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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m. Waterfront Worship, Rite III
(Outside—Second Sunday of the
month, weather permitting)
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

SATURDAY

4:30 p.m. Vigil Service

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
With Healing Prayer & Anointing

MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of
Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal
Church is to spread
the Good News of the Gospel
and provide a loving and
compassionate environment for
the continuing transformation
of a life in Christ Jesus.
We believe this journey
is shaped by God through
worship, learning, friendship
and service to others.*

March, 2024

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 24TH

MAUNDY THURSDAY - MARCH 28TH

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29TH

Noon Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY - MARCH 30TH

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

EASTER DAY - MARCH 31ST

6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, waterfront (outside)

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite III (outside)

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt & Egg Races

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The nursery opens Easter morning at 8:30 a.m. and is available for children age 3 months to four years of age. All other children are invited to attend church with their families.

- Egg Hunt: Children ages 3-8 and Toddlers. Bring your own Easter Basket. Bags will also be provided.
- Egg Toss and Relay Races: Children & Youth ages 9 and older

Rector's Message

I've been watching our mango tree bloom. Perhaps I'm more attuned to flowering plants because I have terrible allergies this year, but I'm confident it will be the best crop of mangos we've ever had. I think it's because the tree was zapped by Ian floodwaters, spent a year recovering, and now is ready to give its best fruit. Sounds good and reasonable, doesn't it?

As I had this thought, I had another. I could be completely wrong. It could be flowering **as it ever has**. I'm not an expert on fruit or mango trees or storm impact, which brings me to the spiritual practice of daring to be completely wrong. Watching the world around us and diving into Scripture are practices we should all engage in as Christians seeking to grow. Piecing our knowledge and experience together and trying to work out the world around us is good and holy. Allowing those thoughts and experiences to gel into opinions and theories helps us make sense of our lives, the world, and how God might be at work in both. The trick about the spiritual practice of daring to be completely wrong is to take the sprouting theory or opinion and research. Look more deeply. Bring in the opinions of family and friends. Consult experts.

What does that mean for my mango theory? I remember one parishioner telling me that **mangos bloom better every other year**. I googled "bad year for mangos" and found a tropical fruit forum. I saw one note from someone claiming to be a farmer who wrote, "Biennial bearing (or alternate) bearing is a term used in pomology to refer to trees with an irregular crop load from year to year. The Florida Extension of the University of Florida has a four-page document addressing common questions concerning mango trees. And then bingo, a 95-page document with links to many resources and even a quote from St. Hildegard von Bingen, "In the fruit trees are hidden certain of God's secrets which only the blessed among men can perceive."

As you look out at the world, reflect on your life, and wonder about Jesus, what truth, opinion, or theory is scratching at your curiosity? Might you dare to be completely wrong? Then, look more deeply. Share your thoughts with family and friends. Consult experts.

I don't know if my theory on the fruiting mango tree is right or wrong. In searching for the answer, I've learned, and I've enjoyed thinking about God's creation, how something as awful as a hurricane might bear fruit. I've now considered how to bear more spiritual fruit for God's kingdom in this day I've been given. And I'm confident I'm no expert and cannot wait for a fresh mango. Cast your thoughts on God, wrestle, research, and wait for insight — whether an answer to your original thought or something even better.



Invite. Welcome. Connect.

Invite.Welcome.Connect. is our initiative to help Trinity parishioners get involved in growing our church by inviting family, friends, and neighbors to upcoming church events. Each month we will feature a few events on the calendar which are “easy invites” for each of us to put out there in our circles. Are you coming to an event? Invite someone to come with you!!

Men of Trinity Breakfast—March 11th



The Men of Trinity Meet will meet on Monday, March 11th at 8:00 a.m. We'll enjoy breakfast and welcome our guest speaker Todd Turrell. Todd is with the firm of

Turrell, Hall & Associates - Marine & Environmental Consulting. His firm is providing consulting services for the restoration of the Naples Pier. For more information, reach out to Robbie Roberts at pgrjr3r@gmail.com.

Trinity-by-the-Cove Concert Series—March 17th

Our final Music at Trinity concert for this season is Sunday, March 17th at 4:00 p.m. featuring the Akropolis Reed Quintet, hailed as “a sonically daring ensemble who specializes in performing new works with charisma and integrity”. We hope you can join us for this unique concert which will be in the church. Remember that tickets are free but are required



Women of Trinity Luncheon & Speaker—March 20th

Join the Women of Trinity at a special luncheon as they welcome Grace Evenstad, Parishioner, Philanthropist and Entrepreneur. Grace will share her inspirational story, from nurse, wife, and mother to successful entrepreneur, she is the personification of the American Dream. From rather humble beginnings in northern Minnesota, Grace, with her husband and life partner, Ken, combined hard work and a strong faith to build the successful company Upsher-Smith Laboratories Inc. a pharmaceutical company specializing in cardiovascular, dermatological and generic drugs.

