



# Trinity Topics

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As I write this, we are having our first warm spell of 2026. I can hear our neighbors walking by, and I will be sitting out on the steps with snacks for our friends who pass by. Spring is a time for new possibilities and new life.

The word “Lent” comes from both Old English and Germanic words that mean something like “lengthening days.” It’s a time of forward movement, as we see daylight grow each afternoon and evening. And it’s a time for housekeeping - especially housekeeping that is spiritual in nature.

We don’t like the “s-word” in Episcopal circles, but sin is real. It’s something that distorts how we see ourselves, others, and God. Lent is a time to clean up and remove those distortions. Some people find it helps to give up a distraction, like social media or television. Others find that adding a practice, like prayer or meditation, is helpful for clearing out spiritual cobwebs. Still others double down on spiritual practices that they know work, but perhaps have let slide. Lent is also a great time to engage in a new ministry at church. Have you ever wondered about serving at the altar, preparing God’s table for worship, or wanted to sing or read? In addition, Lent is a traditional time to use the Reconciliation of a Penitent found on p. 446 of our Book of Common Prayer. See me if you’d like to try it - it is one of the best gifts of the church!

Coincidentally, Trinity is doing its own spring cleaning as we prepare for Easter and continue in this season of transition. We are updating records and prayer lists, cleaning out closets, taking stock of past practices, and engaging in things we know are good for our church and the community. If you have received information about background checks and Safe Church training, please complete these important items we need to both keep our kids safe and be in compliance with secular and church best practices as soon as you can. We are updating our columbarium records. We also are taking stock of church needs. One need that has been identified is a regular volunteer receptionist who can let people into the building for private prayer and devotion. Can you be our receptionist for a couple of hours a week? Think spring. Think resurrection.

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## EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS 2026

Don't forget: Easter memorial flower orders are due by March 15! See Stacey H. or contact the office if you have any questions.

The suggested donation is a minimum of \$15 per plant. Make checks payable to Church of the Trinity and return this order form with your payment to the parish office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PLANTS ORDERED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/S OF PERSON/S PLACED IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

### 2026 Pledges

The cold temperatures this winter and multiple remote services on Sundays have meant high utility bills and low pledge collections. If anyone is able to catch up on their pledges, it would really help our financial situation this winter.

Thanks so much, Minnie Kirwin, treasurer

### COMMUNITY NEWS from LIZ HULSE

**Union** is a new provider in Coatesville. If you haven't heard, Ches-Penn is no longer working at the Brandywine Center but there is a new provider called Union. They can help residents who do not have medical or dental insurance. Call 717-299-6371 to make an appointment or talk to an on-call provider after hours.

**Penn Medicine** health information events for March:

**Blood pressure screenings** on March 18 at 12:30 p.m. at Brandywine Valley Active Aging, also known as the Coatesville Senior Center.

**Reversing Prediabetes** presentation on March 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (virtual)

To register for any Penn Medicine wellness event call 610-738-2300 Chester County hospital also has a wellness calendar on their website where you can view all their events for the month.

**Volunteers Needed** for a youth development initiative in Coatesville focusing on Cognitive Skills Development and Leadership Skills. You will be a mentor and instructor (no experience necessary) to a student who will go through a structured curriculum. For more information contact Liz Hulse at [liztrinity323@gmail.com](mailto:liztrinity323@gmail.com) or Walter Holmes at [wholmes43@aol.com](mailto:wholmes43@aol.com)

**Seed and Scale Match Fund Grant from Alliance for Health Equity presentation** on March 12 at 1 pm: If you would like to start a project to help our community but need seed money to start, there will be a virtual presentation by Alliance for Health Equity with details about their grants from \$10,000-\$50,000. For more information contact Alyssa at [akotzmann@alliancehealthequity.org](mailto:akotzmann@alliancehealthequity.org).

**Andre's Jazz Café** Now OPEN! 236 East Lincoln Hwy 610-380-5299 Hours: Weds. 5-10pm with open dining Thurs. 5-10pm with ticketed music performance, Fri-Sat. 5pm-12am with ticketed performance. Sunday Jazz Brunch every other Sun beginning March 8<sup>th</sup> 11-1:00 and 2-4pm Reservations strongly encouraged. Owned and operated by our very own Dennis Dantzler!

**Griefshare** meetings are ongoing. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one Griefshare is a resource that can help. There is a group meeting on Thursday evenings in Downingtown or you can call **Community Health: 610-738-2300** to register and for any questions



Jean Carroll	1-Mar
Caroline Dowling	3-Mar
Kristen Ostendorf.	4-Mar
Adeline Hamburg	5-Mar
Antonio Wilson	6-Mar
Wesley Hamburg	6-Mar
Chris Haak	7-Mar
Mildred Coveleski	9-Mar
Abigail Guidi.	13-Mar
Esther Harvey	14-Mar
Michele Butler	20-Mar
Meg Devereux	26-Mar
Joseph Kirkner III	29-Mar
Robin McWilliams	29-Mar
James Shreve	29-Mar

## Readers, Servers and Greeters for March 2026

Date	First Readers	Psalm	Second Readers	Prayers
3/1	Greg Bentley	Deborah Murray	Vic Shanley	Pat Bush
3/8	Bill Terry	Chris Haak	Minnie Kirwin	James Gaddy
3/15	Kent Nation	Paul Shidlowski	Erika Haak	Greg Bentley
3/22	Deborah Murray	Vic Shanley	Pat Bush	Bill Terry
3/29	TBA			

		<b>MARCH</b>			<b>2026</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Bible Study 1130AM-1PM	AA 7PM	Lent Supper Series 6PM-7:30PM	Healing Service Zoom, 12PM  Pantry Restock Day		NA 10AM  SH Rented	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
9:30 a.m. Worship,  Pantry Restock Day	Bible Study 1130AM-1PM	AA 7PM	Eucharist 4PM Lent Supper Series 6PM-7:30PM	Healing Service Zoom, 12PM  Pantry Restock Day		NA 10AM	
29	30	31					
Palm Sunday  9:30 a.m. Worship,  Pantry Restock Day	NO Bible Study Rotating Supper on immigration, 6 p.m–details TBD	AA 7PM					

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texts!)**

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www.trinitycoatesville.org**

**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.**

**Weekly Schedule:**

**Holy Eucharist,  
Sundays: 9:30 AM**

**Bible study, Mondays,  
11:30-1 (meeting on  
Zoom temporarily)**

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

**Jamoca Harkins,  
Parish Administrator**

**Parish Office Hours:  
Evenings Monday - Thursday**

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday, March 29, regular worship at 9:30 a.m.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2, Agape meal, foot washing, Eucharist and altar stripping, 6: 30 p.m.**

**Good Friday, April 3, stations of the cross at 11:30 a.m., Good Friday Service at noon,  
church open for prayer until 3 p.m. for prayer**

**Join Kristen at a local church for the Great Vigil on April 4! Details to come!**

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 5, 9:30 a.m. worship, egg hunt after, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!**