



The Trinitarian

March 2017

Starting Again



SABBATICAL 2017

At the annual meeting, and with a few selected follow-up emails, I let people know that I was the one person seeing the responses to the Sabbatical questions. What I could not possibly have known then was the response that putting a face on those responses would elicit or how much those responses would affect me.

I feel privileged to have heard the blessings and the pains, the joys and the heartaches, the hopes and the disappointments that you were willing to share with me. I also feel unequipped to respond to them all or to express how they have affected me. I don't know how to share the power that your thoughts and feelings have had on me and (I hope eventually) on others.

What I do know and feel is important to share/say is that, through them all, it is possible to see God working in our family of faith. God is here. God is present with us and with you. God is working though and in us and leading us to further growth as a family of faith.

Your responses are incredibly powerful, and I promise you that we are working on a way to share them that will empower all of us and still respect your privacy.

Thank you SOOO much for sharing so much of yourselves with me, with Trinity, and with God. I am privileged to be part of your faith family.

If you haven't had a chance to respond, I invite your input at sabbatical@trinitychurchmilford.org. I value and look forward to your comments. Here are the questions we have offered:

1. What makes your heart sing?
2. What do you love about Trinity?
3. What is important for Trinity to keep or not change?
4. What is important for Trinity to stop or change?
5. If you are new to Trinity, Why did you choose to come here?
If you have been here at Trinity for a while, Why do you stay?
If you left Trinity, Why did you leave?
6. Are you involved in the life of Trinity? Why or why not? What would get you more involved?
7. How do your gifts and talents bless the people around you?
8. How can we best nurture our own faith community?
9. Trinity's Mission Statement: Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ and the Power of the Holy Spirit, through worship, ministry and fellowship.
Do you / we live into it? Why or why not?
10. What other questions or comments do you have that have not been addressed in previous questions?

Thank you and God be with you always,

Verna



THE CALL TO OBSERVE A HOLY LENT – LENT 2017

“I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, 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*

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 28

Shrove Tuesday, a celebration that heralds the coming of Lent. On this day, stores of fat, butter and eggs are used up in anticipation of the coming fast. One way to exhaust these ingredients is to throw a big pancake dinner.

Join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 28th any time between 5pm and 7:30pm. Come for the great fellowship and to enjoy Fr. Mac’s pancakes and as we prepare to enter the season of Lent.

Bring any palms you have remaining from last year and we will use them to create the ashes for our Ash Wednesday services.

Ash Wednesday Services, Wednesday, March 1, 9am, Noon and 7pm

All three services will include Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesdays and Fridays

Sacred Heart in Milford offers Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7pm throughout Lent.

Sacred Heart of Hopedale has a new offering this year – Soup and Stations on Wednesday afternoons. Stations at 11:30am in the church followed by soup in the Parish house.

We will walk the Stations of the Cross here at Trinity on Good Friday at 6pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to exercise a Lenten Discipline. Spend an hour once a week gathering with other members of our community to walk the way of the cross with Jesus and reflect on the gifts God has given to each of us.

Sunday Night Lenten Program - 5 Marks of Love

If we are “marked as Christ’s own,” what are the “marks of love” that characterize the Divine Life abiding and at work within us?

Our Lenten series will provide an opportunity to observe and to reflect on the ways in which the Divine Life expresses itself in and through us; individually and in our faith communities, as well as in the world around us. Each week we will explore the Anglican Marks of Mission (Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure) through videos, questions and exercises so we can speak more clearly and act truthfully, motivated always by hearts marked by God’s love.

The Marks of Love are not simply a list of tasks to be checked off one after the other; they are signs that our life is rooted and grounded in the Being of God. The Brothers of SSJE will draw on their own monastic spirituality to help us balance action with contemplation, so that our words and deeds proceed from the deepest places of our hearts, where God dwells.

We will also have the opportunity to explore the questions we have been responding to as part of our Sabbatical 2017 journey. Our time together will encourage us to reflect on how we should live into God’s desired plan for our Trinity community.

We will meet as a group for six Sundays in Lent, starting on March 5th, from 5pm till 7:30pm.

Join us for any or all of these six Sunday evenings from 5 to 7:30pm to share a simple supper (soup, salad and bread) and our program.

Signup sheets are in the Parish Hall.

