

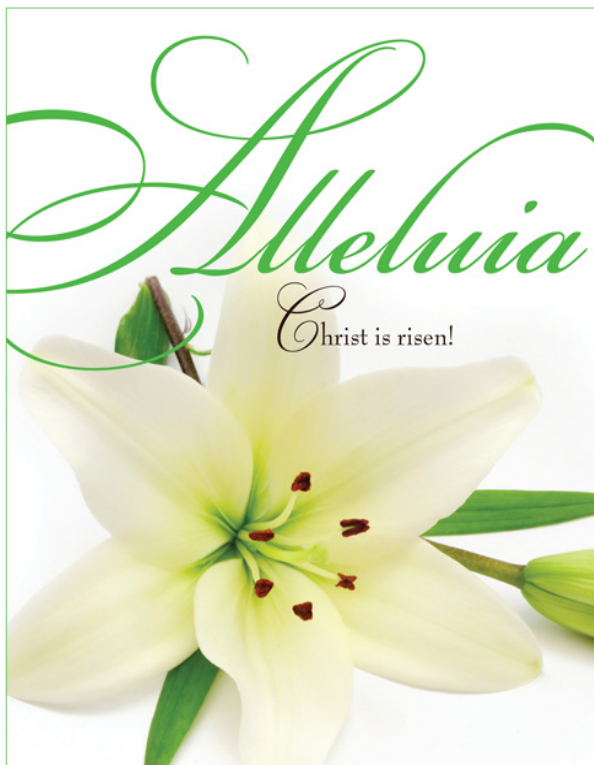
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Palm Saturday

April 16 ~ 9 am to 5 pm
Walk the Labyrinth!

Palm Sunday

April 17 ~ 8 and 10 am

Tenebrae Service

April 20 ~ 7:30 pm

Maunder Thursday

April 21 ~ 7:30 pm

Good Friday

April 22 ~ 12:00 noon
and 7:30 pm

Great Vigil of Easter

April 23 ~ 7:30 pm

Easter Day

April 24 ~ 8 and 10 am

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Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays 7:00 am in the Chapel

Sundays 8:00 am in the Chapel

Sundays 10:00 am in the Church

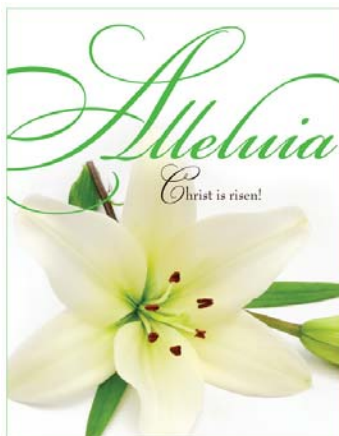
OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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**Have a
Blessed Easter!**

The church office is closed on
Monday, April 18 (Patriot's Day)
Easter Monday, April 25

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On March 15th our Vestry received the report of the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study conducted by the Episcopal Church Foundation, the consultants engaged by us to determine if we could raise funds to build a new Parish House facility. The results of the Feasibility Study are very encouraging. (You can read about those results on pages 12 and 13.) After carefully considering the results of the Feasibility Study, the Vestry voted unanimously to begin a Capital Campaign this spring. As the Wardens put it in their announcement the following Sunday - "We are going to have a new Parish House facility!"

I believe this is wonderful news for all of us. It is a reflection of the vitality of our congregation, in response to a growing need for a Parish House that better serves the people and ministries of our church. It will also greatly improve our stewardship of the environment by significantly reducing our carbon footprint.

This project also challenges us to expand our perspective with regard to stewardship. Too often we think of stewardship only in terms of the annual pledge drive. This project will call forth in us the importance of investing in the future of our parish. Like those who had the courage to build the "new" church over 50 years ago, now we are being called upon to move forward with this project because we believe that is the direction in which God is leading us.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Feasibility Study. You have played an important part in discerning God's will for our parish. Please pray for the success of this project and prayerfully consider how you might be involved in bringing it to fruition.

Faithfully in Christ, Tony

CARING CONNECTION

COMMUNITY; What's Missing?

A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a local newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I've heard something like 5,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. (That would never happen at Trinity!) So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting their time by giving sermons at all."

This started a lively exchange in the "Letters to the Editor" column, which went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me all these meals, I would be physically dead. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today."

Not only do we need to go to church, we also need the support of the church community in sustaining us. Community has U in the middle of it—and that's where you belong—for community means *in unity with*. We have unity with others because we share the love of Jesus Christ; and that shared love motivates us to move beyond ourselves, to reach out to the world around us.

