



Trinity Tidings

May 2021

Alleluia, Christ is risen!



Morning has broken; I hope everyone is enjoying this Eastertide! As in-person Sunday worship has resumed and more of us become fully vaccinated, we gain a sense of rebirth of life.

It was a year ago that we gathered together online for worship on Easter Day. We did not know what life would hold for us in pandemic lockdown. On that day the wooden cross stood outside of the church, placed on top of the steps and in front of the entrance doors. This year, the cross was placed in the lawn to allow a small number of us to gather for worship. We all anticipate the day when everyone is able to come together again.

During this past year of loss for so many people, Mary Magdalene's experience at the tomb on the day of the Resurrection offers us hope. Having experienced a sudden and traumatic change in life, all Mary could do was focus her attention on loss, the death of Jesus.

We are familiar with this narrative from John's Gospel. We like to think that Mary holds onto a glimmer of hope, perhaps a wish, to be with Jesus once again. But her loss only blinds her eyes even from a possibility of recognizing him. It is only when Jesus calls to her that Mary's eyes are opened to the glory of God.

It is the actions that follow in this narrative that I find particularly meaningful this Eastertide. As Mary reaches out with joy to touch him, Jesus prohibits her from taking hold of him. It is a message: Even though Jesus has been raised from the dead, life has not simply returned to the way it once was.

It is this message that we proclaim and celebrate on Easter Day, and on every day: The resurrection of Jesus marks the beginning of a new era and an entirely new way of life. And it is about life in the here and the now.

With all our praise and thanksgiving, let us respond to this message by taking hold of the resurrected life. May we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God.

Blessings and Peace, Fr. Jim



*The lamb has redeemed the flock:
Christ has redeemed the whole human flock,
every human being, without exception.*

Important dates in May:

In-person worship every Sunday: Holy Eucharist, Rite One, at 8:00; Holy Eucharist, Rite Two, at 10:30 a.m.

Online worship every Sunday: Morning Prayer with the Rector, at 9:30 a.m., via Zoom.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m.

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Episcopal News Service

Baltimore Church to auction historic silver to help create \$300,000 scholarship fund

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Posted: April 7, 2021

By, David Paulson

[St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), founded in 1692, is the oldest church in Baltimore, Maryland. It owns an offering plate that is itself more valuable than any offering the congregation might collect on a typical Sunday. Made of silver and encrusted with gems, [the offering plate](#) bears an inscription dating it to "Easter 1876." A similar inscription is found on [another historic item](#), one of the church's silver chalices, which features clusters of diamonds.

Neither item is in regular use. Both have been stored in a safe for the past decade, the Rev. Mark Stanley told Episcopal News Service. "You'd almost need an armed guard to bring them out and use them. They're too valuable," he said.

Too valuable to use on Sunday – but possibly just valuable enough to help the congregation endow an educational scholarship. Church leaders are working with an auction house to sell 15 silver items at St. Paul's, including [communion sets](#) and a [baptismal font bowl](#). The proceeds are estimated to reach \$75,000. The gem-encrusted plate and chalice alone could be worth up to \$60,000 at auction.

"Why are they sitting in a safe? Let's invest them in the children of Baltimore City," said Stanley, who has served St. Paul's as rector for 17 years.

The downtown church, commonly known as Old St. Paul's, established and still maintains ties to [the St. Paul's Schools](#) in suburban Brooklandville. It began as a school for girls in 1799, initially serving orphans. In 1849, a second school opened for boys. The schools, which merged in 2018, have roots in the church's historic mission of service to financially disadvantaged children, Stanley said.

This year, he and other clergy and lay leaders, looking for a way to "stay in touch with that mission," developed the scholarship plan. The congregation's anti-racism council also supported the effort to assist students, specifically African Americans, who otherwise might not have the opportunity to attend the pre-K through 12th grade day school. The congregation had researched some of the church's [historic complicity in white supremacy and racist institutions](#), particularly how it benefited in its early years from the slave-dependent tobacco industry.

"We have some rights to wrong here," Stanley said. "We want to make a difference, to address systemic racism."

The church plans to work with the nonprofit [Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust](#), or BEST, which will identify students in the community who would be appropriate candidates for the scholarship. Stanley said the church hopes this fall to provide its first scholarship of \$15,000 to help one student attend the St. Paul's Schools where [high school tuition is \\$32,800](#). The school is offering financial aid to offset the remaining costs for the student.

The church expects its first scholarship recipient to be entering the ninth grade, and the annual scholarship will allow that student to complete high school at the private school. After that student graduates, another student will be chosen for the next scholarship.

