

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Over the next few months, when I have the chance, my plan is to devote this newsletter article to discussing the seven sacraments. I say seven sacraments because I believe in seven sacraments. Officially, The Episcopal Church subscribes to the belief in at least two sacraments plus five rites of the church often called sacraments and possibly even more. Being a fairly traditional Anglo Catholic, I subscribe to the seven sacraments position.

Lent provides the perfect opportunity to discuss the Sacrament of Reconciliation otherwise known as Confession. Nobody is required to make a confession. “All can, some should, none must” is the general rule. At most Eucharist, the liturgy contains the general confession and absolution which is adequate for receiving communion. However, even

after receiving absolution, some sins continue to burden a person’s conscience. In this case, confessing more serious sins and receiving absolution can be very helpful. Others see confession as being an integral part of their spiritual life and accountability before God. Admittedly, fewer and fewer Episcopalians fit in the latter category.

The actual Office of Reconciliation of a Penitent is very short. The BCP contains two forms on pages 449-452. Both contain the same basic elements. The penitent asks the blessing of the priest so that an honest confession can be made. The priest blesses the penitent. The penitent starts with a general confession and then moves to a confession of specific sins. The priest listens, offers spiritual council, perhaps gives some type of penance if warranted, pronounces absolution and then assures the penitent they’ve been forgiven. Usually, doing the office doesn’t take that long.

The priest cannot divulge anything confessed. In most instances, communication between priest and penitent is protected by law and the priest can’t be made to testify against a penitent even if the priest has knowledge of a crime. However, this protection really only applies if the priest is administering the actual sacrament of reconciliation. Despite what you see in movies, people rarely confess major crimes to a priest.

Confession really is about forgiveness. It is about assuring the penitent that no matter what they’ve done God still loves and forgives them. A person may say the general confession every week and think but if God knew that I’d done this God really wouldn’t forgive me. The Sacrament of Reconciliation allows a priest as representative of Christ’s church to hear this supposedly unforgivable sin and assure the penitent that Christ bore even our gravest sins on the cross and will forgive them if we repent.

Peace,

Fr. Aaron

Altar Guild

Altar guild members, please remember to have your brass polished before Easter.

Sacristy Work

Work on the sacristy will begin on Monday, April 4, 2011.

The work will begin on the outside, after that is finished the inside will begin.

During the work on the inside, for communion we will go to the altar as usual, but to return to our seats we will have to go back down the center aisle.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the Easter lilies, the Easter flower donation envelopes are on the table in the narthex.

Please place your filled out envelope in the offering plate.

Trinity's Golf League

Again this summer Trinity's golfers will be getting together on Wednesday nights

at Centennial Acres for some very competitive golf.

If you would like to join this group, please contact Paul Viles at 571-282-2354.

Golf will begin mid May, tee times will start around 5:30pm.

Co-Ed Church League Softball

The city of Potterville will be having a Co-ed church softball league this summer.

Registration deadline is April 14, 2011.

For more information and the registration form, look on the round table in the undercroft, for a blue sheet of paper.

Holy Week Information

Holy week begins with **Palm Sunday, on April 17, 2011.**

There will be two services that morning, 8 & 10 am. These services will begin in the Trinity room with the blessing of the palms, then the congregation will process up to the nave.

Thursday, April 21, 2011, is Maundy Thursday. There will be a souper supper,

sponsored by the choir, at 6pm. At **7pm there will be a Maundy Thursday service.** At the end of this service the altar will be stripped.

An **All Night Vigil** will begin at 8:30pm that evening and go until 11:30am the next day. The sign up sheet for the vigil is in the undercroft.

Friday, April 22, 2011 is Good Friday. Trinity's service will be held at 1 pm.

Saturday, April 23, 2011 Easter Vigil service at 7pm.

Sunday, April 24, 2011 is Easter. Two services that morning 8 & 10 am. Both services will have music and the choir.

Between the services, starting around 9 am the Vestry will be providing an **Easter Brunch** for everyone.

Following the 10 am service there will be an **Easter Egg hunt.**

Vestry

Vestry will be on Thursday night April 28, 2011 at 7 pm.

Diocesan Missions

The Diocese has picked three places for this years mission trips.

Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, in South Dakota, 1st week of July, four openings remain..

Barnes Mountain, Kentucky, 3rd & 4th weeks of September, 12 openings remain.

New Orleans, Louisiana, 3rd week of November, ten openings remain.

For more information on these three mission trips, including cost and contact information, read the new print out about them, on the round table in the undercroft.

ECW Meeting

At the next Episcopal Church Women (ECW) meeting, the ECW will be cleaning the kitchen at the church.

A sign up sheet for items that need to be done, is in the undercroft.

This meeting will take place on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 12:30pm.

Music~Music~Music!

The 'music makers" of Trinity enjoy very much offering their time and talents to the worship service each Sunday. It is hoped that the many music offerings both choir and instrumental enhance the worship experience for the congregation. At present, the needs of the music department are not great but expenses do crop up and if you are of a mind to contribute the Music Program at Trinity as a special offering it will be very much appreciated!

At present we are hoping that some will be led to make a special offering to give a *Lift every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)* book in memory or in honor of someone~ or just as a special gift so that we might have at least two books in each in pew. The cost of each is about \$25.00. Please make a notation on your check that it is for this special use and for whom you would like it in honor/ memory of if that is your desire. When we have enough for an order that cuts the shipping and handling we will go ahead with this.

Other undesignated donations will help defray expenses such as: new music,

choir folders, piano tuning, and as recent example, the cost of moving the new (donated and lovely) spinet to the undercroft.

Thank you for your support of the music program here at Trinity!

Marsha Smith

Clothing Without Charge

Trinity will be holding a clothing give away sometime this spring. It is being called Clothing Without Charge.

Any unwanted slightly used clean clothes will be needed for this event.

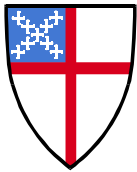
Watch your bulletin for date, times and where to sign up to help with this community outreach.

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Our Mission Statement

Trinity Episcopal Church is an inclusive environment, open to everyone, actively promoting God's love in our community and the world through liturgical worship and outreach.

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Service Schedule

Sunday: Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m..

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