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EVENTS FOR APRIL 2007

Sunday	Apr 1	Palm Sunday		
Tuesday	Apr 3	Finance Comm. Meeting		7:30 pm
Thursday	Apr 5	Maundy Thursday		
Friday	Apr 6	Good Friday		
Saturday	Apr 7	Easter Vigil		
Sunday	Apr 8	Easter Sunday		
Saturday	Apr 14	Commission on Ministry Hearings		9:00 am
	Apr 14	Safeguarding God's Children training	St. Mary, Magdalene	
Thursday	Apr 19	Vestry Meeting	Rector's Office	7:30 pm
Saturday	Apr 21	B-Day Party (Bonnie)	Parish Hall	8:00 am
	Apr 21	Historic Tour		11:00 am
	Apr 21	Stewardship Conf., "Back to Basics"	Nat. Cathedral	9:00 am

APRIL 2007 CALENDAR

Sunday	AA	Parish Hall	8:00 p.m.
Monday	Children's Choir	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	Rectory Readers	Rectory	8:00 a.m.
	Contemplative Eucharist	Church	10:15 a.m.
	Education for Ministry (EFM)	Rectory	7:30 p.m.
	Quiet Prayer sessions	Rectory	11:00 a.m.
Thursday	Boy Scouts	Parish Hall, Rm 208 & Nursery	7:30 p.m.
	Adult Choir	Church	7:30 p.m.
	Vestry (3 rd Thursday)	Rector's Office	7:30 p.m.
Friday	Junior Girl Scouts	Room 208	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	8:30 a.m.
	Quilting Group (4th Saturday)	Kirtland's home	10:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(w/Children's' Chapel 2nd-5th Sunday-
Parish Hall)

10:45 -Fellowship & Education
Sunday School
Youth Group
Discussion Hour
Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

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From the Interim Rector

Rev. Bruce McPherson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, Easter is a few weeks away. As you read it, Easter will be upon us. In either case we are challenged to answer for ourselves this question: What does Easter Really Mean for You and Me? In fact, if we take faith seriously, this is a legitimate question for every day. So on this day, whatever day it may be, let me share with you my answer.

Easter invites us to turn all of our assumptions about life upside-down. Life is less about self-reliance, hard work and rational thinking and more about of the grace of God. Every day we choose between two worlds - on the one hand, a world that is hard, cold and relentlessly threatening and on the other, a world that is infused with presence of God. In the world seen from God's point of view, the Spirit vibrates all around us and grace abounds. People experience love, forgiveness, compassion, change, growth and comfort – all graceful realities that frequently defy reason. The choice we have is between death and life. The choice we have is between Good Friday and Easter. The good news of Easter is that the end is life.

Dorothy L. Sayers puts it this way: "...defeat can not hold the Creative Will; It can pass through the grave and rise again. If It cannot go by the path of cooperation, It will go by the path of death and victory. But it does us no credit if we force It to go that way. It is our business to recognize It when It appears and to lead It into the city with hosannas. If we betray It or do nothing to assist It, we may earn the unenviable distinction of going down in history with Judas and Pilate."

Now the question is: What does all this mean for Holy Trinity? Will Holy Trinity languish in the doldrums of Good Friday or awaken to the promise of Easter? It's up to us, of course. It's up to us to recognize the promises of Easter – the love, forgiveness, compassion, change, growth and comfort – and to let our hosannas ring so that everyone may come to know and experience Easter from God's point of view. It's up to us. Every day.

Bruce

Thanks to Tidings Volunteers!

The Communications Ministry has established the position of Tidings Feature Writer. Each month the writer will prepare a short “human interest” article about a Holy Trinity ministry for the Tidings. Evelyn Kirby has agreed to fill this position for the April, May, and June/July issues. Charlotte Zarate will then step into this position starting with the August issue. Thanks to both for accepting this position!

Also thanks to Linda Eisenhart who has served as Tidings editor during the past year. This is her last issue. Evelyn Kirby and Karen Sharp have agreed to serve as co-editors for the next year. And thanks to Sherrill Bower, Sally Gilbert, and Della Whorton who process the Tidings for distribution each month.

