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



Bishop
Shand's
Visit



Blessing the Ferry



Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service



Vestry Installation



Polar
Plunge





CHEERS and APPRECIATION

- Thank you to **Connie** for everything she does each day to make our church such a welcoming place. Her care comes through every encounter with new and current members, and she keeps us looking good with her work on our bulletins, Lifeline and accounts receivable. We also thank her for her monthly words of encouragement and lovely poems in our Lifeline.
- We thank **Cora, the Holy Trinity Choir and guest musicians Melissa Wise, Wendell Banyay and Michelle Webb** for their beautiful music on Easter Sunday.
- Much appreciation to our **Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Acolytes, Lectors, and Ushers** for supporting our worship services and making them times of inspiration.
- Much appreciation for our **Sunday School Teachers and our children, and parents**. You inspire us as you teach the word of God and show the way. Their Change for Change project is transforming the world.
- Thank all of you for your participation in making this a better world through spreading the Good News of Christ and offering a welcoming community.

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

Milestones

Passed On

Gary Lewis



Our prayer shawl ministry is an extension of our pastoral care to members of our community who are ill and/or home bound. Members of this ministry knit our Prayer Shawls and while doing so he or she is in prayer for the person who is to receive it. *"As I make this prayer shawl I prayed for the one who will receive it. I prayed for that one to receive from God the help needed. I prayed that they would be reminded that they are not alone. I prayed that they would find in this shawl a place of comfort and strength."* At our monthly healing Eucharist service, the shawls are blessed and then gifted to those in need by Fr. Kevin and our pastoral ministry team. We need volunteers to knit shawls for distribution. If you like to **"kinit one, purl two..."** this is the ministry for you! If you are interested in joining this vital ministry, please call the parish office at 410-226-5134.

Connie's Corner



"The two most important days in your life are the day you are born... and the day you find out why."

~ Mark Twain

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

"I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence I can reach for; perfection is God's business." ~ Michael J. Fox

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." - Frederick Douglass

"Be not afraid of growing slowly; be afraid only of standing still." - Chinese Proverb

"Recognizing that you are not where you want to be is a starting point to begin changing your life." - Deborah Day

"What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Jane Goodall

"Change is the law of life and those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future." - John F. Kennedy

What do you feel when you see the crucifixion
Are you like me, my heart and soul in total fixation
Of Jesus, nailed to a cross, suffering such pain
A man of God not deserving of such disdain
One who, even in death, knew He was there for man-kind

Wanting us to believe Him when He said you will not be left behind

A mother watching her son die
In disbelief, not wanting to say goodbye
His body wrapped with such care
Such heartache for those there
And such joy when they found Him risen
He arose, determined to fulfill His vision
And His believers so ready to follow
Because they knew His promises were not hollow.

"Written by Connie Greenhawk

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

We Are Resurrection People

Mary Magdalene wept upon finding the tomb of Jesus empty. Two angels, who sat in the tomb at the head and foot of where Jesus had lain, gently asked her ***“Woman, why weepest thou? Whom seekest thou?”*** ***“Because they have taken away my Lord and I know not where they have laid him”*** replies Mary. Confused, grieving, and empty Mary is lost. A few moments later a man, who she assumes to be the gardener, asks her the same question. With the mention of her name, ***“Mary”*** she recognizes it is he whom she seeks. She sees her Lord, her Rabbouni, her teacher and friend, Jesus standing in front of her. In that instance, her tears are wiped away, and her grief gives way to hope and joy. Her empty heart is restored to life.

This is not just Mary’s story. This is our story. This is the story we relive each year during Holy Week. The passion and joy of our Palm Sunday celebration is dashed away at the reading of the Passion. Our Holy Week services slowly relive this painful journey until on Easter morn, when life is restored to the world. Christians across the ages and throughout the world are united in this annual pilgrimage. It is both a communal and private, emotion drenched journey, corporal and spiritual in nature, of meditation, worship and private prayer. We all become like Mary Magdalene. Our hearts are broken too. This is our common heritage.

