

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

It's hard to believe that Lent is upon us. On Tuesday, February 13, the Vestry will host our Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from 5-7pm at \$6 a ticket. Then on Wednesday, February 14, we will offer Ash Wednesday services with Holy Eucharist at noon (spoken) and 7pm (with music).

Throughout the Wednesdays in Lent (February 21-March 27), we will, again, offer Stations-Soup-Study. At 6pm we will pray The Way of the Cross, also known as Stations of the Cross, in which we journey through the different parts of the last day of the life of Jesus. Then at 6:30pm we will share a simple soup meal (provided by attendees via a sign-up sheet) and at 7pm we will begin our Bible Study of the upcoming Sunday's readings.

For a light-hearted activity, you may want to participate in Lent Madness, the fun March madness-like experience that pits two saints against one another each day during Lent until the winner receives the revered Golden Halo. Go to <http://www.lentmadness.org> to vote, sign up for daily emails, and learn about this fun Lent activity. They also have a Facebook page.

Many of you know I've been spending as much time as I can with my parents as their needs change. One of the things I've noticed during our visits is their need to go slower and be more deliberate and focused on the things they do. This has caused me to slow down when I'm with them.

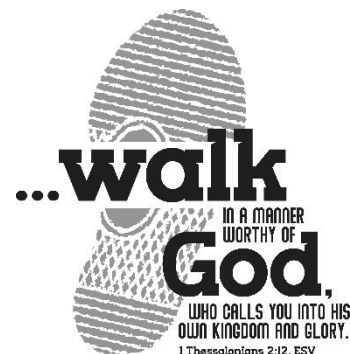
After my return from the last trip, I notice that I've slowed down a bit in my own life. I'm not rushing so much and I'm paying more attention to what or who is in front of me without focusing on my To Do List or what's coming up next. I'm finding unexpected freedom in this.

Maybe this is a good thing to try during Lent 2024. To slow down. To pay attention to what's right in front of us. To give up rushing and focus on what is going on in the moment.

Here are some questions to help you discern your own Lenten practice. What keeps your attention away from God? What do you *really* enjoy that you might give up for Lent? What connects you to God?

I invite you "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (Book of Common Prayer, page 265).

In Christ's love,
Rev. Sue





THANK YOU'S

Ann Shea for putting together the Annual Report and to Shelley Anderson who helped assemble them.

Archie Duncan for completing his 3-year term on Vestry and Carolyn Pawlaczyk for completing her 1-year term on Vestry.

Steve Beckert, Carolyn Pawlaczyk, Brenda Weaver and Patrick Gray for all they do to prepare the financials for the Annual Meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS

John Allen, Archie Duncan and Carolyn Pawlaczyk for being elected to the Vestry for a 3-year term.



CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated.

Ways to provide us with your contributions:

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

SPECIAL FEBRUARY DATES

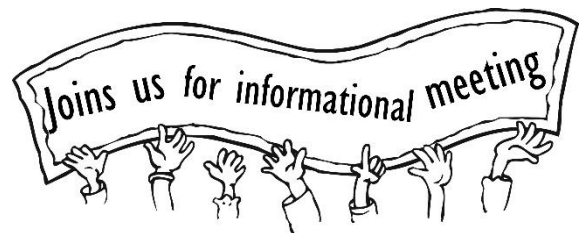
Sun, Feb 11, 5:30pm – Super Bowl Party
Shrove Tues, Feb 13, 5-7pm – Pancake Supper, \$6

Ash Wed, Feb 22

Noon – spoken Holy Communion

7pm – Holy Communion with choir

Sun, Feb 18 & 25 after church – conversation about potential juncture with Eastern and Western Michigan



POTENTIAL JUNCTURE WITH WESTERN MICHIGAN

On March 16, 2024 a special convention will be held at St. Christopher, Grand Blanc at which time the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan will decide whether or not to become one diocese. Four documents have been emailed out and are also available in the side chapel that contain information on what this potential juncture would look like. A member of Building Bridges (the committee who has been looking at the sharing of resources for four years) will join us at Trinity after church on Sundays, February 18 & 25 to answer questions you may have about this. The Vestry will provide a light meal.

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

February 13. 11am at Trinity to write cards.
12:30pm lunch at Bob Evan's on Wilder Road. All are invited!



