

BITS & BYTES

Holy Trinity's April 2024 eNews

HOLY WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Maundy Thursday liturgy begins the Triduum (three days of constant prayer) for the Church. These are the three holiest days of the year. At this liturgy, the Altar is stripped and washed as a reminder of the stripping and washing of Jesus's body for burial.

Liturgy begins at 7pm and childcare will be provided.

VIGIL WATCH

The Vigil Watch allows us to pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. This experience has been the most transformative of their spiritual journey for many. The sign-up sheet for 2-hour shifts is in the Narthex.



GOOD FRIDAY



The Good Friday liturgies are like none other. Holy Communion is distributed silently from the reserve sacrament blessed on Maundy Thursday. The life-sized cross is processed and becomes the focus of this Triduum liturgy.

Liturgies will be offered at Noon and 7 pm.

EASTER

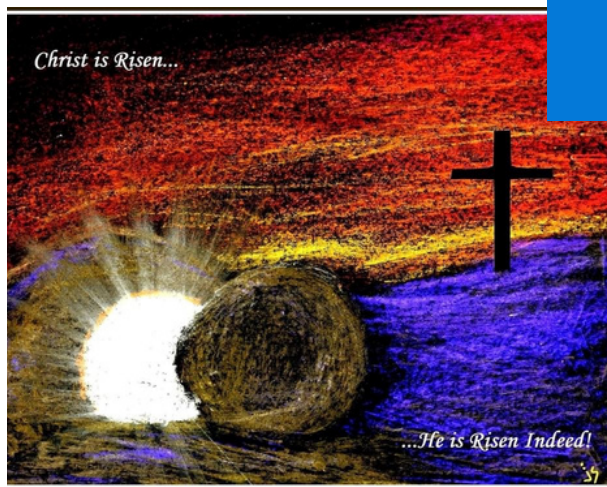
THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil is the oldest liturgy. It begins at the sun's setting (**8 pm**), which honors the ancient Jewish marking of time. The liturgy begins in darkness, reminding us of the interior tomb. The light of the Pascal candle breaks the darkness of death and despair with the light of Christ. The tombstone is rolled away, and the brilliance of Easter fills the Nave. This truly is the Easter liturgy.

The Great Easter Vigil
Saturday, March 30th
8:00pm



EASTER



The Easter Day liturgy is marked with the glories of the risen Christ. We will offer an 8 am and a 10:30 am liturgy. There are guest musicians, the flowering of the cross, and a traditional Easter Egg hunt after the 10:30 am liturgy. Please bring fresh-cut flowers to decorate the cross and your basket to hold your goodies.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Holy Trinity will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt **following the 10:30 am liturgy** on Sunday, April 9th. The hunt will take place in the back meadow for Elementary school-aged children and the playground for our toddlers.

The Youth are asked to come at 10 am to hide the eggs.





HARVEST SUNDAY

The Food Pantry is distributing more than 400 bags a month now. On the fifth Sundays, we collect packages of your favorite cookies to support the efforts of the Food Pantry. All donations may be placed in the grocery cart as you enter the church.

EGG CARTONS

It’s Egg Season!!!!

The Food Pantry needs egg cartons. There will be a container by the square table in the entranceway of the church for donations.



HOMELESSNESS



UNIQUE GIFT IDEA

FRESH START

BAGS OF KINDNESS FOR THE UNSHELTER

NEW MINISTRY TO RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF EVERY HUMAN BEING

Buy a bag for someone experiencing homelessness in honor or memory of a particular person. Each bag costs \$10.00 and includes healthy snacks, water, a poncho, and personal hygiene items.

A card will be mailed to your special person notifying them of your gift.

Requests may be made online by following this link: <https://forms.gle/2UCGoTnQwHw5ehNH9>

Scan this code to buy a bag in honor for/ or memory of a loved one



Holy Trinity has partnered with the Fayetteville Police Department in Operation Faith-in-Action. Members of the Fresh Start ministry accompany Police chaplains every other Thursday evening to distribute Fresh Start bags to those experiencing the challenges associated with the opioid crisis. Fresh Start bags are also available on the table in the hallway for parishioners to distribute to those experiencing homelessness. We appreciate your generosity in helping us meet the demands of this powerful ministry. Please consider buying bags of kindness in honor or memory of your loved ones.

APRIL 1ST

The church and office will be closed from April 1st to April 7th. On April 8th, office hours will change to Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 3 pm.

