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Dear Friends,

We are turning the corner just past the middle of Lent, passing the Fourth Sunday in. You know; the Hot Cross buns, Mothering Sunday, and the doing of months' old laundry; all in order to welcome home the matriculated, away at University. So our Spirituality follows, as we close in on the sacred mystery of the redeeming death, burial and stunning vindication. Seems to recall Serapion of Thumis (4th century) who prayed that God

would see the Lenten pilgrim kneeling in penance, and God stretch out His "hand to us and help us to our feet.....give us courage to stand without shame or guilt; revoke the death sentence, and write our names in the Book of Life....." Or Psalm 130, too, describes the inner cleansing that comes from penance.

The sins which weigh so large in our minds seem to melt away under the touch of God's mercy. And we are brought into the contemplation of how Love animates God's response to our failings, and how God's medicine alone makes wholesome what we drop and shatter. And

soon, again, we will live again (in ritual) the saving death; and again imprint our souls with Christ's image that this temper the rest of our lives—covered in the shadow of the cross God indeed makes us stand with renewed courage; and shout to demand the self-same honor for all God's peoples. The Victory of Jesus is the vindication of all the peoples of earth, and the motivation to exclaim "Deo gratias" with all whom God has created. "Blessed are they who know the festal shout, (Ps 89:15) whose hearts are set on the pilgrims way." (Ps 84:4)

I remain your friend and Rector, (The Reverend) Richard S. Signore

Don't Forget!

- * Food pantry items: Soups and stews, crackers, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, relish, toilet tissue, soap, dish soap
- * Easter memorials are due by April 14!
- * Please sign up to bring an item for the Seder Supper on Thursday, April 18!

Family Worship Good Friday Service

All are welcome to join Family Worship at the Good Friday Worship Service on Friday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. A resurrection garden

activity will follow the service. Please RSVP to Eileen DeMings (617-429-1798) if you will be attending to make sure we have enough supplies

for the gardens. Thank you!



United Thank Offering

“You are never too young or too old to count your blessings and share your thankful spirit with others.”

Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter and dollar offered in thanks through UNITED THANK OFFERING is given to God’s mission in the world.

Every coin and bill transforms lives in the United States and around the world.

Your blessings become blessings for others.

“A seed-small tough and rough-sits in the dirt and darkness. It is waiting for the rain, whose liquid balm will seep into the soil’s depths, embrace the seed and encourage it too grow, far beyond its small, rough shell and out into the sun.

We thank you Oh God, that we are like seeds and that you are like the rain, coaxing us out of our little,

gritty lives, helping us to extend, stretch and grow. Bless us as we offer you our gratitude with our lips. And give us the courage to fully offer you our lives, so that you may nourish them with your loving, living will. Amen”

*Sarah Woodford
Trinity Episcopal Church on the Green, New Haven, CT*

Vigil Light During Lent



Please remember that there are no flowers on the altar during Lent. If you would like to place a Vigil Light dedication, please complete the Vigil Light form on the table at the back of the church. There is no set cost for this—please donate what you are comfortable with.

April Birthdays

1—Karen Ballou
1 – Anna Burns
5—Beverly Lavallee
6 – David DeMings
18—Susan Howland
23—William Nelson
24—Brenda Baker



Easter Eggs

Easter morning, at 8:30 am, we will be filling plastic Easter Eggs. All materials provided. Eggs will be ready for children to hand out after the service! All children are invited to help with this project.

Overnight Prayer Vigil

Can you spare just 1 hour of your time for prayer this Lenten season? We will start our prayer vigil immediately following the Maundy Thursday service on April 18 and will continue in 1 hour increments into Good Friday. We need all slots to be filled and you can feel free to come alone or bring a friend, spouse, other family member etc. The church is

kept securely locked throughout the vigil with the person in the church only opening the door to a successor. This can be a very powerful moment of prayer, reflection and meditation and an integral part of the Easter experience for you individually, and for Holy Trinity as a church body.

Devotional materials, prayer

booklets, and other helpful meditational reading will be left in the sanctuary for your use, and each prayer volunteer is encouraged to leave prayer requests that others, who follow, will pray for. Look for the sign-up sheet at the back of the church!

-Lana Pieczynski



EASTER MEMORIALS

This Easter, you may wish to have a loved one remembered or to express special thanks to God for His blessings in your life. To do so, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the Church office by **Sunday, April 14**. The donations collected for these memorials are used to purchase the flowers that decorate the sanctuary on Easter Day.

Exact wording of memorial will be:

Easter gifts for flowers are given to the Glory of God...

_____ in Thanksgiving for the life of _____

(Name of your loved one or ones)

OR

_____ in Loving Memory of _____

(Name of your loved one or ones)

OR

If this gift is in Thanksgiving of a person who is living, choose the following:

_____ in Thanksgiving for the Blessing of _____

(Name of person or blessing)

given by _____

[Your name(s) – please use exact wording you would like to have published. You may, for example, say something like “by his family” or “by her husband” followed by your name or you may simply use your name(s).]

Please return this information sheet, along with your donation, to the church office or drop it in the offering plate by **Sunday, April 14**. Donations of any amount are appreciated and will offset the cost of the flowers for decorating the church on Easter Day. Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Church with the notation “Easter Flowers” on the memo line.

