



Trinity Topics

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New Beginnings and Welcoming Grace

By Chris Haak

Exciting times are coming for Trinity as we enter a new a new chapter with the arrival of our Priest-in-Charge, Rev. Kristen Ostendorf in October! Having the opportunity to work with her many times over the past few months during our mutual discernment process, I am confident that you will find her to be just as terrific as the vestry members who have met her do.

In Kristen, Trinity has been blessed to call a priest that is smart, funny, and creative, and who has done her homework as she has learned about Trinity. Because we're all new to her, and she to us, Kristen doesn't know everything about us. This means there will be times when she inadvertently says or does something that touches a nerve, unbeknownst to her. Likewise, she will very often pleasantly surprise us.

It will work in the other direction too – an offhand comment, a joke that doesn't land, or asking her to do something that isn't in a typical priest's job description – may lead to a misunderstanding. I'm sure that at least some of us who have met her have left a positive impression on her – otherwise, she wouldn't have said yes to us.

Eventually, we will know Kristen well, and she will know us well. Until then, it is critical for us to remember the power of assuming good intentions—not only in others, but in ourselves. By assuming that we and others are well-meaning in our interactions, we will build trust and understanding, and this grace ultimately will allow Trinity to remain the loving place it is today.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the grace and engagement you have demonstrated during our period between full-time priests. Thanks to all who have stepped up so generously during the past few weeks, and to those who will continue to offer their time and talents in the weeks ahead. In particular, thank you to Dan Hinkle for agreeing to lead our worship services for seven Sundays between August 17 and October 5.

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(Just a reminder, Kristen will lead worship on Rally Day (September 7 at 10:30) and starts her full-time Trinity ministry on October 1. Her first Sunday at Trinity will be October 12 at 9:30.)

TRINITY RALLY DAY AT RUNNYMEDE

Hard to believe, but our much anticipated Annual Rally Day is almost here. This is the day, thanks to the extreme generosity and hospitality of the Bentley family, that we all gather at their beautiful and scenic farm for our Sunday Service.

Of course, we'll celebrate the Eucharist (an hour later at 10.30) in a very special way, as we welcome our new Priest In Charge, the Rev Kristen Ostendorf, who will also bless the backpacks for our many young folks who will be attending and participating, as well as the briefcases of any of our teachers. Following service, enjoy a bountiful buffet luncheon as provided by our good friends at Triple Fresh Market and then round off the day with one of the fun activities available.....don't miss the hayride and say hello to some of the many horses on the property. And for the hardier souls, the pool WILL be open, lifeguard and all!

First time there? Not to worry.....Joe Kirkner will be leading a caravan from Trinity to the farm, or we can provide directions if you'd like to drive there yourself.

Not quite as mobile anymore? Runnymede's staff is there to transport you from the parking area to the patio.

I think that covers all the bases, so if you haven't already notified Joe that you're attending, please let him know by this Sunday, Aug 31, along with whether you need transportation/join the caravan and if any of the kids are joining us.

Trinity Rally Day At Runnymede has become a signature event and a day not to be missed.

See you there!

Vic Shanley

Women of Trinity:

We were able to work in the kitchen on August 11, and accomplished much. There are a few items that need to be replaced; will discuss these at a later time. We also were able to organize the storage closet which resulted in safer “moving-around” space. Thank you to all the women who helped with this feat.

On Monday, August 25, Violet Cole and I worked on the kitchen oven and stove for four hours to remove months of baked on spills and food. As of this writing, we are scheduled to work two more hours on Wed., August 27 to complete the clean-up. We also removed and cleaned the hood filters. This was a tremendous task as they haven’t been cleaned in almost a year. They are supposed to be cleaned after every heavy use or at least once a month.

All these efforts were performed so that our kitchen will be in acceptable shape to pass the annual inspection which usually occurs in September. This inspection is required so that we can renew our license.

A big THANK YOU, also, to the many women who helped with the reception following the memorial service for John Coveleski, on August 16th.

In the previous month’s posting, I suggested we meet monthly; possibly the 2nd Sunday of the month. So let’s try this in September. That would be after the Sept. 14th service. We’ll meet in the Chapel after we grab a quick refreshment at coffee hour.

-Submitted by Pat Kirkner

September 2025 Community Events

Sept 1: Last day of MCDC Carnival at Abdala Park Coatesville Carnival began on August 28 and runs until September 1st

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

September 19: Sounds of Summer from **630pm-930pm** Gateway Park: 1st Avenue & Lincoln Highway Coatesville. Family friendly: music, food & fun!



Erika Haak 2-Sep
Michael Thompson 10-Sep
Liam Hanna 10-Sep
Alexander Kirwin 13-Sep
Jeannine Bush 21-Sep
Curt Jennings 29-Sep
Dana Harvey 30-Sep

Peter & Paula Jennings 28-Sep

Readers, Servers and Greeters for September 2025

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
9/7	Deborah Murray	Vic Shanley	Pat Bush
9/14	Bill Terry	Minnie Kirwin	Chris Haak
9/21	Greg Bentley	Erika Haak	James Gaddy
9/28	Paul Shidlowksi	Kent Nation	Deborah Murray

September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		AA 7PM			First Friday in Coatesville 5-9 PM	NA 10AM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Rally Day at Runnymede 10:30am	Kitchen Rented	AA 7PM	Kitchen Rented	Kitchen Rented		NA 10AM SH Rented
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		AA 7PM			Kitchen Rented	NA 10AM SH Rented
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
SH Rented		AA 7PM				NA 10AM
28	29	30				
		AA 7PM				

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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