

DISCRETIONARY FUND

This Sunday is the 5th Sunday of the month when donations are accepted for Fr. Tony's Discretionary Fund. He is able to help a great many people through this fund and any donation you are able to make is very much appreciated. All loose cash in the offering plate will go to the fund.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Apr. 14 Palm Sunday One Service

Apr. 15 Evensong 6:00pm Service

Apr. 16 Taize 6:00pm Service

Apr. 17 Tenenbrae Service 6:00

Apr. 18 Maundy Thurs. Service 6

**Apr. 19 Good Friday Services
Noon and 6:00pm**

Apr. 21 Easter Sunday One Service

ECW DINNER

This Tuesday evening the ECW will meet for dinner at 6:30 in the parish hall. Dinner will be provided by the ECW at no charge. The speakers for the evening will be Will and Carol Flynn who will be talking about their recent trip to the Holy Land. Come and enjoy a wonderful dinner and a fascinating talk about the Holy Land.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND AFFIRMATION

The Bishop is coming to Trinity on Sunday, June 9th which is Pentecost Sunday. While he is here he will Confirm, Receive or Affirm those who choose to take this opportunity to do so. Father Tony will be starting a class the Sunday after Easter and those who aren't sure or would simply like to know more about the Episcopal church and about Confirmation, Reception or Affirmation are also welcome to join these classes. The service for these is included in the Book of Common Prayer if you would like to read more about them. Please call the office or speak with Fr. Tony if you would like to take part in the class.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper

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Fourth Sunday in Lent Mar, 31, 2019

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND LUNCHESES

During the weeks of Lent Trinity has traditionally shared Soup Suppers with St. Mark's in Starke. We alternate weeks at one church or the other and the host church is responsible for the meal. This week the dinner will be at St. Mark's. The evening includes a speaker and Eucharist. The suppers consist of soups, breads, fruit and drinks. Cinnie is the coordinator for Trinity suppers, and if you are able to help with set up, bring something for the meal or clean up, please give her a call. The Community Lenten Luncheons are also ongoing and this Wednesday the lunch will be at Keystone United Methodist Church in Keystone. The speaker will be Rev. Brandon Denmark. All luncheons begin at noon and free will offerings are gratefully accepted.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The prayer shawls in the church have been knit by members of our Sisters' Circle and are there for you to take if you need one for yourself or someone in need of comfort. They're always appreciated in chilly hospital rooms, or sometimes just to cuddle with for someone who needs a hug. You don't have to ask to take one; they are there to be taken. The shawls carry with them the prayers and music of our services, and each has been blessed by Father Tony.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 3/31

Holy Eucharist

Service 8:30 and 11:00am

9:45am Discussion of the Lessons

JC and the Gospel

Refreshments Follow both Services

Monday 4/1

9:00am Morning Prayer

6:00 Home Study at Fr. Tony's

Tuesday 4/2

10:00am Sister's Circle Wicker Rm

Noon Betty's and the Bible Lunch

1:30 Study Group Wicker Room

6:30 pm ECW Dinner

5:30pm AA in Wicker Room

7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 4/3

9:00am Morning Prayer

Noon Lenten Community Luncheon

Keystone United Methodist Church

6:00pm Lenten Soup Supper at

St. Mark's

Thursday 4/4

Thrift Shop 10am - 4pm

Friday 4/5

Thrift Shop open 2-5pm

Saturday 4/6

First Sunday Holy Eucharist

One Service at 10:00

Potluck Lunch Following

the Service

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FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL

- Apr. 2** ECW Dinner 6:30pm
- Apr. 7** **First Sunday One Service**
- Apr. 9** PH in Use
- Apr. 11** PH in Use
- Apr. 14** **Palm Sunday One Service**
- Apr. 15** **Evensong 6:00pm Service**
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- Apr. 21** **Easter Sunday One Service**
- Apr. 27** **Men's Club**

MAY

- May 1** PH in use afternoon
- May. 5** **First Sunday One Service**
- May 9** Forum Room in use pm
- May 12** Happy Mother's Day!
- May 16** Grill and Chill 7pm



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God .

If you would like to donate flowers as a memorial, celebration or for a special event, please sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall and call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

Good News! Today is Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Rose Sunday (my favorite vestments), or mid-Lent Sunday for those who are counting. *Laetare* means Rejoice! And comes from the Latin Introit,

"Rejoice, O Jerusalem: and come together all you that love her: rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. *Psalm*: I rejoiced when they said to me: 'we shall go into God's House!'"

Rejoice! It's springtime, all around, with cool, crisp mornings warming into absolutely beautiful days. Flowers are blooming, the grass is greening, and the first ruby throated hummingbird has showed up at the feeder. This morning I heard the bold, confident call of the great crested flycatcher.

Yes, it's Lent, and we try to keep our disciplines, but God seems to poke His head in and say, "Relax, I've got this! Go and have fun, and enjoy my creation." Lent in Florida is a bit difficult, but certainly worth the effort. The Lenten Luncheons and Soup Suppers, along with our Holy Week services, help us appreciate Christ's gift to us on the Cross.

For a brief time, the worries of the world move to the background as the vast community of believers come together to observe the season.

Life comes at us fast; still God seems to say, "Relax, I've got this!" He knows our needs even before we ask. So place your fears, your worries, your doubts firmly at the foot of the Cross. Let His amazing grace fill your heart, your mind, your soul as we worship Him today.

Rejoice! Go forth and enjoy the wonder of His creation as you hear him say, "I got this! No worries! Just go out and play!"

Warmly, Tony +