The good news is we don't have to do this by ourselves. Not only do we not have to, but we can't. We need one another. Christian discipleship demands involvement within a concrete community of faith. It is not something we do alone. We're asked to journey to God with each other, as part of an ecclesial community, as part of a church. As the First Epistle of John puts it: "The one who

claims to love a God that he cannot see and does not love a neighbor whom he can see is a liar." May we come together and share our mutual love of Jesus Christ and spread that love to all whom we encounter.

"The Undertaking"

I'd like to invite you to a showing of a very poignant and deeply moving presentation entitled "The Undertaking." It was produced by Frontline for PBS and shows the Lynch family of funeral directors going about its work with quiet reverence. A reviewer has said of it: "Far from being depressing, *The Undertaking* lifts the spirits by reminding us that, in Lynch's words, 'The dead matter to the living,' and that the ritual of a funeral helps return the grieving 'to life with the certain knowledge that life has changed.'" Some of us saw a part of this at a recent Forum, but we weren't able to watch it all. It will be shown in its entirety on Sunday, April 3 in the parish hall at 3 pm, followed by a discussion and some refreshments. I hope you'll join us!

Deliver Flowers

Would you be willing to deliver some flowers from the altar to those who might appreciate getting a little bouquet of remembrance after the Sunday services? If you'd be interested in doing this occasionally, please contact me at 978-369-3715. Thank you!

Unsung Heros

Spring is in the air! Yippee! It was certainly a long, cold winter! Who could forget those snowstorms that seemed to come one after the after? And the ice dams that resulted from the freezing! As bad as we think we might have had it, there are a couple of parishioners who had it even worse, for not only did they have their own houses to deal with, they also spent time at the church clearing the snow and ice off our roofs. Ted Hull and Toby Bull worked tirelessly to help our buildings withstand damage and to make them more accessible for us. Thanks, guys, for your hard work in going above (literally!) and beyond in taking care of the people and property of Trinity Church.

Anne Lynch

Our Journey from Lent to Easter: Holy Week

Lent, as a journey of spiritual examination is a time of slowing down to ponder the mystery of the Gospel story of the Passion and Resurrection events central to our faith. Lent is 40 days long, passes through five Sundays, and ends in Holy Week. In our Episcopal tradition, we gather to celebrate special Liturgies to bring us into these important spiritual events in a personal and physical way.

Palm Sunday has us marching around the church re-enacting Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, crying Hosanna and waving Palms. The spiritual mood changes as we hear and participate in the Passion narrative, in which we cry "Crucify him." The music this day includes the singing of rich chorales.

Tenebrae, on Wednesday during Holy Week, gives us an opportunity to contemplate images of darkness and light while we hear sung lessons from the Lamentations of Jeremiah. This music is set against our Schola chanting several Psalms of despair, and of hope. This year, Sally Sanford and one of her students will be singing a special unaccompanied setting of the Lessons.

Maundy Thursday provides us a chance to focus on the last supper, when Jesus gave his followers the model of service and love for one another by washing feet. We re-enact this and celebrate Holy Eucharist, just as we do each Sunday, to make the connection. The service ends with the stripping of the altar as we follow Jesus into the Garden of Gethsemane. There we try to watch with him as he faces the events of his Passion. The Chapel is kept open with the Reserved Sacrament and those willing to "stay awake and watch" with Jesus can take turns keeping vigil. (*Look for the "Watch" sign up poster.*)

Good Friday from noon to 3:00 PM, the church is open for meditations offered by members of the parish on the Seven Last Words of Christ on the cross. In the evening at 7:30 PM, we celebrate a special Liturgy contemplating the “What if” and focus our attention on the importance of the Cross, hear the Passion Narrative chanted, read a Litany and venerate the Cross. We then consume the Sacrament reserved from the Maundy Thursday watch.

Great Vigil of Easter, is celebrated on Saturday, which begins in silence and darkness until the new fire is kindled and the light of Christ is brought into the Church. We then hear stories of salvation, and finally, the Glory to God is sung with a great noise and ringing of bells (bring bells and noisemakers for this moment in the liturgy). In the early church this was the service when new converts were accepted into the faith, so it is especially meaningful when we have baptisms at this service. Our first Easter Eucharist is celebrated.

Easter Sunday... Nothing can compare with this glorious day when the multitudes gather to celebrate the central event in our Christian Faith. The great singing, beautiful flowers and the other makings of a Festival Eucharist are made more powerful by a full contemplation of the meaning of light in the midst of darkness after journeying through the experiences of Holy Week.

