

I am the Resurrection and the Life



Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

--- The Collect: Second Sunday of Easter

Happy Easter! I wish you a joyous, blessed, and safe Eastertide! Let us celebrate the meaning of the Paschal mystery, this act of God, which has been freely given to us. Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. May we take this time to discover and live a Resurrected Life!

Thank You! I offer my gratitude to everyone who helped in some manner during Holy Week and with Easter Day: The liturgy, flowers, altar duties, the music program, etc. It was nice to be fully free of the pandemic restrictions we have had these past years!

On Sunday, May 7: Two special events will be held at Trinity:

- 1. Festive Coffee Hour:** Immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service, we will host a coffee hour, organized by TECW, to honor the four student choristers (Anna, Bella, Nathaniel, and Trevor) who have been with us this past year. All are invited to wish them well as they end this academic term. The final Sunday for the Chancel Choir before summer break is May 14.
- 2. The College Kitchen:** Our student outreach will host a community meal of Big Melch's BBQ and grilled hot dogs on the front lawn of the church. This will take place at Noon until 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the student celebration weekend. All are welcome to join in this event! If you wish to volunteer to help in any way, please contact Jenn Wilkins.

--- Peace, James+



AGNUS REDEMIT OVES:
The lamb has redeemed the flock.

Christ has redeemed the whole human flock,
every human being, without exception.

Important dates in May:

Sundays:

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

Festive Coffee Hour: Sunday, May 7.

The College Kitchen: May 7, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Vestry Meeting: Tuesday, May 16, at 5:00 p.m.

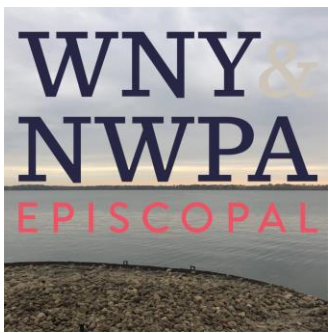
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The Partnership News

New Committees Get to Work

www.episcopalpartnership.org

Posted: April 12, 2023



Bishop Sean Rowe had always planned for the partnership between the Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York to be facilitated by several key committees with members drawn from both dioceses. “That was

going to be an important piece of helping us all move together in the most productive and healthy way,” said the Rev. Adam Trambley, rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Sharon.

“Then COVID hit.”

The pandemic delayed the plan’s implementation but last month, committees charged with facilitating congregational operations, shaping strategic plans for the partnership’s buildings and finances, and developing a more productive collaborative culture began to meet.

Each committee includes between four and six people appointed by the bishop, including at least one member of each diocesan council, and staff liaisons. Committees have been asked to meet at least four times each year, but every group can set its own meeting schedule.

“After more than three long years, we’re ready to reset our norms of operation and mission with a more considered approach to shared governance,” Bishop Sean said. “This new committee structure will allow each diocesan council to spend more meeting time on strategic matters, involve more people in both dioceses, and create more opportunities for long-term collaboration regardless of the shape the partnership takes over time.”

The grants and audits committees are aimed at helping congregations seek funds and account for them. Two others, the finance and buildings committees, will develop short term and long-term strategic plans for the financial and physical assets of both dioceses. A culture committee will consider ways to create a constructive culture using a model developed by [Human Synergistics](#), an organizational and leadership development firm. ([Learn more about the committees and their membership](#))

Because it is building on work already accomplished in Western New York, the new grants committee has a head start on fulfilling its charge to simplify and streamline the ways in which congregations apply for funds.

“What can we do to make the process a little better and easier for everyone? That’s really the question we started with,” said the Rev. Jim Clement, chair of the Western New York committee, which will now also meet with a corresponding committee in Northwestern Pennsylvania. “Now all grant information is located in one place with a common application and well-publicized grants cycles.”

The committee’s work also makes it easier for diocesan council to allocate and track the grants, said Cheri Maytum-Krull. “The bishop asked if we would be willing to figure the system out so it’s less laborious and the council can spend less time slogging through the details and more time doing the work of the council,” she said. “Now we’ve got three funding cycles in a year and it works really nicely.”

The result has been an uptick in grant applications, which Clement sees as a sign of success. “The grant money is there,” he said. “We want people to use it.”

The task of the culture committee, which Bishop Sean will lead, is less about administration and planning than about the values and attitudes of the people who do it.

The Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania began this work with Human Synergistics in 2015 and Western New York followed in 2019. “They have a very good, scientifically based survey that helps people see both their individual behaviors and how a culture, corporately, expresses itself,” Trambley said.

“You want a culture where people live into their gifts and what they are called to be, where they can focus on achieving goals, being part of a good team culture, and helping other people in their work.”

Unhealthy aspects of a working culture include apathy, power games, fear of getting in trouble, and oppositional behaviors, he said.

“One of the things we found in our culture is that in this area as a diocese, and I think even as a region, we love being oppositional,” Trambley said. “Even when we are describing an ideal culture, we value being oppositional. There is a sense of ‘Well you have to prove it to us. That may have worked over there, but you have to prove it to us over here.’”

The committee will consider how the culture of the partnership might respond to “negative behavior patterns,” and make it easier for leaders and members to try new things “without prejudging them,” Trambley said.

Several members of the Commission to Dismantle Racism and Discrimination serve on the Culture Committee. “I would say confronting the legacy of racism and those aspects in the culture are part of our work,” Trambley said.