Yet, in the end this journey is one of resurrection. We too are restored in faith, hope and love. At Easter we celebrate and once again are reminded of what uniquely defines us as a church. We, like Mary, are Easter people. We are Easter people.

What does an Easter person do with their life? We can learn from Mary. She did what her Rabbouni asked her to do. She ran forth from the garden of the dead to proclaim life to the world. As Easter people we too are called to proclaim and restore life to the land. Our annual pilgrimage is done. This is the time to step out into the world with renewed hope, joy, compassion and commitment to justice. This is our new year. What resurrections will you bring forth in the world this year? There is much to do, and the world is in need of joy.



Blessings. Fr. Kevin

The Trinity Forum at Holy Trinity

There are interesting beginnings for discussions about faith, the role it plays in our lives and in leadership. The Trinity Forum (TTF), guided in its formative years by Os Guinness, has published a number of essays that challenge the mind and awaken the senses in our lives of citizenship and leadership.

Al Sikes, who chaired the Forum’s Board for a number of years, and I, are going to lead discussions around selected essays. We are going to begin with Vaclav Havel’s Politics, Morality and Civility. Havel you might recall was the Czech dissident who took over after the fall of communism. The TTF describes the essay as **“a clear look at the world situation and a call for our cultures and our leaders to rediscover or cultivate what Havel termed “higher responsibility”, a morally grounded vision for the common good.**

We hope to begin this series in the next month. **If you are interested, please talk to Al, Fr. Kevin, or call the parish office at 410-226-5134.**



Inquiring Believers Men's Bible Study Continues Study of Islam

The *Inquiring Believers Men's Bible Study* meets on Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall of Holy Trinity. We'll continue our study of Islam by viewing and then discussing lectures in the Great Courses 12-lecture class titled, *Great World Religions: Islam*, taught by Georgetown University Professor Emeritus, Dr. John L. Esposito.

Our gatherings are marked by friendly social interaction and the sharing of ideas and opinions through lively discussion. We often try to look at current events through the lens of a Believer. As always, we are 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



WOMAN ON A JOURNEY

We are starting a new book in April

Julian of Norwich: The Showings: Uncovering the Face of the Feminine in Revelations of Divine Love Mirabai Starr 2022

Julian of Norwich promises that, in spite of appearances to the contrary, all is well. Not just that creation was beautifully made to begin with and that it will all work out in the end, but that everything is all right at every moment, if we could only look through the eyes of love.

Come join us for fabulous discussions, discoveries and fellowship.

Meetings in the Parish Hall and via Zoom the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month

The next meeting is **April 15th at 9:00 am**

For more information contact Beverly Rohman at 410-829-9561 or beverlyrohman@gmail.com

Scotts Food Pantry on the Go

"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." Romans 12: 11-13.

Our new partnership with Scotts Methodist Church Food Pantry on the Go has led to opportunities for us to work with this critical partner of the local food pantry network. For three months several of us have shown up once a month to help distribute fresh protein, vegetables, and fruit once a month from the parking lot of Scotts Church. This ministry typically serve over 100 local families per month.

Our community Shrove Tuesday Supper brought together the three Oxford churches and Scott's for a fun evening of good food and fellowship. It raised \$800 for the food pantry.

The next distribution day is Thursday, April 30th. You are invited to join us in volunteering to help this wonderful mission. If you are available and interested, please email or call Fr. Kevin.

WOMEN ON A JOURNEY

Women on a Journey (WOJ) is a book discussion group open to all women at Holy Trinity. We meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 9-10. We are just starting the book Julian of Norwich: The Showings by Mirabel Starr. As you can see from the photo, in addition to participating in person, one can also participate via Zoom. Beverly Rohman is our discussion facilitator.





GROUP ACTIVITIES.



Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:30 pm

We are continuing our series of bimonthly potluck dinners this month. These dinners have all the epicurean and fellowship delights of a typical potluck dinner combined with a church service. Our second Dinner Church of 2026 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:30 pm. The dinner will include an evening prayer service. The potluck theme is Farewell Winter. Bring on Spring. Let your imaginations run wild and let's share each other's gastronomic vision of this passage from winter to spring. A sign-up list is posted in the Parish hall or you may call the office at 410-226-5134 to RSVP.



