



# TRINITY MATTERS

## Eastertide to Pentecost

### *May, 2018*

#### Confirmation Class

Five members of Trinity have been in class preparing for a celebration of confirmation on June 2. The first class was on February 25 with an introduction to the class and an opportunity for them to share their questions and concerns. That was five classes ago. We are now looking at two more classes before confirmation on June 2.

The theological statement accompanying the course curriculum, *Confirm not Conform*, emphasizes that “youth can’t get to the bedrock of faith without testing their beliefs to see which ones are flimsy and which ones hold up. And

youth cannot test their beliefs without first looking at what those beliefs are and where they came from. Our goal is for youth to have an active faith, one that they build for themselves using all the tools at their disposal; not a passive faith, thrust upon them with no say in the matter—a faith that is easily lost and rarely missed. *Confirm not Conform* offers lots of space for exploration and questions encouraging youth to listen, question, and respond.”

Each class requires youth to speak up, debate, and discover. We’re interested in teaching them how to build, how to test, how to bring all the gifts that God has given them to bear on the valiant work of living a life of faith. Our confirmands have done just that. They have attended, listened, questioned and discussed to make the material presented their own. I commend them to you and encourage you to pray for them by name: Cameron Lewis, Victoria Marshall, Sam O’Connor, Jacob Morin, and Dan Smith.

A regional confirmation service will be held on June 2 at St Michaels-on-the Heights in Worcester at 10AM.

#### Using the Gloria Patria

Several people have asked questions about the use of the **Gloria Patria** (Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen) following the reading of a psalm in the Sunday Eucharist. They wondered why we sometimes do not recite the **Gloria Patria** after the psalm. The answer lies in the use of a psalm, hymn or anthem after each Reading (BCP p 357). This section of the Eucharist is called **The Gradual**, the name probably deriving from the Latin “gradus” meaning *step* because **The Gradual** was when the person reading the Gospel walked down the center aisle to proclaim the Gospel. One never says the **Gloria Patria** following that psalm. However, in Morning and Evening Prayer in the section **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed**, directions say, “At the end of the Psalm is said or sung” the **Gloria Patria** (BCP p. 84). The **Gloria Patria** is said or sung in **The Psalm or Psalms Appointed** but not in **The Gradual**. I hope this is helpful. **RCC+**

## **TRINITY EVENTS IN MAY**

**Tuesday , May 1 – St. Philiip and St. James**

**Thursday, May 3 – The parish office is closed today.**

**Sunday, May 6 – Coins for IHN**

9:15 am	Fellowship Begins
9:50 am	Organ Prelude and Call to Worship
10 am	Holy Eucharist
3:30 pm	Assabet Valley Mastersingers, St. John's High School , Shrewsbury See details on next page

**Monday, May 7 - Rogation Day**

**Tuesday, May 8 - Rogation Day**

7 pm	Confirmation Class with Fr. Ron
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**Wednesday, May 9 - Rogation Day**

6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting – Members of Trinity are welcome to attend monthly vestry meetings.
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**Thursday, May 10 - Ascension Day**

**Saturday, May 12**

Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive for the Benefit of St. Anne's Human Services Food Pantry  
Volunteers needed!

**Sunday, May 13 – Mother's Day**

9:15 am	Fellowship Begins
9:50 am	Organ Prelude and Call to Worship
10 am	Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, May 15**

10 am	Trinity Women
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**Sunday, May 20 –THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

**Trinity's IHN Week Begins Today – See details on page 6**

9:15 am	Fellowship Begins
9:50 am	Organ Prelude and Call to Worship
10 am	Holy Eucharist
2 pm	CMHA Walk for the Homeless, Elm Park, Worcester

**Tuesday, May 22**

7 pm	Confirmation Class with Fr. Ron
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**Sunday, May 27 – TRINITY SUNDAY - Trinity's IHN Week Concludes Today**

9:15 am Fellowship Begins  
9:50 am Organ Prelude and Call to Worship  
10 am Holy Eucharist

**Monday, May 28 – Memorial Day, Office Closed**

**Thursday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**IN OUR PARISH FAMILY:**

To all those graduating in May or June this year, please share details with the parish office as soon as possible. We would like to **CONGRATULATE YOU** in the June issue!

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***THIS MONTH – HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO***

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| Deb Rozak          | 5/2  |
| Julia Morin        | 5/4  |
| Drew Nichols       | 5/11 |
| Russ Swallow       | 5/11 |
| Linda Taylor       | 5/11 |
| Betty Mudway       | 5/12 |
| Joanne Cox         | 5/16 |
| Dick Miller        | 5/17 |
| Frank Pugliese     | 5/17 |
| Blake Lewis        | 5/18 |
| Ed Jarrell         | 5/19 |
| Susan Prior        | 5/21 |
| George Medlinskas  | 5/22 |
| John Krey          | 5/25 |
| Harold Johnson     | 5/29 |
| Elaine Brouillette | 5/31 |
| Alden Harris       | 5/31 |

***And HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:***

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Ron & Sherry Alarie      | 5/3/1971  |
| Mark & Catherine Foster  | 5/16/1987 |
| Scott & Nancy Goodwin    | 5/16/1987 |
| Craig & Leslie McDonough | 5/16/1991 |



Please inform the parish office if any birthday or anniversary information needs correction – or if your special dates need to be added!