In 1989, before there was a national market for domestic Pinot Noir, they founded the Domaine Serene Winery in the Dundee Hills of Oregon with a mission to produce world-class Pinot Noir. Following their love for Pinot and Burgundian wines, the Evenstads acquired Château de la Créée in 2015, cementing their position as top global Pinot Noir makers.

Grace Evenstad is a strong supporter of local nonprofits such as Naples Botanical Garden and the Naples Children & Education Foundation. Her steadfast mission is to help others through charitable giving and helping those in need. Grace is truly an inspiration.

Holy Week Services March 28th, 29th, 30th, and FIVE on Easter Sunday!

Holy week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24th with our regularly scheduled Sunday services. Maundy Thursday is March 28th with washing of feet and Holy Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. with the prayer watch following. Good Friday is March 29th with our Noonday Service, which includes the Passion Reading, Prayers, and Devotions before the cross. The Easter Vigil takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday March 30th. Five services on Easter morning, with the addition of the 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service.

So as you go about your daily schedule,
think of at least one person to invite to one event, for this one month – 1:1:1, it's that easy!

Four Thoughts for Lent

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, p. 265. .

As we reflect on how we will observe a holy Lent, consider the words from our prayer book and the story of Jesus in the wilderness where he experienced hunger, the need for help, and the temptation of falling away from God's will. Over the forty days of Lent, give thought to four avenues to deepen your spiritual experience.



Prayers of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is offered to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God.

Prayers of Intercession and Petition

Intercession brings before God the needs of others; in petition, we present our own needs, that God's will may be done.

Think about the world. What are your hopes? What are your fears or anxieties? *Think about your parish family.* What are your hopes? How can you love? Spend time at a desk or table with paper and pencil. Write down a prayer. Need help? Some steps you might walk:

- † Open your Book of Common Prayer to page 810 and following.
- † Look through the prayers, pick one that resonates *or*
- † Using the prayers as an example, craft your own.
- † Write the prayer on a card and keep it someplace near your daily habits—bedside table, coffee maker, car.
- † Say the prayer daily during Lent.

Might You...

...Discern your Spiritual Gifts

Reflect on how you can best serve, using your Spiritual Gifts. As Christians we are all members of **Christ's Body and all called to ministry**. This involves discerning our God-given gifts and then using them in **his service, not for our own good, but "for the building up of the body of Christ" into the full stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:12)**. Give yourself time in Lent to learn about how to identify your gifts and use them **to God's glory and the welfare of his Church**. It all begins with a cup of coffee with your priest.

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...Offer Love in Action

Put God's love into action by helping to build homes

Affordable housing for working families is a critical issue in our community. Our local Habitat for Humanity chapter is one of the largest and most productive builders of homes for working families in the country, and Trinity has long had a strong relationship with Habitat to further their important work providing safe housing and more. As you walk the Lenten 40 days, think about what you might offer as Easter for the work of Habitat for Humanity. *Envelopes are available in the Narthex and Parish Hall to provide a gift during Lent and at all Easter services.*



...Offer Time Feeding Mind and Body

Share your time and read with children at Fun Time Academy or help at the food pantry with Grace Place

Fun Time Academy always seeks classroom helpers to read and do activities with pre-school age children. If this calls to you as a Lenten opportunity, navigate to their website



(funtimeacademy.org/volunteer/) and register to volunteer or call Christen Krembs at 239.261.8284. They have openings to fit your schedule, and will train you in the ways that are most helpful

Grace Place has invited us to bring a group to help at the food pantry on Friday, March 22, from Noon to 2:30p.m.. There are only 6 spots available for this group event. Let Tom Gemmer know of your interest, or sign up on the poster in the Parish Hall at the Information Center. tgemmer@trinitybythecove.com or 239.262.6581. If this time does not work for you, Grace Place has three different food pantry volunteer times every Friday. Contact Melisa Mast: melisa.mast@graceplacenaples.org or 239.255.7275



Pastoral Ministries

Pastoral Corner – A Series Soup for the Soul

Trinity has many ways to minister to the people of this parish and be of service to others. One opportunity is to provide a simple meal of soup with fresh bread to comfort those who are feeling low. It is also an opportunity to support parishioners who may have welcomed a new baby or moved into a new home.

Lynn Carr and Cookie Coleman make chicken and wild rice soup in small batches as the need arises. Once made, the soup is stored in our sub-zero freezer until it is needed. When the clergy or staff hear of someone who could use a warm gift of support and love, we will make a visit or find a parishioner who is able to deliver the soup.



If you could use a simple warm meal made with loving hands, or know of someone in our church family who would benefit from this ministry, please call the office, or email me mdrawdy@trinitybythecove.com. Also, if you are interested in taking soup to someone, please let me know. We are always looking for people who make a difference by meeting with and caring for others in this simple way.



