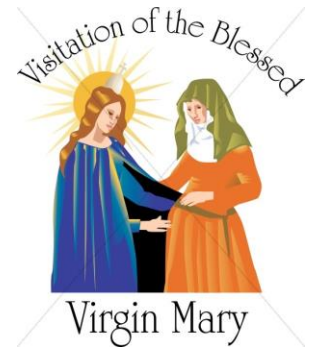




# TRINITY TIDINGS

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## *Reflections from the Interim Rector. . .*

As we move into this glorious season of Easter, allow me to share a John Updike poem that I think captures the power – and the challenge – of the Resurrection.

Seven Stanzas at Easter – John Updike (1960)

Make no mistake: if he rose at all  
It was as His body;  
If the cell's dissolution did not reverse, the molecule reknit,  
The amino acids rekindle,  
The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,  
Each soft spring recurrent;  
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths and fuddled eyes of the  
Eleven apostles;  
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes  
The same valved heart  
That—pierced—died, withered, paused, and then regathered  
Out of enduring Might  
New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,  
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,  
Making of the event a parable, a sign painted in the faded  
Credulity of earlier ages:  
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,  
Not a stone in a story,  
But the vast rock of materiality that in the slow grinding of  
Time will eclipse for each of us  
The wide light of day.

And if we have an angel at the tomb,  
Make it a real angel,  
Weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid with hair, opaque in

The dawn light, robed in real linen  
Spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,  
For our own convenience, our own sense of beauty,  
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable hour, we are embarrassed  
By the miracle,  
And crushed by remonstrance.

Faithfully,

Fr. Bill +

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# Bits and Pieces...

## From the Treasurer:

Bank Balances:

### **Operating Checking as of March 31, 2017**

▪ Beginning Balance	\$ 44,286.55
▪ Deposits	\$ 15,517.42
▪ Checks & EFT Cleared	\$ 21,170.00
▪ February bills not paid	\$ .00
▪ Monthly shortfall	\$ 5,652.58
Ending Balance	\$ 24,977.07



### **Restricted Checking as of March 31, 2017**

▪ Beginning Balance	\$ 88,290.29
▪ Deposits	\$ 263,224.81 (Includes Investment Funds to be sent to Diocese)
▪ Checks & EFT Cleared	\$ 5,344.00
Ending Balance	\$ 346,041.83

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## **Two special opportunities for worship in May**

**Thursday, May 25:** The Feast of the Ascension – Holy Eucharist at 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 31:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Eucharist at 6:00 pm

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## **Parish Support Volunteers Needed**

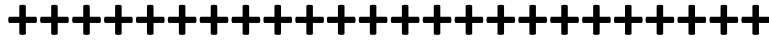
Readers, ushers/greeters, and chalice bearers needed for both the 8:00 and 9:30 AM services. Chalice bearers are desperately needed for the 8:00 AM service as we only have two on the list. Please contact Nancy Fraser - 647-7737 or [njfteach@cox.net](mailto:njfteach@cox.net)  
THANKS!



*Parish  
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Schedule*

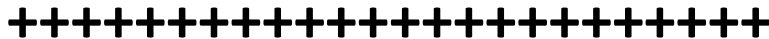
## Hall Rental Available

Aldrich Hall is available for rental for collations, anniversary parties, birthday celebrations, family gatherings and holiday events. It is a great space to have your special event. For information, please call Michelle at 647-2322. Lower rates are available for parishioners.



## Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to help in the Trinity nursery. The nursery is utilized by our youngest members, and is staffed by a licensed childcare provider, Michele Pinault. However, there must be two adults present at all times, per Safe Church Practices guidelines, so we ask for volunteers to fill that second spot on a rotating schedule. We are currently seeking at least 4 more people to add to the list. If you are interested, please contact Janet Heywood at janny124ri@yahoo.com. Thanks so much!



## 2017 Baptism Dates...

**June 4th (Feast of Pentecost - the 50th day of Easter)**

**November 5th (All Saints' Sunday)**



**VESTRY MEETINGS:** Please know that our Vestry (our elected lay leaders of this parish) meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30pm in the Undercroft or Aldrich Hall. Everyone is invited to sit in on any Vestry meeting. If you have something specific you want to address at a Vestry meeting, please let Father Bill know prior to the Thursday of the week before our meeting so we can include it in the agenda. **NEXT VESTRY MEETING: Thursday, May 18, 2017. ALL VESTRY MEETINGS ARE OPEN SO IF YOU'RE CURIOUS, FEEL FREE TO COME and OBSERVE YOUR ELECTED LEADERSHIP AT WORK!**

