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



Oxford Day Parade



Animal Blessing



Church Azalea



Plant Sale





## CHEERS and APPRECIATION

- Cheers and appreciation for our **Sunday School children** completing a very successful Change for Change program throughout Lent and for showing such thoughtfulness awarding their grants to those in need. Much thanks to all who contributed to this program.
- Congratulations to our **Sunday School children, teachers and parents** for a very successful year of learning about our loving God. Special thanks to **Barbara Cross, Veronica Wainwright and Linda Wilson**, our wonderful teachers,
- Thank you to all for a wonderful Plant Sale helping raise funds for local charities. Special thanks to our chairs **Beverly Rohman and Linda Wilson**.
- Congratulations to **Midge Menzies and Leslie Ware** upon receiving the **Women and Girls' Fund 2026** award for their years of support and fund raising for the Talbot Hospice House.
- 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.
- Thank you to **Cora, our choir and guest musicians, Wendel Banyay and Michelle Webb**, for the inspiring Easter service music.

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

### Dinner Church

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**



We are continuing our series of potluck dinners this month. These dinners have all the epicurean and fellowship delights of a typical potluck dinner combined with a church service. Our fourth Dinner Church of 2026 is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. The dinner will include an evening prayer service. The potluck theme is the Merry Month of May. Let your imaginations **run wild and let's share each other's gastronomic vision** of merriment

### Milestones

Passed On

Catherine Welch

Lou Ann Madary

### Connie's Corner



"Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you. **Nathaniel Hawthorne**

Be brave enough to live life creatively. The creative place where no one else has ever been. **Alan Alda**

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. **Anne Frank**

If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants. **Isaac Newton**

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you find it. **Steve Jobs**

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship. **Buddha**

Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you. **Walt Whitman**

Do you think there is an art to giving  
No my friends, it is a part of living  
To help someone who is in need  
Plants hope, like a much needed seed  
So easy to extend an open hand  
Opening your heart to a new land  
Of sharing, whether a lot or what you can do  
Will bring peace, love and God to you  
So do what you can when you can  
I promise you, you will be a better woman or man.

Written by Connie Greenhawk

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## The Presence of God

If there is one phrase found repeatedly throughout Scripture, it is this: “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.” **Isiah 41:10** We hear this repeatedly, yet we trust and believe it. In times like these, when life is challenging, it can be hard to discern God’s plan for salvation. Even when we feel we are doing our best to live according to God’s will, our lives can still be visited by suffering. Such times can be frightening and thus the reassurance that God is always with us is an important one. It tells us that in God we can always count on finding shelter from the storms of life. The storms may rage around us, we may think we are lost, abandoned or about to drown, but Jesus assures us that God’s abiding spirit will always be with us. The Quakers have a wonderful concept of the light of Christ residing within us. Origen one of the early church fathers wrote that the reign of God is the coming of the Father and Son into the soul of the one who truly prays. **John 14:23** Classic theology understands this as the coming of the Holy Spirit.

God blesses us with signs of his life in us every day, but these blessings often go unseen. I want to tell you a story that provides a more literal example of this image of concept. I heard this story on the evening news a few years ago and it touched me deeply. When pro football player Konrad Reuland was hospitalized with a brain aneurysm, he took it as a sign. He texted his mom from the hospital, “God has something big in store for me. I can’t wait to see where His will takes me.” But a few hours later, the aneurysm ruptured. His parents, Mary and Ralf, raced to his side. “I had my right ear on his chest and talked to him and laid in bed all day and listened to his heartbeat all day long,” Mary said. However, tragically her son was brain-dead at age 29. If this was God’s plan, it sure felt like an awful one. Mary remembers saying “And then when we left, I said, ‘Whoever gets his heart, better deserve it.’”

Enter, Rod Carew the famous Panamanian baseball player. Even if you’re not a baseball fan you may know the name. On this news broadcast, he spoke of his part in this story. He recalled: “One year earlier, I had a massive heart attack. The paramedic, who had the paddles in his hand, said ‘Come on we’re losing him!’ And then, I was gone.”

Long before that massive heart attack landed him on the transplant list, the hall-of-famer played for the Minnesota Twins and California Angels. Along the way he earned a reputation for being great with kids, including one wide-eyed boy named Konrad Reuland. His mother Mary recalls, “He gets in the car, big eyes and everything -- he’s about 11, maybe 12 -- and he’s saying, ‘Mom, mommy, I met Rod Carew today! You know, he’s a pro athlete. I want to be a pro athlete.’ And the rest of the day that’s all he talked about was meeting Rod Carew,”



They only met that one time, but these two professional athletes are now inseparable. Because a few months before he died, Konrad checked the organ donor box on his driver’s license application, and by sheer coincidence, the man who received his heart was none other than Rod Carew. The two families got together recently at Reuland’s house in Orange County, California. Rod said, “I’m going to ask his mom to listen to his heart and tell me how beautiful it sounds.” In response, Mary said, “That was really cathartic for me to be able to hear it again,” Every heartbeat is unique -- and she said this one was unquestionably Konrad’s. “I’ve got it memorized,” she said.

