



## Trinity Tidings

March 2020

### The Forty Days of Lent

On February 26, Ash Wednesday, we begin the season of Lent in which we observe a time of repentance and spiritual discipline. We take this opportunity to set aside time during our busy life to promote our spiritual growth and draw closer in relationship with God. It, too, is a time for us to prepare ourselves so as to discover the significance of Holy Week and, ultimately, of Easter Day.

During Lent many of us focus attention on fasting, almsgiving, and our prayer time. The practice of fasting is meant to help take our eyes off the matters of this world and, thus, direct our focus more on God. While we may contribute financially to help other persons throughout the entire year, almsgiving during this season reminds us to offer our *time* in the service of others as well. And with regard to our prayer time, these forty days prompts us to set aside additional time – even if only for a few minutes – to be present with God by way of prayer, study, and worship.

The Lenten season offers awareness of how we use our time and also opens us up to try new things. Often, we understand Lent as the time in which we are to “give something up”. But it is much more than this. It is about the act of putting something more positive in place while we prepare and grow spiritually. This might mean that we actually *take up something new* in our life, even if this may be challenging for us or has us view life in a new way.

**On Tuesday, February 25**, the parish family and our guests will gather together for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Proceeds raised this year will benefit the Fredonia Food Pantry.

**The following day, Ash Wednesday**, I invite you to begin the observance of a holy Lent by attending one of the Ash Wednesday services. The worship schedule can be found on page two of this newsletter for service times at the church and at SUNY-Fredonia campus.

**For all Sunday services during Lent**, the liturgy for both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services will be Holy Eucharist, Rite One.

**Lenten Program and Supper:** I invite you to join with me on four Thursday evenings in Garland Hall, March 5-26. The evening will begin with Holy Communion in the parish hall, followed by a Lenten Supper. This program is based on a series of radio addresses by C. S. Lewis on the BBC during World War II. Please see page two of this newsletter for more information about this Lenten study series.

**The Rt. Revd. Sean Rowe**, Bishop Provisional of our Diocese, will be present with us at Trinity during our worship service on Maundy Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this special service of Holy Week.

**First Communion** classes will be offered in the coming weeks with a target date of Sunday, May 10, also Mother’s Day, as the first communion day for class participants.

**Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation:** In *Confirmation*, baptized persons are “confirmed” in the Christian faith with a laying on of hands by the bishop.

*Reception* is a way for individuals who have been confirmed in by a bishop in the Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America or Eastern Orthodox Church to be received into the Episcopal Church by our bishop.

Worshippers who have been baptized and confirmed in the Episcopal Church (or any member church in the Anglican Communion) may choose to *reaffirm* their baptism covenant with the bishop.

A regional Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation service is scheduled at St. Luke's Church, Jamestown, on Sunday, May 17, at 3:30 p.m.

Youth of the parish family will soon be contacted for First Communion and Confirmation classes. Adults interested in learning more about Confirmation, Reception, of Reaffirmation may contact me for additional information. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

May this season of Lent bring to us all a spirit-filled journey of faith.

*Peace, Fr. Jim*

### ***Important dates in March***

**ECW Meeting:** March 7, 9:30 a.m., Garland Hall. Trinity Episcopal Church Women meeting.

**Shrove Tuesday Supper:** February 25, 5-7 p.m., Garland Hall.

**Ash Wednesday:** February 26.

**Holy Communion in the Quire:** a said service, March 4 and 18, at 10:00 a.m.

**Fredonia Place:** Holy Communion, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.; Garden-view Room.

**March Vestry Meeting:** Garland Hall, March 17 at 6:00 p.m.

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## **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Feb. 25 – 5pm-7pm.**

Come one, come all! A pancake supper will be served in Garland Hall on Shrove Tuesday this year as a fundraising event for the Fredonia Food Pantry. An all-you-can-eat meal, donation is \$8.00 per person; aged 5 yrs. And younger, eat free.

A special menu will be offered, including various toppings for your pancakes. Fruit, sausage, milk, juice and coffee are some of the items that will round out the menu.

The entire community is invited to join together to eat on "Fat Tuesday" and make merry before the Lenten season begins. See you there!