Music plays a central role in our Holy Week Liturgies. As you make your Lenten plans, please join us for one or all of these special Liturgies to enrich your Easter celebration. All evening services are at 7:30 PM. Also invite your friends to join you.

Robert Barney, Music Director

BUILDING FOR MINISTRY

Feasibility Study Summary

Building for Ministry (BFM) engaged a professional fundraising organization, the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF), to study the feasibility of a capital campaign that would fund a new Parish House Facility for Trinity. The study shows that there is strong support within Trinity for a new Parish House and that parishioners would likely give close to the goal of \$4.97 million in support of the project.

Quantitative Results

We surveyed 394 parish households. Of that total, 165 households responded to the survey: 26 in personal interviews, 53 by mail, and 86 online. ECF notes that our 42% response rate (in the top 10% of parishes) is an excellent indicator of parish involvement and interest.

Key results are presented here:

- Aware of capital campaign: 90%
- Aware of needs: 97%: Trinity Parishioners are well informed about the Parish House project.
- In favor of a campaign: 95%: 30% of those have some concerns, mostly revolving around our ability to raise funds. Only 9 responding households (less than 5%) were opposed to the campaign.
- Can \$4.97 million goal be reached: 18% yes, 70% uncertain
- Willing to contribute: 77% yes, 17% uncertain, 6% no
- Timing of campaign: 50% immediate start, 38% no opinion, 12% opposed.
- Respondents were generally positive about the local economy, with only 5% rating it poor or in decline.
- acceptable to take on debt if campaign falls short: 82% yes, 18% no.



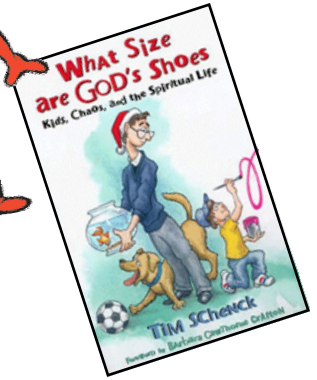
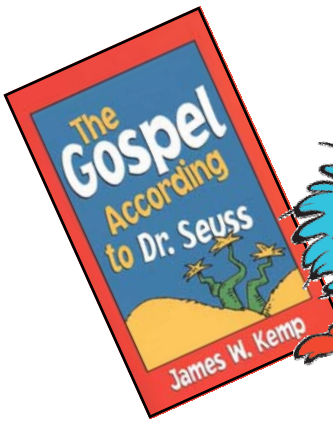
Qualitative Results

Based on the number of households responding to the survey, their awareness of the need, and their favorable disposition toward a capital campaign, ECF believes Trinity is in an excellent position for a successful campaign. The parish is very much in favor of moving forward immediately with the campaign. There was little desire to postpone the building project. Support for the project is particularly evidenced by the overwhelming number of people willing to contribute even before hearing the full details of the campaign. Further indication of support is the willingness to assume debt to finance the project.

Comments considered negative or skeptical tended to cluster around economic issues, specifically the likelihood that not enough people will contribute. However, the overall results belie that skepticism and indicate that sufficient funds can be raised.

Qualitative responses to open-ended questions asking about the strengths of the parish and difficulties faced by the campaign also show strong support for the project. The parish has a strong belief in the clergy's leadership, celebrates our growing cadre of young families, and our friendly and welcoming attitudes. Campaign negatives, as mentioned above, focus on economic skepticism (contradicted by survey results) and other issues not addressed by this project (parking and sanctuary lighting).

Based on the very positive outcome of the feasibility study, BFM has prepared a tentative schedule that starts immediately with a campaign launch event this spring and intensive fundraising over the next few months so the Parish House can be built and occupied by mid-2013.



Tuesday
Evenings
March 29
April 5 & 12
6:30 to
8:00 pm

Simple meal
at 6:00 pm

For Children...

Dr. Seuss is on the loose at Trinity! All children are invited to this year's Lenten program based on "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss" by James W. Kemp, and "God's Dream" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. We will explore the ways of Christ through Dr. Seuss' stories, and reflect on their relevance to God's Dream. Come hear and watch stories of Seuss and new Godly Play lessons, as well as make crafts, learn new songs, and play games. Youth are invited to help lead this program!

For Adults...

What Size are God's Shoes?

