

The Trinitarian



News, Notes and Inspiration from Trinity Church Oxford

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From the Rector

*Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten
with celestial fire! Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

These words are from the ancient hymn tune, Veni Creator Spiritus, invoking the presence, power and protection of God the Holy Spirit. It is mainly heard at ordinations, just before the bishop lays hands on the ordinand, conferring the orders of the diaconate, priesthood, or the episcopate, and grafting the ordinand onto the spiritual family tree of the Apostolic Succession, tracing its roots back to the original Apostles. It is a truly humbling moment of greatest solemnity in one's life. However, we mustn't think that the invocation of the Holy Spirit is reserved only for ordinations or the clergy.

This month, we will be celebrating the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. As a church, we pray always to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and that through that same spirit, we may be guided to discern and to do God's will. As the parish of Trinity Church Oxford, we are embarking upon a project of redeveloping our old parish house site. This effort will have a great impact not only on us, but on the community as a whole. It is therefore of the utmost importance that we be prayerful and discerning at every step along the way. In light of that, let the feast of Pentecost be for us a refocusing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit:

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- **Understanding:** In understanding, we comprehend how we need to live as followers of Christ.
- **Counsel** (Right Judgment): With the gift of counsel/right judgment, we know the difference between right and wrong, and we choose to do what is right.
- **Fortitude** (Courage): With the gift of fortitude/courage, we overcome our fear and are willing to take risks as a follower of Jesus Christ
- **Knowledge:** With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God. The gift of knowledge is more than an accumulation of facts.
- **Piety** (Reverence): With the gift of reverence, sometimes called piety, we have a deep sense of respect for God and the Church.
- **Fear of the Lord** (Wonder and Awe): With the gift of fear of the Lord we are aware of the glory and majesty of God. A person with wonder and awe knows that God is the perfection of all we desire: perfect knowledge, perfect goodness, perfect power, and perfect love.
- **Wisdom:** It is the capacity to love spiritual things more than material ones.

Our Staff

[The Rev. Richard Robyn,](#)
Rector

The Rev. Don Graff,
Priest Associate

May you know and feel the presence of God's Holy Spirit in this season of Pentecost, and throughout the year. Father Richard

Mary Sampson, M.A.,
Organist/Choirmaster

[Chris Claypoole, Secretary](#)

Michael Pacillio, Sexton

Our Vestry

Lorraine Henry '15,
Rector's Warden

Sarah Putterman '15,
Accounting Warden

Amy Furlong '15

Lynne Geliebter '15,
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Raymond Grossmuler '16

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Bishop Visits

Bishop Clifton "Dan" Daniel visited our parish on April 24 to learn more about Trinity. We began with compline in the church followed by a presentation of our history and a tour of the grounds. We then gathered in the Buchanan Building for a light dinner and conversation with our new Bishop Provisional. The evening was a great success and Bishop Dan committed to ongoing support for our mission and growth objectives.



Church School

Our ever-popular Church School will close out the school year on Pentecost Sunday with a sea of red.

Parishioners are encouraged to wear red and the Church School will be preparing all "red" foods for coffee hour.

Please come and support the ministry of the children of Trinity Church Oxford! Throughout the summer, there will be activities at church each week for kids, so please

don't forget that God doesn't take a vacation and we are always here for you and your family.



Concert Invitation

Our own choir soloist, Clint Williams, will be performing classical music from Byrd, Hassler, Palestrina, Schubert and Farmer, as part of the group Quinctus, at 4pm on June 2 at [Aldersgate United Methodist Church](#) (2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware). A free will offering will be taken and all are invited to attend.

Easter Cantata



The Senior Choir celebrated Easter in a special way on Sunday, April 14, with a musical offering of Dietrich Buxtehude's "Rejoice, Earth and Heaven" during the 10am service. Many thanks to all the people of Trinity who share their musical talents throughout the year, and especially at Easter. Our fine music program is one of the greatest treasures our historic parish has to offer. Thanks also to the many donors who support the Music Ministry at Trinity - if you would like to help the program continue to thrive, please send your check to the church office or you may also contribute online via the donate button on the [home page](#) of our website. Please be sure to note Music Memorial Fund.



Flea Market at Trinity

On Saturday, May 18, the Women of Trinity will host a Flea Market from 9am to 2pm (no rain date) in our parking lot behind the Gibbons PAL Center (Rising Sun & Longshore Avenues).

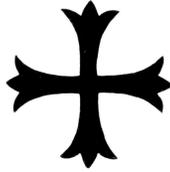
Spaces are \$10 each and no tables will be

provided. To reserve a space or for more information, please call (215) 745-3739 or (215) 745-4186.



GFS Day

On Saturday, May 4, the members of Girls Friendly Society will gather at [St. James Church](#), Perkiomen, for GFS Day. We will celebrate the service of GFS members with skits, ribbons for crafts, and other fun activities. Please contact Dottie Orr for more information.



