



Lifeline

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A Message from Our Rector, *Fr. Kevin M. Cross*



Celebrating 14 Years of Arrival Here



Dancing Lisa



Easter Bunnies



Easter Sunday Altar



Change for Chande

Choir on Easter Sunday



Choir in Action



Presentation of Mary's



Maundy Thursday



Good Friday



Easter Egg Hunt Start



Father Kevin at Convention



Lunch Bunch



CHEERS and APPRECIATION

- Thank you to the entire Worship Support team: **Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Acolytes, Communion Ministers, Readers, and Ushers.** Your time and talent transform our services into times of beauty and sacredness
- Thank you to **Cora, the Holy Trinity Choir, and our guest musicians** for beautiful music that inspires the soul.
- Much appreciation to our **Building and Grounds** crew for making this space holy ground.
- Thank you to **Justine Cooney** for her gift of our new Stations of the Cross. These hand carved stations from Italy help us appreciate all that our Savior sacrificed for us.
- Gratitude to our Sunday School teachers, **Kathy Becker, Susie Dillon, and Pucky Lippincott** for so ably and lovingly conducting Sunday School during Barbara's absence.
- Thank you to our **Sunday School Children** for composing and leading us in the Easter Prayers of the People. You remind us to be thankful for all we have and to work each day toward helping those in need.
- Thanks to **Will and Josh Schmidt** for acting as our "Easter bunnies" to hide the eggs. The kids had a great time hunting for the Easter eggs.
- Much appreciation for the work of the **Oxford Garden Club** for crating the beautiful flower arrangements for our Lunch Bunch recipients. You brightened their day

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

Dinner Church – Wednesday April 24th at 5 pm

We are planning a series of monthly potluck dinners starting in April. These dinners will have all the epicurean and fellowship delights of a typical potluck dinner combined with a church service. Our first Dinner Church is scheduled for Wednesday April 25th at 5 pm. The dinner will include an evening prayer service. This evening, our worship service will be the Evening Prayer Service from The New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. It is a beautiful poetic and calming service for the end of the day. The potluck theme is Springtime. Let your imaginations run wild and let's share each other's gastronomic vision of Springtime. A sign-up list is posted in the Parish hall or you may call the office to rsvp.

Connie's Corner



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -**Eleanor Roosevelt**
 Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. -**Martin Luther King Jr.**
 Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game. -**Babe Ruth**
 "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated." – **Maya Angelou**
 "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall." – **Nelson Mandela**
 "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." – **Thomas A. Edison**
 "Everything you can imagine is real." – **Pablo Picasso**
 "There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." – **Colin Powell**

Birds all up in a tree
 Beautiful, always free
 Your feathers all a twitter
 Full of life, full of glitter
 Your inspiration means so much to me
 Your enthusiasm for life gives me glee
 How I wish I could fly
 A dream come true before I die
 You give me strength and such hope
 For a love, something not dope
 Hold me in your wings of love
 My angels sent directly from above
 You have no idea how special you are
 Borne me now, please take me afar

"Written by Connie Greenhawk

If you would like to submit a favorite saying or thought, email to Connie at office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org

Check back of calendar for
 Archbishop Letter

DO NOT BE AFRAID

“Do not be afraid” was the theme of my Easter Sunday sermon. These are frightful times. The world is beset with wars, famines, and climate catastrophes. To be fearful in such times is an experience that is felt by many of us. This experience can become paralyzing. The message we heard on Sunday from the angel at Jesus tomb and from the resurrected Christ himself is as needed today as it was 2,000 years ago. “Be not afraid” is one of the most frequently quoted phrases in the Bible. God knows that fear and worry are chronic conditions of humankind. Our loving God does not desire for us to live our lives consumed by such negative emotions. God says: *“Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.”* Deuteronomy 31:6 KJV



