

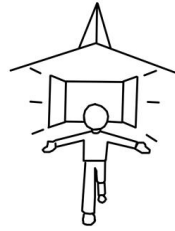
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128 West Hardin Street
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Trinity Tidings
*The Episcopal Church serving
Hancock County, Ohio...and beyond*

April 2025





OUTREACH

Our next monthly trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission had to be moved a little because of Holy Week and so it will be on Sunday, April 27, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

Our on-going collection for non-perishable food and taxable toiletries (toilet paper, diapers, sanitary items, cleaning and sanitizing products, shampoo, and soap) for area charities also continues. Baskets are in the parish hall or contact Annie, stricklina@gmail.com or 870-307-9058.

Don't throw away cards! Bring any greeting cards you've received that you would otherwise discard to Trinity and we will send them to St. Jude's Ranch for repurposing. They accept the fronts of cards (except for Hallmark, American Greetings, and Disney which are copyrighted) Also accepted are new cards (any occasion) with or without envelopes. (Please - no cards promoting other charitable organizations.)

SIGN-UP SHEETS for Maundy Thursday's Agapé meal and the Maundy Thursday Prayer Watch are now on the bulletin board.

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

CSG and all Trinity so enjoyed hearing and hosting the Kenyon College Chamber Singers in March. Every host agreed: never have we had better house guests. They were as pleasant as they were talented singers. 'Twas a real treat from start to finish!

And now the Easter season is upon us! We will be serving our traditional Maundy Thursday repast of lentil soup (thanks to Nancy Abbey), hummus, pita, dates et al. This will occur following the services that evening. Easter will bring a change in tradition. Instead of remembering Tom and Sara Bryant with a children's flower procession, we are holding an Easter egg hunt in their honor. All children will receive a bag to put found eggs in and at the given signal, proceed to the hunt! Eggs will be hidden in the library, the church proper and the narthex. Easter brunch will again feature fruits and breads, and if it is like preceding years, a delicious variety of both will be brought. There won't be a sign up sheet, bring whatever goodies you wish (and/or just your appetite!).

On the Sunday following Easter, the Ohio Northern Gospel Singers will be joining us and following the service, Larry Funke is once again cooking! Eggs, Sausages, and Pancakes, oh my!

On the first Sunday in June (6/1), CSG will celebrate the end of the school year and beginning of summer with a coffee hour lunch of hot dogs, sloppy joes, chips, and root beer floats! Our next meeting following coffee hour on May 18 will be to make final plans for this. Grab a cuppa and a friend.

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



THE RECTOR WRITES

It has been my practice for many years to spare the faithful from a sermon on Palm/Passion Sunday. This is, I admit, the most “slippery” I get with the rubrics. In case you’re wondering, the Book of Common Prayer has, since 1979, allowed for the use of “An Order for Celebrating the Holy Eucharist,” (sometimes called “Rite III”, which begins on page 400 of our prayer book), so long as it is not used weekly as the principal Eucharist on a Sunday. An act of General Convention passed in 2015 allowed for its occasional use on Sundays, and I’ve taken the provision that the “response [i.e. the Sermon] may include readings, song, talk, dance, instrumental music, other art forms, silence” in such celebrations to give us a single, annual opportunity to simply, silently contemplate the Passion for a few minutes rather than another of the fifty-plus sermons you hear from me each year.

This approach does mean, however, that you don’t hear my take on the Synoptic (i.e. Matthew, Mark, and Luke) Passions. This may be just as well, as a seven-to-ten minute homily cannot possibly encapsulate everything about them worth thinking about. That said, if I were to focus on one thing in this year’s version from Luke, it would probably be something unique to his account - namely, the degree to which Jesus is portrayed as still capable of tremendous compassion in the midst of his suffering. It is Luke’s account which gives us both his conversation with the women of Jerusalem and his declaration of pardon for the criminal crucified beside him. In the former, Jesus redirects the lamentations of the women in a way which might strike us at first as brusque, but which I think in context reflects his own grief for his wayward people. In the latter, very near the moment of his own painful and lonely death, Jesus is still in “the forgiving business.”

When we encounter this story again next week, I encourage you to meditate on this aspect of Jesus’ mission and identity which he held onto to the last, and, indeed, which he took up again three days later. At the ultimate extremity, our God remains the one “whose property is always to have mercy.” And when we are at our end (whether literally or metaphorically) the God who, unlike all the gods of the nations, was touched himself by death is ever ready to be with us, to comfort us, and to remind us of the promise of eternal life we have in him.