## *Outreach News. . . . .*

I want to thank Chris Parenteau, Jane Dempsey, Jill and Rick Shurtleff and the rest of their team for serving Easter dinner to the grateful people of St. George's Soup Kitchen. They changed their family celebration plans so that others without could have a celebration of this holy day. I would also like to thank Jeanne Grover for her donation to the Sojourner House Shelters. Sojourner House is perhaps best known for helping women and their children escape domestic violence. But they do not stop there. They have the only men's shelter in the state. While women are the most at risk to become victims of domestic violence, men also can be victims of domestic violence. As Episcopalians, we are tolerant of same sex relationships and those relationships are not immune from domestic violence either. In fact, they face challenges that heterosexual relationships do not. If I were to personally ask you which country you think has the highest percentage of human



trafficking, most people answer China. I know I did. It is the United States. The population most targeted is teen age girls in the DCYF system. Sojourner House is the only organization in the state that has a safe house for victims of human trafficking. I will be asking for your help supporting Sojourner House during the year as situations arise, similar to the recent requests for blankets. Your generosity of a simple comfort made a big difference to the people who are in crisis. Thank You. Linda Strocky



**FOOD CLOSET REQUESTS:**

*For the month of May the Food Closet will be requesting donations of **canned meals and soups.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated!*



**Trinity's Worship and Music Committee will be meeting Tuesday, May 2nd from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the Undercroft.**

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The Men's Group will be gathering on **Saturday, May 13** at 9am in Aldrich Hall. I hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 300-7922. Thank you, Rick Shurtleff.



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Our giant yard sale on **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>** at **9 am – 2 pm** is just around the corner, and we will be collecting items beginning **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** in Aldrich Hall. The hall will be open on **Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** from **1 pm to 3 pm** and **Monday – Friday** from **9 am – 1 pm**. Please note that the tables will be labeled, so if you would please place your items in the appropriate area, it would be much appreciated.

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**Men's Group Breakfast  
Sunday, May 21st, after 9:30 Mass  
to benefit kitchen needs**

**Corned Beef Hash and Eggs  
Coffee & Juice  
\$10 per person  
Pay at the door**



# Kids Matter Here. . . .



## SAVE THE DATE

On **SUNDAY, JUNE 4th** please join us for the Sunday School's End of the Year Celebration and Summer Bash Kick Off!!

After the 9:30 service there will be a good ol' fashion cookout and games for all to join in.

Hot dogs and burgers will be provided, just bring your favorite picnic dish to share.

Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church as the date gets closer.

## CONFIRMATIONS

On **Saturday, May 13**, the following J2A students will be receiving their confirmation.

- \*Nicole Belanger
- \*Amelia Gervasio
- \*Chris Hebert
- \*Angelina Parrillo
- \*Katy Tomlinson



It will take place at Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
120 Nate Whipple Highway  
Cumberland, RI  
at 10 am.

We will also recognize this special group on **Sunday, May 14**, at Trinity's 9:30 service.

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**Blood Drive – Thank you all who donated.**  
**We received 8 pints which will help 24 people!! Great job!!**

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### A UNIQUE THRIFT STORE

### THRIFT SHOP NEWS

*Shop. Donate. Volunteer.*

Open: Wed. & Fri. 10 am - 2 pm, Sat. 10 am - 4 pm

Donations: can be dropped off when the shop is open. For assistance or questions, please call Sandy at 374-1569. **Please do not drop items off at the church!**

Volunteers are always welcome. If you can do 3-4 hours each month, it would be a great help (and you would have a lot of fun, too!).