**MUSIC DOWN THE STREET**

Assabet Valley Mastersingers - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert featuring Mozart's Requiem and Noble's Song for St. Cecilia's Day

Sunday, May 6, 2018 3:30 pm St. John's High School, Robert R. Jay Performing Arts Center  
378 Main St., Shrewsbury, MA

Featuring: Andres Ehrenreich – Soprano Pamela Dellal – Mezzo Soprano Matthew Anderson – Tenor John Salvi – Bass

Tickets are \$25 (\$20 for seniors and students), but there is a \$3 discount if purchased in advance from outlets, including Shrewsbury Federal Credit Union.

Tickets can be purchased on-line (but no \$3 early purchase discount)  
at <http://www.avmsingers.org/tickets/>.

## Warden Report –

I love hearing about the impact Trinity has made in our community.

I recently received this note from a friend who is the Executive Director of the Assabet Valley Mastersingers (AVM) – “The first AVM concert was May 5, 1978 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Shrewsbury. I think that this is your church, right?” (Um,yep!) . She went on to ask for help in publicizing their upcoming 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert on May 6, 2018 – this time at St John’s High School. They chose St. John’s for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary because it was as close to Trinity as they could get for the size venue they now need. I’m proud that we gave them a place in their beginning. By the way, the bass soloist at the May 2018 concert is John Salvi, who is known to us from when his wife Brenda was our organist/choir director. I told my friend that hearing Jay sing may be as big a draw for Trinity folks as our heritage in building their group. Check out the notice on page 3 of this newsletter if you’d like to go.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the very successful Spring Thrift and Bake Sale! As is our custom, we donated 10% of our proceeds to the Interfaith Hospitality Network as part of our ongoing donation to them for their capital fund. This is a truly wonderful program which helps homeless families get back on their feet. Our week for serving as Parish Hosts at the IHN house is coming up later this month. Please join in helping out in any way you can.

The Rev. Meredyth Ward will be with us on May 20. She currently leads the Walking Together ministry on South Main St, Worcester. You may recall she was with us last summer and told us about the Laundry Love program which provides free laundromat services and supper every week for families in the Main South neighborhood. I’d like to present her with a basket of laundry supplies while she’s here, and will let you know what is needed.

I know it’s hard to think about winter again already, but .... It’s not too soon to start planning for the 2018 Christmas Tree Sale. At the Vestry Retreat, we were asked ‘If someone gave the parish a \$10,000 donation, would you still hold the Christmas Tree Sale?’ Our answer was resoundingly ‘Yes’ - for so many reasons besides monetary. Our problem is that we tend to scramble for volunteers to sell trees. Let’s start now with building a list of volunteers we can call upon to help. This can include friends and relatives. Talk it up – we’ll get that list going this month.

Finally – Happy Mother’s Day to my fellow mothers, grandmothers and those who fill the mother role for someone special! May God continue to bless those in our care, and those who care for us!

Pax – *Catherine Foster*, Senior Warden

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## VESTRY CORNER

The Trinity Vestry met on April 12, 2018. Here are the condensed highlights of that meeting.

### **Warden Report:** Catherine Foster

- The Thrift Sale on April 7<sup>th</sup> brought in \$3,700 and counting. Vestry voted to donate \$370 IHN.
- The downstairs closet off the kitchen has been cleaned and offered to Wellspring for coffee storage, etc.
- A copy of the Revised 2018 Budget has been sent to all Annual Meeting attendees.

- The Vestry approved a Trinity donation of \$100 be sent in memoriam of Fr. Ron's brother, David Crocker, who passed away on April 19, 2018.

**Audit:** On March 22, 2018, Bruce A. Rockwell, of the Diocesan Office in Springfield, performed the Trinity Church Audit for 2017. The Vestry will implement the few recommendations that were included in the Audit. The vestry voted to accept the Audit.

**Facilities Report:** Ron Alarie

The Vestry reviewed the pricing estimates for painting the church and voted to contract with Painters Pride to paint the church during this summer for the contracted price of \$15,000.

