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# Trinity Episcopal Church

## Lenox, MA



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## SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. - Holy

Eucharist with Hymns,  
Godly Play and J2A

5 p.m. - Evening Prayer

### DAILY

7 a.m. - Morning

Prayer (8 a.m. on first

Saturday of every  
month)

### RECURRING EVENTS

#### **Prayer Shawl**

Ministry - 12 noon on  
first Thursday and third

Tuesday of every month

**Taize Prayer** - 5pm on

third Sunday of every  
month

#### **Saturday Morning**

Prayer - 8am on first

Saturday of every  
month

## A Message from our Rector

Dear People of Trinity Church,

This year's celebrations of Holy Week and Easter have been truly spectacular. There are so many people who worked so hard to make these services possible. From the servers, to the music, to the people who polished the silver, to all of the people who came to arrange the flowers, there were dozens of people who pitched in, and we can't thank them enough. But the most important contribution came in the way that the preparations flowered into the prayer and the celebration of all of the people who took part.

I was privileged to see some of the ways and to hear some of the stories about how people encountered God in Holy Week and Easter. In particular, it was through the eyes of some of our younger members that I saw God working. We

were able to include many of our younger people as assistants and acolytes at the Holy Week services, and they had a chance to be involved in a new way. Some of our younger people even came during the middle of the night on Maundy Thursday to watch in our Garden of Gethsemane. In all, it was a truly powerful week, and I know that there were moments that spoke strongly to me.

Now we are moving through the season of Easter, the season of rejoicing and celebration. The season also has a distinctive feel to it and it has its own integrity. Unlike Lent which focuses on repentance and spiritual renewal, the readings and themes of Easter explore the implications of Christ's resurrection,

and they provide us with an opportunity to consider how the resurrection empowers us to be Christians. As we walk through the season of Easter, we will be exploring themes of doubt and faith, and themes of evangelism and service. Hopefully these themes will inspire us as we consider where God is calling us next.

Yours in Christ,

## Notes from Vestry

**April 8, 2013**

Godly Play will continue during this summer.

The plans for the Mission trip to the Dominican Republic continue to develop. Dr. DuBois is working with an Episcopal group from South Carolina with whom Trinity will be affiliated. The starting date for the trip will be October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The children's Lenten mite box collection of \$490 has been dedicated to buying medical supplies for the mission.

The Rector reported on meetings with the Lenox Clergy Association. Discussions centered on Medical emergencies within the church as well as Christian response to gun violence. There was further discussion of the funding of Outreach projects. (See the Rector's report at the beginning of this newsletter.)

A Parish life committee will be established by Annee Goodchild and Virginia Giddens.

**May 20, 2013**

Vestry approved the new guidelines for handling bequest funds. Discussion followed as to proper recognition of these gifts.

Godly Play and J2A will continue during the summer with a break August 18 and 25 and September 1. Gathering Sunday will be September 8. There is a need for toddler space for next year.

Outreach: See report elsewhere in this newsletter

Building and Grounds: The Sr. Warden and chair of Building and grounds have toured the campus and are making a prioritized list of needed repairs. A silver maple will be planted to replace a fallen sugar maple on Kemble St. The Parish House kitchen is being upgraded using donated equipment. There will be minimal financial impact.

Stewardship: The Junior warden reported on efforts to update the planned giving

brochure which will be mailed in mid June.

The Rector reported that the Mmes. Heim, Cooper and Pehlert will chair the Trinity Treasures sale on July 6. They are looking for volunteers to help.

After service coffee will be held outside during the summer.

Questions? Please contact a member of the Vestry.



## Spotlight on Outreach

Greetings from the Outreach/Mission Committee:

Our Medical Mission will be from October 2nd through October 10th headed up by Dr. John De Bois. The destination is Dominican Republic. Our Trinity team will be John and Sharon DeBois, Susan Van Sickle, Laurie Bemis DeRis and hopefully we can get a couple of more to join them. Stay tuned for more news about our trip.

We have sent the following monies to help those in need:

\$200 - The Christian Center to help provide services to lower income families.

\$500 - Lenox Council on Aging to help refill their output for aid to the Curtis victims with food and shelter.

\$500 - Episcopal Relief and Development to aid the victims in Oklahoma.

We are planning a very special program for a parish wide involvement. On July 27th we will take part in a program called, "**Stop Hunger Now**". Please mark your calendars now to help out. More details on this to come so stay tuned. Our older Godly Players are eager to have everyone to join in this event.

The 22nd Annual Thelma's Little

Fund Ice Cream Social will take place on Monday, August 5th from 6 until 8pm in the parish house. All ages are welcome and it is a wonderful way to raise money for the Fund to start school. All of the money goes to Lenox children in need. Pay what you want for a bowl of delicious ice cream and enjoy for a wonderful cause.

We would like to thank all of our congregation for their wonderful support of all of Trinity's mission here, nationally and round the globe.

Submitted by Gail Street

## Trinity Birthdays

### May

- 2 Kenneth Heim
- 2 Richard Jackson
- 9 Valerie Evans
- 9 Annie Tuck
- 11 Ann St Clair
- 20 Susan Dana
- 22 Karen Miner
- 24 Jeff Kittross
- 29 Matthew Heim

### June

- 18 Tad Evans
- 22 Lucy Kennedy
- 28 Linda Cooper

