

# THE CHIMES

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Bay City, Michigan 48708

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Dear Trinity Community,

May 1<sup>st</sup> is my seventh anniversary at Trinity! It sure has gone by fast and I'm so glad to be here serving God with all of you.

I remember when I first met some of you. It was in December 2015 and I was getting ready to take a sabbatical after concluding my time at St. John's in Dryden and Grace in Lapeer at the end of January 2016.

The sun was shining and it was cold out on that December Sunday morn. Members of St. John's came to me all excited that there were some visitors. Once I processed to my place, I looked out into the congregation and saw three visitors: Dale Smith and Jett & Shelley Whitehead.

And a beautiful thing happened...my heart opened as I realized that these were the next people I was going to get to love.

The service went well and a few days later I entered Trinity for my interview with the Vestry. Bob Sabourin greeted me and wished me good luck.

And a beautiful thing happened...I heard laughter coming from the Guild Room.

You all had been through a very rough time and all your hard work was coming to fruition. After several interim clergy experiences, you were ready for a rector.

Senior Warden, Chuck Leibrand saved a seat for me at the table and the Vestry had lots of questions for me and I had some for them, as well. We knew it was going to be several months before I would begin on May 1, 2016, but we were able to work out all the

details easily.

Close to the time of my moving, Jett gave me a tour of Bay City, and after lunch he offered to show me different neighborhoods. He described a little house on the Bay of some friends that was for sale.

And a beautiful thing happened...I knew at that moment that that was my house. We drove by, met a neighbor and, after several months, I moved in.

These are just a few of the golden God-strands in our journey of faith that brought us together. That first week, I buried three of Trinity's loved ones. We have laughed, cried, celebrated, grown in our walks with Christ, and so much more.

And a beautiful thing is happening...this journey continues.

As I take these next three months of sabbatical, I ask for your prayers as I begin with a 30-day silent retreat from May 4 – June 1. And I will pray for all of you.

God bless you and me while we are absent one from another. I look forward to seeing all that God will do in Trinity's life and in mine and how we will be blessed by this time apart until we meet again.

In Christ's love, *Rev. Sue*



## THANK YOU'S

Mary K. Freel, Pat Maxim, Bruce Sherbeck and Rev. Sue for planning the *Tet lestai* weekend.

Exultate Deo, Trinity's Senior Choir, Rayechel Berger and Patrick Winningham for a beautiful Music of Holy Week concert.

Ann Shea for refurbishing the Men's bathroom.

Everyone who worked so hard to make Holy Week and Easter such a blessed time.

St. John's Midland and St. Alban's Bay City for joining us in a wonderful Easter Vigil celebration.

## OUR SYMPATHIES TO

Patrick Gray on the death of his aunt, Irene Beckley, who died March 29.

## CONGRATULATIONS

David and Shannon Pennel on their marriage, April 29.



## REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

As a way to offer enduring support ministry here, please consider putting Trinity in your will.

## CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION, REAFFIRMATION CLASSES

We will be having a class for those who would like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church or reaffirm their baptismal covenant. The date of the confirmation is November 11 at St. Timothy's in Richland. This will be a combined class with the good people of St. Alban's beginning in August.

## FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

Please make sure to subscribe to our YouTube channel, like our Facebook page and then share our events and posts on Facebook. We get lots of views when you share our posts and services!

## FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Upcoming Friends of Music events...

Please join us on Thursday, May 18th for our annual Ascension Evensong. Pastor Andreas Teich will be the officiant and our Senior Choir will lead the music. Evensong is a lovely service from our Anglican tradition which incorporates readings, hymns, an anthem and special service music all in the evening time of the day to allow for reflection on the day and, in this case, celebrate Ascension.

Friends of Music also welcomes the return of our annual Patriotic Concert performed by Exultate Deo. The group will be accompanied by organist, Jim Gladstone. Rayechel Berger will lead the group. Please join us as we close out the fireworks festival this year on Sunday, July 2nd at 4pm where we will share a variety of readings and music in honor of those who fight for and serve our country so that we have freedom and civility in our daily lives.