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## **Ash Wednesday Service Schedule, February 26**



### **Trinity Church**

**7:30 a.m.** – Liturgy for Ash Wednesday; Imposition of Ashes (*said service*).

**10:00 a.m.** – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of Ashes (*said service*).

**7:00 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist, Rite II; Imposition of Ashes, with Hymns.

### **SUNY-Fredonia Campus**

**Noon** – Ecumenical Service, with the Imposition of Ashes.

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## **Lenten Program and Supper** **C. S. Lewis and BBC Radio.**

### **March 5 – 26:**

### **Thursday evenings in Garland Hall**

**5:30 p.m.** – Holy Eucharist, Rite II.

**6:00 p.m.** – Lenten Supper and Series.

Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1962) was a scholar, novelist, and author of nearly forty books, many of them Christian apologetics, including *The Screwtape Letters* and *Mere Christianity*. Of course, many of us are familiar with his work, *Chronicles of Narnia*, a series of seven children's books.

During the Second World War, Lewis gained wide recognition when he began a series of radio addresses on Christianity with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). He conducted four series on BBC from August 1941 to April 1944. All told, Lewis gave nearly 25 addresses, totaling almost six hours of audio. One broadcast had at least 1.5 million listeners.

This Lenten series is video and conversation based, in which we will be provided visual cues as we listen to a particular BBC radio address by Lewis. With each address, we are provided thoughts and teachings on various topics of the Christian faith.

Two brief videos will be presented each Thursday evening, which will articulate a particular message by Lewis. I discovered in each address an interesting and unique expression of a topic on Christian faith. I also gained insight into the times in which Lewis made these broadcasts. Listed below are the titles of each address we will experience during this series.

**Week One, March 5:**

*Making and Begetting* (14 mins.)

*Rival Conceptions of God* (8 mins.)

**Week Two, March 12:**

*The Grand Miracle, Part I* (16 mins.)

*The Grand Miracle, Part II* (5 mins.)

**Week Three, March 19:**

*Three Parts of Morality* (14 mins.)

*The Cardinal Virtues* (11 mins.)

**Week Four, March 26:**

*The Laws of Nature* (8 mins.)

*World's Last Night* (12 mins.)

I invite everyone to gather together during this Lenten study for fellowship and to learn more about our faith with C. S. Lewis. --- Fr. Jim

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**Anglican Communion News Service**

**The Anglican Communion's Five Marks of Mission: an introduction.**

An article from the ACNS website: [anglicannews.org](http://anglicannews.org)  
February 4, 2020

*The Anglican Communion loves its jargon – key words and buzz phrases that spring up in conversations, sermons, and speeches. One of these phrases is “the Five Marks of Mission”. The Anglican Communion News Service has commissioned a series of articles looking at each of the Five Marks and we will publish these in the coming weeks. In this article, Gavin Drake explores their background and history.*

The Anglican Communion has no central authority or decision-making body. It is a family of 40 – soon to be 41 – independent but interdependent Churches. The Anglican Communion's four Instruments of Communion – the Archbishop of

Canterbury, the Primates' Meeting, the Lambeth Conference and the Anglican Consultative Council – have no right to impose policies or initiatives on those autonomous member churches.

But they can come up with ideas which they propose to the Churches. These ideas may gain acceptance in some churches but not in others; or they may be rejected by most churches, or they may gain wide acceptance. This process is often referred to as “reception” – it is a way of testing whether the proposals by the Instruments have been received by the Churches.

One such proposal which has been universally accepted by the Churches of the Communion is the Five Marks of Mission. Some member Churches will have debated these in their provincial synods or councils, others will have just adopted them through usage. The Five Marks of Mission are such an important resource that Churches outside the Anglican Communion often reflect on them too. But what are they?

The Five Marks of Mission began life as a mission statement – an organizational statement about the purpose of the Anglican Communion. Being mission-focused, this organizational statement was more “mission”-minded than most organization's mission statements.

In 1984, meeting in Badagry, Nigeria, the Anglican Consultative Council adopted Four Marks of Mission (the fifth was to be added later). The official Report of report the meeting makes clear their origins in the Gospels: “The Gospel according to St John puts the Great Commission in these simple words; ‘As the Father has sent me, even so I sent you’ (John 20:21)”, the report said. “Deliberately and precisely Jesus made his mission the model of our mission to the world. For this reason, our understanding of the Church's mission must be deduced from our understanding of what Jesus considered his mission to be.”