**Let's see who is celebrating a birthday in May . . . . .**



**May 3:** Mary Jane Smith

**May 9:** Christopher Parenteau

**May 10:** Tina Shardlow

**May 11:** Katharynne Hebert

**May 11:** Jim Segovis

**May 13:** Amelia Gervasio,  
Janice Heywood, Angelina Parrillo

**May 16:** Rachel Gervasio

**May 17:** Ken Belanger

**May 18:** Terry Belanger

**May 20:** Sean Cardin, Sandy Owens

**May 21:** Linda Campbell, Kaleigh Watts

**May 22:** Patty Kline

**May 24:** John DelSelva,  
Vickie Gaudiano, Maximus Marmaas

**May 25:** Steven Lautieri,  
Barbara Tomlinson

**May 26:** Alan Campbell,  
Bethanne Colvin

**May 27:** Dot Uttley

**May 28:** Robert Capron,  
Steve Gaddes

**May 30:** Chris Kershaw

**May 31:** Mary Jane Hartley

**May Anniversaries...**

*May 1, 2004 Sheila and Tim Boudreau*

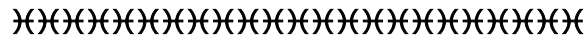
*May 8, 1971 Judi and Robert DuClau*

*May 8, 1962 Cynthia and Henry Connors*

*May 17, 2003 Kristine and Bob Gregory*

*May 17, 1986 Lynne and Ted Donnelly*

*May 31, 1975 Linda and Joe Alves*



**Coffee Hour**

Each Sunday, the community of Trinity Church welcomes visitors and members alike to join us for coffee and informal conversation in Aldrich Hall.



**May Coffee Hour Prep Schedule**

7 Mary Blackmore

14 Shirley Hutchings

21 John Strocky

28 Nancy Fraser

**May Coffee Hour**

7 Carole Stevens, Mary Blackmore, Glynis Lemlin

14 Mary Jane Hartley, Levond Jones, Megan Picozzi

21 Chris Picozzi, Robin O'Reilly, Jane Dempsy

28 Marilyn Landolfi, Jillian DeFusco, Kristen Gregory

## **UNITED THANK OFFERING**

Our annual United Thank Offering Ingathering at Trinity Church was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> this year. All donations will be presented at the Diocesan UTO Ingathering on May 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Barnabas Church in Warwick. There is still time to make a donation to this worthwhile cause. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church and may be placed in the offering plate or left at the Parish Office.



Our change can change lives! Pennies, dimes, quarters—these are the foundation of offerings of thanksgiving that are saved by people throughout the year to honor their daily blessings. If you have been saving your coins or wish to contribute a donation at this time, you will help to change the world by supporting missions of the United Thank Offering. The UTO has funded missions in Rhode Island, the United States and around the world—wherever people see the need and have the vision for ways that can improve lives of women and children as well as spread the Good News of God's love.

Trinity Church has been participating in this generous ministry for many years. Envelopes as well as Blue Boxes for your contributions are available in the basket at the rear of the church. Please help yourself to the many informative pamphlets available as well. Please make checks payable to: Trinity Church—UTO. Your donation will help to better the lives of others. Thank you for all your prayerful and generous contributions to this worthwhile ministry. Priscilla Liptrot, UTO Coordinator

### **MAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE**

#### **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - Youth Sunday**

Crucifier – Nicole Belanger

Torch Bearers - Isabella DeFusco and Ava Gregory

#### **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

Crucifier – William Gregory

Torch Bearers – Emma Santos and Elizabeth Blanchette

#### **Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Crucifier – Patrick Brannigan

Torch Bearers – Bridget Brannigan and Emma Picozzi

#### **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day**

Crucifier – Ava Gregory

Torch Bearers – Isabella DeFusco and Sarah Gregory

## PARISH SUPPORT SCHEDULE

Please remember if you cannot serve on your scheduled day it is your responsibility to find a replacement.  
Thank you!

### May 8:00 Service

#### May 7

Ushers- June Guglielmi and Kelly Lemire  
1<sup>st</sup> reading- June Guglielmi  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Cheryl Jackson  
Prayers of the People- Gail Harrison  
Chalice Bearer-Deirdre Spadazzi

#### May 21

Ushers- Priscilla and Bob Liptrot  
1<sup>st</sup> reading- Bob Liptrot  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Priscilla Liptrot  
Prayers of the People- June Guglielmi  
Chalice Bearer- Deirdre Spadazzi

#### May 14

Ushers- Tina and Norman Shardlow  
1<sup>st</sup> reading- Becky Smith  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Deirdre Spadazzi  
Prayers of the People- John Morgan  
Chalice Bearer- Becky Smith

#### May 28

Ushers- June Guglielmi and Kelly Lemire  
1<sup>st</sup> reading- John Morgan  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Gail Harrison  
Prayers of the People- Cheryl Jackson  
Chalice Bearer- Becky Smith

### May 9:30 Service

#### May 7 - YOUTH SUNDAY

Ushers-  
1<sup>st</sup> reading-  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading-  
Prayers of the People-  
Chalice Bearers- Megan Picozzi and  
Bethanne Colvin

#### May 21

Ushers- Dana Gianquitti and Mary  
Blackmore  
1<sup>st</sup> reading- Katy Tomlinson  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Jill Shurtleff  
Prayers of the People- Jim Sergovis  
Chalice Bearers- Nancy Fraser and Jim  
Sergovis