Communion Wine

Throughout Lent you are invited to donate a bottle (or a case) of Tawny Port or Cream Sherry for use as our communion wine. There is a basket in the narthex as you enter the church in which to place your donations. They will be brought forward to the altar to be blessed with the food offerings.

Family Communion Class (aka First Communion Class) – Three Sundays in Lent

Our annual Family Communion Class will be held on three Sundays (March 12th, March 26th and April 9th) from 11:30am until 12:30pm (following the 10am service coffee hour). We will gather to explore the Eucharist with our children (parents are also invited to participate) and ask all the what, why and how questions about Holy Communion.

Sign up sheets are in the Parish Hall for all interested in participating.

There will be special celebrations honoring the members of the class at the Easter services – Saturday and Sunday, April 15th and 16th.

Holy Eucharist

Every Wednesday during Lent, and throughout the year, Holy Eucharist is celebrated in the Lane Chapel at 9am.

Lenten Mite Box Offering

Every year during Lent our Mission Committee chooses a program as the recipient of our Lenten Offering. This year our Lenten Offering will benefit the Mampong Babies Home in Ghana. Your spare change can make a radical difference in the lives of Ghanaian babies who have lost their mothers in childbirth. These precious children are living their first four or five years of life in the Mampong Babies Home. Our diocese is committed to supporting the ministry of the Babies Home. We (Trinity) have made a \$1,500 Annual pledge to support the cost of raising a child from birth until they are reunited with their family at age 4 or 5. Pick up a Lenten Offering box at church and return it, filled with change, on Easter to help us “Change the Babies.”

Good Friday, April 14th

Our joint Good Friday worship service begins at noon and continues until 3pm. Clergy from area churches offer meditations on the last seven words of Christ from the cross.

This is a wonderful (and rare) opportunity to hear seven unique voices sharing their understanding of Jesus’ message from the cross.

Easter Flower Memorials

Please use the enclosed form to dedicate our Easter Lilies, offering thanksgivings and remembrances.



ADULT CONFIRMATION/RECEPTION

Each year, in addition to the youth in our parish who are in the midst of preparing for the service of Confirmation, there are adults who can be confirmed or received by Bishop

Fisher into the Episcopal Church when he next visits Trinity in May of 2018.

Adult preparation for Confirmation/Reception involves meeting with Fr. Mac for 4 meetings to discuss the history, theology, church structure, and elements of prayer and spirituality as practiced in the Episcopal Church. Meetings will be held on Saturday afternoons at 3 p.m. (before the 5pm service) on the following dates: March 11, 25, April 1 and April 8.

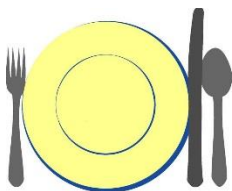
The service of Confirmation and Reception will be held on Saturday, May 20 at All Saints' Church, Worcester, MA.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall if you are interested. If you have questions or would like additional information, please speak to Fr Mac.



ROMEEO's LUNCHEON

The next ROMEEO's luncheon will be Friday, March 3rd at the Willowbrook Restaurant in Mendon. Our speakers will be Mendon historians Dick Grady and John Trainor. Please contact Dave Clinkman at romeos@trinitychurchmilford.org by March 1st if you plan to attend. ROMEEO's is a social group for retired men and other men who wish to join us during their lunch hours.



ST. PATRICK CORNED BEEF DINNER

Please join us for our annual Trinity St. Patrick Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 18 in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy Corned Beef with all the fixings. Macaroni and cheese and chicken nuggets will be available for those who don't want corned beef. A 50/50 raffle will also be held. Dinner is free but a free will offering for the Discretionary Fund would be appreciated.

Prep for this dinner will take place Saturday morning, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. We will be decorating the hall, setting the tables, and prepping the vegetables for cooking. Please join us on Saturday. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Remember - many hands make light work.



VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FOR FEBRUARY

The Vestry unanimously consented to Beth Washburn's ordination to the diaconate. It passed unanimously.

Next year's Annual Meeting – the worship service will be held in the Church and brunch and annual meeting in the Parish Hall.