## SPECIAL MAY DATES

Sunday, May 7 – Graduation Sunday – Moria Brady

Sunday, May 7 – Friends of Music empty can drive

Sunday, May 14 – Mother's Day

Thursday, May 18 @ 7pm, Ascension Day Evensong

## WORSHIP AT TRINITY

Please note: Our virtual services are live streamed or recorded/preserved to be available to others by way of our website, social media, or other on-line platforms. Even though there is no deliberate attempt to include the congregation in the broadcast or publication, you are hereby notified there is the possibility of your image being shown and your presence and participation constitutes your permission for that to occur.

## PRAYER LIST UPDATES

If you have someone you would like to add to or remove from our prayer list, please email [trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchbaycity@gmail.com) or call the office at 989-892-5813.



**Birthdays**

- Dan Keeler
- Sam Keeler
- Barbara Meisel
- Preston Krzysik
- Ann Shea
- Bobby Salazar
- Stephanie Moulthrop
- Colton Causley
- Cathy LaBerge
- Christopher Kolka
- Roberta Hunter



**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

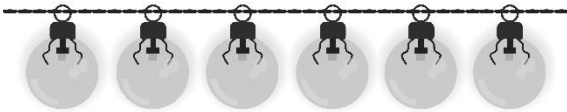
Have you changed your address, phone number or other information lately? If so, please make sure that information gets to us! Thank you.

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all resources available to us during this unprecedented time.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

- Write and mail a check to Trinity
- IRA contribution
- Go to [www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org](http://www.trinityepiscopalbaycity.org), click on the online giving link which will take you to the diocesan webpage.



**SUNDAY FUNDAY** will resume in October.

**PRIDEFEST**

Pridefest will be June 24<sup>th</sup>. We will again be sharing a booth with St. Alban's. If you would like to participate, see Michelle Hunsberger.

**Anniversaries**

- Rob & Amy Salazar
- Janice & David Waldman
- Dale & Carla Maxim
- Dave and Pat Maxim
- Tony & Tracey Krzysik

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sundays:

- Worship @ 10am
- FOF doors open 1:30, meal served 2:30

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

Wednesdays:

- Morning Prayer online 11:30am

Thursdays:

- Fun & Games 1pm
- Senior Choir rehearsal 7pm
- Overeaters Anonymous 7pm
- Compline online 9pm

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 7:30pm



## The Changing Face of Food of Faith

Over the past 14 years Food of Faith has experienced many changes. From churches merging or closing to welcoming new groups to our serving partners. Serving an ever changing community that we are privileged to offer respite to in their daily lives, feed their hunger and perhaps touch their hearts. Writing grants to update the kitchens and seeing improvements to the parish hall to benefit all who use it. Closing because of a pandemic, transitioning to a take-out ministry, and finally opening again to inside dining. The face of Food of Faith is ever changing in both those who serve and those who are served. We began our 23<sup>rd</sup> year on January 16<sup>th</sup> because of every person who committed to answering God's call to service and to care for those in need.

We are looking for the next leader for the Food of Faith ministry as I will step down in September to focus on other paths. Are you that person? It doesn't require any experience, just a desire to grow in Christ through a fellowship with 19 churches and groups who provide meals each week, and service to our community in need. Do you hear that call to serve? If you would like to know more about leading Food of Faith, I will be happy to help you on your journey of faith.

Pat Maxim  
Food of Faith, Ministry Leader

## ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

May 9. 11am at Trinity to write cards. 12:30pm lunch at Beaver's Pub, 200 Center Ave. All are invited!



## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

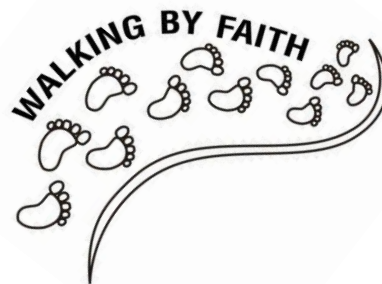
**Tuesday, May 16 - 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets can be purchased on Sundays during Coffee Hour, at the Church office, or by calling 892-5813

**Adults \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door**

**Children ages 4-10 \$5**

**Spaghetti with meat sauce or Vegetarian spaghetti Garlic bread, Hot vegetable, Dessert and Beverages Dine in or take out**



## REV. SUE ON SABBATICAL

Rev. Sue has just begun her 3-month sabbatical. She will be away for all of May, June and July. During that time we will have various clergy lead Sunday worship. Pastor Andreas Teich will provide any pastoral care emergencies including funerals needed. He will also lead the Ascension Day Evensong. Senior Warden, Archie Duncan, will be handling all other church matters.