What are YOUR spiritual gifts? When we know and apply our spiritual gifts, we are a part of the good work of the church. Our study and discussion this month pertain to

recognizing each of our gifts and how we can apply them to what God has planned for us. Please join us on Monday, March 11th at 2 p.m. in Trinity's library for our monthly meeting.

Lenten Quiet Day was held February 28th and was a quiet morning of reflection in response to the meditations based on the theme of God's loving forgiveness. We were honored to have Kathryn Morgan as our Lenten presenter. Her meditations were both intellectually stimulating and spiritual in nature. Thank you, Kathryn. Thank you, Mother Marcella for putting together the program booklet for the Quiet Day morning. Also, a special thank you to the sisters of The Daughters of the King who organized the quiet day, greeted, and guided the attendees through the morning and prepared the breakfast treats for everyone to enjoy. A thank you to everyone who attended. We hope the morning was a meaningful experience for your journey through this Lenten season. Above all, thank you to our clergy and staff who support us in our mission of service, prayer, and evangelism. We are grateful to be a part of our very special Trinity-by-the-Cove community.



Volunteer Corner

March Volunteer Corner

We feature opportunities for our parishioners to get more involved at church and in the community. Each Volunteer Corner will feature one of our Community Grant Recipients, with a need that they have, as well as a more “in house” volunteer need. Please give each opportunity some thought and prayer, and if you are interested, let Tom Gemmer, our Parish Life Coordinator know: tgemmer@trinitybythecove.com or 239.262.6581 ext. 213, or find him in the Parish Hall on Sunday!

Trinity “Community Grant Recipient” Opportunity Freedom Waters Foundation

Do you enjoy being on the water? This organization may be a great match for you! The Freedom Waters Mission is “Enhancing the lives of children, individuals with special needs, and veterans by providing therapeutic boat experiences”. They are a 99% volunteer organization. Boat owners can get involved by sharing your boat for opportunities on the water, at your schedule. Other volunteers serve as the dockhands, boat crew and fishing helpers – how can you beat that? Freedom Waters also seeks office volunteers to help with data entry and mailings, or with taking photos and videos of events.

For more information, [visit their website here](#), or call them at 239.263.2377. You can also talk with Tom about this and other community volunteer opportunities to support our grants recipients.

Trinity “In-House” Opportunity Greeters & Ushers

These 2 worship service opportunities are open to all, and are wonderful ways to be more connected to the worship experience.

The Greeter ministry is for anyone who enjoys saying hello to others with a smile! It involves being outside the sanctuary prior to a service, and then outside the Parish Hall after a service. Greeters introduce themselves, and keep an eye out for visitors, so that we can connect them more fully to the parish, and answer any questions they might have.

The Usher ministry involves passing out bulletins as worshippers arrive, and then assisting with passing the offering plates and guiding worshippers to the communion rail.

All interested Trinitarians can choose a service and date that fits best on your busy calendars! Take the time now to do your part to support worship at Trinity! Contact Tom Gemmer to learn more and to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity March 9th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Trinity-by-the-Cove has a long history of supporting Habitat for Humanity and their ministry in our community. Many have taken part in build days from time to time over the years. This year, we have an opportunity to serve with Habitat regularly on the Second Saturday of every month. We hope that *everyone* considers participating, regardless of experience level! Not only will you help a family in need with a little sweat equity, you will learn about the “theology of the hammer,” and help build a brighter future for the less fortunate in our community.

We hope you’ll come join us for our next build day of the season on Saturday, March 9th at 8:00 a.m. Childcare will be available at the church, upon request. Please email me with questions or comments, and register online here: <http://trinity.habitatcollier.volunteerhub.com/>. There will also be a flyer and sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Hope to see you there!
Fr. Nicholas

Children, Youth & Families

Shrove Tuesday Cakes and Races

Parishioners and families gathered on February 13th to mark the beginning of Lent with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. In addition to delicious pancakes, kids enjoyed making mardi gras masks and competing in pancake races!



The evening concluding with a short service where last year's palm branches were burned to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday services.

Thanks for coming out to help clear our larder!



Youth News

February was a busy month for the Youth at Trinity! Youth leaders Megan and David Goebel hosted a delicious cookout at their home complete with bonfire and s'mores! Then our Youth Group Angel Burt Warner helped us create a NEW giant Jenga set to replace the one lost in Hurricane Ian. Teens and power



tools, there's nothing quite like it!

March will bring a beach day and mini golf trip, and let's not forget Palm Sunday and Easter with our traditional Egg Toss and other "eggciting" activities. There is always something happening with our youth, and we wouldn't want it any other way.

Our youth group meets weekly with leaders David and Megan Goebel in the Youth Room. We encourage any youth in grades 6-12 to join us and please feel free to bring a friend.

