



# TRINITY TOPICS

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## *A word from Fr. Jim*

Dear People of God at Trinity,

The other day I was at the mall doing some shopping and, of course, there they were – all the flowers, bunnies, and candies. They were there to remind me that Easter is almost here. But, what really occurred to me was that before we get to the joy and celebration, we must experience the suffering and pain. It has been said that Easter has been presented in the church year as a three-part drama and act one is Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week recount the suffering and agony that Jesus went through in the conquering of sin and death that we celebrate on Easter. If we skip this and jump to Easter, it is like having a victory party without remembering the battle. So I urge you to be present during Holy Week. Hear the cheers on Palm Sunday as Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem, but also stick around for the rest of the story. Be there when Jesus washes the disciples' feet. Share the feeling of being there at the last supper and witnessing his betrayal by one of those closest to him. Stand vigil as he prays in the garden. Witness his capture and trial. Then walk the road to Calvary Hill and feel the pain of His agonizing death on the cross.

It is only by making this journey with Jesus through Holy Week that we are fully ready to experience the wonder and joy of acts two and three of the Easter experience. Act two is The Day of Resurrection and the Easter Season when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and the grave. And then on Pentecost we commemorate the universalizing of the Lord with the coming of the Holy Spirit - his final act of our Paschal experience.

This Holy Week,  
may we join together to follow in His path,  
that we might share in His victory.

Yours in Christ,

### Trinity's Mission Statement

*“To be a Christ-centered parish, that knows Christ and makes Him known to others  
by sharing our gifts, striving for justice,  
and respecting the dignity of every human being.”*

# ***Holy Week & Easter at Trinity***

## **Palm Sunday**

8:00am & 10:00am - Holy Eucharist & “*Blessing of Palms*”

## **Monday in Holy Week**

7:00pm – Evening Prayer (St. Luke’s Chapel)

## **Tuesday in Holy Week**

7:00pm – Holy Week Meditation

## **Wednesday in Holy Week**

12noon – Holy Eucharist & “*Healing Ministry*”

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross (Trinity Labyrinth)

## **Maundy Thursday**

6:15pm - Agape Potluck Supper

7:00pm – Holy Eucharist – “*Ceremonial Foot Washing*”

8:00pm to Midnight – Vigil at Altar of Repose

## **Good Friday**

12noon – Ecumenical Good Friday Service  
(Evangelical Methodist Church, Centre Street)

3:00pm & 6:00pm - Stations of the Cross (Trinity Labyrinth)

7:00pm – Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion

## **Easter Eve**

6:15pm - Easter Egg Hunt

7:00pm Great Vigil of Easter & Holy Baptism

## **Easter Sunday**

8:00am – Holy Eucharist

10:00am Festal Holy Eucharist

## **THE MUSIC CORNER** by Cora A. Gamelin-Osenbach



*The beginning of April brings our next concert on Sunday, April 3. It will feature New Philadelphia native Dale Bonenberger, who will join forces at the organ with John Buckel. Both performed in the opening concert of our series in 2007 – please see the enclosed flyer for details. We would appreciate our superb parish culinary artists to prepare food for the reception – sign-up sheets are in the ambulatory and on the bulletin board. If you intend to contribute, please sign up so we can plan for this event. Many thanks!*

*We continue on our Lenten journey with our Lord and Savior with haunting choral anthems for the season. We will shout “Hosanna” at the beginning of Palm Sunday with the church school children and then turn to an exquisite setting of the “Passion Choral” as the somber tone of Holy Week begins. Maundy Thursday will bring once again the beautiful words of the “Ubi Caritas,” and then we move to the light of the world entering our lives at the Easter Vigil with the new fire, the Exsultet and the Old Testament reading and psalms. The children will open the chest with the Alleluias as bells ring and we rejoice in our redemption. Easter morning brings great jubilation and triumphant music at the 10 a.m. service as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ – the sacrifice of God’s son and His victory over death!*

### **Easter Candy Sale** **March 6th to April 10th**



Please order your peanut butter eggs dipped in milk chocolate or coconut crème eggs dipped in dark chocolate.

