

CHURCH OF THE TRINITY
323 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, PA 19320



October 2025

Trinity Topics

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

During the past few weeks, much to the annoyance of my entire family, I have been ruthlessly cleaning and organizing my house.

Old t-shirts with holes in them in my dresser drawer? Put in the rag pile. Half eaten bags of chips that have gone stale in the pantry? Tossed. Knick-knacks that just collect dust? Donated. Books that are outdated and no longer useful? Recycled.

I also took the time to repaint our guest room with my husband: The old color had lost its luster and the whole room is now ready and fresh to greet the guests who come through our home.

I also did a little spiritual housekeeping: Priests like me are advised to take a few weeks off between calls to put their spirit in order. It's a time to rest, to reconnect and nurture relationships that perhaps were unattended to during the hectic and crazy times of a transition, and to take a retreat. I opted for a three-day silent retreat in the hermitages at a Franciscan retreat center: total silence - just me and God, my journal, and my Book of Common Prayer.

So many cultures have seasonal cleaning as a spiritual practice. Doing a cleaning can be wonderful for the mind, body, and spirit: I feel a bit leaner, pared back, and ready for action! (I also can find my wool hiking socks when I need them!) A bit of cleaning and organization helps me feel like I'm ready for anything, unburdened by the past and ready to meet the future with an open hand.

Calling a new priest can be a great time to do a similar housekeeping in a congregation: it's a time to think through what has served this community well over time, and what, like that moldy copy of "The Lives of Moravian Women" sitting on my shelf, may be collecting dust and ready for recycling.

So many traditions and practices at Trinity have been the glue that have held this parish together: The Sunday Eucharist, the Bible study, the Thursday healing service. Other ministries may need a little refreshing as we think through how we can best serve our parish and the community around us.

As we head into the fall together, what sort of spiritual cleaning awaits you in this new season? What about in our life together at Trinity? What should we make new together as we tend to God's house here in Coatesville? I can't wait to hear your ideas as we start this journey together!

Your sister in Christ,
Kristen

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Announcements:

Join us for a special coffee hour on Oct. 12, Kristen's first official Sunday with us. See Violet Cole. if you'd like to bring something for our potluck after the 9:30 a.m. service. Kristen will do an "Ask It Basket" to answer questions you have about her and start discussions for this new chapter in the life of Trinity!

Bring your furry, scaled and feathered friends to Trinity on 10/12 at 2pm for a very short blessing of the animals service, some snacks for our animal companions and their humans, and community fun! We will have the service outside. If your pet doesn't travel well, just bring a picture! We also will remember pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge and our young friends can bring their stuffed animals, as well! Tell your friends and neighbors!

Bible study is coming back! Starting on Oct. 13, we will meet in person to study God's word. Bring your favorite Bible (it doesn't matter which translation! - it can be interesting to compare!) and a brown bag lunch. We will meet every Monday (except major holidays) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At our first meeting, we will get to know each other and see what the group would like to study next! Reach out to Kristen if you have any questions. Can't come every week? No worries! Just come when you can!

Join us for our online healing service every Thursday at noon, starting on Oct. 16. Praying together - whether we are in need of healing in the current moment or not - is one of the most important things we can do together. Join us this sweet service where we pray for and support each other. Look for the link in the weekly email.

October 2025 Community Events

Events to Enjoy and Support:

- **October 3: LAST First Friday of 2025 from 5-9pm** Celebrating The Fullness of Fall: Enjoy refreshing drinks, seasonal treats, activities and live entertainment. 1st to 3rd Ave on E. Lincoln Highway. DowntownCoatesvillePA.com
- Coatesville Youth Initiative Fall Festival **October 25th** 12-2:00pm at Abdala Park, 851 Olive St. More info at coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org or 610-380-0200

Community Outreach Activities:

Good Works has asked Trinity to donate a **basket** to their fundraiser. Deadline is Oct 17. We will be asking for specific items or cash donations to purchase items

What does Good Works do? *"Transforms lives by repairing homes for low-income families and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ. We serve low-income individuals and families in Central and Northern Chester County. We provide "no cost" home repairs."*

Health/Medical Events:

Oct. 25 10:00-2:00 Medication & Sharps Take-Back Day at Ches. Co. South entrance 701 E. Marshall St. West Chester For more info call 610-738-2300

For info about year-round take-back sites, visit <https://www.chesco.org/2673/Medication-Disposal>

Volunteer Opportunities:

Coatesville Youth and Women's Association (CYWA): cywa.org/volunteer/

Volunteer English Program: volunteerenglish.org



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Joseph Lee	1-Oct	Greg & Fida Abbott	5-Oct
India Archey Cole	7-Oct	Stuart & Sherry Deets	8-Oct
Joan Wylie	9-Oct	Bruce & Deb Murray	18-Oct
Linda Irwin	11-Oct	Aaron & Mildred Bruce	21-Oct
Seth Haak	13-Oct		
Tom Hoffecker	13-Oct		
Sharon Squires	30-Oct		

Readers, Servers and Greeters for October 2025

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
10/5	Vic Shanley	Pat Bush	Bill Terry
10/12	Greg Bentley	Minnie Kirwin	Chris Haak
10/19	Deborah Murray	James Gaddy	Kent Nation
10/26	Paul Shidlowksi	Erika Haak	Greg Bentley

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					First Friday in Coatesville 5-9 PM	NA 10AM SH Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		AA 7PM		Kitchen Rented		NA 10AM SH Rented
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rev Kristen Ostendorf Begins Animal Blessing 2pm	Brown Bag Bible Study in Stone Hall 1130AM-1PM	AA 7PM		Healing Service Zoom 12pm Jamoca Away		NA 10AM-6PM SH Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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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**