Easter EGGstravaganza

10:00ish Easter Egg Hunt and Egg Relays on the Front Lawn

Bring your own baskets or bags will be available at the Welcome Table

- Toddlers (ages 1-2) will gather eggs in the children's garden by the nursery.
- 3-5 year olds will gather on the front sidewalk, left, facing the Parish Hall
- 6-8 year olds will gather on the front sidewalk, right, facing the Parish Hall

The Men & Women of Trinity

High Season Means Big Events

February was a sweetheart of a month for WOT. We hosted a fashion show featuring our Mouse fashion. Lots of friends and guests gathered to catch up and cheer on our brave models. To make it that much sweeter, the Mouse had a fabulous sale afterward and later in the week making it a wonderful week for our outreach partners! Please remember to continue to donate clothes and housewares to the Mouse for our Spring Sale on April 13. Fellowship and Community support is the WOT mission!



February also found us chatting with new Trinity members and parishioners who want to get more involved in the WOT organization. This will be an ongoing conversation as there will be information at the next WOT Luncheon on the committees and jobs we lead and do-please look for **our "Heart" index cards to sign up to learn more.** Also, I'm happy to chat with you anytime about what we do-or we can just get to know each other!

Speaking of lunch, we are excited to invite you to lunch and speaker, Grace Evenstad, on March 20. Please register on realm or call the church office. We expect a large group to hear one of our own members who is an entrepreneur, philanthropist, and wine maker. Please help us welcome her in Trinity style!

And last but certainly not least! On March 26, the WOT board and friends will take a tour of the Immokalee Foundation programs in action. We will move between schools and witness the success of the elementary and middle school children being supported by the multiple opportunities the Immokalee Foundation offers. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

This will be an educational and heartwarming chance to connect with the Immokalee Foundation's work and the children who benefit.

Thank you all for your continued support and fellowship! -Julie Chesebrough



*Monday, March 11th
8:00 a.m.
Parish Hall*

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Formation Opportunities

In March, we have two great offerings during the Sunday Adult Formation hour. The Faith Seeking Journey with Fr. Steve will continue to meet in the Library. In addition, we will continue a series on “Lenten Practices.” Sunday Forums meet in the waterfront side of the Parish Hall.

Lenten Practices March 3-17, 2024

Lent is a season of self-reflection – a time for soul-searching and personal growth. It’s not uncommon for people to take up one spiritual practice and try to keep it up throughout the season, and perhaps beyond. This year, what if **your ‘one thing’ is to try four different things** – fourth spiritual practices to enhance your journey through Lent and beyond.

Faith-Seeking Journey News: The Gifts of God, For the People of God

Each Sunday at the Holy Eucharist, the Celebrant offers the Bread and Wine —which we have presented as the offering of our life and labor to the Lord, and which have become for us, the sacrament of His Body and Blood as **“the gifts of God, for the people of God.”** This miracle of transformation is a sign and channel of our life in Christ: as we offer our life to God, God returns our life to us, as His own life, to be received by faith.

In The Faith-Seeking Journey we as the People of God also give gifts to those who have come to us seeking to share our life in Christ. As they have shared their stories with us, we have shared our story with them, and their stories have become a part of our story. When they were formally admitted to the Formation Period of The Faith-Seeking Journey, **we gave each Seeker a Bible**, as “the Word of God, containing all things necessary for salvation.

On the First Sunday of Lent, the Faith-Seekers were enrolled as Candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into this branch **of Christ’s Church; or for the Reaffirmation of their Baptismal Vows**, before the Bishop; and we gave them then The Book of Common Prayer, as a resource for living a prayerful life among us, as a people of prayer, guided daily by the Holy Spirit.

During Lent, we will also give these Candidates the Nicene Creed, as a Rule and Standard of our Faith, and a sign of **Jesus’ promise to His Disciples that the Holy Spirit will guide us into all Truth.** St Paul says that through Baptism, we were buried with Christ in His death, so that we may walk in newness of life. The Bible, The Prayer Book and the Creed are resources for living our life in Christ. They are gifts of God to His people, and as His people, we gift them to those who seek to share our life of faith.



Thursdays at Trinity

Pray.Eat.Grow

Women's Thursday Bible Study

For the last two years we have offered a mid-week evening program, Pray. Eat. Grow. The beautiful choral evensongs, delicious meals (the best deal in town!), and engaging formation offerings were well-loved by many in our parish family. Many found that it was just what they needed to re-center themselves in the midst of the busyness of life, get together in Christian community, and grow in faith. As a result we are delighted to continue to offer this program in the year ahead and hope that more parishioners (and friends!) will come and see what all the talk is about. Feel free to [share this link](#) with anyone you think might want to join us!

The program will continue every Thursday throughout the year until Easter. It is an opportunity to come together as a parish family on Thursday evenings for a beautiful choral evensong service in the church (5:30-6:00 p.m.), followed by a delicious dinner in the Parish Hall (6:00-6:45 p.m.), and formation offerings for the whole family (6:45-7:30 p.m.).