Memorials

[Geraldine N. Zehner](#), 87, passed away on April 1 and her funeral was held at Trinity on April 4. [Joseph L. Wilkens](#), 83, passed away on April 14 and his funeral was held at Trinity on April 27. Both were buried at Lawnview Cemetery in Rockledge. May Geraldine and Joseph's souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



Music Ministry

Choir Recognition Sunday will be celebrated on May 5, at the 10am service. Our Bell Choir will be playing the Voluntary before and after the Service, and the Senior Choir will be singing anthems at the Offertory and at the Communion. Please join us as we express our appreciation to all those who "make melody to the Lord" throughout the year.

Trinity Sunday will also be a special day of celebration. The Senior Choir has been preparing the "Missa Brev" by Charles Gounod for the service music. They will also be singing another one of his compositions, "Praise ye the Father", at the Offertory. Please mark your calendars for our annual celebration of Trinity Church, Oxford. Soli Deo Gloria! Mary G. Sampson, Organist/Choirmaster



Northeast Players Present

Our own parishioner Megan McGee will be performing with the Northeast Players in their upcoming presentation of Beauty and the Beast from May 8 to 11 at the [Northeast High School](#) Auditorium. All are invited to attend.

Parish House Redevelopment

At the Annual Meeting, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry discussed plans for redeveloping the former parish house with members of the congregation. After considerable discernment, we have come to the difficult decision to market the Rising Sun Avenue frontage of our property for commercial development. Though we will have to say goodbye to the old building, redevelopment will mean financial stability without selling any of our land. Please contact Sarah Putterman or Chuck McGee with any questions you may have.



Prayer Vigil

The Lawncrest Ministerium invites all area congregations and members of the community to participate in a walking prayer vigil for the community on Sunday, May 5. We will gather at the Salvation Army at 5380 Rising Sun Avenue at 1pm. After opening prayer and songs, we will walk together along Rising Sun Avenue, stopping at places of worship and corners to pray regarding issues important to the community, as identified by the congregations. Each stop will also focus on Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control as essential to addressing our issues. We will conclude at Trinity Church Oxford by 3pm, with light refreshments.



Summer Hours

In order to take advantage of cool temperatures and maximize attendance, the Rector and Vestry have decided to have one service on Sunday at 9am during the summer months of July and August. Also, please note that church office hours are Tuesdays thru Thursdays, 9am to 1pm, Memorial Day thru Labor Day.



Trinity Sunday & Annual Picnic

Please join your parish family in celebrating our 315th birthday on Trinity Sunday, May 26, with a festive choral Eucharist at 10am followed by our annual church picnic. This year, our picnic will be held at the Rectory, which is located at 1708 Old Welsh Rd in Huntingdon Valley. Meats and beverages will be provided, please bring a side dish or dessert to pass. The picnic is always a great opportunity to celebrate summer with our parish family and this year will include a special appearance by Consuela the Christmas Chicken (and friends).



Vestry Highlights

At the April meeting of the Vestry, we welcomed two new members, Ray Grossmuller and Stew Mills, and reelected Sarah Putterman as Accounting Warden and Lynne Geliebter as Secretary. We reviewed our financial statements, discussed the redevelopment project, and also reconstituted the following committees:

- Finance led by Sarah Putterman
- Faith Building led by Lorie Henry

- Stewardship led by Ray Grossmuller
- Community Building led by Lynne Geliebter
- Property led by Chuck McGee

If you'd like to serve on any of these committees, please let any member of the vestry know. The next meeting of the Vestry is on Sunday, May 19, after coffee hour in the Buchanan Building.

Calendar and Your Feedback

Please visit our new [interactive online calendar](#) on our website that allows you to view events at Trinity by week or month, and in a variety of formats. You can also print out the calendar in a way that works best for you. Please also email any input for the Summer Trinitarian to me before May 27. Cheers, [Pete](#) (your Trinitarian editor)

Schedule of Events

Every Sunday, Mass at 8am (spoken) and 10am (with music and church school during the service, followed by coffee hour in the Buchanan Building)

Every Sunday, Senior Choir rehearsal at 8:45am in the Buchanan Building

Saturday, May 4, Girls Friendly Society Day

Sunday, May 5, Choir Recognition Sunday & Baptism of Ryan Wood at the 10am service

Sunday, May 5, Walking Prayer Vigil, starts at 1pm at the Salvation Army, 5830 Rising Sun Avenue, and concludes at Trinity at 3pm with light refreshments

Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day, bring your mom to church!

Tuesday, May 14, Women of Trinity meeting at noon in the Buchanan Building

Saturday, May 18, Flea Market in the Trinity parking lot at Rising Sun & Longshore Avenues from 9am to 2pm

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost & Church School Celebration, wear red everyone!

Sunday, May 19, Vestry Meeting after coffee hour in the Buchanan Building

Sunday, May 26, Trinity Sunday, annual Church Picnic follows the 10am service at the Rectory, 1708 Old Welsh Rd, Huntingdon Valley, PA - All are welcome!

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