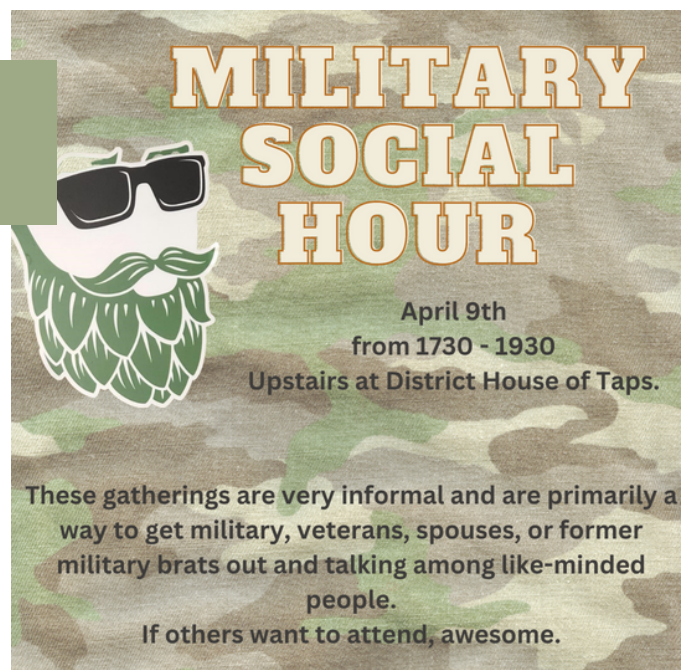


APRIL 4TH



The Lenten Fireside Chats were wildly popular! Moving to Thursday nights at 7 p.m., we will continue to gather around the glow of a fire. During the 50 days of Easter, we will ponder different “Why” questions. If there is a why question that keeps you up at night, you are invited to write that question on a sheet of paper and drop it in the “WHY?” jar on the square table in the narthex.

APRIL 9TH





APRIL 11TH

APRIL 12TH

Holy Trinity is offering a time for young families to hang out. Child care will be provided for the little ones (ages birth to 5th grade) so parents can spend time with other adults. The event will occur on Friday, April 12th, from 6 pm to 6 pm. The suggested donation to help cover the cost of pizza and soda is \$20 per family, but please do not let this donation prevent your family from attending. Please RSVP on Realm, by emailing admin@htechurch.org, or on the sign up sheet in the narthex as you enter the church.

A poster for a "FAMILY HANG OUT" event. The title "FAMILY HANG OUT" is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, the text "COME HANG WITH YOUR CHURCH FRIENDS" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the text "child care (birth- 5th grade) provided!" is written in a cursive, yellow font. The date "6-8 pm APRIL 12" is in white, with "12" being the largest. Below the date, the text "RSVP TO SUSIE" is in white, followed by "ADMIN@HTECHURCH.ORG, ON REALM OR SIGN UP IN NARTHEX" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a row of colorful, stylized buildings in white, yellow, and purple. To the left of the buildings, the text "Feel free to bring other food, drinks and games!" is in white. To the right, the text "Suggested \$20 per family for pizza and soda" is in white.

APRIL 13TH

A poster for a community garden event. It features a circular image of a lush green garden with various plants and flowers. Above the image, the text "Join Our Community Garden" is written in a cursive, green font. Below the image, the text "VEGGIES FOR VETS" is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by "FRESH VEGETABLES FOR VETERANS AND THE FOOD PANTRY" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Guess what? We're diving headfirst into the world of green thumbs with our brand new community garden that will benefit veterans and our Food Pantry. Get ready to swap those winter gloves for gardening gloves and fresh soil because we're about to turn part of our backyard into a veggie wonderland! From epic herbs to zucchini races (yes, you ready that right), there's no shortage of fun to be had. So grab your sunscreen and join us on April 13th at 10 am as we assemble, plant, play, and grow fresh vegetables for those experiencing food insecurities.

APRIL 20TH

We will celebrate Earth Day this year in a fun and holy way. On Saturday, April 20th, at 4 p.m., we will offer an Earth Day Worship Service outside by the new Community Garden. The liturgy will be very interactive and casual for all ages, including a simple meal as the Eucharistic. A sign up sheet will be posted in the narthex and online for an accurate headcount and to bring a side dish.

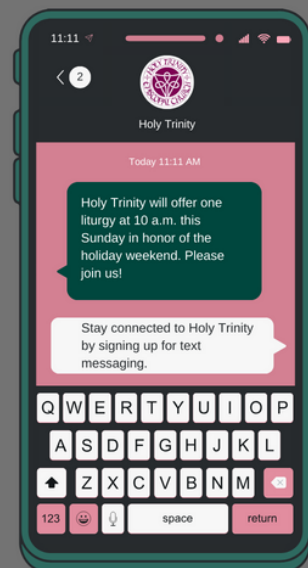


THANK YOU

Thank you to all the ministries who practice, plan, and schedule for Holy Week and Easter. Much time and effort goes into preparing the unique liturgies of Holy Week. Each is beautiful and powerful in its own way.

TEXT SIGN-UP

Want to stay connected with Holy Trinity? Sign up to receive reminders, events, and important news. Please text START to (910) 838-9543. You can opt out anytime by texting STOP to (910) 838-9543.



MAY

MAY 2ND

Registrations and final payments for this year's Parish Beek Weekend are due May 2nd

Holy Trinity holds its annual Parish Beach Weekend at Trinity Center (Salter Path, NC) from May 24 to 26. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex and must be returned with the final payment by May 2nd. This is a beautiful weekend of fun, sun, and fellowship.



2024
PARISH
BEACH
WEEKEND

May 24-26
Registration
forms are on the
square table in
the Narthex

Trinity Center
located in
Salter Path, NC

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH | NOON

PENTECOST PARISH PICNIC

Holy Trinity invites you to a
church picnic following the
10:30 liturgy.
More details to follow.

MAY 19TH

Holy Trinity will host a Pentecost Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 19th, following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

MAY 22ND

Holy Trinity will be hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, May 22nd between 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. To reserve your timeslot, please visit the Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org.



Wednesday, May 22nd
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

sign up at

redcrossblood.org

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