

THE CHIMES

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Dear Trinity Community,

Thank you for your kind words, thoughts, and prayers during this time of great change and sadness for my family and me.

Dad's memorial service was on February 24 and the next day both Mom and Dad were buried together. They were placed in a columbarium at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery where Dad received full military honors. It was a beautiful and hard day.

Grieving is expressed and experienced in many different ways. Some people hang onto every item owned by the loved one because they can't let go of anything attached to them. And some people have to remove every picture and item that reminds them of their loved one because the pain is so great they can't bear it.

Grief takes a lot of emotional energy, and one can find themselves forgetting things or unable to process what someone is saying. For some, it can be difficult to read while others find reading a great escape. All this is completely normal.

There is no wrong way to grieve. And there is no time limit to grief.

One way to be gentle with yourself during an emotional time is to sit and listen to some gentle music. Being in nature or doing anything

creative is another kind way to connect with yourself and with God.

There's something called waves of grief. That's when all of a sudden, grief hits you like a wave. Initially, it can feel like a tidal wave that doesn't let up. Then it may feel like one big wave after another, eventually with more time between them.

Then there are those times when you are on automatic pilot and start to dial the phone to tell your loved one something important or mundane. A song, smell, or sight can usher in an unexpected wave of grief. It's best to let it wash over you until it concludes.

We are about to embark on the 40 days of Lent. During this season, we are reminded of all Jesus did and sacrificed to bring good news to the poor, freedom to the captives, joy to the mournful, food for the hungry, and drink for the thirsty.

We are also reminded that Jesus spoke truth to those in power when they weren't caring for the most vulnerable. And that got him killed. We will journey through his amazing life of ministry, his suffering and death.

And we are reminded that there is abundant life after death.

In Christ's love,

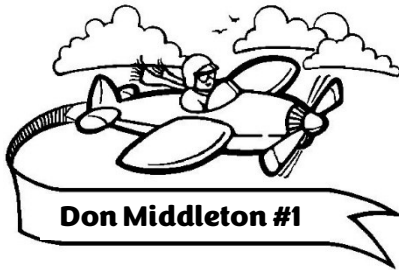
Rev. Sue

THANK YOUS

Ann Shea, Denise Middleton, and Michelle Hunsberger for coordinating and setting up for the Super Bowl Party and to Archie Duncan and Don Middleton for handling the technology.



Monica Borrello for leading worship and Maddie Greblo for preaching on February 23.



CONGRATULATIONS

Don Middleton for receiving the Essexville Citizen of the Year Award.



OUR SYMPATHIES TO

The family of John Elliot Owen who died on January 22, 2025.

Mary K Freel on the death of her sister-in-law, Judith Mae Freel, who died on February 15, 2025.

Jan Waldman on the death of her sister, Jayne Black, who died on February 27, 2025.



Birthdays

- Pat Maxim
- Emily Gray
- Sean Brady
- Sue Clements
- Adam Culler
- Denise Morin
- Rob Culler
- Ken Fowler
- Ann Moseley
- Jane Moulthrop
- Steven Beckert
- Matthew Leibrand
- Moria Brady
- Carla Maxim
- Morgan Salazar
- Tracey Krzysik

Anniversaries

- 10 Ira & Sarah Altergott



St. Patrick's Race and Parade

Sunday, March 16 in front of Trinity, roads will be blocked off, please plan accordingly.

Also! We will be selling hot dogs, popcorn, chili, water, hot cocoa and maybe having a bake sale.

LENT Lent LENT Lent

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 6-8 pm

Stations-Soup-Study, Mar 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, and 16.

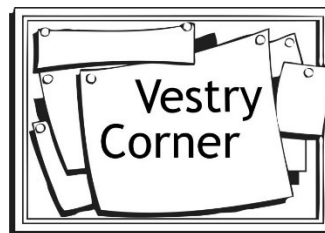
Wednesday Stations-Soup-Study during Lent. Each Wednesday in Lent, beginning at 6pm we will have Stations of the Cross in the church, followed by a simple soup and bread meal, and conclude with Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's lessons. If you would like to provide soup and bread, see the signup sheet on the bulletin board.



We are planning our Spring Bazaar March 22nd (rumor has it that the Easter bunny is coming!) and we need vendors. If you have a talent or are a vendor or know someone who is let them know about our bazaar. They can contact Mary K. Freel at sunbeamf@att.net for information.