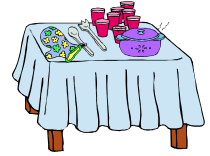
\$10.00 per box.

Pick up orders between 8:00 and 10:00 services on March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th.

# Lenten Soup & Salad Suppers

*Followed by Evening Prayer*

Continuing on each Wednesday in Lent, we will gather at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Lounge for a Soup, Salad, and Bread Lenten Supper followed by Evening Prayer.



Sign-up sheets have been placed on the Bulletin Board.  
**PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING SOMETHING!!**

## A Thought about Stewardship



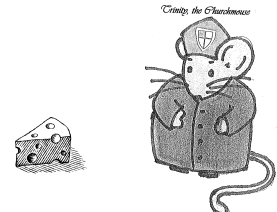
God is the author of our creation. God created the world, and God created us. Often we hear a person say, “*I am a self-made man (or woman).*” Such people worship themselves as their own creator. This day and every day, let us acknowledge God as our Creator. We worship not ourselves, but God who created us. Our stewardship of *time, abilities, and money* acknowledges God created all of us.

## A word from “Trinity” the Church Mouse

Dear Parishioners,

I love my prayer time in the church. When you keep the Sabbath and marvel in the goodness of God, it’s part of Godly living. Please come and keep the Sabbath with me so we can marvel together.

*Trinity*



## **EASTER FLOWER REQUESTS**

**DUE FRIDAY APRIL 15th! PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**



**Given By:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given in Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given in Thanksgiving For:** \_\_\_\_\_

## CHURCH SCHOOL



The Sunday School group wishes to thank all those who helped to sponsor our annual Movie Night at the Pine Grove Theatre. More than 50 people from several area Episcopal churches attended the event and enjoyed a fun night of fellowship.

Many thanks to all who donated items to our outreach project for the local hospital pediatric unit. The response from parishioners was wonderful!! We were able to deliver 25 gift bags for Valentine's Day and have enough items left over to provide some additional bags for Easter.

Looking ahead to Easter Eve on Saturday, April 23, we will host our annual Egg Hunt beginning at 6:15 in the undercroft, prior to the Easter Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP if you are planning on attending. Anyone willing to provide some filled plastic eggs in advance or light refreshments, please contact Dawn Burns at 385-1667 or [dgre1burns@verizon.net](mailto:dgre1burns@verizon.net).

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Day.

Confirmation classes have begun. If you are planning on your child receiving confirmation this Fall and have not contacted Fr. Jim, please do so ASAP.

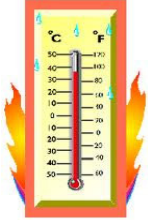
## *Please Remember in Your Prayers*

### Those serving in the armed forces especially:

Michael Steinruck, Cassie Kauffman Holm, Tom Austerberry, Joseph Nangle, Erik Ryland, Larry Reedy, II, Stephen M. Reier, Michael J. Reier, Jeffrey J. Bohanick, Ethan Garrity, Jake Shirey & Eric Walls

### Those sick or in need of healing: especially:

Duane Barnhart, Anne Barton, Ray Barton, M. Jean Bedford, Henry Bigg, Alexis Bohr, Ron Boris Jr., Ron Boris Sr., Darlene Bouch, Betty Bradley, Sara Conlen, Howard Coulson, Phyllis DeMarco, Jean Ebling, Norm Emery, Ruth Fasold, Jerry Field, Ken Fisher, Dorothy Frye, Jim Hardenstine, Herbert Harris, Ida Heckman, Holly Hedstrom, Walter Howells, Robert Hubler, Dotte Kelly, Martha Kline, Barbara Kull, Lena Levkulic, Jeff Lippencott, Anthony Merlino, Jr., Robert Miller, Rose Morgan, Espn Murphy, Rita Murphy, Wendy Nabholz, James Oerther, Michael O'Malley III, Maxine Peroutka, Al & Karen Portland, Elizabeth Pritiskutch, Katherine Reese, Jennifer Robinson, Donna Ross, John Ross, David Rupnow, Harry Russell, Bill & Tina Rutecky, Julie Sells, Rayne Slackus, Abigail Smith, Heather Anne Smith, Vivian Smulley, George R. Stone Jr., Wendy Stone, Kathy Strouse, Lora Hart Wentzel, Tish Wetherill, Mary Witman, Shirley Woodring, Arlen Zerbe, Ron, Bob, Joan, Judy, Lea & Trent, Mike, Lisa, Sally, Mike, John, Paul, Mark, Betty, Braeden, Jen, Randy, Linda, Ben, Kim, Jessica



## NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST

**Operation We Care** - It is time for our spring mailing. We are still looking for sewers for the neck coolers. Our neck coolers will help our local servicemen and women in the summer when the temperatures get over 100 degrees in Iraq & Afghanistan. Please call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 for more information.

**AARP Safe Driving Course for all drivers 50 years of age and older.** These days everyone is searching for any available discounts. You may qualify for a 5-15% discount on your automobile insurance depending on your carrier for attending the AARP Safe Driving Course. The initial course will be held Wednesday, **May 11 and Thursday, May 12**, 9am-1pm. The refresher course will be held Wednesday, **May 4**, 9am-1pm, this is for anyone who completed an initial course three years ago. Both will be at Trinity, Pottsville. Marion C. Price Trust Fund sponsors any Schuylkill County Episcopalian attending. Please call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 for more information.

**Senior Adventures** - Our first trip for 2011 is scheduled for Thursday, April 28, to Westy's Bar & Grill in Hamburg. We will leave Trinity at 11:15 AM. Call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 today to make your reservations.

**Healthy Resolutions 2011** - Friday, April 29, at 10:30 AM at Trinity Episcopal Church. Topic this month "Cultural Diversity at the End of Life"- Speaker is Lori Rossochacy, RN, BSN, CCRN, Home Care & Hospice Liaison at Pinnacle Health Hospice & Home Care. Open to Public. Call Kathy Burda at 621-3220 for more information.

### **Diakon's Prime Time Health April Walk Schedule:**

Monday, April 4, 1:30-2:30 PM: Albright Woods Trail - meets in the parking lot just outside Orwigsburg past Memorial Hall on Grove Street.

Monday, April 11, 1:30-2:30 PM: West Creek Park - meets in the park on Brickey Street in Llewellyn.

Monday, April 18, 1:30-3:00 PM: Landingville Marsh - meets in the parking lot of the marsh & Bartram Trail.

Monday, April 25, 1:30-3:00 PM: Labyrinth (Meditation) Walk - meets in Trinity Episcopal Church, 2nd floor.

Reservations required for Labyrinth Walk - call 570-624-3020.

### **Bicentennial Walk:**

Sunday, April 17, 2-4 PM: "Canal Lock Adventure" Canals ran through several parts of Schuylkill County. You will see grand examples along the Schuylkill River. Meets at the John Bartram Trail access point along Rte. 895 in Auburn near the bridge. (two miles - easy)

Contact "Porcupine Pat" for more information at [porcupinepat@yahoo.com](mailto:porcupinepat@yahoo.com) or 570-622-4124 x 113.

Schuylkill on the Move (SOM) encourages people to take positive steps toward good health and is an advocate for more walkable communities. SOM is a project of Schuylkill County's

VISION.

**World wide web of cheaters, liars and thieves** - The so-called “information superhighway” or “Cyberspace” is the newest area being used by con artists. As the number of seniors using the internet grows and as more and more seniors become computer literate, the chances of becoming a victim of an online scam increases. Many scam artists using the telephone and mail to trick consumers are now also using the Internet and online services. Some of the favorite techniques are:

- Classified advertising that promises much more than can be delivered, such as quick and easy weight loss products.
- Business opportunities, especially work-at-home schemes, involving the use of a personal computer to make money.
- Use of “900” telephone pay-per-call services that promise high profits for a small investment.
- Disguised “advertising” on the Internet and online service bulletin boards, chat rooms or chat forums that are actually sales pitches for products.
- Notification from a bank or other financial services organization, often incorporating the logo of the company, asking you to provide personal information to avoid a cancellation of your account or to verify your data (you may not even have an account with this company and no bank or financial services organization would ever ask you to provide personal information in this manner).

