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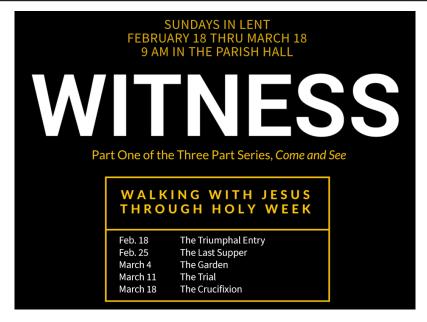
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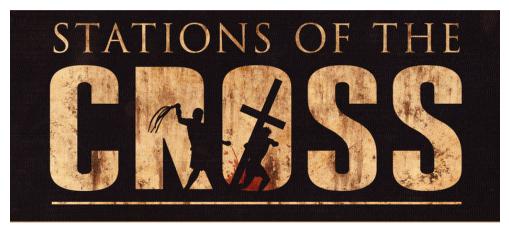
Lenten Offerings

Lent is a time to reflect on your faith. Here are some ways to do just that.



LENTEN SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES CONTINUES IN MARCH AT 9 AM

You are invited in this Lenten season on a journey through Holy Week as a witness to the last week of Jesus Christ. Divided over five weeks and taught by our rector, "Witness" will offer an in-depth, biblical look at the important events of Holy Week, inviting attendees to walk next to Jesus, and to stand as witness to this solemn event, from his entry into Jerusalem to his death on the cross.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS IN LENT CONTINUES IN MARCH AT 7 PM

Join us as we walk and pray in the steps of Jesus in his final day. This brief, lay-led service is an excellent way to observe and keep a holy Lent. All are welcome.

The Wait We Carry

Times slows, the journey wanes, and the end seems far in the distance.

Dear Holy Trinity,

There are few things in this world worse than waiting.

Doctors' office waiting rooms and pre-flight waiting gulags are a bit too much like hell. I'm sure some of you have already started to get that twitch in your left eye just thinking about it. Minutes turn to hours turn to eternity in the world of old magazines and antiseptic smells and waiting for zone four.

In as much as the modern world is all about instant gratification—Amazon Prime® free shipping, mail-order food, and instant coffee (yuck!)—being forced to wait reminds us of what it means to be a person.

In the moments of waiting, we are bombarded by all the what-ifs and could've-beens of life, from the simple concerns over whether we should've arrived at the airport earlier (or later), to bigger concerns about our existential worth and the meaning of life.

FROM THE RECTOR



The Rev. Ben Maddison Rector



I mention the weight of waiting because we are at mid-Lent. Almost three weeks of this difficult season are behind us; three more weeks and Holy Week are still on the horizon. We are at the middle of a season of reflection and repentance—and it's not an easy place in which to be.

We carry the weight of life, which includes the weight of waiting. Waiting is difficult because it's somewhere between reality and "not quite yet." Waiting portends an elusive future that seems so certain and yet so far off.

Waiting can be exacerbated by the conditions of Lent—the things we love (but are bad for us) that we gave up, the new things we took on (that add more to do). We realize that not only are we captives to living, but that we use that "living" as an escape from waiting—from time rolling forward,

At the end of the month we come to the Triduum, the three hard days of remembrance. Although Maundy Thursday starts with a bang, we spend most of Good Friday and Holy Saturday waiting. Even though we know good news is right around the corner, we still are stuck in the waiting. We carry the weight of that waiting in those three days—which is what makes it so tough.

So, as we wait, and as we pray, and as we try to make it through—remember that we are waiting only a little longer. Remember that the waiting ends with a celebration. And remember that waiting is an important part of the Lenten season.

Our hope rests in the promise that we won't wait forever. We live in the hope of the third day—of a life after waiting.

And I can't wait to celebrate it with you.

In Christ,

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WINDOWS

TO THE SOUL



Jesus' final hours through the eyes of those who witnessed them

2/21 Mantua UMC

2/28 Zion UMC

3/07 Woodbury Hgts PC

3/14 Holy Trinity EC

3/21 Wenonah UMC

The Romans

The Thieves

The Sanhedrin

The Crowds

The Women

Wednesday

12 PM

During Lent

2/21-3/21

HOLY WEEK AT HT

PALM SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 25 AT 8 & 10 AM

A Celebration of Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, we will gather for the Service of Palms outside (weather permitting) and process into the service, hailing Jesus as King.



MAUNDY THURSDAY THURSDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7 PM

A service where the three final instructions of Jesus are remembered: to wash feet, to love one another, to "do this in remembrance of me." This service will feature footwashing, First Holy Communion for new communicants, and concludes with the Stripping of the Altar.