REMEMBER TRINITY IN YOUR WILL

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



We are going to add some financial information. Hopefully, this will help everyone know where we stand on a monthly basis:

Finance Update as of February 27th

Income				
February		YTD		
Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	
\$15,079	\$19,244	\$53,134	\$56,387	
Expenses				
Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Difference YTD
\$22,589	\$26,681	\$52,941	\$55,783	\$604

Note: The 2025 budget includes a \$50,000 deficit. So, to truly break even an additional \$50,000 needs to be raised.

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.

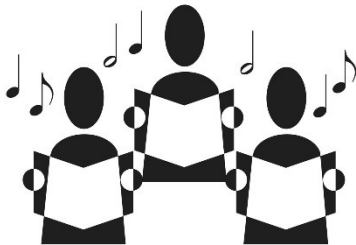


If you see a new face at church go up and introduce yourself. Welcome them to coffee hour!! Make a new friend!!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Your continued financial support of Trinity is greatly appreciated. Your Finance Committee and Vestry continue to work diligently to utilize all the resources available to us. Ways to provide us with your contribution:

- 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.



Friends of Music

Music. Your presence and encouragement, attendance, and donations/funding are what help us continue to make beautiful music and give us a presence in the community throughout the year.

One way to help support us is very simple: by donating your empty (and clean) recyclable cans and bottles. A committee member then takes them to return for you and we use the proceeds to pay for musicians and other expenses.

We receive your donations on the first Sunday of each month. Just leave your cans near the stage in the fellowship hall and we'll take it from there. Thank you!

SPECIAL MARCH DATES

Sun, Mar 2 – Bury the Alleluias
Tues, Mar 4 – 5-7pm, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
Wed, Mar 5 – noon & 7pm, Ash Wednesday services
Wed, Mar 5 – after church, about 1:30 Men's Out to Lunch Bunch at Krzysiak's Restaurant
Tues, Mar 11 – 11am, St. Elizabeth Guild card ministry
Tues, Mar 11 – 12:30pm, St. Elizabeth Guild lunch at North Point M-13 and Beaver
Tues, Mar 11 – 2pm, Finance Committee
Tues, Mar 18 – 6:30pm, Vestry
Sat, Mar 22 – 9am-3pm, Spring Bazaar

FACILITY USE

As we're getting closer to spring and the time of parties and showers, and other events remember that the Parish Hall is for rent—call the office 892-5813 for costs. We'd love to see it used more often. If your group is smaller, the Guild Room is also available for rent.



NEWCOMER & CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will soon be partnering with St. Alban's again to offer a class to newcomers and those who would like to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or renew their baptismal vows. Please speak with Rev. Sue if interested.



ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

March 11. 11am at Trinity to write cards. 12:30pm lunch at North Point at the corner of M-13 and Beaver Road.

All are invited!

MEN'S OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

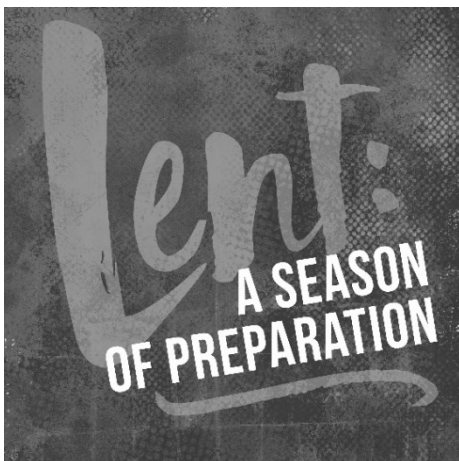


The Men's Out to Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of each month at 12:30pm. However, since Ash Wednesday is on March 5, they will meet after the noon service at 1:30 at Krzysiak's Restaurant

on Michigan Ave.

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

March 16th the & 30th are open to sponsor altar flowers.

Speak to Elisabeth Campbell.

SENIOR CHOIR

Calling all singers! Did you know that singing offers many health benefits? It's proven to reduce stress, improve your mood and your memory, in addition to enhancing your lung capacity and allow you to build great relationships.