I recently read an article on this subject by Pete Grieg. Pete is the prayer leader of Lectio 365 and the author of the recent studies in prayer with which Holy Trinity has been engaged. He begins his reflection on the passage from 1 John 4:18-19: *“¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love^[a] because He first loved us..”*

God is love. Pete writes God’s perfect love drives out fear...One of the primary longings of the human heart is for security, a place of safety, for our spirits, souls and bodies. In this text, the Apostle John brings a fresh revelation that confidence and stability come only in the recognition of Jesus, the beloved Son of God. To acknowledge Him is to welcome the Father’s love, which is the purest place of refuge for our whole being. His love dispels completely any fears faced in this life. There is much uncertainty in these times, with many unsure of where to turn and what to trust. Yet God is able to keep us fully in perfect love, for He is perfect. In the midst of a global crisis, may we turn our attention and our affection to Jesus, allowing His love to settle the anxieties of our circumstance.”



The evangelist John quotes Christ in this reassuring passage *“¹⁴ I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.”* John 10:14-15

As I shared on Sunday, when I was diagnosed with cancer it was a time of great fear for me. I needed good counsel and I found that in the writing of Julian of Norwich. Julian was a mystic and spiritual guide who lived in England during the time of the plague. She suffered the loss of family and friends. It was a fearful time. Yet through prayer and dwelling on the love of God she found not only strength but the confidence to know that God would not leave this world or humanity in a state of fear. God’s love overcomes all. So her advice to others was the powerful, declarative statement: ***“All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.”*** This simple phrase helped me vanquish my fears of cancer. I return to it whenever I am feeling fearful. Our God has promised he will never leave us alone. In these times of fear, I encourage people to spend time in prayer. Let God know that of which you are afraid and ask God to drive out the fear with his love.

Need more reassurance? Pray with friends and perhaps take time to dwell on Psalm 119, a psalm of strength, confidence, and God’s love.

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

MISSION SECTION



Talbot Interfaith Shelter Drive

The mission project for the month of April is focused on meeting the needs of the Talbot Interfaith Shelter. Talbot Interfaith Shelter was formed in 2008 by a group of concerned members of Talbot County faith communities. In 2014, they received a permit to operate a year-round shelter facility at a former bed and breakfast called Easton's Promise. They have since developed their S4 Program (Shelter, Stability, Support, Success), which includes case management, educational programming, and subsidized transitional housing. In 2022, they opened a second shelter, which now serves single men and women. All of this has been made possible by YOUR generosity, money, time, fellowship, and compassion. This year TIS has faced very challenging financial times as donations to all non-profits are down. We will be collecting donations for TIS throughout the month of April. A list of needed items is included below. The drop off bins for donations are in the River Room of the Parish hall. If you would like to make a financial donation you may make a check out to the church with TIS listed on the note line. Juli Wells, Executive Director of TIS will join us at both services and Sunday School on Sunday April 14th.

Fresh fruit & low-sugar snacks for diabetics	Hand washing detergent	Coffee-drip grind both regular & decaf & Keurig coffee & tea pods
Paper towels, selectable sized ones appreciated	Creamer-powdered or liquid	Murphy's oil or hardwood floor cleaner
Laundry detergent, hypo-allergenic for HE washer	Automatic dishwasher detergent	Antiseptic wipes-both for hands & counters
Dryer sheets, hypo-allergenic, non-scent	Trash bags, kitchen and larger	Low scent floor cleaner for tile
Toilet paper	Sugar	Individual bottled water
Towels & Washcloths	Endust/Pledge or dusting aid	



OXFORD DAY HOLY TRINITY PLANT SALE

Spring is here....please plan on buying your flowers and garden plants at the HOLY TRINITY PLANT SALE ON OXFORD DAY

Saturday, April 27 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

If you would like to help with the Plant Sale, please contact

Beverly Rohman at 410-829-9561, Carla Todd at 443-983-3457 or Steve Weissenberger at 443-521-3314

ALL proceeds go to support Local Missions!