The chapel will be open for prayer & vigil.



HOLY SATURDAY SATURDAY, MARCH 31 AT 9 AM

The nadir of the Three Days, this short service of prayers and readings contemplates the mystery of a God who has experienced death. After the service, we will decorate for Easter services. If you are interested helping, please contact Joanne Hutchison at jhutchisonx2@gmail.com.



AN AGAPE MEAL THURSDAY, MARCH 29 AT 6 PM PARISH HALL

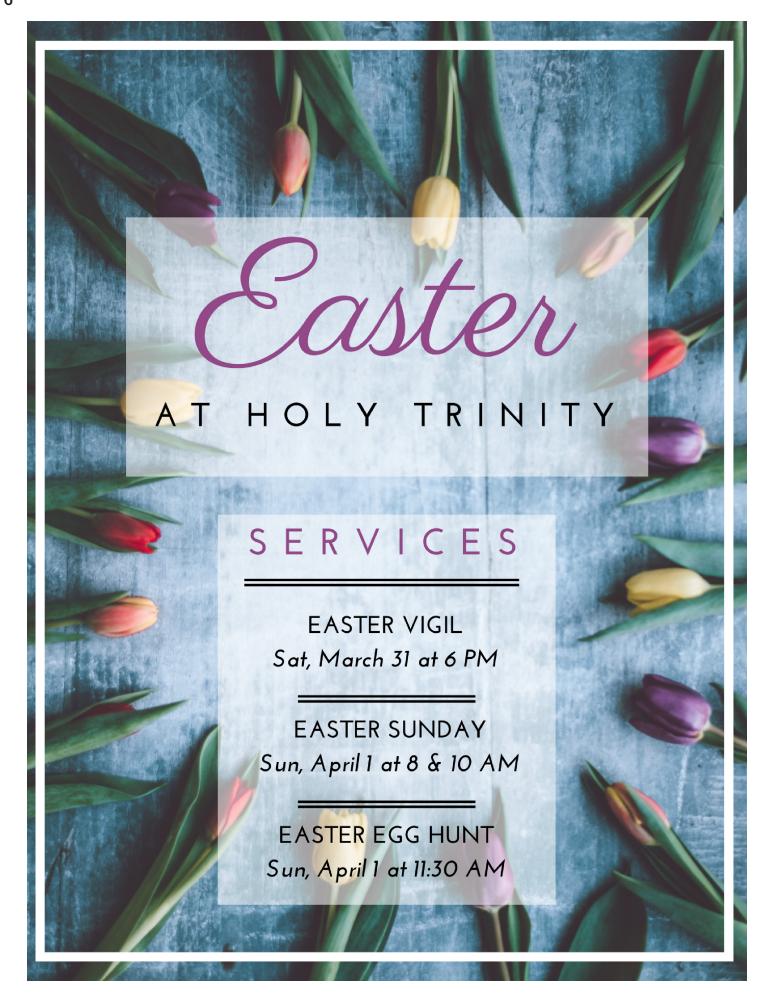
As the meal shared with the Disciples, the Agape Meal (or "Love Feast") is a fellowship meal punctuated with prayers and readings. All are welcome. Requested donation of \$10 per family. Sign up in the Narthex



GOOD FRIDAY FRIDAY, MARCH 30 AT 7 PM

Good Friday is a powerful service, remembering Jesus' passion and death for our sins, and marking the moment of his sacrifice. Note: There will be no reserved Communion this year at the Good Friday service. We, like Jesus, "will not drink from this fruit of the vine" (Matt. 26:29) and will forego Communion until Easter.





Ministry Updates

News and important information for ministries important to you.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

ECW News

February's Blankets & Tools outreach has ended, and we thank all who spread Valentine's love around the world through this important organization. Disasters strike without warning, and this is such a great way to help folks get back onto their feet.

Winter is also coming to an end, which means there is only one more mini-Soup Sale. Look for this after each service on March 18. We appreciate everyone who cooked each month, and all of you who supported this fund-raiser.

Canon Constance White is leading a Lenten Women's Retreat on Sat., March 17 at St. David's Church in Cranberry. Look for details in the flyer on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Don't forget to submit applications for Student Service Awards by the end of March for your college or college-bound students. See Fr. Ben or Nancy Garvin with any questions.

Mark your calendars for District ECW meetings this spring on Sunday afternoons at 2:00pm, first on March 18 at St. Thomas, Glassboro, then here at Holy Trinity on April

15. We are pleased to have Family Promise CEO Rosemary Parker as our speaker, along with Jennifer Shakel, who was a guest in Delaware and now sits on the Board.