VESTRY CORNER

The Vestry is interested in being in better communication with you so we are starting this section. At Trinity, the Vestry consists of 6-9 members (currently 7) with 2-3 people being elected each year for a 3-year term. “The basic responsibilities of the vestry are to help define and articulate the mission of the congregation; to support the church’s mission by word and deed, to select the rector, to ensure effective organization and planning, and to manage resources and finances.” From [“An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians,”](#) Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors.

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 OFFICERS

Senior Warden – Archie Duncan
Junior Warden – Don Middleton
Clerk – Dan Keeler
Treasurer – Patrick Gray

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

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



Super Bowl Party

There is no Sunday Funday on Feb. 4 - instead we will have our annual Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 11. It will begin at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Hot dogs will be provided - please bring a dish to share and your own beverage. There will be a squares board, so bring some cash! Half of the proceeds will go to Trinity and the other half to the winners! If football is not your thing - bring a board game to play in the Guild Room. Wear your favorite football attire and get ready to watch the game on the BIG screen!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 13 from 5-7pm. \$6.
3 pancakes, 3 sausages, fruit, beverages.
Church office 989-892-5813.

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!

February BIRTHDAYS

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Judy Laskowski
 Bob Hayhurst
 Camden Garcia
 Janice Waldman
 Victor Kolka
 Elise Shannon
 Shannon Lang
 Cindy Sherbeck
 Mary Katharine Freel
 Sydney Shannon
 Kathryn Middleton
 Kylene Gray
 Susan Hoyle
 Maureen Alvarez

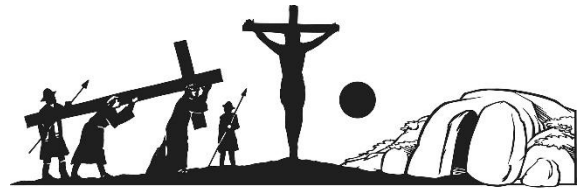
February ANNIVERSARIES

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Sean & Dawn Brady
 Guy & Stephanie Moulthrop

SAVE THE DATE

Tues, Mar 12, 5-7pm
 Chili Dinner



STATIONS of the CROSS

Wednesday Stations-Soup-Study during Lent. Each Wednesday in Lent (February 21- March 27), beginning at 6pm we will have Stations of the Cross in the church, followed by a simple soup and bread meal, and concluding with Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's lessons. Those who would like to provide soup and bread for one of the Wednesdays can sign up – see the bulletin board. We end at 8pm.



St. Patrick's Race and Parade

Sunday, March 17th in front of Trinity, roads blocked off. We will be selling hotdogs, popcorn and water during the parade which will begin at 2pm.

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



Did You Know?

This year is the centennial of the installation and dedication of the Reredos. The Reredos is the group of carvings behind the High Altar. On October 5th, 1924, Bishop Page from Detroit was present for the dedication of these magnificent carvings which adorn the High Altar and immediately draw one's eyes to the front of the church. A reredos is a usually ornamental wood or stone screen or partition wall behind an Altar. The word goes back to the 14 th century.

Check out the Showcase in the Historical Guild corner of the Parish Hall. In honor of President's Day we have highlighted the presidents who were Episcopalians.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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

**“WORSHIP
THE LORD
YOUR GOD,
AND SERVE
ONLY HIM.”**

MATTHEW 4:10, NRSV



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.

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.



**Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now**

The following is taken from the *Trinity Church Record*, an early bi-monthly newsletter that began in 1869. The information below is from Vol. III, Feb, and March, 1872. No 15.

Holy Days in February

The Purification

This Feast is to commemorate the presenting of Christ in the Temple by His mother, when she went up to offer the customary sacrifice required of every woman who gave birth to a male child.

It corresponds to "The Churching of Women" in our Prayer Book -- when women may make some offering to Him for His goodness.

The Virgin Mary brought her turtle-doves because [she was] too poor to bring a lamb. So should every woman bring her substance as God has blessed her, that with prayers and alms, she may appear before Him who has sanctified married life to the populating of the world, and the building up of His kingdom.

Ash Wednesday

This is the first day of Lent and is so called from the fact that it was formerly the custom for persons who were admitted as penitents to the church to sprinkle Ashes upon their heads this day, and wear sack-cloth as a token of their humility, and sorrow for their sins. We should begin today to spiritually humble ourselves, that the season of Lent may prove a benefit to us.