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for helping with the brunch following my mom’s Memorial Service on Saturday, February 24th. Special thanks go to my good friend, Sandra McGrady, for organizing the event; it was lovely. The food was all delicious and, I think, everyone there especially appreciated having tables and chairs set up. I do know the hard work that went into all of that and I am grateful for it. My family enjoyed meeting many of you and visiting with friends and extended family. As always, I am glad to be a part of this congregation. Thanks again, Bruce, for your help.

Warm regards,
Mary Yuhas

Women in the Clergy

The Sunday Discussion Forum will tackle this subject on April 15 with the help of Professor Melissa Deckman Fallon. Those who go to the 8 o’clock service may know Melissa and Sean Fallon and their son Mason. Melissa is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Washington College and has published *Women with a Mission: Religion, Gender and the Politics of Women Clergy*. She will share with us what she found in researching and writing this book. We, in turn, will have a chance to look at this topic from a political perspective, which may shine some new light on it.

The Episcopal Church was one of the early ground-breakers in bringing women into the clergy in the 1970s. Although that seems to be a long time ago now (and more so for some who might call it ancient history), clergywomen are still controversial for many in the Episcopal Church, in the Anglican Communion, and in the Christian Church at large. Some churches in our own diocese found it difficult to accept a woman as bishop. Despite its ancient historical foundation, this is today a controversial and current topic. Expect a lively discussion. Please join us.



***** NOTE! YARD SALE DATE HAS CHANGED! *****

EARLY SPRING CLEANING ALERT!

The date of the **HUNGER Committee’s Annual Yard Sale** has been changed to Sat. May 12. This gives you a few extra weeks to clean out those basements, attics, spare bedrooms, and closets.

Please help by donating: furniture, housewares, children’s’ items (toys, clothing, games), yard equipment, jewelry and other “treasures”, sporting goods, electronics, books and videos, and other gently used items for which you may no longer have a use. **We cannot accept:** mattresses (except those for baby cribs), adult clothing, broken or torn furniture, non-working electronic or household items.

We will have our donation “drop off” on Friday, May 11 from 6-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. If this time isn’t convenient for you, or you have a need to have your larger items picked up, please notify Beth Nelson (410) 798-1813 or email: d.nelsons@verizon.net. We have limited space for storage of donations prior to May 10; so if possible, please try to wait until our “pre-pricing” night on 5/11.

We are always in need of heavy hauling help for larger items. If you have access to a pick-up truck or large van and are able to help on 5/11, please contact Beth ASAP.

Support
Holy Trinity Day School
100%
Give to the Annual Fund for Excellence today

The Holy Trinity Annual Fund for Excellence provides classroom materials as well as the resources to enhance the technology, music, drama, and athletic programs that benefit students.

For more information, please visit the school’s website at www.htrinity.org and click on *support ht*.

Our campaign ends April 30th, so please consider your gift today.

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday

6:00 PM	Seder Supper
7:30 PM	Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Noon	Good Friday Liturgy – St. George’s Glenn Dale
7:30 PM	Good Friday Liturgy at Holy Trinity (no Eucharist)

Easter Vigil

8:00 PM	Vigil, Baptism and Holy Eucharist
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Easter Day

8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM	Festival Eucharist
Noon	Festival Eucharist

Bowie Pantry Needs Your Support

The need for food continues to rise, especially since the holiday food supply has dwindled to a dangerously low level. Non-perishable food items may be placed in the food basket located in the narthex/vestibule here at Holy Trinity on any Sunday. Tom and Mary Sykes will deliver this food to the Pantry. Your donations are greatly needed and your kindness will be greatly appreciated by those in need.

Many thanks, Peg J.