Kids, Chaos, and the Spiritual Life

For adults with a heart for kids. These very short essays see humor and God in the life of families: in mudrooms, in fish tanks, waiting for fast food, and the like. No homework necessary: we'll read them aloud in the group, and see where they take us. Put your kids in the *Gospel According to Seuss* at the same time!

**Sign up for both programs will be
online at www.trinityconcord.org
under "Announcements."
For more information, contact Nick.**

PALM SATURDAY LABYRINTH

In preparation for Holy Week, all are invited to walk the labyrinth on April 16. What is a labyrinth? It is a quiet, meditative walk with God as you follow a convoluted path that has only one way in. It eventually winds to the center, where you can stay for as long as you wish to meditate and pray, before retracing your steps out. Most world religions have used some form of the labyrinth for ages. It became popular for Christians in the Middle Ages to walk the labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral in France as an alternative to making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In recent times a replica was laid in the floor of Grace Cathedral, San Francisco where the Canon Lauren Artress furthered developed its use as a spiritual tool. The pattern painted on the canvas labyrinth being brought to Trinity is shown below.



A brief introduction to the history and purpose of the labyrinth will be offered by Shirley Blancke at 11 am. Drop in anytime before 5 pm and follow the simple instructions that will be available. For those who are unable to walk, finger labyrinths and on-line interactive labyrinths will be available.

In this fast paced world, it is important for children to practice ways to meditate and be with God - especially as we enter Holy Week. There will be a special children's Palm Saturday offering from 9 am to noon. During the morning we will look at pictures of labyrinths around the world; practice using finger labyrinths; learn how to draw two labyrinth patterns; create and walk our own labyrinth, and walk a real labyrinth in the Parish Hall. Hopefully, they will want to draw one with chalk on your driveway at home, or draw one in the sand when next at the beach! We ask that children sign up on line ahead of time to ensure that sufficient materials are available. ~ Carol Brady



The Altar Guild Flower Committee

*is planning flowers
for the Easter season*

A contribution to the Trinity Flower Fund helps with the purchase of Easter lilies, flowers, and greens. Your remembrance will be listed in Easter bulletins.

*** DEADLINE FOR FORMS: PALM SUNDAY ***

Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate along with your check, return it to the church office, or mail it to: Trinity Episcopal Church, Attn: Altar Flowers, 81 Elm Street, Concord, MA 01742.

***Note: Forms & special envelopes are available at the Welcome Table**



Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

ADULT FORUMS

APRIL 3 (Witness) Finding Our Way Home

Parishioners at Trinity come from a variety of places and have taken different kinds of journeys. At this forum, the third in a periodic series, parishioners will share their spiritual journeys.

APRIL 10 (Worship) The Gifts of Holy Week

Our tradition provides us with a powerful way to mark in our hearts and souls the last intense days of Jesus' earthly ministry in preparation for the glory of the Resurrection. Come hear clergy and others offer an overview of this week of deep mysteries.

No Forum on Palm Sunday or Easter.

May 1 (Wonder)

"Did not our hearts burn within us?"

The Road to Emmaus

The Rev. Spencer Wilking M.D. will offer an extended meditation on this powerful story of hope and encouragement at the end of the Gospel of Luke. The Resurrected Christ meets two travelers on the road; where does he meet us? Spencer is a Priest Associate at Trinity, and a gerontologist in the Department of Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital.



Margaret Alvarez de Toledo's colorful watercolor exhibition fills the walls of the Parish Hall with warmth, light and joy. Come see and look throughout the exhibit to find the original art work featured in Trinity's stellar cookbook. Don't miss it! Art is on display to May 3.

WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY



**Sign up for the Maundy
Thursday Watch on the
poster in the Narthex**

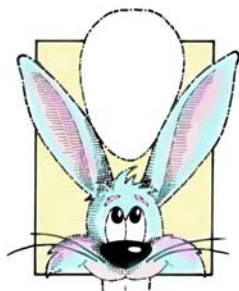
Trinity Luncheon Thursday, April 14

11:30 am Eucharist
12 pm Luncheon

Macaroni & Cheese
Green Salad, Rolls
Key Lime Pie

Episcopal Relief & Development Mite Boxes

The children are being asked to pray as special prayer for the people of Japan every day throughout the rest of Lent and to donate a few coins each day into their mite box. The prayer and Lenten calendar are on the reverse side. Extra mite boxes and Lenten calendars are available in the undercroft. Boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday.



**Easter Egg Hunt
April 24 at 11:30 am**



**Progressive Dinner
Saturday, April 30
6:00 pm**



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