*We Will Miss You*

Trinity Church  
Her People, Her Building  
Then and Now

### *The Victory Shrine Memorial*

Recently the Historical Guild asked for your help in securing names of parishioners who had served in the Armed Services so that we could add them to the Victory Shrine that is located in the Memorial section of the columbarium. Now with Memorial Day approaching we thought you might like to know the history of the Victory Shrine.

Trinity has had men and women serve our country in the Armed Services throughout our history. Apparently, an Honor List was kept of those who served—at first all men but gradually women too. But there was no place in the church where those who served were memorialized. In 1943 the Vestry decided to update the Honor List and then at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting decided to establish a Victory Shrine to honor those who served with the location at “the south-east end of the narthex of the church.” The Army and Navy committee would work out the details with the Property committee.

A notice was placed in the May 6<sup>th</sup> bulletin asking for names of men (sorry ladies; that’s what they said) who were serving or did serve in the Armed Services and were connected with Trinity in one of the following ways: 1.) Confirmed members; 2.) Members of families belonging in Trinity parish; or 3.) Members of Trinity organizations, such as Sunday School, Choir, etc., unless they were already on the Honor Roll of some other Church. The notice listed 35 names that were under consideration and a request for any other men who might fall under the guidelines. Trinity had just changed rectors so the rector asked for help in the project as he was still learning the names of the

people of his flock.

The Victory Shrine was dedicated on June 20, 1943, and a light was to be burning for the duration of the war. “The shrine, designed as a community feature, will be open day and night, so that people of all creeds may pray there for their country and servicemen.” The Shrine was made possible by generous gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Moulthrop and Mr. and Mrs. Guy R. Moulthrop.

In the years following World War II the Shrine was relocated to the back of the nave. When the columbarium plans were developed in 1977 it was decided to move the Victory Shrine into the Memorial portion—the first section as you enter the gates. It is there today.



*The Victory Shrine was started in 1943 during World War II to honor those who served. If you know of anyone who was or is a member of the Armed Forces and who was or is a member of Trinity, we welcome you to add their name(s) to the Shrine List by sending them to: [sunbeamf@att.net](mailto:sunbeamf@att.net) or [drapsonqabil@chartermi.net](mailto:drapsonqabil@chartermi.net) or giving them to the church office.*

*\*Special thanks to Mary K Freel who researched and submitted this information.*

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild

**WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE**

In-person and Online:

Sunday-10:00 AM – Holy Communion

Online only:

Wednesday-11:30 AM – Morning Prayer

Tues & Thurs-9:00 PM – Compline

**FOOD OF FAITH**

Sundays: 1:30 PM – Doors open

2:30PM – Meal served

**OFFICE HOURS**

Currently by appointment

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

To encourage growth through fellowship, follow the teachings of Jesus, and reach out to our community through prayer and service.

**VISION STATEMENT**

We strive to grow the body of Christ by being a welcoming, vibrant, service-based faith community that actively lives our values, especially the commandment to “love God and our neighbor.”

**VESTRY**

Senior Warden – Archie Duncan

Junior Warden – Don Middleton

Clerk/Secretary – Dan Keeler

Michelle Hunsberger

Mickie Leibrand

Carolyn Pawlaczyk

Patrick Gray

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Pat Maxim

Web Site Manager

**PENTECOST GERANIUMS**



Donations to Trinity’s Pentecost Geranium fund provides the flower arrangements we enjoy on Pentecost. Please give a minimum gift of \$20.00.

**DUE SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

Your name(s):

Contact #:

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Trinity Episcopal Pentecost Geranium Fund.

\_\_\_\_\_ In grateful thanksgiving for:

And/or \_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of:

Please make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church. Mark on the check “Pentecost Flowers.” Please seal your check and a copy of this form in an envelope and place it in Sunday’s offering plate or Trinity’s mailbox outside the office door or mail it to 815 N. Grant St., Bay City, 48708.

**PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE OF FORM FOR FRIENDS OF MUSIC DONATION.**

Office Use:

Date donation was received:

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Donation\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIENDS OF MUSIC**



Donations to Trinity’s Friends of Music fund help to support the fine music we enjoy at Pentecost and throughout the year. Please give generously.

**DUE SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2022**

Your name(s):

Contact #:

I would like to contribute \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Trinity Episcopal Church Friends of Music.

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And/or \_\_\_\_\_ In loving memory of:

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