If the scholarship fund grows, the church may be able to increase the number of students it supports each year, Stanley said. For now, the focus is on raising the initial money through the auction, which is underway this week ([lots 436 to 450](#)) through April 8. It is managed by [Alex Cooper Auctioneers](#) of Towson, Maryland.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church has an average Sunday attendance of about 180. Some of its 500 members raised concerns about letting go of valuable items connected to the church's history, but in general, the church's goal of creating the scholarship has generated support and excitement within the congregation, Stanley said. "To me, there's a time to do bold action," he said, and he emphasized that the church isn't selling everything, only items that haven't been used in years.

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
March 16, 2021
As approved at the April Meeting

Present: Sue Torrance, Junior Warden; Jack Torrance; Karin Wheelock; Janeil Rey; Doreen Gould; Lucille Bryant; Virginia Becker, Treasurer; and, The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: William Roberts.

Call to Order: This meeting was held via the online platform, Zoom. Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m., followed with opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Janeil Rey.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Janeil Rey to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting, with a second by Karin Wheelock. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance: Virginia Becker reported. A motion was made by Doreen Gould, seconded by Jack Torrance, to receive the treasurer's report. The treasurer's written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- Invoices continue to be paid upon receipt.
- Building Fund: Southpaw Signs was paid for the work and installation of new church sign. Pucci's Carpet was paid the remaining balance for flooring contract. Balance in the fund is \$1,680.42.

- Snowden Lane Partners submitted a request to Merrill Lynch for transfer of Master and Sub Accounts.

Memorial Fund Report: Virginia Becker reported.

- Current balance: \$2,867.28.

Buildings and Grounds: Fr. Clement reported.

- Painting continues in one room of the undercroft. Furniture will be moved into this room soon.
- The wall niche by the stairway will be prepared for the new humidifier.

Caregivers: Sue Torrance reported.

- All is well with this outreach.

Outreach: Karin Wheelock reported.

- April outreach will be for the Lakeshore Humane Society.

Episcopal Church Women: No report.

Flower Guild: No report.

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Online Sunday worship continues.
- Fr. Clement attended the February Diocesan Council meeting.
- Partnership clergy meeting tomorrow via Zoom.

Old Business: Doreen Gould asked about the installation of the new church sign. Fr. Clement responded that he will inquire with Southpaw this week.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. with a motion made by Janeil Rey.

Father Clement offered a closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sue Torrance, Acting Clerk.



Outreach

Throughout May and June, we will be collecting canned goods for Rural Ministries. There are 4 main items they are in need of: canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, and tuna. Donations are greatly appreciated and may be left in the church vestibule.



Our renovation of the undercroft continues. This room (pictured) was recently completed and repurposed for use as a meeting room and classroom.

Lectionary Readings for May:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 16

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 23

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35,37

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 30

First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-1

Trinity Flower Guild

We have returned to in-person services in the church!

The purchase of altar flowers for the Sanctuary Altar or the Children's Altar on a Sunday is a nice way to remember or honor one or more persons, as well as offering your thanksgiving.

A sign-up calendar to reserve a date is now located in the narthex of the church. If you are not attending in-person worship at this time and wish to reserve a Sunday date, please contact Melisa Eichmann, Director of the Flower Guild.



If you have not done so already, take a drive by the church and enjoy our new sign. We thank those persons who made this project possible!

Birthdays in May

- 4 Kathy Niedbalski
- 9 Jake Wilkins
- 10 David Kramer
- 11 Nathan Sercu
- 13 Mary Lou Sherman
- 13 Eliza Martin
- 14 Kate Levy
- 15 Jillian Abreu
- 17 Ray Chin
- 21 Elizabeth Roberts
- 21 Catherine Graves
- 22 Tom Kennedy
- 22 Jon Weekly
- 23 Aaron Smith
- 24 Samantha Niedbalski
- 24 John Murphy
- 30 Lee Blackburn

Wedding Anniversaries in May

- 15 Lisa and Walt Sedlmayer
- 30 Spencer and Sharon Annear
- 31 Fr. Otis and Maxine Hovencamp

In Memoriam

- 5 Carrie Mancuso
- 12 Jim Johnson
- 14 Elizabeth Crocker
- 20 Harry Reiff
- 22 Kathleen Cerrito
- 28 Harold Beckwith
- 30 Nerissa Shaw
- 30 Joseph Cerrito

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Parish Clergy and Staff

The Revd. James Clement, *Rector*
rector@trinitychurchwny.org
Dr. Ji Hyun Woo, *Organist and Director of Music*
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 ECW: Doreen Gould

Sunshine Group: Maureen Blackburn and Cathy Berner

Prayer Chain: Mary Lou Sherman

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Ann Sullivan

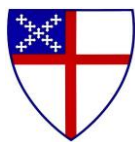
Altar Guild: Jeanette Adamczak

Flower Guild: Melisa Eichmann

No Worship Server or Parish Support schedules for the month of May

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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*