#### May 14

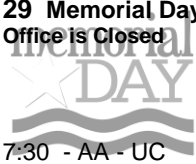
Ushers - Scott and Nancy Fraser  
1<sup>st</sup> reading- Mike Robbins  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Nancy Fraser  
Prayers of the People- Scott Fraser  
Chalice Bearers- Jane Dempsey and  
Barbara Barber

#### May 28

Ushers- Barbara Barber and Jill  
Shurtleff  
1<sup>st</sup> reading – Lynnette Cunningham  
2<sup>nd</sup> reading – Diane Weeks  
Prayers of the People- Barbara Barber  
Chalice Bearers- Megan Picozzi and  
Bethanne Colvin



# Trinity Episcopal Church – May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>  7:30 - AA - UC	<b>2</b> 5:30 – 6:30 – Worship Committee - UC  7-Choir--Sanctuarv	<b>3</b>  7 – Scouts - AH	<b>4</b> 9-11 - Food Closet-UC  10 – Coloring Group – Library	<b>5 WINGS RETREAT</b>  10-2 Thrift Shop	<b>6 WINGS RETREAT</b>  10-4 Thrift Shop  <b>5 – HE</b>
<b>7 Youth Sunday</b>  8:00 and 9:30 – HE  10:45 – 11:45 – SS  <b>WINGS RETREAT</b>	<b>8</b>  7:30 - AA - UC	<b>9</b>  7-Choir--Sanctuary	<b>10</b> 9 – 12 - EMF – Library  10-2 Thrift Shop  6:30 – 9:30 – EFM – Library 7 – Scouts - AH	<b>11</b> 9-11 - Food Closet-UC  10 – Coloring Group – Library	<b>12</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop	<b>13 9- Men’s Group –                      AH</b> <b>10:00 Confirmations                      – Emmanuel Church</b>  10-4 Thrift Shop  <b>5 – HE</b>
<b>14 <u>Mother’s Day</u></b> 8:00 and 9:30 – <b>HE</b> <b>Recognition of</b> <b>Confirmands</b>  10:45 – 11:45 – SS	<b>15</b>  7:30 - AA - UC	<b>16</b>  7-Choir--Sanctuary	<b>17</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop  7—Scouts - AH	<b>18 <u>Newsletter</u>                      Deadline</b> 9-11 - Food Closet 10 – Coloring Group - Library <b>6:30 – Vestry Mtg - AH</b>	<b>19</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop	<b>20</b> 10-4 Thrift Shop  <b>5 - HE</b>
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<b>28 8:00 and 9:30</b> <b>– HE</b>  10:45 – 11:45 – SS	<b>29 Memorial Day</b> Office is Closed  7:30 - AA - UC	<b>30</b>  7-Choir--Sanctuary	<b>31</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop  <b>6 - HE</b>  7 - Scouts			

# Trinity Episcopal Church – June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9-11 - Food Closet-UC  10 – Coloring Group – Library	<b>2</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop	<b>3</b> 10-4 Thrift Shop  <b>5 – HE</b>
<b>4 Pentecost Youth Sunday</b> <b>8:00 and 9:30 – HE</b> <b>End of Year Celebration</b> <b>1 - 3 Yard Sale Collection</b> 10:45 – 11:45 – SS	<b>5 9 – SOS - AH</b>  <b>9 - 1 - Yard Sale Collection</b>  7:30 - AA – UC	<b>6 9 - 1 - Yard Sale Collection</b>  7-Choir--Sanctuary	<b>7 9 - 1 Yard Sale Collection</b>  10-2 - Thrift Shop  7 – Scouts - AH	<b>8 9-11 - Food Closet-UC</b>  <b>9 - 1 - Yard Sale Collection</b> 10 – Coloring Group – Library	<b>9 10-2 Thrift Shop</b>  <b>9 - 1 - Yard Sale Collection</b>	<b>10 9 - 2 - Yard Sale – Church</b>  10-4 Thrift Shop  <b>5 – HE</b>
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<b>18 <u>Father's Day</u></b> <b>9:00 – HE</b>  10:45 – 11:45 – SS 1 - St. George's	<b>19</b>  7:30 - AA – UC	<b>20</b>	<b>21 10-2 Thrift Shop</b>	<b>22 9-11 - Food Closet-UC</b>  10 – Coloring Group – Library	<b>23 10 – 2 Thrift Shop</b>	<b>24 10-4 Thrift Shop</b>  <b>5 - HE</b>
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