Our next regular meeting will be on the usual second Monday of the month, March 12, beginning at 7:00pm. We're still finishing business within the hour, so you'll be home for your favorite TV!

WAWA COUPONS FUNDRAISER

Do you need a quick meal during this busy season? Are you looking for small gifts for friends? Wawa coupons fit the bill. They are \$4 each for a shortie hoagie or a sandwich. See Jackie Gould after the 8 AM service or Colleen Green after the 10 AM service.

RADA CUTLERY FUNDRAISER

ECW is hosting an ongoing fundraiser. Rada Cutlery has a large selection of cutlery and kitchen products made here in the USA. You can place your order for items online and they will be shipped directly to you. Place your order now and thank you for your support!

The link to order is:

https://radafundraising.com?rfsn=902805.1d802

Music Ministry

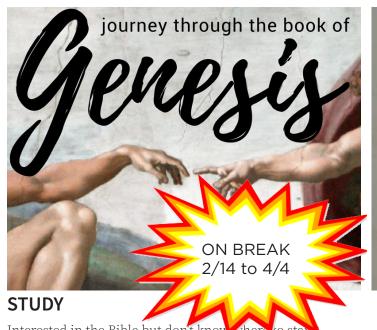
We are still on the usual schedule: adult choir rehearsals are Thursday at 7:30 PM, and the Joyful Noise Choir rehearses about 11:30 AM after church Sunday mornings.

It is time, once again, to encourage any and all to join our choir for the Easter Service. If you are interested, you are welcome to join us Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 PM. We will practice the Easter Anthem first, so you will not be held up with our other endeavors. We will not rehearse on March 29 as there is a

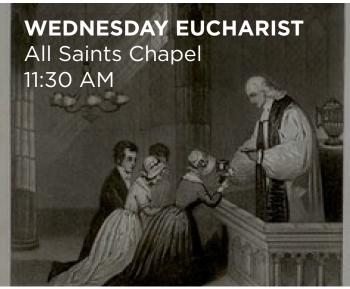
service that night. We will also practice on Saturday, March 31 in the morning (usually at 11 AM). The anthem is very easy, so please join us if you can.

Have a blessed Easter.

Choir Rehearsal takes place Thursdays at 7:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal (and Hand Chimes) takes place Sundays at 11:30 AM



Interested in the Bible but don't know where to stark Looking to go deeper but scared to go on your own? This is the class for you. Our rector, Ben Maddison, will be teaching through the book of Genesis. We will dive deeply into the words, history, and meaning of the text, and we might also have a little fun! Join us–everyone is welcome–Wednesdays at 10:15 AM.



WORSHIP

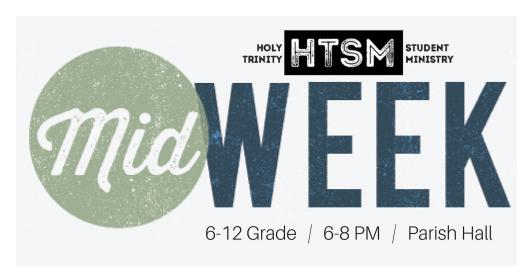
Join us Wednesdays at 11:30 AM for a service of Holy Communion. This spoken service will be held in the All Saints Chapel. The service is about 30 minutes and includes a brief homily. The service is casual and open to everyone.

The Rector's Bible Study will break for Lent; in its place please consider attending the Lenten Lunch Study (p. 5) hosted by the local Ministerium.

Bible Study returns April 4, 2018 at 10:15 AM (with Genesis 18)

Wednesdays at Holy Trinity

Study and worship that feeds the mind and soul.



Midweek Returns: March 14

If you would like to get involved or would like more information, contact Ben Maddison at rector@holytrinitywenonah.org.

HTSM: MIDWEEK 6 PM in the Parish Hall

Join the HTSM youth group for MIDWEEK! Food. Fellowship. Formation. Fun. It's a time to hang out, build friendships, and talk about faith. It's a casual meeting with dinner generously provided by volunteers. It meets in the Parish Hall from 6 to 8 PM.

HELP PROVIDE DINNER FOR MIDWEEK

Help provide dinner for hungry kids (8-12).

Click here and sign up!

Outreach Updates

Holy Trinity is a church that listens to God's call to love our neighbor and tries, with God's help, to share that love with those in need.