The adult formation offering will rotate throughout the year and cover a variety of topics from Praying The Lord's Prayer to the Art of Advent, from the Evensong Canticles to some significant moments in Church History – all different ways to grow in love of God and neighbor.

In March we will continue the series "Reflections on Church History" with Fr. Tad Meyer. Rather than an overly-academic history class, this series will stop at some of the more interesting and exciting moments in the history of the Church to comment on their significance and ongoing importance. Then, on March 14th we will have our next Thursday Night Out Speaker Series event, a "Spotlight on Ukrainian Culture" with Taras Filenko. This program is part of pianist Taras Filenko's ongoing effort to bring Ukrainian culture, particularly music, in focus for American audiences. Come for the whole time or for whatever parts you can make -- and pray, eat, and grow together in faith.

—Fr. Nicholas

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study began reading Paul's second letter to the Corinthians on February 1. We are using N.T. Wright's *Paul for Everyone- 2 Corinthians*.

The Bible Study meets in a hybrid format in the Library each Thursday at 9 a.m. Please join us in the Library or [Zoom](#) with a cup of coffee for fellowship and lively discussion.

To learn more, please contact Mother Marcella mdrawdy@trinitybythecove.com. - Mother Marcella



Men's Thursday Bible Study

The Men's Thursday Bible Study gathers weekly to be in relationship with one another, to study Scripture together, and to grow in our faith. The discussions are lively and the bonds of friendship strong.



In the new year, we began a study on Israel and Palestine to help us better understand the historical context for the current unrest. Beginning in Lent we began a study on *First and Second Samuel*, which recounts the story of the prophet Samuel and his role in the transition from the period of judges to the united monarchy under Saul and then David. In these books, theology comes alive in the exploits of these three characters. The group meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room or via Zoom. So, wherever you are, I hope you will join us!

If you have any questions, please contact me at ncaccese@trinitybythecove.com. -Fr. Nicholas

Scripture & Culture

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Group



Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Group is a newer offering at Trinity. This Bible study meets in a parishioner's home one evening a month. Unlike our other studies that approach study by discussion discrete books of the Bible, this new study examines what holy scripture has to say about important issues. Our topic this spring is *God's Rest and Renewal- an Exploration in Scripture*.

Bring your favorite Bible and a friend to our next meeting on March 5 when we examine what scripture says about dealing with life's demands. A bookmark with our reading schedule may be found at our new Information Center inside the parish hall.

Refreshments and conversation start at 6:30 p.m. with Bible study from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For information and the location of our next meeting, please contact Mother Marcella. mdrawdy@trinitybythecove.com.

Thursday Night Out

Our next Thursday Night Out will take place on March 14th at 6:30 p.m., after our regularly scheduled Choral Evensong service at 5:30 p.m. in the church and dinner at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our guest will be Dr. Taras Filenko, a noted scholar and performer of Ukrainian music. A graduate of the National Academy of Music in Kyiv, he went on to serve as a member of the faculty and eventually as Associate Dean of Conducting and Voice. From the Academy, he was awarded a Ph.D. in historic musicology in 1989, later



earning a doctorate in Ethnomusicology from the University of Pittsburgh in 1998. For over forty years, Taras has worked in the fields of History of Music, Ethnomusicology, and Music Performance (piano, organ, and choir directing), successfully combining his work as scholar, teacher, and performer. He has presented concerts throughout Europe and North America, making numerous media appearances promoting the works of contemporary Ukrainian composers. Taras is a recipient of Fulbright and Petesh Scholarships. The themes of his academic publications (more than 100) embrace ethnic studies, musical culture and

politics, ethnomusicology, and music and poetry. Together with his mother, Tamara Bulat, he authored *The World of Mykola Lysenko: Ethnic Identity, Music Culture and Politics* (2001).

This program is part of Taras's ongoing effort to bring Ukrainian culture, particularly music, in focus for American audiences. These concerts present a unique combination of artists and repertoire. In addition to music, the concerts usually include a selection of Ukrainian poetry presented in the original language and English translation. A visual element is provided by projected images, including Ukrainian art works, both historical and contemporary, as well as current photos of Ukraine.

We are excited to welcome Dr. Filenko to our parish and hope you are able to join us! —Nicholas

Fellowship and Service

Entertaining Angels

What a glorious day it was for showing Trinity Hospitality to the eager shoppers for the February 11th Church Mouse Sale. People began arriving at 8:00 a.m. and by 9:00 the line was from the west side gate down the sidewalk and around the drive to the grass areas adjacent to the dock. The table was up and ready, laden with a variety of treats to enjoy along with lemonade, iced tea, water and the ever-popular Starbucks coffee. (We had to refill the urns three times.) There is a table and chairs under the eaves where weary shoppers, and waiting husbands, can stop and enjoy a beverage and a snack.



