

Holy Week and Easter Day Schedule

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

April 2

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Rt. I) and
Liturgy of the Palms.

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist (Rt. II) and
Liturgy of the Palms.

The 10:30 service will begin in Garland Hall.

The Paschal Triduum

Maundy Thursday

April 6

7:00 p.m. – The Holy Eucharist of the Institution.

Good Friday

April 7

Noon – Liturgy of Good Friday, *a said service.*

7:00 p.m. – Liturgy of Good Friday.

Holy Saturday

April 8

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy for Holy Saturday, *a said service.*

*Everyone is invited to decorate the church
immediately following this service.*

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 9

Please note the special service time

10:00 a.m. – Choral Eucharist (Rt. II) and
Lighting of the Paschal Candle.



Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. Amen.

BCP, pg. 101

Important dates in April:

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. I;
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rt. II;
Godly Play Program, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week: April 2-8

Decorating the Church: April 8, at 11:00 a.m.

Easter Day: April 9, at 10:00 a.m.

TECW Meeting: April 1, at 9:30 a.m.

Vestry Meeting: April 18, at 5:00 p.m.

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The Partnership News

Godly Play at Trinity, Fredonia sparks collaboration

www.episcopalpartnership.org

Posted: March 15, 2023



It's a constant challenge for Sunday School teachers: how do you keep kids engaged when the demands of school, sports, and parents' work schedules mean that many families don't attend church every week?

At [Trinity, Fredonia](#), the answer since 2018 has been Godly Play, a formation program for children that can work especially well for congregations with a wide age range of children and varying attendance patterns. The program, says Wendy Schumacher, the partnership diocese's missionary for children and youth, "is a great way of engaging participants in bible stories. It doesn't have to be sequential if participants can't be there every week, as the stories are seasonal and not lectionary-based."

Godly Play was started about forty years ago by the Rev. Jerome Berryman, now a priest in the Diocese of Colorado. The program, which uses methods similar to Montessori schools, takes place in classrooms set up with spaces for children to hear and see bible stories acted out with wooden figures, scraps of cloth, boxes of sand and other tools. Children are encouraged to ask questions about the stories they hear starting with, "I wonder," which has become the program's hallmark phrase.

When church buildings emptied out during the pandemic, Janeil Rey, ministry coordinator for Sunday School at Trinity, Fredonia, used the opportunity to update their Sunday School space. As she cleaned out closets and classrooms, she realized that one of the things she most appreciated about Godly Play is that "it's not a box of stuff arriving every quarter."

The congregation has a strong history of supporting its Sunday School program, and Godly Play has been no exception. Retired teachers and volunteers with woodworking skills have contributed "artifacts," the items used to tell the biblical story in each Godly Play session, while others have provided memorial funds to add to the parish collection.

"As Christians, we have a special obligation for Sunday School to be a loving place, welcoming and inviting," Rey says. "Godly Play provides a loose structure within which to create that culture and environment. I wish my children had benefited from this when they were younger. Godly Play is timeless and authentic. The children know that each week, we're going to spend time hearing the stories and talking about our relationship with God."

In 2021, Canon Twila Smith accompanied Bishop Sean Rowe to Trinity, Fredonia for a visitation and saw the parish's Godly Play program in action.

"That was an exciting impetus for the conversation about what Godly Play could mean to other churches," she says. "It is an adaptable program, working with groups of different sizes and age groups, including groups with sporadic attendance patterns. There are the physical artifacts for those who are more concrete learners, opportunity for quiet and reflection for those who are drawn to those experiences, and more."

Smith, who had experience with Godly Play before being called to the partnership dioceses, helped organize a four-person team to attend a Godly Play training in Kane, Pennsylvania, in March 2022. The partnership dioceses provided financial support for the team to attend, and on returning home, they began talking about how to share ideas, curriculum, and "artifacts."

Ginny Becker, a member of Trinity, attended the training. While she was new to Godly Play, as an elementary school teacher, she was familiar with the Montessori educational theories and practices on which the program is based.

"I like the way Godly Play leads children to make their own conclusions, to think about what the [biblical] story means to them. The whole layout allows a child to move from the Sunday School setting into corporate worship seamlessly. Having been in a variety of Christian education situations throughout my life, I think this is a great way to go."

“What I didn’t anticipate at the training, being a seasoned teacher and workshop attendee, was that I would come away with a deeper understand of the Sacred Story and of the liturgical action of Holy Eucharist as an adult,” she says.

Shortly after the team returned from Godly Play training, the partnership dioceses hosted a Saturday retreat at Trinity, Fredonia titled “Creating Space for Children,” led by the Rev. Anne Kitch, rector of St Luke’s Episcopal Church in Phillipsburg, New Jersey and author of several books on children and family formation. Kitch’s presentation expanded interest in Godly Play and the retreat helped build a network of teachers using the program.

To foster collaboration, the partnership dioceses have purchased both the Godly Play curricula and a set of patterns for making the Godly Play materials, which include wooden figures that represent biblical characters, fabric shapes that represent lakes and rivers, and a small sand box for desert-based stories. Congregations that would like to share the curricula and patterns can [email Schumacher](#).

