year, despite the over-inflated cost of everything else we buy today. You can't beat it, and ALL proceeds benefit Trinity.

So, mark your calendars now for Sat, July 19, gather your orders from family and friends, get your tickets from Pat Kirkner or the church office and pick up your dinners between noon and 4pm on the 19th. And while you're at it, thank all the hard working volunteers from Trinity who are making this possible.

We'll see you on the 19th!!!

July 19 ~ Noon-4 pm ~ 323 E. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville

Trinity's Annual Chicken BBQ Dinner

1/2 Chicken fresh off the grill with
Al's special sauce, baked potato, corn on the cob,
coleslaw, roll/butter

\$16 - Takeout only. Curbside pickup available. Visit
www.trinitycoatesville.org
to order and pay on-line or call 610-384-4771

SHERRY'S SEND OFF

What more can be said.....we'll be saying goodbye to our beloved Pastor after her final service on July 27th. And as sad as this will be for all of us, let's not miss the opportunity to acknowledge her many years of passionate service at Trinity and everything she's done for her church, her congregation and her community.

On Sat, July 26th, we'll be doing just that by holding a big celebratory picnic in her honor. And there will be everything you would expect at a picnic of this size.....the "Trinity Grill Team" will be offering Burgers, Ball Park Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, Chicken, Ribs, Smoked Sausage and Brisket.....plus no small number of side dishes generously contributed by many of our members. It'll be an event fit for the occasion.

Joe Kirkner has been reaching out to the entire Trinity family and many of our friends and neighbors. It's important that we get a head count so we can provide accordingly. If you haven't already, please let Joe or Vic know whether you'll be attending, or maybe bringing something, or maybe offering to help out with the prep, presentation, cleanup.

Yes, we're sad, but let's be glad and make this a very special day for Pastor Sherry!

July 2025 Community Events

Summer Meals Program, serving lunches to children in the park. For details you can contact Shakira Davis <shakira@2ndcenturyalliance.org>

July 11 from 5-9pm First Friday Celebrating Summer: Enjoy cold drinks, seasonal treats, and live entertainment. 1st to 3rd Ave on E. Lincoln Highway. DowntownCoatesvillePA.com



FREE COOKING COURSE

Eat Fresh Cooking and Wellness Classes

Cooking with fresh fruits and vegetables

**Every other week on Thursdays from June 19-
August 28 from 6-7:30pm**

**Alliance for Health Equity's Brandywine Center | 744 E.
Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320**

Are you interested in learning simple recipes, cooking on a budget, trying new fruits and vegetables, and making healthy meals with your community? Come join us for EatFresh classes! **...plus receive a free**

**bag of fresh fruits
and vegetables each
class!**



Use your smart
phone camera to
scan this code to
enroll!

Questions? Contact Community Food Educator, Erika Mendez, at emendez@chestercountyfoodbank.org or (610) 873-6000 x 132 (*hablo español*)

The Alliance for
HEALTH Equity
BY EATING FRESH COMMUNITY

Chester County
FoodBank



Peter Jennings 4-July
Molly Beck 4-July
Scarlett Grubb 9-July
James Anderson 10-July
Kathy Terry 11-July
Violet Cole 14-July
Noreen Bush 19-July
Sara Smyth 23-July
Michael Crane-Grubb 23-July
Caitlyn Hanna 24-July
Lance Bush 27-July
Ellanore Hurd 29-July
John Coveleski 23-June
Tresa Washington 24-June
Clint Bush 27-June
Kim Stauffer 30-June

John and Susan Petura 12-July

Readers, Servers and Greeters for July 2025

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
7/6	Greg Bentley	James Gaddy	Erika Haak
7/13	Vic Shanley	Kent Nation	Paul Shidlowksi
7/20	Pat Bush	Bill Terry	Chris Haak
7/27	Deborah Murray	Minnie Kirwin	Greg Bentley

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon	4 th of July Office Closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon	First Friday in Coatesville	SH Rented
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		Chicken BBQ 12pm-4pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		Sherry's Send Off 2pm-7pm
27	28	29	30	31		
		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		

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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**

**Church School
Sundays: 9:15 AM**

**Healing Service
Thursdays via Zoom:
12:00 PM**

**Jamoca Harkins,
Parish Administrator**

Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 4-7 PM