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John†

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MUSIC NOTES

We welcome new choir members as we prepare for Easter. The choir meets at 9 a.m. each Sunday to rehearse Easter music. Everyone who likes to sing is invited to join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Masterson.



LUNCH BUNCH

March saw us making our usual Lenten journey to Circle of Friends where we were warmly greeted and served delicious food. In April, we'll go to The Toasted Yolk, where we'll enjoy breakfast, lunch, or brunch in their private dining area.

If you plan to go, please let Ginny Lee or Nancy O know no later than Wednesday, April 9th.

WHEN: Friday, April 11, 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Toasted Yolk, 2020 Tiffin Ave.

Ginny Lee Pilstl
Nancy O'Sullivan



CHURCHMAN'S
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- CHURCH YEAR GUIDE -

2025 Kalendars are available in the parish hall for \$7 each with the proceeds going to the Altar Guild. Please place money in the envelope provided.



Sign-up sheets for 2025 Altar Flowers and Coffee Hours are on the bulletin board.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Lenten tradition of Stations of the Cross is on Fridays through April 11th at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at a local eatery following.

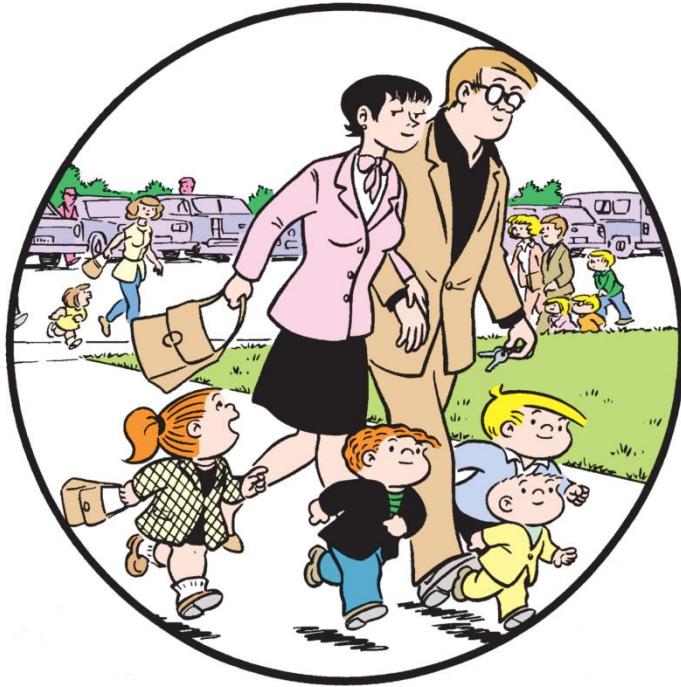


On Good Friday, April 18th, Stations will be at Noon.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you didn't order offering envelopes and would like to have them, contact Deborah for numbered sets.

YOU MAY request to receive *Tidings* by e-mail. Just let Deborah know you would prefer this method rather than picking up your copy or having it sent to you in the mail. Please include your up-to-date e-mail address! You may call, leave a note in the mailbox in the yellow room, e-mail (trinfin128@gmail.com), or just stop in!



“I like it in church on Easter when we sing Easter carols.”

ITEMS FOR MAY *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY MONDAY, APRIL 28TH. THANKS!

TRULY KEEPING IN TOUCH...

Some parishioners not able to attend services, or attend regularly, would enjoy calls or cards from the rest of us, and visits especially from people who know them. Others have moved – so this is an update on their contact information:

Michael McCoy - 350 E 1st Ave, Ajo, AZ 85321 (winter address)

Catherine Albrecht & Michael Romary - 1229 Turner Meadow Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603

Romelle Aldrich - 83 Harwood Road, Monroe, NJ 08831

Paula Wolper - 2248 Dominion Drive, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017

Dave & Peg Bell – 779 Tupper Street, Brockville, Ontario, Canada K6V6A1

Bob & Mary Brater – 300 Woodhaven Drive, #2309, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Marjorie Weaver – 4931 Nettleton, #7105, Medina, OH 44256

James Marquart - 116 Colle Manuel Domenech #2116, San Juan, PR 00918 USA

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SERVERS

OUR GREETERS ARE BACK! The liturgical schedule now includes Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, and Greeters – and they are greatly appreciated! Especially needed are lectors for 8:30 a.m. and LEMs for 10 a.m. If you would like to take part in future services at Trinity, please let Fr. John or Deborah know.