Do you know someone who would appreciate Easter flowers from the church? Please write their name and address here so arrangements can be made to bring them flowers: _____

Palm Sunday Crosses

This year on April 14, Palm Sunday, join us after the service, during hospitality hour, in the parish hall to make Palm Crosses. All materials and instructions provided. Make a Palm

Cross for yourself, make extras to give to others—a wonderful way to share the Love of God. Give homemade Palm Crosses to all your family and friends!

Flowering the Easter Cross

If you have any artificial flowers that you would like to donate to flower the Easter Cross, please bring them to church by Sunday, April 14.

Thank you!



Simple Soup Supper During Lent

Are you a flawed and faithful Disciple too?

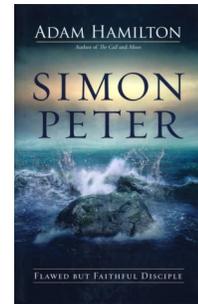
The New Hope United Church of Christ has invited us to join in a wonderful Lenten Study based on the book *Simon Peter: a Flawed and Faithful Disciple* by Adam Hamilton.

The New Hope United Church of Christ (housed at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church) will host a Community Simple Soup Supper

each **THURSDAY** night through April 11. Together we'll have fun spreading the good news that we are really all like Peter.

Additionally this year, there will be a service of prayer and song (similar to Taizé) at 6:30 pm! We'll sing simple chant-like songs while we pray. The same songs will be sung each week. It is a beautiful way to "get in the mood" as you leave your cares

safely in God's hands. Please mark your calendar to join us for **SONG, SOUP, & STUDY** each **Thursday evening in Lent.**



Join Us During Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Sunday, April 14 @ 9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday: The Sunday of the Passion: Liturgy of the Palms & Reading of the Passion narrative, with Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Thursday, April 18 @ 6:00 p.m.

Seder Supper and Holy Eucharist: The congregation will first join in a communal meal and then go into the church for Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

Thursday, April 18 @ 9:00 p.m. through Friday, April 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Overnight Prayer Vigil at Holy Trinity Church: Sign up to serve a one-hour shift, keeping watch with Christ on His last night on earth.

Friday, April 19

A Family Worship Good Friday Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist from the Reserve Sacrament @ 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Easter: the Sunday of the Resurrection

9:30 a.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with music

Creation Care Corner - *We are called to do what is right, even if it requires more effort.*

Our Diocese is serious about Creation Care and asks that each parish be actively involved with this ministry. Each month I will share some Creation Care issues for you to pray about and ponder on.

At Holy Trinity Church social events we use real plates, knives, forks, glasses, and mugs. Ever wondered why? As Episcopalians, we are called to Take Care of Our Island Home. Several years ago, Holy Trinity leadership decided

that as a church, We should Be as Green, as We can Be. So we....

- ⇒ Minimize trash going to a land fill;
- ⇒ Recycle everything that can be recycled;
- ⇒ Do NOT use Styrofoam or non-recyclable plastic as they don't decompose at all;
- ⇒ Minimize single use plastic;
- ⇒ Make sure we are as energy efficient as we can be given current technology.



Submitted by Tamsin Lucey

Got Talent??? If so, we want YOU!!!

Calling all Parishioners! Do you have a talent to share? Want to be included in the TALENT SHOWCASE at the 150th Anniversary Picnic on Saturday, June 15? Sure you do!!!! Committee member, Eileen DeMings, will be heading up a TALENT SHOWCASE featuring the talents of Holy Trinity. Start thinking about what entertainment YOU could provide! Please let Eileen (617-429-1798) know

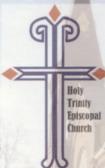
if you'd like to be included. It's never too early to start practicing! All ages welcome!

The 150th Anniversary Celebration Committee is gearing up for a great celebration!!!! More updates next month!



Save the Date

**Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
150th Anniversary Celebration**



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

Date: Saturday, June 15 2019
Event: Reunion Picnic for all ages
Where: Westville Dam, Southbridge, MA

Date: Sunday, June 16 2019
Event: Trinity Sunday Service
Where: Holy Trinity Church Southbridge, MA

More details to follow
 **We hope you can come celebrate with us! **

Mission and Outreach

The Mission Plate for April will continue to go to Episcopal Relief and Development. There have been devastating floods in the plains, and other crises worldwide where relief will be

invaluable. I know that by comparison we are indeed blessed. As Lent continues and we go forward to Good Friday and Easter, let us open our hearts, hands and wallets so that others can feel our love, compassion

and faith in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I will miss being with you this Easter, but will return in May, looking forward to seeing you all!

God bless you and all

those in need whom we hope to touch in their lives.

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The Rt. Reverend Douglas Fisher

Sunday Services

9:30 a.m. Rite II Choral Holy Eucharist

**Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Richard Signore**

Save These Dates

Thursday, April 4—6:30 p.m.—Lenten Soup Supper—BLC

Wednesday, April 10—7:00 p.m.—Vestry

Thursday, April 11—6:30 p.m.—Lenten Soup Supper—BLC

Sunday, April 14—9:30 a.m.—Palm Sunday Service

11:00 a.m.—Making Palm Crosses

Wednesday, April 17—4:00 p.m.—Daughters of the King

Thursday, April 18—6:00 p.m.—Seder Supper—Parish Hall

9:00 p.m.—Overnight Prayer Vigil begins

Friday, April 19—10:30 a.m.—Family Worship Good Friday Service

7:30 p.m.—Holy Eucharist Service

Sunday, April 21—8:30 a.m.—Filling Easter Eggs

9:30 a.m.—Easter Service



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