Many of you are singing from the pews - and boy do we love to hear that! But, do you know that, with minimal commitment, you can join the choir to sing? We rehearse once a week on Thursday nights at 7pm and report early for service on Sunday mornings. We usually prepare one special piece of music per week (sometimes, we learn two) and learn and lead the hymns. The music can be easier or more difficult, depending on the week and the blend of voices we have participating. When we don't have many voices and the balance is off, we try to recruit someone to fill in but that's not always an option. Other times, we sing easier music as needed so that we always sound confident and comfortable to lead worship.

So, if you read music (even a little) and are interested in joining the choir, reach out to Rayechel Berger so we can get you acclimated before the season gets busy. We'd love to have you join us and make a joyful noise!

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!



*"I want to know Christ
and the power of his
resurrection."*

Philippians 3:10, NRSV

HISTORICAL TOUR

Recent Tour for OLLI -

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

On Friday, February 21, Trinity Church and the Historical Guild had the privilege to share the beauty of the church's architecture, stained glass windows and High Altar wood carvings to seven people who came to tour the church. A few more were registered but were not able to come.

From beginning to end they listened attentively and asked questions on a variety of things. The booklet on Trinity's reredos (wood carvings) was given to each attendee. Nearly all who came were able to stay an added 20 minutes for more information on the rich symbolism in Trinity's stained glass.

OLLI provides "high quality learning experiences for those 50 and better" offering on-campus and field trip classes. At Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU), there are more than 2,000 OLLI members who enjoy around 200 classes per year. Three years ago, 17 OLLI members came to tour Trinity Church.

Special thanks to Ken Fowler and Shelley Anderson who greeted those who came and made sure all went well.

meijer Simply Save

Sorry for the late notice but Meijers is doing the Simply Give program with the food pantries again. Here's what that means—Meijers will match your \$10 donation (the cards are by the checkouts) with \$10 of their own through March 29th. This is a great way to donate to our food pantry!! Thank you Hampton Meijers!!!!

FOOD PANTRY

Speaking of the Food Pantry, Katharine and Jan are getting ready for the Easter baskets for at least 15 households,



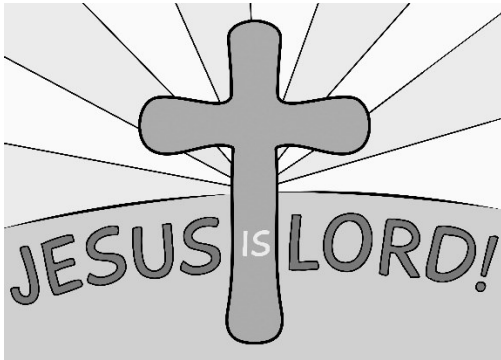
and they need individual hot chocolate packets, single-serving oatmeal packets, fried onions for topping casseroles, canned corn, canned fruit cocktail, and canned mixed vegetables. If you would like to avoid shopping you can send your donation to the office 815 N. Grant, Bay City 48708 and mark it for the food pantry.

The food pantry also needs supplies!! Here's the list or you can send a check, and they'll do the shopping—please write on the check it's for food pantry. Fruit cocktail, green beans, cream of mushroom soup, cereal, brownie mix (the kind that only requires water), gravy, boxed potatoes, Jif mix.



Did You Know?

The pancake has a very long history and is featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. In the United Kingdom, pancake races form an important part of Shrove Tuesday celebrations – an opportunity for large numbers of people, often in fancy dress to race down streets.



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

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

SAVE THE DATE

Sun, Apr 13 – 4pm Music of Holy Week
Sat, Apr 19 – 5pm Easter Vigil
Sun, Apr 20 – 10am Easter
Mon, May 5 – 5-7pm, Cinco de May dinner
Sat, June 7 – 4pm, Rev. Sue's 20th ordination celebration

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays:

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

Mondays: Overeaters Anonymous 10am

Trinity Band practice at 11 am
Narcotics Anonymous at 7pm

Tuesdays: Compline online 9pm

Wednesdays:

Morning Prayer online 11:30am
Stations-Soup-Study 6pm during Lent

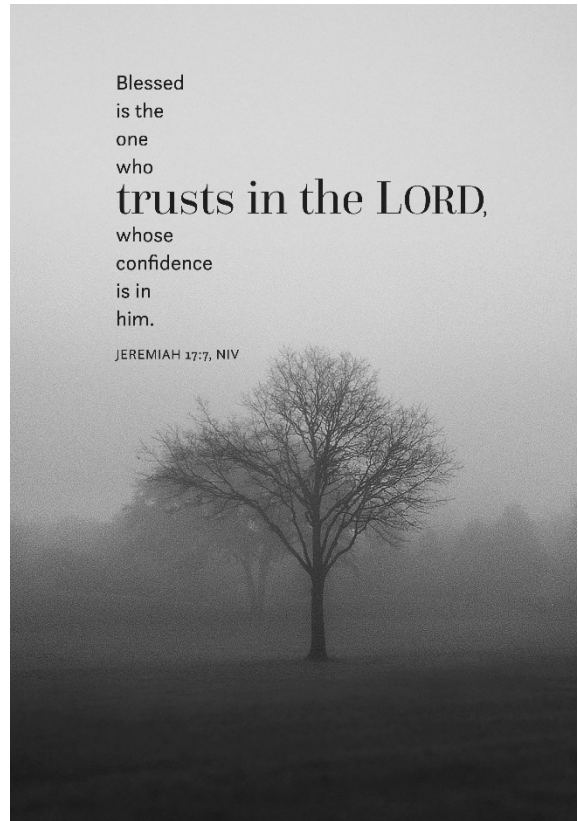
Thursdays:

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

Fridays: Narcotics Anonymous 8pm

Blessed
is the
one
who
trusts in the LORD,
whose
confidence
is in
him.

JEREMIAH 17:7, NIV



Trinity Church
Her People, Her Building
Then and Now

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter, is traditionally a time of fasting, prayer, and penitence. Shrove Tuesday is also called Pancake Day and Mardi Gras.

On Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians (early Germanic tribes who settled in the 5th and 6th centuries in what is now England) went to confession and were 'shriven' (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This was called the 'Pancake Bell' and is still rung today in some places.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year, and falls between February 3 and March 9 as Easter is a movable feast.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes were a perfect way of using up those ingredients.

A pancake is a thin, flat cake made up of butter, flour, and fried in a frying pan. It is usually served immediately after it is fried. Golden syrup or lemon juice and cane sugar are often the usual toppings for pancakes; so are syrup and butter.

Shrove Tuesday was once known as a "half-holiday" in Britain. It started at 11:00 a.m. with the ringing of a church bell. On Pancake Day, "pancake races" are held in villages and towns across the United Kingdom (UK). The tradition is said to have originated in 1445 when a

housewife from Olney, Buckinghamshire, was so busy making pancakes that she forgot the time until she heard the church bells ringing for the service. She raced out of the house to church while still carrying her frying pan and pancake, tossing it to prevent it from burning.

Today, the pancake race remains a relatively common festive tradition in the UK, especially England. Participants with frying pans race through the streets tossing pancakes into the air and catching them in the pan while running. The pancake race at Olney traditionally has women contestants who carry a frying pan and race over a 415-yard course to the finishing line. The rules are strict: contestants must toss the pancake at the start and the finish and at least three times, and wear a scarf and apron.



At Trinity Church, Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day is celebrated every year. Though no one is racing with a frying pan and flipping pancakes, *pancakes do get flipped but only on the griddle*, and with a smile, before the seriousness of the Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Guild



EASTER FLOWERS

Donations to Trinity’s Easter Flower fund provides the flower arrangements we enjoy during the Easter Season. Please give a minimum gift of \$20.00.

DUE PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Your name(s):

Contact #:

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the Trinity Episcopal Christmas Poinsettia Fund.

In grateful thanksgiving for:

And/or _____ In loving memory of:

Please make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church. Mark on the check “Easter Flowers.” Please seal your check and a copy of this form in an envelope and place it in Sunday’s offering 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 Easter and throughout the year. Please give generously.

DUE PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

Your name(s):

Contact #:

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

In grateful thanksgiving for:

And/or _____ In loving memory of:

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

PLEASE USE OTHER SIDE OF FORM FOR EASTER FLOWER DONATION.

Office Use:

Date donation was received:

Cash \$ _____

Check \$ _____ # _____

Total Donation \$ _____

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

Tuesday and Thursday 9am – 1pm

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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 – Leo Borrello

Clerk/Secretary – Michelle Hunsberger

Grace Gray

Jami Kelly

Mickie Leibrand

Carolyn Pawlaczyk

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