

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Late Pentecost Season - October, 2025

October Highlights

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour at 11. Please be silent after the bell rings before worship begins.

Sunday, October 5 - Holy Eucharist II and St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals. All pets welcome!

Sunday, October 12 - Morning Prayer II and United Thank Offering Ingathering.

Friday-Saturday - October 17-18 - Joint Diocesan Convention, Scranton The new shield for the Diocese of the Susquehanna will be presented - compare it with the previous Bethlehem shields on the calendar.

Sunday, October 26 - Vestry meets after coffee hour

With the imminent departure of Fr. Ben, we are planning services month to month. For October, we'll worship each Sunday at our regular time, 10 a.m. When winter weather arrives, we'll worship at 1 or 2 in the afternoon. Details to follow.

From Fr. Ben:

I moved to the Valley approximately one month and thirty-four years ago. I was to start at the Church of the Redeemer on Sunday, September 15, 1991. It didn't seem appropriate to show up a week early — the last service of the interim priest — so I decided to come with Andrea to Trinity Church in order to

worship on Sunday, September 8th. So began a relationship with a parish I would come to love.

Reflecting back over the last three decades, I've realized that I was not only called by God to serve just the people of the Church of the Redeemer, but serve Episcopalians in the Valley. I've served all of the churches of the Valley: Rector (14 years), Cluster Priest (9 years), and Long-Term Supply (11). I also simultaneously served as Liquor Store Priest for nearly ten years. Some might say, like a bad penny, I kept popping up somewhere in the Valley. Nevertheless, my time at Trinity and residence in the Valley is coming to a close — God and/or Theodore are calling me to Williamsport. Although an exact date for my last service is still up in the air, it will be before the snow flies.

I've been humbled by the faith, commitment, and stewardship of the congregation here at Trinity. This has not been my doing; I am only the beneficiary of Ned's and Trula's hard work with the people here. I am honored, however, to have been allowed to help you along in your faith journey.

If life were a musical this is where you'd cue the Von Trapp singers: "So long, farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, goodbye ... I flit, I float, I fleetly flee, I fly."



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October at Trinity



To seek and serve Christ in all people



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Late
Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Bethlehem: 10/5 Christ Church, Reading, The Rev. Bryce Wandrey. 10/12 St. Steven's, Whitehall., The Rev. Timothy Griffin. Diocesan Convention. 10/19 Redeemer, Sayre, The Rev. Canon Melinda Artman. PA Council of Churches. 10/26 St. James', Schuylkill Haven.		 Anglicans Around the World: 10/5 The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa. 10/12 The Church of the Province of Uganda, Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba. 10/19 The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. 10/26 The Church in Wales, Archbishop Cherry Vann.		 Our sister Diocese of Kajo Keji: 10/5 St Matthew Gaderu. 10/12 St. John Mondli. 10/19 Jondale Parish, St. Peter Keriwa. 10/26 St. Matthew Lori, Romogi-Richard Earl High School.		
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 10/5 Anna Markevitch, Patricia Martin. 10/12 Steve, Heather, Max Lake. 10/19 Ben and Theo Lentz. 10/26 Daye, Loyd, Katie Moreno.		 St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals is October 5. All are welcome!	1 AA Intergroup 5:30 AA 7:30 pm <i>Chris & Heather Hunsinger</i>	2 <i>Amy Frock</i>	3	4 St. Francis of Assisi
5 Pentecost 17 P-22 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour St. Francis Day Blessing of the Animals <i>Carla Ross</i>	6 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	7 <i>Kathy Patterson Tom & Shannon Bubniak</i>	8 AA 7:30 pm <i>Cheryl Frock</i>	9	10 <i>Brandon Hunsinger</i>	11 <i>John Bubniak</i>
12 Pentecost 18 P-23 10:00 Morning Prayer II 11:00 Coffee Hour United Thank Offering Ingathering	13 AA 7 and 8:00 pm <i>Meredith Beck</i>	14	15 AA 7:30 pm	16 	17 Joint Diocesan Conventions of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania <i>Tom & Kathe Maneval Brandon Bubniak</i>	
19 Pentecost 19 P-24 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour	20 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	21	22 AA 7:30 pm	23 St. James of Jerusalem	24	25 
26 Pentecost 20 P-25 10:00 Holy Eucharist II 11:00 Coffee Hour --Vestry Meets --	27 AA 7 and 8:00 pm	28 St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles	29 AA 7:30 pm	30	31 <i>Grace Barton</i>	All Saints observance is Sunday, November 2, Renewal of Baptismal Vows And, Daylight savings ends - Fall back at 2 am