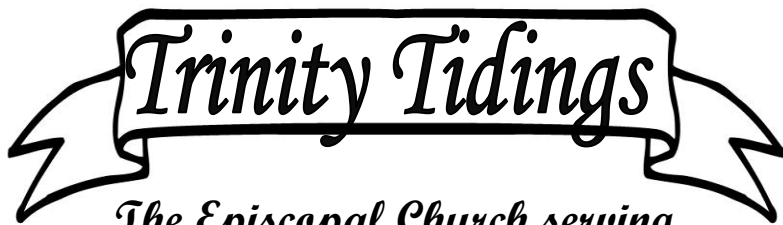


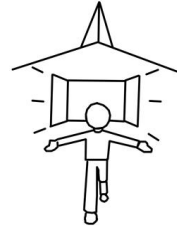
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Hancock County, Ohio...and beyond*

September

2025



OUTREACH

Our next trip to help serve dinner at the City Mission will be Saturday, September 27, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Please consider joining us!

Darrel the Barrel is right inside the Cory Street doors to collect items for City Mission. A wish list is provided each month. In September, they are requesting canned vegetables – corn, green beans, carrots, peas, and baked beans. Please help us fill the barrel!

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.)

CHRIST IN A STRANGER'S GUISE

For you never know when you might meet...

The End of Summer Bash on August 24th was indeed quite the "bash"! The summertime offerings of hot dogs, Sloppy Joe's, pasta salad, chips, watermelon, and root beer floats were enjoyed by all. CSG is exploring several ideas for fall gatherings; we'll meet on Sunday, September 28th to plan. Stay tuned!

Ginny Lee Pilstl, Chair

...Christ in a stranger's guise.



LUNCH BUNCH

August took us on a field trip to a delightful deli in Tiffin. We will travel again this month.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT AND SCHEDULE CHANGE

Once again, we are fortunate to have Dr. Marie Loudon Haines collect artwork and discuss same at the Toledo Museum of Art. This does mean a change in dates for our monthly get together.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Saturday, September 20. We will carpool, leaving Trinity at 10:00 a.m. For those who wish to go directly there, we will meet in the Great Gallery at 11:00 a.m. Following the presentation, we will have lunch in the Museum's Cafe.

Because Dr. Loudon Haines will prepare a booklet for each of us explaining the pieces selected, we will need to know how many are planning to attend no later than Saturday, September 13. If you want to carpool, please let us know that as well.

WHEN: Saturday, September 20 (with reservations by September 13) 11:00 a.m. (leaving Findlay at 10:00 a.m.)

WHERE: Toledo Museum of Art, 2445 Monroe St., Toledo

Nancy O'Sullivan

Ginny Lee Pilstl



THE RECTOR WRITES

And that I may go unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness; and upon the harp will I give thanks unto thee, O God, my God. [Psalm 43:6]*

There are certain phrases which have stuck in my mind and burrowed into my soul from scripture and the liturgy. They are almost invariably from Cranmer, Coverdale, and King James - not because these are necessarily objectively “superior”, but because their strangeness and sonority strike one in a particularly powerful way. Chief among them is the verse from Psalm 43 above. The Psalm is employed in the traditional preparatory prayers said at the foot of the altar, both in the Latin of the old Roman Mass and in Coverdale’s masterful English translation used by those of us who came up within a rather “advanced” form of the Anglo-Catholic movement in the Episcopal Church. Whether said at the foot of the altar at an “old school” celebration of the Eucharist or (more commonly for me) in the sacristy before church with the altar party, those particular words wormed their way into my consciousness at a young age and, I now believe, laid the groundwork for my vocation as a priest.

The central or foundational element of my sense of vocation was always a fervent desire to “go unto the altar of God”, to simply be as close to the great mystery of the most holy Sacrament as I could be, as frequently as I could be. It is a tremendous privilege simply to be in that place, and how much more to be given the right and obligation to celebrate those holy mysteries! As a member of our diocese’s Commission on Ministry I have the opportunity to meet with those discerning a call to the ordained ministry, and I always remind them (perhaps as a way of reminding myself) that every aspect of the ministry of a priest flows out of the wellspring of the sacramental role. The parts that I love about my job - preaching, teaching, providing pastoral care, representing the church in the larger community - and even the parts I might love a little less (there are lots of administrative tasks a Rector has to perform!) all find their foundation in what one does at the altar.