***Tips to recognize an online scam:***

- Overstated claims of product effectiveness
- Frequent use of the word “hot” to describe proposed investment opportunities
- Exaggerated claims of potential earnings
- Claims of “inside” information
- Promotions of cheap stocks promising high returns
- Promotions for exotic investments, such as gold mining, ostrich farming, etc.
- Requests from a foreign government official asking for financial assistance

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**Senior Dental Care Program:** Many Pennsylvania Dental Association member dentists offer dental care at a reduced cost to senior citizens on low or fixed incomes through the Senior Dental Care Program. More than 1,000 dentists have participated in this voluntary program, which enables many seniors to obtain affordable dental care and helps them enjoy good health and well-being. You will be referred to a dentist closest to your location.

Participating referral dentists offer a minimum discount of 15% off their usual fees for patients who meet the program’s basic requirements. In order to be eligible, a patient must fulfill all of the following requirements:

- Pennsylvania resident
- Age 65 or older
- Not be receiving federal, state or other dental health assistance
- Not have private dental insurance
- Have a total annual household income of less than \$14,500 for a single person or less than \$17,700 for a married couple

For more information: [www.padental.org](http://www.padental.org) or write to address below to request an application. Pennsylvania Dental Association, PO Box 3341, Harrisburg, PA 17105

If you are not eligible for PDA’s program, you still have options. The DePauli Dental Clinic is located in Schuylkill Medical Center East (previously known as the Good Samaritan Hospital).

# April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:00-9:00pm Pottsville Recreation Ballroom Dancing	2 9:00 am- Parish Kitchen Use for Easter Candy <b><u>Diocesan Training Day</u></b>
3 <i>Lent IV</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 9:00am Confirmation Grp. 9:45am Church School 10:00am Holy Eucharist II 4:00pm Trinity Concert Series	4 6:00pm TCC Mtg. 7:00pm Study Group	5 7:00pm CBCPT Mtg.	6 11:00am Study Group 12noon Holy Eucharist  6:15pm Lenten Soup Supper & Evening Prayer 7:30pm Choir	7	8 7:00-9:00pm Pottsville Recreation Ballroom Dancing  Block of Art	9 9:00 am- Parish Kitchen Use for Easter Candy COM Meeting @ Mt. Pocono Block of Art
10 <i>Lent V</i> 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 9:00am Confirmation Grp 9:45am Church School 10:00am Holy Eucharist II  Block of Art	11 7:00pm Study Group	12 7:00pm Vestry Mtg.	13 11:00am Study Group 12noon Holy Eucharist 6:15pm Lenten Soup Supper & Evening Prayer 7:30pm Choir	14 11:00am Chrism Mass @ Bethlehem  7:00pm HALOS	15 7:00-9:00pm Pottsville Recreation Ballroom Dancing	16
17 <b><u>PALM SUNDAY</u></b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 9:45am Church School 10:00am Festal Holy Eucharist II	18 7:00pm Evening Prayer	19 <b><u>Topics Deadline</u></b>  7:00pm Holy Week Meditation	20  12noon Holy Eucharist  7:00pm Stations of the Cross @ Labyrinth	21 <b><u>Maundy Thursday</u></b>  6:15pm Parish Potluck Supper 7:00pm Holy Eucharist 8:00pm till Midnight Vigil at the Altar of Re-	22 <b><u>Good Friday</u></b> 12noon Community Good Friday Service 3:00pm & 6:00pm Stations of the Cross @ Labyrinth 7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy & Communion	23 <b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>  6:15pm Easter Egg Hunt 7:00pm Great Vigil of Easter
24 <b><u>EASTER</u></b> 8:00am Holy Eucharist I 10:00am Festal Holy Eucharist II	25 <b><u>Office Closed</u></b> 1:30pm Diakon Labyrinth Program	26 1:00-4:30pm Pinnacle "Spirituality at End of Life"	27  12noon Holy Eucharist	28 11:00am Senior Advent- ures—Hamburg  7:00pm HALOS	29 10:30am Healthy Resolutions 2:00pm Arbor Day CBC 7:00-9:00pm Ballroom Dancing 7:00pm- Voice Recital	30 <b><u>Deadline—Shannon Scholarship Applications</u></b>