Once the gate to the mouse area was opened it did not take long for the **“Entertaining Angels” to be visited** - mainly by husbands of wives doing the shopping. We even had an opportunity to share a Bible verse with one gentleman who inquired what **“Entertaining Angels” was all about**. Taking delight and providing the answer, Marti, Joy and Sharon shared the Bible verse Hebrews 13:2:

“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

Part of this ministry is also to share information about Trinity-by-the-Cove - **inviting our visitors to “come and see” what we do**. We provide take home information on upcoming events such as future Mouse Sale dates, Concert series dates, copies of the Trinitarian and our Outreach efforts, service times and Women of Trinity Luncheon dates.

So next time you visit the Church Mouse Sale, bring a friend, and please feel free to stop by and enjoy a beverage and a cookie while you shop. — Sharon Julian

Our New Information Center **“Come and See!”**

We hope that have taken a moment to stop by the new Information Center in the Parish Hall, which is designed to be home to everything new or current parishioners need to know, to participate in the life of the Trinity family.

You can sign up for events, and pick up a flyer, brochure, newsletter, or other document that will help you. Our new Coffee Hour Ambassadors will be mingling in the area of the Information Center, and of course our Parish Life Coordinator(s) are around to **help you locate what you’re seeking, or to answer a question**.



Good Friday Meditation

Listen to Bach's St. Matthew Passion on Good Friday

For centuries Christians have made it a central practice of their faith to meditate on the words of Scripture. This is true at all times, but especially so during the high holy days. One traditional practice on Good Friday, for instance, is the Three Hours Devotion, a series of meditations on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. Another is the Passion Oratorio, typically performed on Good Friday, in which great church composers give musical expression to this act of meditation on the passion narratives. By doing so, they also give future generations a powerful means of entering deeply into the profound drama of our faith.

Almost without question, the most prolific and magnificent example of this legacy of musical meditations (or musical sermons) on Scripture, comes from the pen of J. S. Bach. Bach wrote three full cycles of Church Cantatas for the entire liturgical year (two of which survive), as well as magisterial works for the high holy days, which are some of the most glorious choral works ever written. One of these, the St. Matthew Passion, takes the passion narrative from the Gospel of Matthew and sets it to music.

The St. Matthew Passion is an incredibly rich and complex work. One of the ways that Bach's musical setting aids Christians in meditating on the significance of the passion narrative is through the alternation of simple narrative recitative with arias that invite the listener to apply that aspect of the story to their own life, and chorales that invite the whole Christian community to join in affirming the deeper significance of the narrative. In other words, it is as if each section of the passion story has been culled for deep spiritual insight which is then applied first to the individual Christian and then to the whole Christian assembly by means of some of the most moving music ever written.

As a result, many have found it profoundly beneficial – a truly holy and spiritually nourishing practice – to meditate on our Lord's passion and death by listening to one of Bach's Passion settings on Good Friday.

Join us for a solemn meditation
on the

PASSION OF OUR LORD

by means of

J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion!

What: Bach's St. Matthew Passion

When: Good Friday at 1:45 p.m.

Where: In the Parish Hall

Why: To aid in meditation on the
Passion of Jesus and its deeper
significance for our lives.



As such, we would like to give you the opportunity to gather in the Waterfront side of the Parish Hall after the Good Friday service (and after a short break for hot cross buns!) and watch a performance of Bach's St. Matthew Passion together from 1:45-

Good Friday Service
Friday, March 29th
12:00 p.m.

Music at Trinity-by-the-Cove

Our final Music at Trinity concert of the season will be held March 17th at 4:00 featuring the Akropolis Wind Quintet. This should be a very unique concert! Unlike a traditional woodwind quintet comprised of flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon, the Akropolis is



comprised of a bass clarinet and saxophone in place of the flute and bassoon. The result is a “sonically daring ensemble” (*BBC Music Magazine*) that has “taken the chamber music world by storm” (*Fanfare*). Over their 15-year history they have premiered over 130

new pieces and have the distinction of being the only reed quintet to appear twice on the *Billboard Chart*. If you’ve yet to attend a Music at Trinity concert this year, don’t miss this opportunity!

-Tripp

Concert tickets are free but required.

1. Parishioners and Friends of Music receive advance notice and access to tickets via email.
2. Maximum of 4 tickets per household.
3. All members of a party must be named at time of registration.
4. All tickets are General Admission. Concert goers are encouraged to arrive early for preferential seating.
5. Unclaimed seating will be released promptly 15 minutes before the start of the concert.
6. Concert goers must enter through the front doors of the Parish Hall.

For assistance, please call the office at 239.262.6581.

Tickets available online

Choir Corner



Keith Geyer: Tenor

Keith Geyer began singing professionally in 1984 in at Christ Episcopal Church in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He sang there and in other church and community choirs in the Detroit area until retiring seasonally to Florida. Keith and his wife Carol reside in Bonita Springs, where they enjoy boating, pickleball, cooking, and many other activities that Southwest Florida has to offer.