Kitchen of Hope (KOH) Pantry

KOH is a ministry of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Glassboro, NJ. KOH is an outreach of love and compassion, providing food and school supplies to families in need. Holy Trinity serves with KOH on the second Friday and Saturday of each month. The food is delivered at 8:45 AM on Friday; then at 8 AM Saturday, the bags are assembled and distributed to over 150 families.

Intersted in helping? Drop off non-perishible food each month for KOH or help distribute food on the second Saturday of the month!



Upcoming KOH Opportunities

Load Cars 3/09 8:45 AM
Distribution 3/10 9:00 AM



Family Promise of Gloucester County

Family Promise of Gloucester County (FPGC), formerly IHN, is a national program that aids families experiencing homelessness.

If you would like to get connected to IHN, or find out ways you can volunteer, email Sean Garvin at **ilvmaine@comcast.net**.

The next several week for Family Promise at Holy Trinity will be:

March 4-10 May 20-26 August 19-25 December 9-15

We are always in need of Shoprite/Acme gift cards, if you are looking for another way to help!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated household good and items to the graduating families celebration in January.

It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate with families transitioning to homes of their own. There were enough gifts and baskets for everyone.

As always, your generosity and faithfulness to our shared ministry with Family Promise is a beautiful testament to your love and care for these families. You take Holy Trinity's mission, to "proclaim the Good News of God's grace to everyone," seriously. Thank you.

Your help and love of these families is a proclamation of grace. Thank you!

Scripture of the Month

Celebrating the Begotten Son.

Psalm 2:7-9

- 7 I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son today I have begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
 - and the ends of the earth your possession.
- 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Easter is a time for celebration. Celebrate the begotten son that dashed them in pieces! Sometimes it's a spiritual necessity to be broken down, or "dashed in pieces," in order to be rebuilt stronger than before. Have you been broken "with a rod of iron" this year? Scripture continually pushes our boundaries and keeps us on edge; it's the best way to learn. Study scripture in the context of praise and celebration this Easter season. It's been a hard Lent - You've earned it!

Steve LoCastro



An icon of the Resurrection, the image shows Jesus springing from the grave and grabbing Adam and Eve with him. Jesus breaks our earthen vessels, but he also picks up the pieces.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM JANUARY 2018

Operational

Checking \$ 31,923.31 <u>Gift Card</u> \$ 3,979.43 \$ 35,902.74

Non Operational

Memorial \$ 2,974.30 \$ 2,974.30

Investments

DIT \$148,496.87

Operational YTD Totals

BudgetedActualDifferenceIncome\$13,846.83\$13,165.84-\$ 680.99Expenses\$13,846.83\$15,260.79-\$ 1,413.90Net Difference\$ 0.00-\$ 2,094.95-\$ 2,094.55

Total Assets \$187,373.91

Total Liabilities -\$ 42,000.00 (Mortgage)

March Calendar

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					7 pm - Stations of	
					8:30pm - AA	
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Ben Away			11:30am - Eucharist	7 pm - Lenten Book	8:45am - KOH Pick-	8 am - Kitchen of
8am - Rite I	Office Closed	8am - Morning	12pm - Lenten	7:30pm - Adult Choir	7 pm - Stations of	
10am - Rite II		■5:15pm - Evening			8:30pm - AA	
11:30am - Coffee						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8am - Rite I	Office Closed	8am - Morning	11:30am - Eucharist	7 pm - Lenten Book	7 pm - Stations of	
10am - Rite II	■7pm-ECW	5:15pm - Evening	12pm - Lenten	7:30pm - Adult Choir	8:30pm - AA	
11:30am - Coffee			6pm - HTSM Mid-			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8am - Rite I	Office Closed	8am - Morning	11:30am - Eucharist	7 pm - Lenten Book	Submission for	
10am - Rite II		■5:15pm - Evening	12pm - Lenten	7:30pm - Adult Choir	7 pm - Stations of	
11:30am - Coffee		6:30pm - Vestry			8:30pm - AA	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday	Office Closed	8am - Morning	11:30am - Eucharist	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday
8am - Rite I		8:30am - Liturgy		6pm - Agape	12pm - Community	6pm - Easter Vigil
10am - Rite II		■5:15pm - Evening		7pm - Maundy	7 pm - Good Friday	
11:30am - Coffee		6:30pm - Lectors'			8:30pm - AA	
2	IMPORTANT DAI	DATES	3/30	7:00 p Good Friday Service	Service	



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Holy Trinity is a diverse community, proclaiming the Good News of God's grace to everyone.

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HOLY TRINITY'S SUNDAY WORSHIP