The four Marks of Mission were summarized in four headings: evangelism, response and initiation, Christian nurture and teaching, and service and transformation. In addition to adopting the Marks, the Council asked all local churches, deaneries, archdeaconries, dioceses and provinces to carry out a mission audit to measure how effective they were under the four headings.

In 1990, at its meeting in Wales, the Anglican Consultative Council added a fifth Mark of Mission, saying in its official report: “There has been a consistent view of mission repeated by the ACC, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates’ Meeting and others in recent years, which defines mission in a four-fold way. . . We now feel that our understanding of the ecological crisis, and indeed of the threats to the unity of all creation, mean that we have to add a fifth affirmation” – to safeguard the integrity of creation.

The Five Marks of Mission should not be seen as a never-changing creed. At its 2012 meeting in Auckland, New Zealand, the ACC said that they should be understood as dynamic and should be reviewed regularly. At this meeting, the Council revised the wording of the fourth Mark of Mission, adding the phrase “to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation” to the pre-existing text “to seek to transform the unjust structures of society”.

The Five Marks of Mission are more than a mission statement for the Anglican Communion. They are lived out every day in the provinces and Churches of the Communion.

### **The Five Marks of Mission**

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers.
3. To respond to human need by loving service.
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation.
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

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## **Trinity Episcopal Church**

### **Vestry Minutes**

January 21, 2020

#### **As approved at the February Meeting**

**Present:** William Roberts, Senior Warden; Melisa Eichmann, Junior Warden; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; Lucille Bryant; Doreen Gould; Jack Torrance; Sue Torrance; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

**Excused:** Cathy Berner.

**Call to Order:** Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed with opening prayer. **The Meeting Agenda** was approved as given.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Lucille Bryant to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting, with a second by William Roberts. The motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

**Finance:** Virginia Becker reported.

A motion was by Lucille Bryant to receive the treasurer’s report. The treasurer’s written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- The total pledged amount for 2020 is \$105,992. The number of pledging units is 37.
- Balanced Billing with both National Grid and National Fuel have been initiated.

**Memorial Fund Report:** Virginia Becker reported.

- The current balance is \$4,266.28, with no activity since December meeting.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Melisa Eichmann reported.

- National Fuel installed a new-updated gas meter in the parish hall utility room.

**Caregivers:** Sue Torrance reported.

- All is well at this time.

**Outreach:** Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement met recently with Diane Sercu. Sunday School will coordinate the donations to the Child Life Department, John R. Oishei Children’s Hospital, Buffalo.
- Outreach for the months of February and March will be the collecting of children’s pajamas for the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center.

**Trinity Episcopal Church Women:** Doreen Gould reported.

- Next meeting will take place on February, 1.
- Plans not yet confirmed for the Epiphany Tea.

**Flower Guild:** Melisa Eichmann reported.

- Currently, the balance is \$645.20 in the account. Activity since last meeting:
- Three deposits made in the amount of \$303.00.
  - Payment for Christmas poinsettias in the amount of \$195.00.
  - A plan will be made for the setting up of Easter flowers, beginning with an article for the parish newsletter.

**Rector's Report:** Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement recently returned from taking vacation time.
- He recently attended a clergy gathering in Buffalo.
- Melisa Eichmann has been appointed as Disaster Coordinator for the parish, in accordance with the Congregation Disaster Plan with the diocese.
- The Rt. Revd. Sean Rowe, Bishop Provisional of Western New York, will be present with the congregation on Maundy Thursday, April 9, 2020.
- Masterworks Choir rehearsals for the spring concert begin in the church on January 26.

**Old Business:**

- Annual Meeting luncheon: vestry will provide a meat and cheese platter for the event.

**New Business:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. with a motion made by Doreen Gould. Father Clement offered a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Melisa Eichmann, Acting Clerk.

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**Parish Notes**



**Remember!**

Daylight savings time

2:00 a.m.  
**Sunday, March 8th**

**MARCH OUTREACH**



We continue to collect pajamas during this month for the Fredonia Agri-Business Child Development Center, children aged 2 months to 5 years old. All sizes are needed! *Items can be dropped off in Garland Hall during the month.*

**Thank you for your support of Trinity's outreach program.**



**Fredonia Food Pantry**

Don't forget that dry food donations are accepted at any time for our local food pantry. Place your gift in the red wagon located at the back of the church. Sunday School will present the collection as an offering on the second Sunday of each month, which is then given to the Pantry. Thank you for your continued support!