*In celebration of our Reed concert, two funnies**

"Have the double reed players arrived?" the conductor asked... The flautist responded, "Not yet... Bas-soon."

and

**Bushmen are watching a couple lions staring at some grass
One says, "I don't understand what's happening"
The other replies, "You got a reed between the lions."**

**I was reading about what makes for great church newsletters—one article suggested putting some jokes in. Let me know if it made the newsletter better. — Edward*

The Art of Giving



The Art of Giving

"This year we will be helping people who need physical health and development services. These are people-God's children-striving. Striving to overcome poverty, disabilities, blindness. Striving for food, for healthcare, striving to overcome the trauma of abuse. They are people reaching their hands out for help. You're reaching back."

Your generosity has accomplished almost \$140,000 in regular grants with resources to help with emergency grants, it's holy. Your arms of love encircle the people in need and lift them up, and I'm thankful for you. Thank you for being a light in the world"

From Father Edward's remarks at The Art of Giving, February 22, 2024.



Outreach Sunday



2024 Grant Recipients

Alliance for Period Supplies

Baby Basics

Cancer Alliance

Collier Harvest

Collier Health Services

Easterseals Naples

Florida Drowning Prevention

Florida Lions Eye Clinic

Lighthouse of Collier

Meals of Hope

Naples Therapeutic Riding Center

NCH Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition

Neighborhood Health Clinic

The Parkinson Association of SW Florida

Project HELP

Sunlight Home of Collier County

March 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 8:30 Arts Fellowship 4:30 Holy Eucharist II |
| 3 3rd Sunday in Lent 7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 Waterfront Worship Rite III 10:00 Adult Formation 10:00 Faith Seeking Journey 11:15 Holy Eucharist Rite II | 4 | 5 8:15 Tuesday Morning Prayer – Zoom 9:00 Mom's Morning Out 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study – Hybrid 2:00 EfM 5:00 Newcomer Cruise 6:30 Women's Bible Study | 6 10:30 Holy Eucharist 1:30 Mah Jong 6:00 Rite III Rehearsal | 7 9:00 Women's Bible Study – Library, Hybrid 12:00 – Brown Bag Bible Study – Zoom 5:30 Pray, Eat, Grow 7:00 Choir Practice | 8 | 9 8:00 Habitat Service Day 4:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II |
| 10 4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Begins 7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 Waterfront Worship Rite III - Waterfront 10:00 Faith Seeking Journey 11:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 11 8:00 Men of Trinity Break-fast 2:00 DOK Meeting | 12 8:15 Tuesday Morning Prayer – Zoom 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study – Hybrid 1:30 Contemplative Prayer – Library & Zoom 2:00 EfM 5:00 Book Club | 13 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 WOT 1:30 Mah Jong 3:00 Port Royal Club Speaker series | 14 9:00 Men's Bible Study – Conference Room, Hybrid 9:00 Women's Bible Study – Library, Hybrid 12:00 – Brown Bag Bible Study – Zoom 5:00 Pray, Eat, Grow 7:00 Choir Practice | 15 | 16 9:00 Catechesis of the Good Shephard 4:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II |
| 17 5th Sunday in Lent 7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 Waterfront Worship Rite III 10:00 Adult & Youth Formation 10:00 Faith Seeking Journey 11:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4:00 Concert & Reception | 18 | 19 8:15 Tuesday Morning Prayer – Zoom 9:00 Staff Meeting 9:00 Mom's Morning Out 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study – Hybrid 1:30 Contemplative Prayer – Library & Zoom 2:00 EfM 4:00 Port Royal Club Speaker Series | 20 10:30 Holy Eucharist 12:00 Women of Trinity Luncheon 1:30 Mah Jong 4:30 Finance/Vestry Joint Meeting 6:00 Rite III Rehearsal | 21 9:00 Men's Bible Study – Conference Room, Hybrid 9:00 Women's Bible Study – Library, Hybrid 12:00 – Brown Bag Bible Study – Zoom 5:30 Pray, Eat, Grow 7:00 Choir Practice | 22 | 23 4:30 Holy Eucharist II |
| 24 Palm Sunday 7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 Waterfront Worship Rite III 10:00 Adult & Youth Formation 10:00 Faith Seeking Journey 11:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 25 | 26 8:15 Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:30 Tuesday Bible Study 1:30 Contemplative Prayer – Library & Zoom 2:00 EfM | 27 10:30 Holy Eucharist 1:30 Mah Jong 6:00 Rite III Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Practice | 28 12:00 Brown Bag Bible 5:30 Maundy Thursday Liturgy 6:30 Prayer Watch begins – through 8:00 a.m. Friday | 29 Good Friday 12:00 Good Friday Liturgy 1:45 St. Matthew Passion | 30 Holy Saturday 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil |
| 31 Easter Sunday 6:30 Sunrise Service Holy Eucharist on Waterfront 7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II 9:00 Waterfront Worship Rite III 10:00 Easter Event on Front Lawn 11:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 1 Easter Monday Parish Office Closed | | | | | |