The next opportunity for Godly Play Core Training, the program’s most comprehensive training session, will be March 24 through March 26 at St. Paul’s, Mt Lebanon in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. [Learn more and register online](#).

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Trinity Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes
February 2023
As approved at the March Meeting

Present: Janeil Rey, Warden; Sally Ludlum; Mary Lou Vercant; Ann Sullivan; Jennifer Wilkins; Virginia Becker, Treasurer, and The Reverend James Clement, Rector

Excused: Cathy Berner and Karin Wheelock.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with an opening prayer.

The Meeting Agenda was approved as given, as moved by Mary Lou Vercant, seconded by Sally Ludlum.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Ann Sullivan, to approve the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: No financial reports presented at this meeting. These were issued at the January vestry meeting two weeks earlier.

- **Finance**
 - Treasurer’s Report.
 - Memorial Fund Report.
- **Buildings and Grounds**
 - No updates since the last meeting.

Congregational Ministries:

- **Godly Play Curriculum:** Janeil Rey discussed a follow-up regarding a decline in Sunday School attendance. When she arrived at the parish 20 years ago there were only 5-6 families, but many had multiple children. The demographic of the congregation has changed. Preparing for Fall 2023, a plan will be set to present our Godly Play curriculum to the greater community. As this moves forward, we welcome further assistance from the congregation.
- **The College Kitchen:** The community meal for SUNY students is typically the second Tuesday of the month, however, the university spring break is March 13-17, so the date will be modified slightly.

Rector’s Report:

- Fr. Clement is appreciative of our current supply organist, Donald Fellows. Don offers his talent to uplift the congregation in worship and volunteers his time with the Chancel Choir.
- Fr. Clement reminded vestry that we are in the practice of saving our resources at all times, especially with the use of utilities in the parish building.
- He will take vacation time in February. Choral Matins will take place on the two Sundays during his absence at 10:30 a.m. There are no 8:00 a.m. services scheduled. Service bulletins outlining the full liturgy will be printed for use.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Fr. Clement presented the 2022 Parochial Report, which is approved by vestry each year prior to being sent to The Church. He went over the various details. Virginia Becker reported on the financials. Ann Sullivan made a motion, seconded by Janeil Rey, to approve this report. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. with a motion from Sally Ludlum. Motion carried.

Vestry ended their time together with prayer. The next vestry meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk.

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Parish Outreach



The Observer recently had an article about a local family experiencing a medical hardship: [Shoe Drive Underway to Support Brocton Family](#)

Fundraisers have been arranged to provide financial assistance. Once such fundraiser is being arranged by Beckie Ross, an acquaintance of the family. The fundraiser involves collecting gently worn shoes in exchange for money toward the identified cause. Additional information can be found at <https://funds2orgs.com/>

Trinity Outreach has been in touch with Beckie Ross, organizer of this fundraiser for the local family and Trinity's support is welcomed. GENTLY worn shoes of any type can be donated. Baby shoes, children's shoes, adult shoes etc. are acceptable. The guidelines are that shoes must be wearable with no broken heels, or missing laces and in good condition. Donations of shoes will be accepted through the month of April.

--- The Outreach Team



Forward Movement DAY BY DAY

The Forward Day by Day daily devotional booklets for the months of May, Jun, and July are now available at each entrance into the church building. Pick up your copy today!

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TECW

TECW meeting April 1, 9:30 am in Garland Hall

AND

only one more month until the
2023 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
9am-2pm

Please mark **May 13th** on your calendar and plan to bring all your CLEAN, USABLE, ALL PARTS INCLUDED items to the vestibule of Garland Hall beginning after the 10:30 service on May 7, 2023.

--- Doreen Gould

Lectionary Readings for April:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, April 2

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Matthew 27:11-54

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

Sunday, April 9

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

Sunday, April 16

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-23

Psalms 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 23

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Birthdays in April

- 7 Holly Gould
- 7 William Weatherlow
- 8 Graciela Rey
- 9 Michael Liener
- 11 Judy Reynolds
- 14 Andrew Wheelock
- 16 James Ivey
- 17 Kirsta Wheelock
- 19 Megan Kyte
- 20 Karin Wheelock
- 23 Robert Weatherlow
- 23 Liam Burmaster

- 24 Charles Burmaster
- 24 Benjamin Kyte
- 24 Charles Cinque
- 30 James Burmaster

Wedding Anniversaries in April

- 11 Melisa and Chris Eichmann
- 18 Dave and Mary Lou Sherman
- 18 Fr. Bob and Patty Arnold
- 20 Russell Kyte and Bridget Russell
- 25 Marilyn and Bob Maytum

In Memoriam

- 4 Dorothy Reynolds
- 4 Virginia Maytum
- 9 Marjorie Hamann
- 12 Pat Lewis
- 13 Phil Skrzypek
- 15 Connie Van Scoter
- 30 Beth Parker

Trinity Tidings

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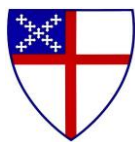
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*“Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”
Ephesians 1:2*