



Pennings from your Priest...

This year, we begin the observance of Holy Week on March 20 with the Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday. We continue with the Maundy Thursday Liturgy of the Day on Thursday, March 24 at 7:00PM. Our Good Friday observance takes place at noon on March 25. The Great Vigil of Easter is Saturday, March 26 at 5PM.

We will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, March 27.

All these worship services are significant for we who are Episcopalians. They are so important that the prayer book contains liturgies of the day for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil.

On Palm Sunday we commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We bless palms and then enter into a solemn procession in the nave. The procession

symbolizes the proclamation of Jesus as King of kings by an enthusiastic crowd that spread their garments and branches of palm along Jesus' way.

Members of the congregation share in reading the passion gospel, this year from Luke.

Palm Sunday is the same day as the St. Patrick's Day parade. Getting here will be a challenge. But we are up to that challenge. So please join us.

The Maundy Thursday liturgy brings to mind the Last Supper when Jesus celebrated a Passover meal with his disciples on the eve of his death. At this service the altar is stripped and items in the immediate area are removed during which the choir sings Psalm 22.

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Upcoming Events



Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20, 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24, 7p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, March 25, Noon

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 26, 5 p.m.

Easter Day

Sunday, March 27, 10 a.m.

Music of Holy Week

Exultate Deo Chamber choir will present "The Music of Holy Week" on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Friends of Music will host a reception in the Guild Room after the program.



Good Friday is the most solemn service of Holy Week. The ministers enter in silence. The Passion Gospel – this time from John – is read.

Then the Officiant and a person appointed read the Biddings and the Collects, during which time the people may be directed to stand or kneel. There is no communion, blessing or dismissal. The people leave in silence.

The Great Vigil of Easter is the first service of Easter Day. Again this year the clergy and people of St Alban's and Messiah Lutheran will worship with us.

The Paschal Candle is lit and carried into the dark church with a solemn procession, which will include a crucifer and cross from each of the three congregations, and the singing of the Exsultet.

The Service of the Word follows. Lectors from each of the three churches will share in the six readings. Then we renew our baptismal followed by Holy Communion.

Our Sunday worship celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord is March 27 at 10:00. That day the brass is spit and polish shiny, the purple has been replaced with white and we bring out our best silver for the Holy Meal.

I hope you will take advantage of all the worship opportunities available to you during Holy Week and Easter.

Blessings,

Rev. Ann

~MISSIONS~

February's **Noisy Offering** was collected on Sunday, February 7, 2016. The offering brought in \$238.75, which was forwarded to St. John's Episcopal Church, Flint and will help the people living in Flint purchase foods that will reduce the effects of lead poisoning. Rev. Ann sent an additional \$261.25 from the Rector's Discretionary Fund for a total of \$500.

Noisy Offering for March will be collected on Sunday, March 6th, for the St. Paul's Feeding Program.



March's Food-Personal Needs Pantry

collection will be for the Personal Needs closet. Items needed are shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste and feminine hygiene products. Collection will be on Sunday March 6th with an in-gathering on March 13th.

St. Paul's Feeding is in need of more people! Michelle has not agreed to any feeding dates for 2016 as of yet due to the fact that parishioner participation is very low. She is looking for someone to cook on Saturdays before the feeding date and then individuals to give their time again and go to St. Paul's on Sunday morning to worship with them and then serve the meal afterwards. If you are interested in doing this please contact Michelle in the office.

Meijer Rewards

Trinity received \$102.27 in rewards money in February. You can donate by simply giving the cashier Trinity's identification code #91156.

Opportunities from the Diocese of Eastern Michigan!

Confirmation- The Diocese of Eastern Michigan is offering a confirmation service for people interested in being confirmed by the Bishop on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at 2:00.m. at St. John's, Midland. Contact the church office for more information.

Eucharistic Visitor Training - Will be held on May 7, 2016 at St. John's, Midland. Anyone interested in this important ministry please contact the church office. Trinity is in need of additional Eucharistic Visitors. Our current licensed EV's are Jett Whitehead, Mickie Leibrand, Steven Beckert and Monica Borrello.

Camp Chickagami - Youth Program, June 26-July 30 weekly sessions. Please see the Diocesan web site for more information about specific dates and ages.

The Ushers Dinner was a great success! Every year individuals who usher at Trinity are invited to a "thank you" dinner. This year turkey and all the trimmings was served. Delicious! Again, a huge THANK YOU to the ushers of Trinity and to Cris and Victor Kolka for preparing a wonderful meal.