The two families have teamed up to use Rod and Konrad’s celebrity to promote the American Heart Association and to encourage many more people to become organ donors. “If we can save a life -- and that means including Konrad now, you know, wherever I go, he’s going to be there,” Rod said. When Konrad sent his mom the text, saying he felt like God still had a plan for him, he obviously thought he would go on living. And now we know he did.

You know, when we share life with one another, whether it is in a dramatic manner as in the story of Konrad and Rod or when we simply break bread together, something happens between us. Barriers come down. We relate in a more intimate manner. We begin to see each other as we truly are. We begin to see the Christ that resides within our hearts. There is something sacred in acts of sharing.

A few years ago, our Sunday School children were learning about Holy Eucharist. Their final activity was to make a Holy Communion book illustrating some of the lessons they had learned. The picture that one of the children drew to accompany the text showed a big heart with the face of a smiling Jesus within.

God is always, always with us. I offer you a prayer of St. Patrick that for me is a balm for these times. I hope it is so for you as well.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.” Amen

Blessings. Fr. Kevin



**GROUP ACTIVITIES**

**Inquiring Believers Men's Bible Study  
Finish the 2025-26 Study Year**

The Inquiring Believers, *a.k.a.* men's bible study group, completes its 2025-26 study year in mid-May. Shortly, we will select a book, lecture series, and/or film(s) for study and discussion in the fall of 2026. We will share information about our selection in a coming issue of *Lifeline*. Stay tuned—we reconvene in mid-September!

Inquiring Believers gatherings (Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM) 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](mailto:kellyrf@lemoyne.edu) or Dave Poe at [davidrussellpoe@gmail.com](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of the month

The next meeting is **May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**

For more information contact Beverly Rohman at 410-829-9561 or [beverlyrohman@gmail.com](mailto: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, May 26<sup>th</sup>. You are invited to join us at 7:30 am in volunteering to help this wonderful mission. If you are available and interested, please email or call Fr. Kevin.

**Food Pantry Donations**



We continue our support of our community Food Pantries. We ask you to remember there are many in our community who are food deprived. Please join our effort when you are shopping for your groceries. If we all buy an extra can or box of food, we can have a tremendous impact on the needs of our community. There is a shopping cart and baskets in our Parish House set up for collection of food items. Our mission team will take the food items to the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton on a regular basis.

The items most needed are:

Pasta,	Mac 'n Cheese	Jelly
Nuts, dried fruits	Cans of Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Beans,	Breakfast bars, Cereal
Instant Rice Packets	Soup	Pedialyte
Spaghetti and sauce	Peanut Butter	Granola Bars
Health & personal-shampoo, toothpaste, women's hygiene supplies, lotion, bath washing gel, aspirin, cough syrup, band aids, diapers, toilet paper		

As we know, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Thank you for your generosity



## GROUP ACTIVITIES.



On **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**, there will be a general meeting for all Altar Guild members in the **Parish Hall**. **Snacks and drinks will be provided!** We'll review schedules and teams and wish Ginny Wagner our best as she steps down from the Directress position.

Also, if anyone has wanted to know more about joining the Altar Guild, Please Come! New volunteers are always welcomed and needed. Training is provided and you will work with experienced team members. Any questions-please reach out to Nancy Roberts (609-647-2622) or Sandy Wrightson (410-822-0205).

Please RSVP to Connie.



## OXFORD DAY PLANT SALE .... WINDY & WONDERFUL

The brutal winds and cold weather did not prevent our amazing church community -- of more than 40 volunteers -- from coming together and enjoying a day of fellowship and fun. Robin's Nest provided us with a beautiful selection of plants and baskets that graced our front lawn and welcomed all to Oxford. Thanks to the support of co-leaders Linda Wilson and Leslie Cone, the event ran smoothly and efficiently...as well as providing lots of special treats, warm gloves and attention to all our needs.

Our Holy Trinity Plant Sale is always a highlight of Oxford Day.....and blessed time to spotlight our fabulous church community and ways of sharing our faith, friendships and flower sales that benefit so many. It is as much --- or even more -- about fellowship as it is about flowers! With modest earnings of approximately \$2,600, we continue to grow our mission funds for local groups and organizations.

Thank you ALL for supporting our efforts! With appreciation - Beverly Rohman



## 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, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to attend.

## The Trinity Forum at Holy Trinity

This forum will offer 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.

The first forum is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 pm**. Copies of the Havel essay are available from the church office. We anticipate this will be the first of an ongoing series at Holy Trinity. **If you are interested, please talk to Al Sikes, Fr. Kevin, or call the parish office at 410-226-5134.**

## Pastoral Care Volunteers

*"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,"* Ephesians 4:11-12

Do you feel called to reach out to community members who would appreciate an occasional visit? We are seeking compassionate individuals to carry out pastoral care visits to our homebound, elderly, and sick community members. Volunteers are sought to provide companionship and spiritual support to supplement pastoral visits by Fr. Kevin. Training and background will be offered.