The sign-up sheet for Sunday flowers is on the bulletin board in the parish hall.



WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

We all need a little prayer and Trinity provides a prayer list each week in the bulletin for those who could use some extra. Would you please take a moment to review that prayer list and help us keep it up-to-date? If there are names which should be removed, let Deborah know. If there is someone on your heart, we can add that person. Thank you!



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KEEPING IN TOUCH

PERSONAL NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AND ABOUT THE TRINITY FAMILY. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE, (BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, GRADUATIONS, HONORS, AWARDS, WEDDINGS, PERFORMANCES, ACHIEVEMENTS, ACTIVITIES, ETC.) PLEASE SUBMIT THEM BY THE 3rd WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT PUBLICATION.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 10 – Mike McConnell
- 17 – Karen Eubanks
- 19 – Ty Shaull
- 20 – Emmarose McConnell
- 21 – Deb Bartlett
- 29 – Fred Snyder



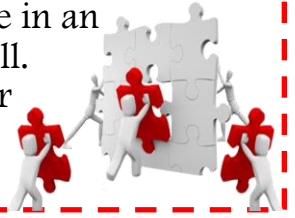
APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 – Fr. John Drymon & Annie Stricklin
- 22 – Bob & Mary Brater
- 23 – Bob & Nancy Abbey



WHERE DO YOU FIT??

Everyone has special gifts – share yours with your church! Please consider lending your talents to a committee in an area of your interest or skill. Just contact a committee or vestry member or attend a meeting to join.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

Please let Deborah know by noon on Wednesday of that week what you would like printed in the bulletin for your gift of flowers. E-mail to trinfin128@gmail.com or call 419-422-3214. When providing flowers from a florist, they should be delivered to the church between 9 a.m. and noon on Friday.

If you bring flowers in a vase and would like it returned, please tape your name to the bottom so it doesn't find its way into Trinity's collection and eventual donation. Thanks.



If ever there is a name omitted from one of these lists, or if an item is incorrect, please contact the church office with the info.

COFFEE CORNER



April

- 6th – Anne & Bob Butcher
- 13th –
- 20th – Easter Brunch
- 27th – Funke

THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR HOSTS!

Please consider adding your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. You don't have to do it alone – several families or a group may host together and it may be as simple as making the coffee and bringing packaged cookies!

THANK YOU for the donations of coffee and decaf!

A Prayer for April

We come before you, O God, in the shadow of the cross, grateful for your great love for us. As you came to us in Jesus to win our love and obedience, reveal yourself among us still. Give us courage to follow Jesus over rocky hills where we carry our crosses and green valleys where you restore our souls. For we pray in the name of the shepherd whose life was laid down for the sheep. Amen.



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St. Agnes Altar Guild

A heartfelt THANK YOU! to all of the Altar Guild members for their hard work at our 'PreEaster cleaning day' on Tuesday, April 1. If you see the wood shines a bit more, the crystal sparkles a little more, and you can see yourself in the silver, thank an Altar Guild member this month.

It's been mentioned before in these Altar Guild notes that one of the jobs of the St. Agnes Altar Guild is caring for and changing the hangings as we move through the seasons of the church year and celebrate special days. During Holy Week you're going to see a lot of color changes! As we move from Lent to Passion Week, the purple hangings will be changing over to red for Palm Sunday. Through the week we'll continue to white for Maundy Thursday, no hangings but a black cover for the communion pieces for Black Friday, and then white again for the Great Vigil and Easter. The cover colors on the crosses will be changing, too, until the crosses are all uncovered for Easter Eve at the Great Vigil. The large white cover for the Holy Table that you will see for Easter was made a number of years ago by Jane Barbieri, who our long-time Trinity members will remember.

The Altar Guild is hoping to add one or two new members to start training in May or June. If you are curious about what the Guild does 'behind the scenes', stop by the Sacristy any Sunday morning (the little room at the left of the chancel that leads into the parlor). We'll be happy to show you around, answer your questions, and tell you about the Guild. Guild membership is not a big time commitment but it is an important one for the church and a meaningful experience for the members of the St. Agnes Altar Guild.