Trinity's Vestry meets on the third Sunday of each month immediately following the worship service. The meetings are open and anyone who would like to attend may do so. The Vestry is comprised of Faith Culler, Dale Smith, Cathy LaBerge, Adam Culler, Cathie Leibrand, Pat Maxim, Tod Meisel, Amy Salazar and Jett Whitehead. **(March's Vestry meeting is Sunday, March 13, 2016.)**



to **Mickie Leibrand** for the hours she spends arranging and taking flowers to our shut-ins.

to **everyone** involved in the Mardi Gras dinner on Shrove Tuesday.

to the faithful members of the **Senior Choir**. They sang eight anthems, one set of canticles, three mass settings and prepared 18 hymns for the week of February 7 through February 14.

to **Mary K Freel, Mickie Leibrand and Emilee Sabourin** for the reception after the February 14, 2016 Evensong.

to the **Middleton and Greenleaf** families for hosting coffee hour in February

to **Trinity's Hospitality Committee** for coordinating the Annual Meeting Potluck.

to **Jan Waldman** for volunteering her time to help Michelle with folding bulletins and The Chimes.

to the **Knit Wits and the Hookers** for their donation of food to Trinity's Food Pantry.

to **Bruce Sherbeck** for his countless hours working and maintaining Trinity's building.

to **Kerry Brown and Mickie Leibrand** for the extra Altar Guild work.

to **Cris and Victor Kolka** for the fine meal they prepared for the annual ushers dinner.



to **Keirah McCullen**, who had a piece of art work chosen for the "Teenworks and Kids Kreation" exhibit currently on display at Studio 23 in Bay City. The exhibit is up until March. 4.





There are many **coffee hour** dates available throughout the year. Please take a date and enjoy coffee and treats with your fellow parishioners.



My family and I would like to thank you for all your emotional support and prayers throughout our difficult time. It especially meant a lot to my mother and I when Trinity members asked about how my dad was doing as his health deteriorated.

We were very appreciative about the support given by those individuals who attended his funeral, as well as those who sent sympathy cards or gave donations.

We would further like to thank those individuals who volunteered to help serve at his funeral. It seems like only a moment in time since his passing, while in actuality, it's been over a month. Please forgive me for the delay in writing, as well as possibly missing someone's name. Our special thanks goes out to: Eucharistic Ministers (Steve Beckert & Mickie Leibrand); Acolyte (Don Middleton); Lector (Steve Beckert); Ushers (Jack Esseltine & Bob Hartley); Choir members (Alison Dakos, Mary Freel, Lynn King, Mickie Leibrand, & Denise Morin); Reverend Ann Grady for a lovely service, and Bob Sabourin for the beautiful music. We thank the several individuals who donated food, and the committee of members who provided the set-up, serving, and the clean-up for the reception following the service: especially, Mickie Leibrand, Mary Freel, Pat Maxim,

and Pat Anderson. Many thanks also to Michelle Bullis for all the behind-the-scenes coordination and organization.

We count our many blessings for being part of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Janet R. Hool for the family of J. Val Syring



2015 Contribution Statements were mailed out at the beginning of January. If you did not receive one or have misplaced yours, please contact Michelle in the office to get another contribution statement.

Are you 70 ½ or older and have an IRA?

If you are 70 ½ or older and have an IRA, then you know that the tax laws require you to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) each year from your IRA or else pay a large penalty. In December, Congress made permanent a provision in the tax code that allows persons who are 70 ½ or older to transfer money from their IRA directly to a qualified charitable organization and have that money count as part of their RMD. In addition, that money can be excluded from gross income on the person's tax return. This is a great way to pay your pledge to Trinity and not pay tax on the amount contributed even if you do not itemize deductions on your tax return.

Trinity's treasurer, Steve Beckert, will be available to discuss this provision with you, either in a group setting or individually if you desire. Just let Steve know if you would like further information or to meet with him.



We have **open altar flower dates** of March 13th and March 20th. If you would like to sign up for either of these dates please contact Michelle in the office or Elisabeth Campbell.



Anniversaries

13 William and Karen Schmidt

Birthdays

- 04 Patricia Maxim
- 06 Aniesha McCullough
- 08 Emily Gray
- 12 Sean Brady
- 12 Gloria Davenport
- 14 Adam Culler
- 15 Denise Morin
- 22 Ken Fowler
- 22 Jane Moulthrop
- 25 Steven Beckert
- 26 Matthew Smith
- 30 Moria Brady
- 30 Carla Maxim
- 31 Tracey Krzysik



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13th. Please remember to set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 12th.