Here at Trinity we are reinstituting a ministry that has been in abeyance for some years, namely that of youth altar servers. We now have a critical mass of children of appropriate age to make this practicable, and I am excited about this blessing on our common life. What I said above about my own vocation notwithstanding, this is naturally not about “increasing vocations”, though one should never rule that out. It is primarily about encouraging reverence and attending to the ministry of the altar (in whatever form that takes) as a good in-and-of-itself.

I remain grateful to all who serve in so many ways, both in our worship ministries and in all those pertaining to the parish’s outreach, education, fellowship, and administration. With regard to the former, if you’ve ever thought about approaching a bit closer “even unto the God of [our] joy and gladness”, never hesitate to reach out to me to see where you might be best suited to serve “in the beauty of holiness.”

Yours in service to the Gospel,
John†



MUSIC NOTES

The choir is returning on Sunday, September 7th. All who love to sing are invited to join! If there are any questions, please contact Barb Masterson or any choir member.



St. Agnes Altar Guild

- A - Arranging communion silver and crystal on the credence table and holy table
- L - Laundering service linens every week
- T - Training and learning about everything we use and how to take care of it
- A - Appreciating the beauty of the church every time we have set-up or Sunday duty
- R - Rotating the hangings as our church seasons change from blue to white to green to purple to red
- G - Go Aggies! Glad to be a member of the Altar Guild
- U - Understanding the importance of what we do supporting Father John and everyone at services
- I - Inviting everyone who is interested to learn more about the Altar Guild and what we do
- L - Lighting and extinguishing candles before and after services, and filling the altar candles
- D - Dusting woodwork, polishing silver, cleaning brass, and washing the crystal twice per year

Victoria Hansen is back with the Altar Guild after her summer home with family in Pennsylvania. Welcome back to the University of Findlay for the new academic year and welcome back to the Altar Guild - We missed you!

We are very happy to welcome Anna Rider to membership in the Altar Guild - please join us in congratulating our new Aggie! Anna has been assisting over the summer after the 8:30 service and begins her official 'Altar Guild Trainee' time this month.

Trinity Tidings

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!

THE FALL 2025 directory is available in the parish hall or you may have it mailed or emailed to you. Please let Deborah know if you'd like one sent to you and how.

September Prayer

God - when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a warm home, help me to remember the homeless; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer; And as I remember, help me not to be passive, stir my compassion! Make me concerned enough to help by word and deed for those who cry out for what we take for granted.



ITEMS FOR OCTOBER *TIDINGS* SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH. 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

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!



Trinity Tidings

KEEPING IN TOUCH

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

08 – Patricia Tremayne
 11 – Joanie Horvath, Ali Arthur
 16 – Deke Roberts
 20 – Liz Funke
 27 – Jennifer Kayser



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

08 – Deb & Neil Bartlett
 26 – Anne & Bob Butcher



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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.

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.

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.



COFFEE CORNER



SEPTEMBER

7th – Annie Stricklin
 14th – Deb & Neil Bartlett
 21st – Nancy Arellano
 28th –

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!

Trinity Tidings

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 209th Annual Diocesan Convention will take place November 14-15 at the Greystone Event Center in Wooster, OH. Anyone interested in being a delegate, please let Fr. John know.

Contributions in memory of departed loved ones can be a great gift to the church. We encourage considering the church in one's will. If you are interested in how planned giving and memorial contributions work and how such offerings might best be directed you are encouraged to reach out to the Rector.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for all ages resumes on Sunday, September 14th and will continue on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Adults will meet in the parish hall and youngsters upstairs in the annex.



"Yes, but they want me to go back tomorrow anyway."



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 KrogerCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions.)

Trinity earned \$70.15 in the last quarter from a total of 25 households.