Visits will be conducted as Jesus sent the twelve " *7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two,*"

Mark 6:7

If you are interested, please contact Fr. Kevin, [rector@holyltrinityoxfordmd.org](mailto:rector@holyltrinityoxfordmd.org) or call 410-226-5134.



MISSION SECTION

Sunday School

Thank you from the Sunday School

Many thanks to you for your support of the Sunday school this past school year. This year, the Lenten program of Change for Change raised \$3345 thanks to your generosity. In change and bills \$752 was collected and the rest was in checks.

The children thoughtfully made the decisions as to how to spend the money on various charities. We always start out with local charities and it was decided to donate \$300 to Neighborhood Service Center and an additional \$300 to St. Vincent de Paul.



After the children went through the expenditures for other donations, there was seven dollars left so they decided to add that to the NSC.

We use the Child Fund because we know it's an excellent organization and they have a pair of goats for breeding. The children decided on donations from a variety of areas. They decided on the following:

School scholarship and bike (there was a great conversation about why a bike would be needed for someone to go to school), chickens, warm jackets, clean water, jerry cans so that people can carry the clean water, solar lamps, mosquito nets, school latrines

(interesting discussion about what a latrine is), beds, sewing machine, and training, restocking a health clinic, and a wheelchair. Again, we thank you all for helping to make this possible.

We also thank the parents, grandparents, and great grandparents for bringing the children to Sunday school. We know there are many options and families are so busy.

Additionally, we thank teachers, Veronica Wainwright, Linda Wilson, and Barbara Cross.

Our last day of Sunday School for this school year was held on April 26. We had a fun time playing games and making our own sundaes. See you in September!



Soupmasters

Scott's Food Pantry



Dinner Church & Service



Kevin Watering Piano



## 2026 Concert Schedule

May 10<sup>th</sup> 8 & 10 am Melissa Wise, Soprano  
 May 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am Holy Trinity Choir  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> 8 & 10 am Melissa Wise, Soprano  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> 4 p.m. Monte Maxwell (Organ Dedication Concert)  
 July 5<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. David & Ginger Hildebrand (Colonial Music)  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> 3 or 4 p.m. Mystery Concert  
 October 4<sup>th</sup> 9:30 Kirkin Sunday,  
 3 p.m. Chivalrous Crickets Concert (Celtic music/  
 traditional instruments)  
 November 8<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m. Silent Movie with Tedde Gibson (Organ)  
 December tbd Redd Brothers Christmas Jazz

The Holy Trinity Choir invites anyone who would like to sing in a summer choir to join us the 1st and 3rd Sundays this summer. No experience is necessary. We are a great group of fun people who enjoy singing together. Please consider joining us!

### Mission Project Elementary School Summer Food Relief Program



During May we usually collect for the Summer Care Packs program for elementary school. Katie Fox, elementary community liaison, reported that it was still not known if there would be a summer school program this year, due to a lack of funding. However, to assist the children in need of food support, the school cafeteria plans to provide monthly food boxes. Katie would appreciate our help with stocking these boxes with good nutritious food.

The following is requested by the school. We are working with them to promote healthy eating with providing good, nutritious food.

Cans of fruit (pineapple chunks, pears, applesauce cups/pouches)  
 Canned tuna, ham, chicken  
 Canned Soups  
 Canned Beans  
 Mac n cheese cups  
 Ravioli  
 Spaghetti/meatball cans  
 Instant rice bags  
 Peanut butter crackers  
 Granola bars  
 Nature valley bars- they love the oat kind  
 Veggie straws (small bags)

Our community is one of the main supporters of the school food relief programs and other food ministries in Talbot County. We have developed an especially close relationship with elementary and middle schools that administer these programs.

We will collect these donations throughout the month of May. You may bring your donations on Sundays or drop them off in the Parish hall during the week.

" Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake." Deuteronomy 15:10

Thank you for your generosity.

### Organ Dedication Concert

Monte Maxwell, Concert Organist  
 Sunday May 31, 2026 4 p.m.  
 Church Sanctuary



Monte Maxwell designed the new three manual Walker Technical digital organ, installed at The Church of the Holy Trinity this past February. We are excited to share this state-of-the-art organ designed to play organ literature from all periods and styles of music. You will hear the intimate sounds of the strings and flutes, the subtle woodwinds, intimate horns, festive brass, and exciting strength of the full organ. The sounds you hear were specifically chosen pipe organ sounds from organs across our nation and throughout the world for this Sanctuary. An afternoon of beautiful music performed by one of our country's most talented and in demand concert organists. Presently Monte Maxwell serves as Director of Chapel Music and Chapel Organist with the United States Naval Academy.

*This concert is a gift from The Church of the Holy Trinity to the community. We would like to request attendees bring a non-perishable food item in support of Talbot County's food pantries. No offerings will be taken at this concert.*



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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**