



# Trinity Topics

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## REPORT FROM THE WARDENS

As lay persons ultimately responsible for the orderly operation of the parish, a season like Lent with its extra services reminds us how much the entire parish is dependent upon the work of several groups of people. We wish to thank them, beginning with Deacon Langford, who leads services, visits the sick and shut-ins, and is the visible clergy in the community in the absence of a Rector. The paid personnel: Mary Wilson, organist, Deanna Tavender, treasurer, and JoAnn Nelson, parish secretary and overseer of all functions of parish life, cannot be thanked enough for keeping their departments operating smoothly. The Ritzos of Personal Touch Cleaning had the Church in great shape for Easter. Sunday School teachers not only instruct our children in Episcopal doctrine but also act during this season as our primary fundraisers for the Heifer Project. Assisting at services are Altar Guild, Choir, Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Lectors, Oblationers, Ushers, and Readers. Archdeacon Shawn Denney was the Celebrant for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and Bishop Daniel Martins was the Celebrant on Easter Day. For a parish temporarily without a Rector, we realize that we have been able to manage only with the help of all those already mentioned and also with the attendance of faithful parishioners, without whom services could not be held. Truly we are blessed to have such a supportive community of the faithful.

The Search/Vestry committee refined our Ministry Profile which Archdeacon Denney posted on the Episcopal Church's Office of Transitional Ministry website on Good Friday. It will remain active at least through Trinity Sunday. In addition, the committee is formulating interview questions and reviewing resumes of candidates Bp. Martins has provided.

We are very pleased with our newly reorganized website. Please visit **[www.trinitychurchjax.org](http://www.trinitychurchjax.org)** to see us in action. The Facebook page will be linked to the website and can be accessed by those who are computer savvy. Stay tuned as JoAnn adds items quite often and keeps the calendar up to date. We would be hard pressed to keep all this in working order without her diligence.

Finally, the Vestry is in the process of reviewing recommendations from Johnson Engineering of Springfield concerning the heating and cooling of the parish hall. It appears a new rooftop condenser for cooling is definitely needed, and several problems with the 50+ year old air handler are causing us to think it may be time to replace that unit also. Brennan Heating has needed to make several service calls this winter. We expect to receive more detailed information in the coming weeks so that we can make more informed decisions about these units.

*David Mumford*  
Parish Warden

*Alice Tracey*  
Rector's Warden

## ***The Stained Glass Windows of Trinity Church***



Since we are in Easter season, be sure to examine two small, but significant, windows:

In ***the Resurrection*** window in The Lady Chapel, Christ is triumphant upon His empty tomb; two angels on the right are rolling away the entrance stone. The other angel on the left is still keeping vigil. Behind him is the Tree of Life, reminiscent of Adam's banishment from life to death and contrasting with Christ's resurrection as the assurance of redemption. Christ appears younger, buoyant and is holding the banner of triumph. On the right the dove, symbol of the Holy Spirit, descends. Christ's crucifixion marks attest to the reality of His death.

On the lower south wall of the nave, is the ***Easter / Resurrection*** window. The central feature of this window is the lily of purity whose roots are imbedded in the dark, murky depths of the earth and whose flower rises gloriously up to the dove of the Holy Spirit, the *Chi Rho* of Christ, and the Trinity of God. There are stars on either side and a border of leaf and flower patterns.

## **News & Announcements**

### ***Special Offerings***

The Ash Wednesday offering was \$277; the Good Friday offering was \$75; and the Easter offering was \$88.

As authorized by the Vestry, this money from Special Offerings is designated for Outreach.

The Vestry had voted to send the Easter Plate offering of \$207 to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

### ***United Thank Offering***

We received \$234.48 on Sunday, March 6, for the UTO. We thank Greta Hardwick and Paula Herget for their help.

### ***The Heifer Project International***

The Church School's annual Trivia Lunch *The Heifer Project International* on February raised \$631. Their Bake Sale on March 13 raised \$327. The Easter cake pop sale netted \$224. Don't forget to bring your arks (mite boxes) back to church on April 3 to add to the donations to *The Heifer Project*.

***Mothering Sunday***

We want to thank Forrest Keaton, David Mumford, and all the Men and Boys who served the Women and Girls breakfast on March 6. The food was great; the tables were perfectly set; and the service was fantastic!

***Trinity Fellowship & Who's that Saint?***

The Fellowship group met on March 1, when Jo Ann Nelson shared the information she found about former parishioner Mary Kirk Newcomb. Mrs. Newcomb wrote the book, *The Madonna Story*. Her presentation then included a slide show of Madonna pictures that Mary had collected and the portrayal of Madonna throughout history by another author.

Trinity Fellowship will meet again on **April 5**. Since the Saint articles in previous editions of Trinity Topics were popular, we have decided to learn more about **St. Catherine of Siena** at this meeting. The Episcopal Church Year calendar lists St. Catherine on April 29. There will be dessert from 7:00 until 7:30, followed by a 30-minute film on her life, with a short discussion afterward. **All are invited.**

***Palm Sunday***

We thank Don and Alice Tracey for attending the Palm Sunday Eve service at St. Luke's in Springfield. They transported our palms so that they could be blessed and be ready for Trinity's Palm Sunday Proper Liturgy. And we offer a special thanks to Betsy Kennedy and Dana Ryan who made all of the palm crosses.

***Visiting Clergy***

How wonderful it was to have Archdeacon Shawn Denney with us on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday! He said that this was the first time he celebrated and officiated at services here, and he considers it his home.

We were also honored to have Bishop Daniel Martins celebrate The Holy Eucharist with us on Easter Sunday. He blessed our Paschal candle before the service.

***Web Site***

Check out our new website. It's still the same address ([www.trinitychurchjax.org](http://www.trinitychurchjax.org)), but you will see a more vibrant page.

***Death***

**The Honorable Richard Mann**, died on March 20, 2016. The Burial Office and Eucharist for Judge Mann will be on Friday, April 1.

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in glory.*

***\*If you have news you wish to share, please contact the Parish Office.***

**Friday, April 1**

The Burial Office  
for Richard Mann will be  
at 11 o'clock.

**Special Church School Activities:**

Monday, April 4, 6:00 pm:  
pizza party and rehearsal of song  
Thursday, April 7, 4:15 pm:  
flower planting

**Trinity Fellowship**

**Tuesday, April 5, 7 pm**

The life of St. Catherine of Sienna  
will be the topic.

**ECW**

Build your own salad. Bring a salad ingredient.  
Lettuce and beverages are provided.

**Monday, April 11**

**5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**April 13**

The Church School Children will be  
singing the anthem  
at the 10 o'clock service.

**Vestry**

**Tuesday, April 19**

Search Committee meets at **6:00 pm**,  
followed by the  
Regular Vestry Meeting at **7:00 pm**.

**SERVICES IN APRIL 2016**

**Sundays at 10:00 am:**

**Liturgy of the Word &  
Holy Communion**

April 3:

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

April 10:

**The Third Sunday of Easter**

April 17:

**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 24:

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Wednesdays at 10:00 am:**

**Morning Prayer**

April 6

April 13

April 20

April 27



**April 6**

is the day we would like you to return your  
mite boxes

(the arks for *The Heifer Project  
International*).

The Church School Children will be  
anxiously awaiting to see if they meet their  
goal for 2016.