St. Matthias Day

On this day is commemorated the death of the Apostle who was elected to fill the place of the traitor, Judas. As he was the

first addition to that band of laborers who have descended in the same line to the present day, with him begins the Apostolic Succession so essential to the perpetuity of that Ministry which Christ instituted. (In 1969 the feast day was moved from February 24 to May 14 so as not to occur during Lent.)

On the evening of the 13th, a few friends of the Rev. John Wright, gathered around him to say farewell, and wish him God speed to a safe return. For one year at least he will be absent from his flock, gathering strength and wisdom in older and sunnier lands. His feet will press the sacred soil of our Saviour's birthplace, and his eyes will behold the scenes of His sufferings. He will view with eager gaze the rippling Jordan, the stately Nile and meandering Enon; his ears will listen to the whispering zephyr that linger round the cedars of Lebanon, and his thoughts will ponder over the futility of man's efforts to perpetuate his own greatness as he beholds the ruins of Damascus.

The prayers of his congregation and friends will follow him in his journeyings, and their hopes and fears will weave around him, the golden chains of fond remembrance.

Faithfully gleaned by the Historical Guild





During Lent, people often fast or give up something special to them (perhaps a food indulgence), which is supposed to prepare their hearts and minds for Easter.

A similar time of fasting and prayer is seen in the Gospel of Matthew in the New Testament, when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness for 40 days. Each "temptation" was a test of Jesus's faith, an effort to get him to doubt that he was really the son of God or to renounce his devotion in exchange for wealth and glory. But instead of succumbing to temptation, Jesus answered Satan each time by quoting Scripture from the Old Testament. As the story goes, the Devil then left, and the angels surrounded Jesus as he began preparing for his ministry.

That's where the Lenten fast comes in. It harkens back to these ideas of temptation and sacrifice, and its goal is to help Christians achieve a deeper understanding of their faith. Instead of a 40-day fast, however, Christians might engage in shorter fasts or abstain from things they particularly love, like soda, alcohol, desserts or social media. When they feel hungry or miss the thing they're abstaining from, they should acknowledge that and turn to prayer and the Bible.

By Dianne Bright

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/mind-and-soul/what-is-lent-and-why-is-it-celebrated/ar-BB1dJpLC>

30 THINGS TO GIVE UP FOR LENT

By Kelsey Pelzer

1. Complaining
2. Sweet Treats
3. Television
4. Screen Time
5. Gossiping
6. Video Games
7. Shopping
8. Coffee
9. Soda
10. Worrying
11. Excuses to Not Work Out
12. Saying No
13. Texting
14. Low Self-Esteem
15. Being "Too Busy" to Read
16. Staying Inside
17. Checking the News
18. Certain Meals
19. Putting Yourself First
20. Believing the Bible Is Too Intimidating
21. Music on the Radio
22. Putting off Paying It Forward
23. Salty Snacks
24. Swearing
25. Alcohol
26. Hot Showers
27. Makeup
28. Using the Scale
29. Fast Food
30. Clutter

Descriptions of the list can be found at <https://parade.com/1165347/kelseypelzer/things-to-give-up-for-lent/>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10am - Worship - HE 1:30pm - Food of Faith @	10am - Over-Eaters 11am - Trinity Band rehearsal	9pm - Compline online	11:30am - Worship - HE	First Day of Black History 1pm - Fun & Games @ Parish 7pm - Over-Eaters 7pm - Senior Choir 9pm - Compline online	7:30pm - N.A. Meeting	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10am - Worship - HE 11am - Blood Pressure 1:30pm - Food of Faith @ 5pm - Super Bowl Party	10am - Over-Eaters 11am - Trinity Band rehearsal	11am - St. Elizabeth Guild 2pm - Finance Committee 5pm - Shrove Tuesday 9pm - Compline online	Valentine's Day 9:30am - Staff Meeting @ 12pm - Ash Wednesday 7pm - Ash Wednesday	1pm - Fun & Games @ Parish 7pm - Over-Eaters 7pm - Senior Choir 9pm - Compline online	7:30pm - N.A. Meeting	5:30pm - Saginaw River
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10am - Worship - HE 11:30am - Conversation on 1:30pm - Food of Faith @	President's Day 10am - Over-Eaters 11am - Trinity Band rehearsal 6:30pm - Vestry	9:30am - Historical Guild 9pm - Compline online	11:30am - Worship - HE	1pm - Fun & Games @ Parish 7pm - Over-Eaters 7pm - Senior Choir 9pm - Compline online	7:30pm - N.A. Meeting	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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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

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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.”

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