SIGN UP FOR KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Money is donated to Trinity for use to support the community. Kroger Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper's Card.

Here's how it works: Create a digital account. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose. Sign into your digital account, select the organization you wish to support, enter the name of the organization, select the organization and click 'save'. (Go to Kroger Community Rewards.com and follow the instructions.)

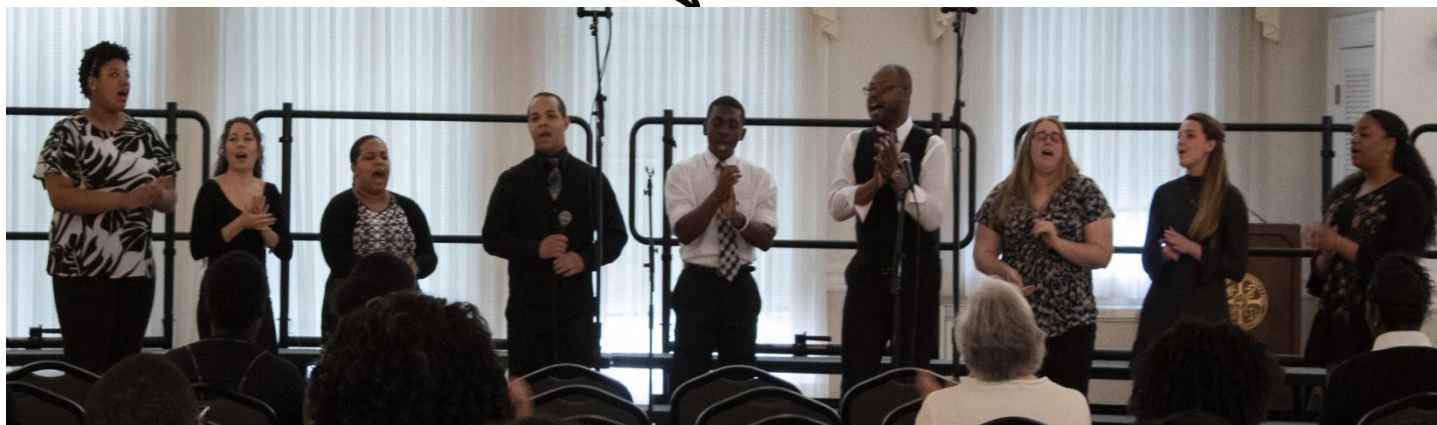
Trinity earned \$90.87 in the last quarter from a total of 25 households.

You may still complete your 2025 pledge card. If you need one, there are extras in the parish hall or contact Deborah.

TRINITY VESTRY 2005

Senior Warden – Lisa Robeson
 Clerk – Gail Beebe
 Asst. Treasurer – Larry Funke
 Karen Eubanks
 Barb Masterson
 Rick Walter

Junior Warden – Jorgé Rosario-Paris
 Treasurer – Peg Dailey
 Jude Davidson
 Liz Funke
 Ginny Lee Pilstl



The Ohio Northern Gospel Ensemble will visit Trinity on Sunday, April 27th and provide music during the 10 a.m. liturgy. Fellowship with the group will follow at coffee hour.

Since being formed in 1987, the ensemble has traveled to many area churches each year singing music in the African-American gospel music tradition. It encourages students from all ethnic and racial backgrounds to participate and in fact has a diverse mix of singers who are consistent in their love for God and the enthusiastic spirit with which they deliver their messages in song. Please join us for a very special musical morning!

Holy Week Timeline



Palm
SUNDAY



Maundy
THURSDAY



Good
FRIDAY



Holy
SATURDAY



Easter
SUNDAY

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

April 13 – Palm Sunday	8:30 and 10 a.m. Worship
April 16 – Tenebrae	6 p.m. Worship
April 17 – Maundy Thursday	6 p.m. Worship, Agapé meal 9 p.m. – 8 a.m. (April 17-18) prayer watch.
April 18 – Good Friday	8 a.m. prayer watch ends. 12 noon Stations of the Cross, 6 p.m. worship
April 19 – Saturday	6 p.m. The Great Vigil
April 20 – Easter	8:30 and 10 a.m. Worship, Brunch

LENTEN OUTREACH

You are invited to pray and donate to a charity during Lent. Each year Outreach provides a prayer form to use during Lent for donations. If you would like to participate, there are forms in the parish hall or you may contact the office if you didn't receive one in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please check with Annie.