**Trinity Masterworks Choir**

**Concert date:  
Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m.**

**Ola Gjeilo's 'Sunrise Mass'**

March Rehearsals

Sundays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays: March 5, 19  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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## Lectionary Readings for Sundays in March: [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

### Sunday, March 1

*First Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

### Sunday, March 8

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

### Sunday, March 15

*Third Sunday in Lent*

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

### Sunday, March 22

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

### Sunday, March 29

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:6-11

John 11:1-45

## Birthdays in March

- 1 Spencer Annear
- 3 Robbie Mancuso
- 4 Kerri Vercant-Underhill
- 4 Jace Mosier
- 6 Audrey Parker
- 6 Sarah Nash
- 9 Tiffany Nuber
- 12 Dominic Schultz
- 17 Bernard Jakiela
- 18 Erik Reinhart
- 19 Nathaniel Smith

- 20 Susan Sam
- 22 Lois Beckwith
- 22 Marc Levy
- 25 Janet Hartley
- 25 Steffan Wheelock
- 26 Todd Reynolds
- 27 Todd Graves
- 30 Nicholas Yerico
- 31 Walt Sedlmayer

## Wedding Anniversaries in March

None in March

## In Memoriam

- 1 John T. Everett, Jr.
- 6 Michael Scanzano
- 10 Susan Sellers
- 15 Betsy Cuellar
- 22 The Revd. David Stanley
- 25 Leo Tucker
- 27 Edith Tucker
- 28 Bruce Graves
- 29 Dean Erdle
- 30 Linda Erick

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**Parish Office Hours: Monday: office closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm**

### **Parish Clergy and Staff**

The Revd. James Clement, *Rector*

*rector@trinitychurchwny.org*

Ji Hyun Woo, *Organist*

Phillip McMullen, *Choirmaster*

Sara Jagoda, *Sexton*

### **The Vestry of the Parish**

William Roberts, Sr. Warden

Sue Torrance, Jr. Warden

Janeil Rey

Karin Wheelock

Lucille Bryant

Doreen Gould

Jack Torrance

Virginia Becker, Treasurer

**Sunday School:** Janeil Rey and Audrey Parker  
**Outreach:** Diane Sercu  
**Trinity Episcopal Church Women:** Doreen Gould  
**Sunshine Group:** Maureen Blackburn and Cathy Berner

**Prayer Chain:** Mary Lou Sherman  
**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Ann Sullivan  
**Altar Guild:** Jeanette Adamczak  
**Flower Guild:** Melisa Eichmann

### Worship Server Schedule – March

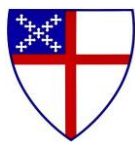
Date	Time	Crucifer	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher/Greeter	Intercessor
March 1	<u>8:00</u>	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	Doreen Gould	Fred Liener	Bonnie Liener	Lisa Sedlmayer
March 8	<u>10:30</u>	Sally Ludlum	Sally Ludlum	Judy Reynolds	Vicky Jakiela Jeanette Adamczak	Melisa Eichmann
March 15	<u>8:00</u>	-----	-----	Ginny Becker	-----	-----
	<u>10:30</u>	Sally Ludlum	Lucy Bryant	Ginny Becker	Andy Wheelock Karin Wheelock	Karin Wheelock
March 22	<u>10:30</u>	Lucy Bryant	Lucy Bryant	Judy Reynolds	Patti Cooper	Lisa Sedlmayer
March 29	<u>10:30</u>	Lisa Schultz	Doreen Gould	Fred Liener	Bonnie Liener Dominic Schultz	Melisa Eichmann

### Parish Support Schedule – March

Date	Altar Guild	Coffee Hour Host	Counters
March 1	Judy Reynolds	(open)	Lucy Bryant Doreen Gould
March 8	Lisa Schultz	Abby and Hannah Rexford	Sue and Jack Torrance
March 15	Janeil Rey	(open)	Karin Wheelock
March 22	Melisa Eichmann	(open)	Lucy Bryant Doreen Gould
March 29	Jeanette Adamczak	(open)	Bill Roberts Doreen Gould

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Ephesians 1:2*