New sign to enhance the security of our property.



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King, a worldwide order of women dedicated to prayer and service. Our next Daughters of the King Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 14th, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.



OXFORD DAY PLANT SALE

Spring is here.....*please* plan on buying your garden plants, hanging baskets and a lot more at the

HOLY TRINITY PLANT SALE ON OXFORD DAY

Saturday, April 25, 2026

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Volunteers are needed for any time you can share:

Friday afternoon 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm – setting up

Saturday from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm – selling and clean up

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

Beverly Rohman at 410-829-9561 or Linda Wilson at 410-236-1340

ALL proceeds go to support Local Missions!



Trio Animoso Community Concert

April 12, 2026 2 p.m.

The Church of the Holy Trinity

502 S. Morris Street, Oxford MD

An exciting afternoon of incredibly beautiful music with Trio Animoso comes to Oxford, compliments of the Chesapeake Music Competition. As a finalist, these virtuosic musicians will share music from their extensive repertoire and competitions in a free Community Concert. Performing for outreach concerts at educational institutions, public schools, and retirement communities along with concert series, such as the March 2026 Essex Winter Series, Yale Vista Concert Series, and the opening concert of the Philadelphia Athenaeum fills the schedule of these young Yale University musicians. If you have not experienced the sounds of harp, viola, and flute in Holy Trinity Sanctuary's beautiful acoustics, you must come!



Sunday School

It's been a busy year for Sunday School. We have been studying the life of Jesus including imagining what Jesus' life was like as a boy. We played games with balls made out of pine cones and yarn and with cloth wrapped up. We used sticks for bats and balancing and hid objects under shells. To help us imagine the geography of where Jesus lived, Susie Wheeler's daughter Lindsley showed us slides and videos of the old and new Jerusalem and the desert. It was so helpful to see them and imagine Jesus being there. The children also enjoyed fun watching Lindsley's two sons explore the areas.

There are just two Sundays left for this school year. We will be meeting April 12th and 26th at 10:00 and will be discussing how to allot the funds raised during the Lenten project Change for Change. Thanks to your generosity, over \$3000 was raised. We will have the children's decisions listed in the May Lifeline. It's always fun to see what the children thoughtfully decide.



What's happening with the Columbarium?

Many of you have asked about the stakes that have recently appeared in the Columbarium. These stakes outline the dimensions of our planned expansion. This expansion is necessary as there are only 5 niches still available. This project will add approximately 40 niches to our overall capacity. The construction work will begin soon. The cost of this project will be fully paid for out of the Columbarium fund. More details to follow in the May Lifeline.



2026 Concert Schedule

May 3rd 4 p.m. Bob McDonald & Tony Nalker (Show Tunes/Broadway songs)

May 31st 4 p.m. Monte Maxwell (Organ Dedication Concert)

July 5th 4 p.m. David & Ginger Hildebrand (Colonial Music)

September 27th 3 or 4 p.m. Mystery Concert

October 4th 9:30 Kirkin Sunday,
3 p.m. Chivalrous Crickets Concert (Celtic music/traditional instruments)

November 8th 5 p.m. Silent Movie with Tedde Gibson (Organ)

December tbd Redd Brothers Christmas Jazz



From the Broadway to the Silver Screen with Bob MacDonald and Tony Nalker



Broadway meets Hollywood in one spectacular afternoon. Bob McDonald brings to life the greatest songs of stage and screen - from the Golden Age of Broadway to Academy Award-winning cinema classics. A dazzling celebration of the music that defined our greatest stories, whether they were born in a Hollywood studio or under a Broadway spotlight.

Bob McDonald, who served over 26 years with the U.S. Army Chorus, with the incomparable Tony Nalker, jazz pianist with the Smithsonian Jazz Masterworks Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra Pops.

Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 4 pm

Church of the Holy Trinity - Parish Hall

502 S. Morris Street, Oxford, Maryland

For more information on call: 410-226-5134

Attendance is free. A free will offering will be taken to defray artist expenses

We kindly ask attendees to bring a non-perishable food donation
to help support local Food Pantries.



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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