The Vestry established Norms for their work together and reviewed several resources

Liaisons for the areas of Ministry and Vestry Responsibilities were chosen:

- o Worship Experience/Worship Helpers – Wayne Stochaj
- o Education and Spiritual Development – Lisa Ruggiero and Lyall Chambers
- o Pastoral Care – Edla Ann Bloom
- o Mission and Outreach – Cheryl Martin and Lucille Clinkman
- o Parish Life – Ginny Starkis and Patricia Peterson
- o Fundraising and Parish Wide Events – Gayle Ruscitti and Dave Scott

- o Congregational Development – Peach Warren
- o Management of Parish Resources – Edla Ann Bloom, Ruth Warner and Dave Scott

Cheryl Eiding-Taylor presented the January Treasurer's Report – a copy is on the bulletin board outside the Parish Hall. The annual Parish Audit is scheduled for March 2, 2017.

Community Harvest Garden in Grafton is scheduled for June 17th, from 9am till noon. This event is open to the parish. If interested in participating, contact Peach Warren.

Fr. Mac shared plans for the Lenten Program, *5 Marks of Love* – material from SSJE and Virginia Theological Center for the Ministry of Teaching. We will meet every Sunday in Lent from 5:30 – 7:30 PM, starting March 5th.



COMMUNITY MEALS

Trinity Church serves free dinners twice a month in a clean, pleasant, and friendly environment. Anyone who is hungry or lonely is welcome. There are no eligibility requirements. All are welcome to come enjoy fellowship with a satisfying meal.

Our upcoming dinners will take place on March 29th and 31st. If you are interested in helping prepare and serve the dinner, please contact communitymeal@trinitychurchmilford.org for how to serve in this meaningful mission.

COMMUNITY DINNER



PARISH LEADERSHIP DAY 2017 – SATURDAY, MARCH 18

Return to Purpose and...

We've planned this day as a follow-up to our annual convention. In his address Bishop Fisher asked us all to "return to purpose" and "double-down on prayer."

So the Rev. Jay Sidebotham will offer the keynote address: "Spiritual Growth in the Episcopal Church: Where are we spiritually? Where are we headed? What's getting in the way? What are the signs of hope?"

Two workshops will be offered twice so all participants will share the same experience.

- "Best Practices That Contribute To Spiritual Growth" *Presented by Jay Sidebotham*
- "Learning to Lead Again: Mission, Leadership and Community" *Presented by Mike Wagner*

If you would like to attend, please let Fr. Mac know. We carpool from Trinity at 7:15am, returning to Trinity at about 4:30pm.



EMBRACING STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE

Embracing Stewardship will help us strengthen our congregation's stewardship ministry. Mindful of generational perspectives and attuned to the world in which congregations live. The four keynote presentations this Conference offers will provide pathways our congregation can follow to deepen our members' understanding of ourselves as stewards of the bounty of God.

In addition, two workshop opportunities will also be offered! Fr. Mac will be attending the conference and would love to have you accompany him. The Diocese has offered to cover all the costs – knowing how important the subject is! For more information see: <https://tinyurl.com/jgo25ot> or <https://nestewardship.org>

Questions or Interest? Let Fr. Mac know!



WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY

In the rare event that the weather prevents Fr. Mac from getting to church and it is necessary to cancel worship services or close the church office, there will be a message on the church answering machine – 508-473-8464. Always exercise caution when driving on the snow!



From the Editor

You may have noticed a small change in the layout of the newsletter. The EZVUE version sent out by email is now the version sent by regular mail. Over the coming months, I will be working with Fr. Mac on improving the readability of the newsletter and also in creating a standard template. This will aid in making it easier to update the newsletter going forward. Please let us know what you like or don't like about the newsletter. Just as the church is growing and changing, so is our vehicle for communicating with the congregation. Thank you!

Elizabeth Klsiewicz

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Daylight Savings Time begins on March 12th. Don't forget to set your clocks one hour forward before you go to bed on March 11th.



Just a reminder that the deadline for submissions for the April edition of *The Trinitarian* is March 15th. All articles should be sent to:

news@trinitychurchmilford.org



Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday

- 9am Imposition of Ashes, Eucharist & Fellowship
- 12pm Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 6pm Children with Special Needs Support Group
- 7pm Imposition of Ashes and Eucharist

Thursday, March 2

- 2pm Cadette Girl Scouts Meeting
- 5pm Laundry Love
- 5pm Cooking Matters
- 6:30pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 3

- 12:30pm ROMEO's at Willowbrook

Saturday, March 4

- 8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
- 9am MAHC Meeting
- 10am Girl Scout Meeting
- 5pm Worship Service

