



Trinity Topics

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Reflections on Our Season of Transition

By Chris Haak

Having recently gathered as a parish to celebrate Sherry's retirement, there is both gratitude and anticipation in my heart. We are thankful for Sherry's years of faithful service, compassionate guidance, and steadfast leadership that have shaped our faith community. Seasons of change can bring uncertainty, but they also give us opportunities for renewed vision and heartfelt reflection.

Transitioning to new leadership is a sacred journey—one that calls us to look back with appreciation and forward with hope. Sherry's presence among us was a steady anchor through joys and challenges, baptisms and farewells, laughter and tears. Her ministry has left an enduring mark, reminding us that the Church is ultimately God's—ever-renewing, ever-steadfast.

Now, as we finalize our letter of agreement with our new priest, I am filled with excitement for what lies ahead and can't wait for you all to meet her. She's also eager to roll up her sleeves and join our faith community as we build on Trinity's legacy of faith in Coatesville. Trinity will have its first opportunity to welcome her at our Rally Day service at the Bentley farm on September 7. She will lead our special outdoor service that day, which past Rally Day attendees know is one of the high points of the church year for Trinity. Aside from the Rally Day sneak preview, her first regular Sunday service will be October 12.

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Between August 3 and October 12, our services will be led by two new faces and a familiar face.

August 3: Morning Prayer (no communion), led by Elizabeth Longua, Postulant for Holy Orders, who will also preach.

August 10: The Rev. Canon Jane Gober, Canon for Transitional Ministry, will lead worship.

August 17, 24, 31; September 14, 21, 28; October 5: The Rev. Dan Hinkle will serve as supply clergy and cover pastoral emergencies during the transition.

Let us remember that the Holy Spirit continues to guide us, knitting us together in faith and love. Each of us has a role in supporting and welcoming our new priest as she begins her ministry among us. May we carry forward the lessons learned from Sherry's time with us, trust in God's boundless grace, and walk forward together—rooted in hope, united in community, and eager for all that lies ahead.

Heartfelt Thanks!

Dear Trinity,

Words cannot adequately express my thanks for such a wonderful BBQ/Potluck retirement send-off! Special thanks to Joe, Vic and Pat who did much of the organizing. And many thanks to the grillers – Al, Joe and Vic - and those who shared their delicious food with us all.

I LOVE the chimes. The sound that comes from the chimes is rich and relaxing. The personalized engraving makes them even more special. We can't wait to put them up at our home in the 'woods'. Thanks also for your thoughtful cards and gifts. I feel loved. Thank you!

Trinity, I love you and am grateful that you have been part of one of the most remarkable periods in my life's journey. You are truly special.

With gratitude and love,

Sherry+

Women's Group of Trinity

Attention Trinity Women! It's time to resurrect the Women's Group of Trinity.

In 2019, I resigned as president of the group, but no one came forward to fill the position. Then 2020 and Covid, and we've had no meetings since. With the retirement of Rev. Sherry, perhaps this is a good time to get together and share our common interest and friendship. We could review Trinity's weekly task checklist and determine if any of the tasks could be conducted by us. Maybe we could meet after church, the 2nd Sunday of each month?

We do have a current need that warrants immediate attention. We seem to have lost control of the kitchen. Many of the items in our cabinets have disappeared and many more are being misused. I would like to create a workday for the kitchen, where we can remove and inventory everything currently in the cupboards. This will make us aware of shortages and develop ideas of maintaining order. August 11th works for me; can you join me in the kitchen around 9:00 AM? I imagine our efforts will require 2-3 hours of work.

The closet in Stone Hall is equally disheveled. So, any men that could help on the 11th to better organize the closet? We could repair the table carts, so they are better vehicles for the round table storage and make room for storage of the folding chair cart, so that we don't have to constantly move it when we need access to the cabinets.

Let's do it.....submitted by Pat Kirkner

TRINITY RALLY DAY AT RUNNYMEDE

Another year has almost lapsed since the last wonderful Trinity Rally Day At Runnymede. And we are fast approaching this year's event with much expectation.

On Sep 7, the Bentley family is once again graciously and generously availing the grounds and facilities of their farm to host the big event. Once again, there will be activities for the young and not so young among us.....including the ever popular hayride throughout Runnymede. And let's not forget the yummy, bountiful luncheon following our service as provided by our good friends at Triple Fresh Market.

And this year, we will be introducing and welcoming Trinity's interim priest who will celebrate the Eucharist that morning.

Please note that Rally Day is a week earlier than usual this year, so it's not too soon to circle the date of Sep 7 on your calendar. We'll be looking for a headcount so we can order the food, so just let me or the church office know how many will be attending. And I'm sure Joe Kirkner will again be manning the phones to come up with an accurate total.

Trinity Rally Day has become an annual signature fixture, and for the past few years, a much anticipated celebration at Runnymede. This year will be no exception so don't miss out on the inspiring service, tasty edibles, fun and activities, all amid the beauty of Runnymede! More details will be announced shortly. See you on Sep 7!

Vic Shanley

August 2025 Community Events

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

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

August 2: Block Party hosted by Alliance for Health Equity from 12pm-4pm Chester Avenue Coatesville Family friendly: music, resources, food & fun!

August 15: Sounds of Summer from **630pm-930pm** Gateway Park: 1st Avenue & Lincoln Highway Coatesville. Family friendly: music, food & fun!

August 16: Unity Day from 4pm-9pm Gateway Park: 1st Avenue & Lincoln Highway Coatesville. Family friendly: music, food & fun!



John Petura	5-Aug
Susan Petura	7-Aug
Jacqueline Heston	24-Aug
Caroline Bentley	24-Aug
Lisa Hartman	28-Aug
Cheryl Robinson	29-Aug

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

Readers, Servers and Greeters for August 2025

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
8/3	James Gaddy	Erika Haak	Kent Nation
8/10	Paul Shidlowksi	Pat Bush	Bill Terry
8/17	Vic Shanley	Chris Haak	Deborah Murray
8/24	Minnie Kirwin	Greg Bentley	Erika Haak
8/31	Kent Nation	James Gaddy	Paul Shidlowksi

August 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					First Friday in Coatesville 5-9 PM	NA 10AM SH Rented
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		AA 7PM	Kitchen Rented			NA 10AM SH Rented
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Kitchen Rented		AA 7PM				NA 10AM John Coveleski's Memorial Service 2pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		AA 7PM				NA 10AM Cancer Party 12pm-6pm Stone Hall
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		AA 7PM				NA 10AM

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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