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The Holy Trinity School Association
Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
Gala and Auction

The stars were out for the day school’s successful gala and auction, **Reach for the Stars!** More than 200 guests and a dedicated committee of devoted volunteers gathered for the evening, which was held on Saturday, March 3 at The Inn and Conference Center by Marriott/University of Maryland – University College. Wonderful food, lively music, and a festive setting provided the perfect complement to the exciting auction. With an on-line auction in the days prior to the gala, a “best of live” raffle, and a silent and live auction that night, there were plenty of opportunities to win the bid on great items, including trips, theme-baskets, gift certificates, one-of-a-kind sports memorabilia, and more. Holy Trinity School extends its great thanks to our phenomenal Auction Committee as well as to all the parents, grandparents, relatives, church members, friends, businesses, and others who supported **Reach for the Stars!** It was a spectacular evening that raised important funds for Holy Trinity School to help our students reach their full potential. Kudos and thanks to all for a star-filled and fun event!



ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Euch. Min.	Acolyte	Usher
April 1 Palm Sun.	J. Scott B. Spehr	D. Whorton	D. Robinson		R. Trisko R. Curbelo
April 8 Easter Sun.	V. Esmacher R. Anderson	S. Esmacher	J. Diggs		T. Sykes L. Anderson
April 15	S. Curbelo W. Brown	D. Robinson	K. Sharp		R. Anderson R. Trisko
April 22	R. Curbelo P. Ballish	J. Trisko	S. Gilbert		R. Curbelo H. Tucker
April 29	M. Fallon S. Bower	S. Cone	R. Anderson		T. Kirby L. Anderson

9:30 A.M. (except Easter Sunday, which is at 10:00am)

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Euch. Min.	Acolyte	Usher
April 1 Palm Sun.	J. Gordon W. Jarmon	A. Kirtland	E. Maurer G. Jarmon	C. Taylor (Crucifer) S. Eichhorn, L. Tompkins	N. Evans M. Powell
April 8 Easter Sun. 10:00 am	B. Sharland F. Harwood	C. Andren	T. Cloutier K. Kalber	H. Cloutier (Crucifer) D. Nelson, A. Nelson	A. Beckley D. Taylor
April 15	R. Sanchez M. Baird	G. Jarmon	S. McGeiver T. Lackey	C. Taylor (Crucifer) A. Maurer H. Townsend-Gray	R. Blass K. Kowalewski
April 22	K. Wenzel E. Chamberlain	D. Clark	C. Harman K. Kirtland	A. Jarmon (Crucifer) L. Tompkins, M. Wenzel	N. Evans K. Kirtland
April 29	J. Mondale A. Zarate	C. Ryan	G. Perez B. Nelson	R. Bowen (Crucifer) D. Bowen, G. Sparks	A. Beckley D. Taylor

Holy Week - Extra Services

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Euch. Min.	Acolyte	Usher
April 5 Maundy Th.	V. Esmacher S. Gilbert		S. Cone	D. Townsend-Gray (Crucif.) K. Townsend-Gray H. Townsend-Gray	A. Beckley D. Taylor
April 6 Good Fri.	S. Cone			W. Gordon (Crucifer)	T. Kirby R. Anderson
April 7 Easter Vig.				D. Townsend-Gray (Crucif.)	K. Kirtland G. Perez
April 8 Easter noon service				W. Gordon (Crucifer) P. Gordon M. Wenzel	H. Tucker A. Sparks

Altar Guild: April 1-15: Liz Biddle & Kay Kaplanis April 16--30: Barbara Arnold & Marge Laios

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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| <p>8:00 am Eucharist - Rite I
(healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)</p> | <p>10:45 am Fellowship and Refreshments
Start in the Parish Hall and on to:</p> |
| <p>9:30 am Holy Eucharist - Rite II (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)
<i>Nursery care provided for your infant,
9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Children’s Chapel – Ages 3-6 – Parish Hall
(Except 1st Sunday: Children attend church
with their parents)</i></p> | <p>11:00 am Education Hour (Sept to mid June)
Sunday School - var. classrooms in Parish Hall
Rite 13 – Ages 12-13 – in the rectory
Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Ages 14-15 – in the rectory
Discussion Hour – Topics of interest and fellowship in an informal setting
Bible Study – Room 204 (Sept-June)
Healing Ministry – Prayer Garden</p> |