# Charles Baber Cemetery

## Arbor Day Tree Planting and Floral Basket Raffle-April 29th

### Tree Sponsorship

Arbor Day is a celebration of the paramount value trees are to humans, animals, birds, the earth's environment and the ecosystem. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and many other air pollutants, replacing them with oxygen. They provide fuel, food, building materials, writing materials, shade, conserve energy usage, reduce soil erosion, are wind barriers, and provide shelter for many species of animals and birds. This year Arbor Day is celebrated in PA on Friday, April 29.

The grounds of the Charles Baber Cemetery contain a large number and variety of trees and shrubs, differentiating it from many other cemeteries in the county. The cemetery was once forested woodland and many of the trees have grown old or may be rotted or weak from animals and insect burrowings and from ice and wind damage. To preserve and replenish the splendid natural green environment, a program was implemented in 2000 to remove old and rotted trees and plant 10 new trees each year.

To help us cover the cost of removing or pruning dead and damaged trees (which is \$4,000-\$5,000 per year), we offer the 10 newly planted trees for sponsorship of \$400 per tree. Anyone can sponsor a memorial tree or give a tree of thanksgiving. Because of economic conditions, we will accept a tree payment plan of \$100 down and 6 monthly payments of \$50. We are in need of sponsors for the trees. You can sponsor a tree by completing and returning the form below to the office (200 S. Second St., Pottsville 17901) along with your \$400 check (or a \$100 check if on the payment plan). Please sponsor a tree if you can.

On Arbor Day, we hold a special service with representation from the Forestry Service, the Shade Tree Commission, Pottsville City Council, and with school students who read poems, verses, and essays about trees. Trinity Episcopal's rector blesses each memorial or thanksgiving tree. At the time of the blessing, a memorial sign is placed at the tree and later the memorial name is transferred to a wooden leaf attached to a wooden tree placed on the wall in the east gatehouse at the cemetery entrance. It is a beautiful ceremony and is open and free to the public. Come join us at **2:00 PM on Arbor Day, Friday, April 29th** and enjoy the day.

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**Arbor Day Replacement Trees - \$400 Sponsorship**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory \_\_\_\_\_

Given in thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\$400 pd in full or \_\_\_\$100 down payment + 6 mo. pmt of \$50

### Floral Wreath and Basket Raffle Drawing

In joint celebration with Arbor Day, the cemetery is having a floral wreath and basket raffle fundraiser on April 29th.

**Tickets: \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$10.00**

#### Wreaths and Baskets

1. \$30.00 Scratch off PA lottery tickets
2. \$25.00 Scratch off PA lottery tickets
3. Purple, white, and pink hydrangea spring wreath
4. Pink\ purple florals in basket w. wrought iron stand
5. Orange, yellow, rust florals in colored wicker basket
6. Pink peony w. other pinks \whites -summer wreath
7. Yellow and purple floral Easter basket
8. Orange roses and zinnias- fall floral arrangement
9. White poinsettia w. gold\green leaf -Xmas wreath
10. Teal and white peacock feathered arrangement
11. Fruit and pinecone fall\Xmas wreath
12. Orange mum and daisy fall wreath
13. Yellow iris and daisy spring basket

The items will be on display in the church lounge. Tickets will be available between church services .

or

Tickets will also be sold on Saturday, April 16th at  
Way Mart, Market St., Pottsville.

or

Contact Carol Field (617-6704), Kurt Kovalovich (640-1738),  
Allen Brennan (622- 1419) or the office (622-8720) for tickets.

or

Fill in the form below, enclose your check payable to Charles Baber Cemetery, give to Carol, Kurt, or the office and tickets will be filled out for you.

We are in need of help on Saturday, April 16 (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM) at Way Mart. If you can give 1-2 hours of your time to sit at an outside table and sell tickets, please call Carol at 617-6704.

Thank you for your support of the Baber Cemetery.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of money enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_