Daughters of the King



The Daughters of the King, a worldwide order of women dedicated to prayer and service, will meet in the Parish Hall at 10:00 on Tuesday April 9th. All are welcomed to attend.

Prayer Requests

It seems we can all use prayers at some point in our lives. Some people are fine about others knowing they are being prayed for, and sometimes people want to be prayed for quietly and in confidence.

Here at Holy Trinity, our Holy Comforter chapter of the Daughters of the King prays daily and keeps those requests confidential. We do not need to know what it is about - God knows. If you would like us to pray for you or someone else, please contact either Midge Menzies, Barb Cross, or Sharon Paz.



Please join us for a hope-filled morning of spiritual and emotional encouragement.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

9:00-NOON

DOORS OPEN AT 8:15

REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

CALL 410-226-5134 BY APRIL 17

TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FROM 8:15-8:45



A Morning Of Hope

for anyone touched by
cancer

presented by

Lynn Eib

*cancer patient advocate,
longtime survivor & best-
selling author*

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Lynn Eib is the author of
When God & Cancer Meet and
50 Days of Hope.
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Finding Hope in the Journey of Dementia

with Dorothy Linthicum



We are grateful to collaborate with Holy Trinity Oxford for this event. Join us with Dorothy Linthicum and explore notions of prevention, the basics of a diagnosis, and the hope found in possibilities. Whether you are a family or community member, a caregiver, or a pastoral leader, this topic is universally vulnerable. How can we help one another face the diagnosis of dementia in our families, among friends, or in ourselves?

Brené Brown writes: "Vulnerability is the birthplace of love, belonging, joy, courage, empathy, and creativity. It is the source of hope, empathy, accountability, and authenticity." Let us be reminded of the power of vulnerability, not to be avoided but embraced, and in embracing, taking a first step toward easing our fears.

We will explore how the self is never destroyed despite the severity of a disease or condition, an understanding that comes from many fields, including psychology, neurology, psychiatry, philosophy, and spirituality, among others. Dorothy is co-author, along with Janice Hicks, of *Redeeming Dementia: Spirituality, Theology, and Science*. Bring all of your questions, whether you are family members seeking to learn more, caretakers exploring practices, or pastoral leaders meeting community members where they are in their journey.

Wednesday, April 17 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Conversation

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Educational Section

Sunday School

We have just two more sessions of Sunday school for this school year- April 14 and April 28. We look forward to the children joining us for these last sessions. We know there are many possibilities on Sunday mornings and we appreciate the families prioritizing Sunday school. The children's understanding of God's unconditional love and forgiveness is something that they will always have with them in addition to learning Bible stories which exemplify this.

On April 14 the children will decide how to allocate the funds raised during the Lenten project Change for Change. This is always such a wonderful exchange of thoughts and ideas. The children are incredibly thoughtful, kind, loving children. Thank you, our church family, for your fabulous generosity. You will find out about the children's decisions of how to allocate funds at the 10:00 service on April 14. The list will also be in the May Lifeline.

April 28 will be our last day for this school year. This year has gone by so quickly. Many thanks to Susie Dillon for being such a great sub for me as I recovered from foot surgery and for Pucky Lippincott and Kathy Becker being their usual wonderful selves.

Barbara Cross

Remember how in February 2022 the Sunday School children made cards and prayer hearts to remind us that God is always with us? Here is a photo of Sandy Kaufman's Mom with the red felt heart made by the Sunday school children. She carries it in her pocket to remind herself that Jesus loves her!! She will be 97 on April 30!



URGENT NEED FOR USED CAR

In October 2022, Yana Orlovska and her mother, Inga Denysiuk, arrived from Ukraine, sponsored by Ad Duer, who had met the ladies while traveling and teaching in Ukraine. Ad incurred all the costs of sponsorship and assured the U.S. Welcome Agency that he would support the ladies for two years. Unfortunately, Ad passed away quite suddenly last month.