Holy Week & Easter Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, March 25th at 12:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter

Saturday, March 26th at 5:00 p.m.

Easter Day

Sunday, March 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Friends of Music

Please see the flyer about donations to Friends of Music for special music during Holy Week. Your donations allow us to have a balanced choir when our own volunteers are not available. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Music of Holy Week

Exultate Deo Chamber Choir will present "The Music of Holy Week" on Sunday, March 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Please note this is a later time because of the parade. Anthems, Hymns, Collects and Organ Music for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be included in the hour long program. Start your Holy Week with this special music offering. Friends of Music will host a reception in the Guild Room after the program. Steve Egler, organist; Robert Sabourin, conductor.

March Choral Repertoire

March 6th

God of the Sparrow

Carol Schalk

March 13th

We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Healey Willan

Embrace My Way and Cross

March 20th – Palm Sunday

There Is a Green Hill far Away

Bob Chilcott

March 24th – Maundy Thursday

We Adore Thee

T. F. Candlyn

Drop, Drop Slow Tears

Bob Chilcott

March 25th – Good Friday

That Virgin's Child

Thomas Tallis

March 26th – The Great Vigil of Easter

T. F. Candlyn

March 27th – Easter Day

This Joyful Eastertide

Matthew Owens

Trinity Church, Her People, Her Building Then and Now

The instruments of the Passion are a set of objects associated with Jesus' Passion, that is his sufferings and death. Used in Christian symbolism and art they are sometimes referred to as "Arma Christi," or "Weapons of Christ." They are seen as arms in the sense of heraldry, and also as weapons Christ used to achieve his conquest over Satan, sin and death. The prime member, the cross, had been introduced to Christian art in the 4th century.

In Trinity Church, two heraldic shields depict five instruments of Christ's Passion. Found beneath the Crucifixion panel, they include the hammer used to nail Jesus to the cross, pincers used to pull the nails, the spear a soldier used to pierce his side, the sponge on a stick used to give him wine vinegar,

and the ladder used for the deposition of Christ's body from the cross.

Today, the instruments of the Passion still speak to us reminding us of all Christ endured for our salvation. The physical, torturous wounds inflicted and those of mental anguish had no power over God's love and forgiveness. Later, at Jesus' resurrection, the scars the instruments inflicted gave their solemn witness that even His physical body triumphed over death, now and forever, all for us.

"Those dear tokens of his passion,
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, with what rapture,
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars."

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 -1788)

Music: Helmsley; melody Augustine Arne
(1710 -1778)

The Hymnal, 1982; #57, v. 3.

Rev. Ann and **Mother Sharon Voelker**, priest in charge at St. Alban's, will be among the members of a panel discussion sponsored by the Bay City Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). The AAUW will hold the panel discussion at **10:00am on Saturday, March 12** at Unity Church of Bay City, 3736 State Street Road, Bay City.

The each member of the panel will share some background about herself, including how and when she decided to be more involved in her faith community. Each will discuss what it took to become ordained and the responsibilities that accompany her leadership role.

The panel discussion is being held in honor of Women's History Month.

We ♥ Our Church Ushers

The Ushers dinner was held on Wednesday, February 17th. A great turkey dinner was prepared by Cris and Victor Kolka.

Photos below!



Cris Kolka, Victor Kolka and Rev. Ann



Jeanette Luebs and Roberta Hunter



Taylor Langstaff and Kerry Brown

Trinity is in need of more ushers! If you are interested in becoming an usher please contact Michelle in the office or Emilee Sabourin.



Fun Fact...

Did you know that a Red Door was meant to symbolize sanctuary? That is right. A safe place. A harbor. Somewhere that is protected and secure. That is why at Trinity our front doors are painted red - a tradition that sends the message that you are welcomed here.

WORSHIP

Sunday – 10:00 A.M. - With Music
Wednesday – 11:30 A.M. - Without Music
Food of Faith 2:30 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 3:00PM
Friday – Closed

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Fun Fact...

In 1989, Barbara Harris of the Diocese of Massachusetts was consecrated as the first woman bishop in the Anglican Communion, and in 1993, Mary McLeod became bishop of Vermont, the first woman consecrated bishop in the United States.

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