“Across the partnership, our governance bodies and new committee structure are strong, but we also need to work on the ways we relate to one another and the values that guide our common life,” Bishop Sean said. “Our partnership is an experiment for the sake of the gospel, and a healthy, just culture lies at the heart of that mission.”

<p style="text-align: center;">Parish Register</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transfer In</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matthew T. Rivera St. Paul's Church Rochester, NY</p>
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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Minutes

March 21, 2023

As approved at the April Meeting

Present: Janeil Rey, Warden; Sally Ludlum; Karin Wheelock; Jennifer Wilkins; Cathy Berner (via video conferencing); Virginia Becker, Treasurer, and The Reverend James Clement, Rector.

Excused: Mary Lou Vercant and Ann Sullivan.

Call to Order: Fr. Clement called the meeting to order at 5:04p.m., with an opening prayer.

Meeting Agenda: Approved as presented with a motion by Sally Ludlum, seconded by Cathy Berner. Approved.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Jenn Wilkins, to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes (1/31/23). Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Finance / Building and Grounds:

Finance: Virginia Becker reported.

A motion was made by Janeil Rey, seconded by Sally Ludlum, to receive the treasurer’s report. The treasurer’s written report was received as submitted and reported. See attached.

- **Supply Clergy:** The Treasurer mentioned that having Choral Matins officiated by vestry officers while Fr. Clement was on vacation saved approximately \$400 to the budget.
- **Water usage:** There was an increase of about \$50 to the last water bill (Dec – Feb: 4,900 units). The Treasurer will follow up in this and meet with the Village. She and Fr. Clement will check the building for any leaks or possible issues.
- **Memorial Fund Report:** No change since last meeting.

Buildings and Grounds: Father Clement reported.

- The pianos, located in the choir room and the church, will be tuned this week.

Additional Reports: Congregational Ministries:

Rector's Report: Fr. Clement reported.

- Fr. Clement continues with his pastoral, liturgical, and office responsibilities since his return from vacation time.
- Holy Week and Easter Day Schedule:

Palm Sunday, April 2, will be Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms at both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services – Maundy Thursday, April 6, will be The Holy Eucharist of the Institution, with the Chancel Choir, at 7:00 p.m. – The Liturgy for Good Friday, April 7, will take place at Noon and 7:00 p.m. – The Liturgy for Holy Saturday, April 8, will take place at 10:30 a.m. – The Easter Day liturgy, April 9, with Choral Eucharist and the Lighting of the Paschal Candle will take place at 10:00 a.m.

- Fr. Clement offers his gratitude to Janeil Rey and Ginny Becker for officiating Choral Matins on the Sundays while he was away.
- He stated that additional service participants are needed during Holy Week. And the choir will have additional singers on Easter Day.
- Fr. Clement has received the parish transfer of Matthew Rivera M.D. to our congregation.
- Fr. Clement extended appreciation to everyone who contributed to the recent Godly Play article issued by the Diocesan Partnership. This article will be reprinted in the upcoming parish newsletter as well.

The College Kitchen: Jenn Wilkins reported.

- Arrangements are being made to host a dinner, a pizza party, on Tuesday, April 11.
- Plans are being made to host a pulled pork lunch on Sunday, May 7, for the college student celebration that weekend.

Old Business:

- Parish Bicentennial:

Janeil Rey would like to be sure we recognize and begin to plan for the 200th anniversary celebration of the church this summer. She also reiterated that this process includes updates to the parish bylaws. Fr. Clement suggested the idea of hosting a variety of informational sessions throughout the summer that relate to the history, current functions, and long-term planning of this parish. A parish-wide picnic is proposed as the final celebration, which can be hosted off-site at a unique location in the area.

New Business: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m. with a motion made by Karin Wheelock, seconded by Cathy Berner. Carried. Vestry concluded its time together with prayer. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 18th, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Jennifer Wilkins, Clerk

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Parish Notes

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



A Reminder!

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday, June 4, with one service, Holy Eucharist, Rt. II at 9:30 a.m.

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TECW

No TECW meeting for month of May

**Next meeting June 3, 2023
at 9:30 in Garland Hall**

Rummage Sale Correction:

Please note change of date.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

JUNE 17th, Saturday 9am-2pm

We will be accepting only summer clothes in clean, ready to wear condition-free of pet hair, broken zippers, missing buttons, stains etc. Drop off details will be in June Tidings.

--- Doreen Gould

Sunday, May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

Sunday, May 28

Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

Birthdays in May

- 9 Jake Wilkins
- 11 Nathan Sercu
- 13 Mary Lou Sherman
- 15 Jillian Abreu
- 17 Ray Chin
- 21 Elizabeth Roberts
- 21 Catherine Graves
- 22 Tom Kennedy
- 22 Jon Weekly
- 24 John Murphy
- 30 Lee Blackburn

Wedding Anniversaries

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

In Memoriam

- 5 Carrie Mancuso
- 12 Jim Johnson

Trinity Tidings

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Lectionary Readings for May:

www.lectionarypage.net

Sunday, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Sunday, May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:7-18

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

Thursday, May 18

Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 93

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53



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**COMPLIMENTARY
COMMUNAL MEAL**

www.trinitychurchwny.org

Sunday, 5/7
Available 12-2pm

THE
COLLEGE
KITCHEN

Big Melch's Smokin BBQ

pulled pork, mac & cheese, baked beans
& pear/raspberry cobbler

11 Day Street (Barker Commons)

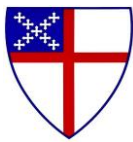


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Learn more at: The College Kitchen Trinity on Instagram

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