**Priest in Charge Report:** Fr. Ron Crocker

- The Confirmation Class has six members who meet on Tuesday nights. As of now, the Confirmation Celebration will occur on June 2, 2018. More details will follow in the church bulletin.
- Easter Week services/events went very well between Trinity, Wellspring and Mt. Olivet. 72 attended Easter Morning Worship in our beautifully decorated church.
- Time away:  
April 30 – May 2. Fr. Ron will attend the Annual Clergy Conference in New Hampshire.  
May 15 – 20. Fr. Ron will attend graduation celebrations, and his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley California. The Reverend Meredyth Ward will officiate in his absence.

**Treasurer Report:** Jeff Kalb

Jeff distributed the Income & Expense Report through March 2018, and the Vestry, after review, voted to receive it.

**Old Business**

- Carolann reported on Leadership Day in Springfield attended with Diane Caron and Judy Gramstorff.
- Linda Jackson reviewed the S.M.A.R.T. goals process from Retreat Day. The Vestry will address how to proceed with the most immediate needs.
- Look forward to a Party on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, following the worship service. More to come!
- Fr. Ron suggested the Vestry re-read Holy Currencies as we continue to prepare for what's next.

**New Business**

- There is a new Community Church at St John's High School.
- There is an ongoing effort to deliver pastoral care to our shut-ins during the Easter season.
- The Letter Carriers Food Drive will take place on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Donations will be appreciated.
- The next Vestry Meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda Jackson**, Vestry Clerk

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOP, COOK, WALK, or RUN for OTHERS During May**

**Trinity Spring Thrift Sale follow up:** A success!! Sincere thanks to all who made it happen.  
Net proceeds = \$3,615.45. \$370 was donated to IHN. Thank you!  
The parish office has already received inquiries about the date of our next sale!

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The annual **Letter Carriers Food Drive** will be held on Saturday, **May 12** from 1-6 pm at the Shrewsbury Postal Distribution Center, 192 Main Street, Shrewsbury. Volunteers are needed to sort the food collected – greatest need is 3-6 pm. Please contact Bridget at [rubin@townisp.com](mailto:rubin@townisp.com) or 508-523-2951.

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On Sunday, **May 20**, start walking to benefit the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance. The annual **Walk for the Homeless** will step off from Elm Park, Worcester at 2 pm. Registration is at 1 pm. For more information visit [www.CMHAonline.org](http://www.CMHAonline.org). This event which benefits several organizations including the Interfaith Hospitality Network, will take place rain or shine.

Also please continue to fill the **Basket for Marie's Mission** with diapers and those other items so necessary for the very young! As items are donated, we will deliver to the collection site at St. Michael's, Worcester.



### **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

Trinity's IHN week begins on Sunday, May 20 and ends on Sunday, May 27. We will have a sign-up board in the narthex beginning on Sunday, May 6 for volunteers to sign up for preparing evening meals, evening hosting duties and for overnight host. We will also be seeking donations of gift cards to either Price Chopper or Stop and Shop so that we can also purchase other household needs during the course of the week. Cash donations are also welcomed. Please contact Sherry or Ron Alarie if have any questions or comments at 508-845-9072.

Thank you for your continued support of IHN, Trinity's primary outreach program, which we have been doing annually for the past 20 years. We can tell you that the homeless families at 91 June Street truly appreciate the support they receive from all the area churches and that the services that they receive from IHN provides them with hope and a pathway to a better life.

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## MAY SERVING SCHEDULES

| DATE/TIME                | Lector(s)                          | EM           | Hospitality | Acolytes                                        | Altar Guild      |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| May 6                    | Diane Caron<br>Robert Krey         | Pam Marshall | Team 1      | Jake Morin<br>Dan Smith<br>Victoria Marshall    | Linda Taylor     |
| May 13<br>Mother's Day   | Marianne Tompkins<br>Dina Nichols  | TBA          | Team 2      | Evan Jarrell<br>Mark & Sam<br>O'Connor          | Catherine Foster |
| May 20<br>Pentecost      | Linda Taylor<br>Judy Pugliese      | Allyn Taylor | Team 3      | Dan Smith<br>Cameron Lewis                      | TBA              |
| May 27<br>Trinity Sunday | Elaine Brouillette<br>Hal Marshall | Ron Alarie   | Team 4      | Jake Morin<br>Evan Jarrell<br>Victoria Marshall | TBA              |

*\* Schedules updated as of April 27, 2018*

**Note:** Schedules are distributed quarterly, in advance of serving dates; these schedules also appear (without contact information) on the Trinity website – [www.trinityshrewsbury.org](http://www.trinityshrewsbury.org). Schedules month to month, (see above) appear in the monthly **Trinity Matters**. Reminders/updates are sent by e-mail a couple of days prior to every Sunday as part of the weekly Trinity Matters E-Update. And if you ever have a question about when you are scheduled to serve , you can always contact the parish office!

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***Join us for fellowship and worship beginning at 9:15 am on Sundays***

***Parish Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30 am-1:30 pm***  
***Fr. Ron's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday, 8:30 am-1:30 pm***