Sunday, March 5

1st Sunday in Lent

- 8 & 10am Worship Services
- 9am Youth Group Meeting
- 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:30am Confirmation Class
- 2pm Smittin' with Knittin'
- 5:30pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 6

- 6pm Senior Girl Scouts Meeting
- 6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
- 6:30pm Al-Anon Group Rep.s Meeting
- 8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

- 6:30am Networking Meeting
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 6:30pm Tai Chi
- 7pm Finance Committee
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 8

- 9am Eucharist & Fellowship
- 12pm AA Meeting

Thursday, March 9

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 394

- 9:30am Staff / Leadership Meeting
- 5pm Cooking Matters
- 6:30pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 10

Saturday, March 11

- 8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
- 3pm Adult Confirmation Class
- 5pm Worship Service
- Before BedSet your clocks ahead one hour

Sunday, March 12

2nd Sunday in Lent

Daylight Savings Time Starts

- 8 & 10am Worship Services
- 9am Kitchen Crew Meeting
- 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:30am Family Communion Class
- 5:30pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 13

- 6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
- 7pm Vestry Meeting
- 8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 14

- 6:30am Networking Meeting
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 6:30pm Tai Chi
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 15

Newsletter Deadline

- 9am Eucharist & Fellowship
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 5pm Laundry Love
- 5:30pm Children with Special Needs Support Group

Thursday, March 16

- 2pm Cadette Girl Scout Meeting
- 5pm Cooking Matters
- 6:30pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 17

Patrick,

Bishop and Missionary of Ireland, 461

- 9am Painting Class
- 6pm Scrapbook Group

Saturday, March 18

- 7:15am Parish Leadership Day
- 8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
- 10am Girl Scout Meeting
- 5pm Worship Service
- 6pm St. Patrick Corned Beef Dinner

Sunday, March 19

3rd Sunday in Lent

- 8 & 10am Worship Services
- 9am Youth Group Meeting
- 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11am Organ Committee
- 11:30am Confirmation Class
- 2pm Smittin' with Knittin'
- 5:30pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 20

Saint Joseph (transferred)

- 6pm Senior Girl Scouts Meeting
- 6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
- 8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

- 6:30am Networking Meeting
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 6:30pm Tai Chi
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 22

- 9am Eucharist & Fellowship
- 12pm AA Meeting

Thursday, March 23

- 5pm Cooking Matters
- 6:30pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 24

- 9am Painting Class

Saturday, March 25

The Annunciation of Our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30am Al-Anon Meeting
- 3pm Adult Confirmation Class
- 5pm Worship Service

Sunday, March 26

4th Sunday in Lent

- 8 & 10am Worship Services
- 9:15am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:30am Family Communion Class
- 5:30pm Lenten Program

Monday, March 27

- 6:30pm AA – Women's Meeting
- 8pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, March 28

- 6:30am Networking Meeting
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 6:30pm Tai Chi
- 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, March 29

- 9am Eucharist & Fellowship
- 12pm AA Meeting
- 4:30pm Community Dinner

Thursday, March 30

- 2pm Cadette Girl Scouts Meeting
- 4:30pm Community Dinner
- 6:30pm Yoga Class

Friday, March 31

- 9am Painting Class
- 10am Girl Scout Meeting
- 4:30pm Community Dinner



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Mark your calendars! - Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 9th

8am Holy Eucharist
9:30am Community Blessing of the Palms at
Draper Park
10am Holy Eucharist and Family Communion
Celebration

Wednesday of Holy Week: April 12th

9am Holy Eucharist in the Lane Chapel

Maundy Thursday: April 13th

6:30pm Dinner, Footwashing, Eucharist, Stripping
of the Altar, start of the Vigil
9 pm The Watch – All night Vigil in the Church

Good Friday: April 14th

Noon 3 Hour Service
6 pm Stations of the Cross
7pm Good Friday Liturgy

Saturday: April 15th

2pm Easter Egg Hunt
7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 16th

8 am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist

1st Wednesday after Easter: April 19th

Fr. Mac and Rev. Crocker

9am Holy Eucharist

1st Saturday after Easter: April 22nd

Fr. Mac and Rev. Crocker

5pm Holy Eucharist

1st Sunday after Easter: April 23rd

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8am Holy Eucharist
10am Holy Eucharist