Financial Statement

January 2024

| | Actual January | Budget January | 2024 Actual YTD | Annual Budget | % Budget Used YTD |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Revenues | | | | | |
| Operating Receipts | | | | | |
| Regular Giving | \$260,281 | \$259,760 | \$260,281 | \$2,127,000 | 12.24% |
| Investments Used for Operation | \$49 | \$83 | \$49 | \$221,000 | 0.02% |
| Other Operating Receipts | \$7,143 | \$6,450 | \$7,143 | \$17,834 | 40.05% |
| Total Operating Receipts | \$267,473 | \$266,293 | \$267,473 | \$2,365,834 | 11.31% |
| Non-Operating Receipts | | | | | |
| Outreach Receipts | \$2,200 | \$0 | \$2,200 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Other Non-Operating Receipts | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Total Non-Operating Receipts | \$2,200 | \$0 | \$2,200 | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Total Revenues | \$269,673 | \$266,293 | \$269,673 | \$2,365,834 | 11.40% |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| Clergy, Office and Sunday Staff | \$92,252 | \$94,147 | \$92,252 | \$971,833 | 9.49% |
| Operations Support | \$15,779 | \$15,670 | \$15,779 | \$296,374 | 5.32% |
| Buildings & Grounds Support | \$36,783 | \$43,877 | \$36,783 | \$373,458 | 9.85% |
| Christian Education Support | \$7,574 | \$9,423 | \$7,574 | \$61,946 | 12.23% |
| Music Support | \$32,224 | \$38,637 | \$32,224 | \$386,136 | 8.35% |
| Worship Support | \$350 | \$1,607 | \$350 | \$38,245 | 0.92% |
| Fellowship Support | \$1,512 | \$1,573 | \$1,512 | \$32,980 | 4.58% |
| Pastoral Care Support | \$6 | \$167 | \$6 | \$2,000 | 0.30% |
| Diocesan Assessment | \$0 | \$16,420 | \$0 | \$197,062 | 0.00% |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$186,480 | \$221,521 | \$186,480 | \$2,360,034 | 7.90% |
| Non-Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| Outreach Expenses | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$0 | \$5,800 | 0.00% |
| Parochial Fees | (\$705) | \$0 | (\$705) | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Men of Trinity | (\$15) | \$0 | (\$15) | \$0 | 0.00% |
| Total Non-Operating Expenses | (\$720) | \$1,500 | (\$720) | \$5,800 | -12.41% |
| Total Expenses | \$185,760 | \$223,021 | \$185,760 | \$2,365,834 | 7.85% |
| Net Total | \$83,913 | \$43,272 | \$83,913 | \$0 | 0.00% |

PARISH STAFF

RECTOR: *The Rev. Edward Gleason, ext. 202*
ASSOCIATE RECTORS: *The Rev. Nicholas Caccese, ext. 206; The Rev. Marcella Drawdy, ext. 214*
The Rev. Steve Zimmerman
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: *Tripp Kennedy, ext. 207*
ASSOCIATE ORGANIST: *Betty Pursley*
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: *Kim McQueen, ext. 202*
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR: *Bob McQueen, ext. 204*; FACILITIES MANAGER: *Chris Wainscott*
CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILY COORDINATOR: *Linda Gemmer, ext. 213*
PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR: *Tom Gemmer, ext. 215*
MINISTRY ASSISTANT: *Katie Boyle, ext. 201*
NURSERY DIRECTOR: *Maria Rogers*
HOSPITALITY SPECIALIST: *Joyce Jenssen-Drake*

Standing Notices

- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated at the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). Baptisms are reserved for these occasions or when the Bishop is present.
- The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is offered to members of the parish, in good standing, and members of their immediate family. Lent is not a suitable season.
- It is expected for the parish office to be informed when a member of the parish is hospitalized in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

Vestry

Debbie Finch, *Senior Warden*
Connie Fuller, *Junior Warden*
Lynn Carr
Bob Dickemper
Stephanie Dixon
Jeanne Feight
Steve Gauly
Paul Hauser
Kathryn Morgan
Fran Piscitelli
Ann Redpath
Susan Mullin
Helene McGill, *Treasurer*

New Members, Guests, and Virtual Visitors - February

February Guests, Visitors, New Members

Laura, Dave, William & Henry Vorozilchak
Eileen & Michael Sommi
Greg Comstock
Pippi Johnson
Ann & Lance Wyche
Kelly Bannon

February Weddings

Aubree Laforce & Thomas Watson, February 3, 2024

February Baptisms

Serena Haley Sahagian, February 18, 2024

February Deaths

Donna Sawers, February 3, 2024
Louise Urick, February 3, 2024
Bud Weaver, February 16, 2024
Judy Pearson, February 21, 2024
Joe Meade, February 24, 2024