Upon arriving in Easton, Yana and Inga were greeted by Ad and his friends, Rich O'Brien and Gerri Leder, both parishioners at Christ Church Easton. Collectively, they arranged for an apartment and furnishings and raised funds, which have helped to support the ladies through the first 15 months of their stay in America. Inga found work at a St. Michaels gluten-free bakery and Yana worked at Capsized last year; currently they are working with a residential cleaning service. They were able to save enough money to purchase a used 2000 PT Cruiser. Unexpectedly, the engine in the car "blew up" last week and is irreparable. Consequently, the ladies are without transportation to travel to and from their work and are in urgent need of a replacement vehicle, but they have no funds with which to purchase it.

Please contact Gordon Fronk at (443) 562-2707, if you have a vehicle which could be lent, leased or sold, which would be serviceable for the foreseeable future, without incurring significant costs of repair and maintenance. Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Gordon D. Fronk

Inquiring Believers Study the Old Testament

Currently, the group is studying the Old Testament using Professor Robert Miller's Great Courses video lectures for a class titled, *Understanding the Old Testament*, and sections from Paul Johnson's *A History of the Jews*. We are also reading sections of the Old Testament that correspond to Professor Miller's lectures.

We meet every Monday evening at 5:00 and are always happy to welcome new members. If you would like to join in, please contact Bob Kelly at kellyrf@lemoyne.edu or Dave Poe at davidrussellpoe@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will meet via Zoom at 5 pm on April 9th and April 30th. We are continuing our journey through the prophets.

Music

March Service Musicians

April 7th 9:30 a.m. The Holy Trinity Choir

April 21st 10 a.m. The Holy Trinity Choir

May 5th 9:30 a.m. Ashley Watkins, Flute and The Holy Trinity Choir

Come join the choir this spring and early summer! No experience necessary. Everyone is welcome!

Upcoming April Concert featuring the Amara Trio!

Sunday April 14, 2024 2 p.m. Parish Hall

Please note the concert time!



The Amara Trio was formed in the summer of 2023, at the Kneisel Hall Chamber Music Festival. The Trio members are students at The Juilliard School. An outstanding feature of this ensemble is their commitment to community. The Trio performs in retirement homes in New York and New Jersey and at Mt. Sinai Hospital (New York). What a joy to be able to spend time with these outstanding musicians whose passion is not only for their music but enriching the lives of the sick and elderly. Please come support and encourage these young adults as they

continue their studies at The Juilliard School as an Honors Chamber Group.

A freewill offering will be taken to support The Chesapeake Chamber Music Competition Fund.

Save The Date!

Organ Concert with Dr. Wayne Wold

May 5th 4 p.m. Sanctuary

Holy Trinity will be hosting Dr. Wayne Wold for the Mid-Shore American Guild of Organist Chapter's Spring Concert. Please come hear our small but mighty organ in concert! Dr. Wold served as the Chapel Organist at Camp David for many years and is the Director of the Church Music Institute at Shenandoah University (Winchester).

Dear Kevin and All loved ones at The Church of the Holy Trinity. I so want to thank you for the flowers, soups and sandwiches that have been provided to me and my brother during this trying time . We so appreciated all the goodness and love we have received. Much love back to you. Nancy Cooper

WOMEN ON A JOURNEY

Women On A Journey was on hiatus for the month of March. Next meeting is on April 10th, 9:30 am.



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MISSION

The Church of The Holy Trinity, an Episcopal Parish in Oxford, Maryland: a caring Christian community dedicated to growing in God's love through worship, study, service and fellowship.

Who We Are

We are a small parish with a big heart comprised of committed people willingly sharing their talents to help those in need.

We are all seekers on a spiritual journey; encouraging of others also on the journey, and non-judgmental of where one might be on that journey.



Service Schedule is as follows:

Sunday Holy Eucharist Services are held 8:00 am and 10:00 am. On the first Sunday of every month a combined service at 9:30 am. All services are in-person and broadcast