

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Easter - May, 2025

### May Highlights

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

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter our music will be more upbeat and joyful, singing "God's Pascal Lamb" instead of the *Gloria*; we'll omit the General Confession, and we'll be using the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer. You can look it over at BCP 364.

**Saturday, May 10 - Safe Church In-person Training,** 10 a.m., Christ Church, Towanda. Register by emailing [safechurch@diobeth.org](mailto:safechurch@diobeth.org).



**Tuesday, May 13 - Meeting with Bishop Kevin** on Reunification progress, 3 p.m., Redeemer.

**Sunday, May 25 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation) Holy Eucharist II. Vestry Meets.**

**Why fifty days of Easter Time, the longest feast of the year. So, celebrate! (from [The Anglican Compass](#))**

After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost. Luke writes in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus "presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them dur-

ing forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God."

So the Great Fifty Days are a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost.

Easter Day Celebrations take place on Easter Sunday.

The Lectionary readings during the following Sundays of Easter explore the post-resurrection appearances of Christ, and also the promise of a future resurrection.

We go back to a closed room in which Jesus suddenly appears...but Thomas isn't there. He doubts. Jesus later appears to him. Poor Thomas, forever cast as "doubting" even though his doubts were a helpful thing that eventually led him to worship Jesus and say, "My Lord, and My God."

Then we have breakfast with Jesus and Peter. Peter had denied Jesus three times and, after the Resurrection, had returned to fishing. Jesus restores him and gives him a mission: "Feed my Sheep" and "Follow me." (He also prophesies that Peter will be arrested and martyred. Tough breakfast conversation.) We revisit Jesus' teaching on himself and his mission as well. He is preparing his disciples, and us, to take the power of his Resurrection to the world.

Ascension Day falls on the 40th day, a Thursday, Because this is a weekday, some churches observe the Ascension that following Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter. In this we hear Jesus give us the Great Commission, our true Mission Statement.



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**May at Trinity  
Easter Season**

*To seek and serve Christ in all people*



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Easter Season

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 5/4</b> Andy Patterson, Cathy Patton. <b>5/11</b> Martha Pierce, Carla Ross. <b>5/18</b> Doug, Rosemary, and Sarah Plank. <b>5/25</b> Jack Strange, Josie Thomas.			<b>Bethlehem: 5/4</b> Prince of Peace, Dallas, The Rev. Joseph Rafferty; Deacons Christine Sutton, Barb Gessner. Diocesan Youth. <b>5/11</b> St. George's, Hellertown, The Rev. George Grubb. Diocesan Staff. <b>5/18</b> Grace Church, Honesdale, The Rev. Jay O'Rear, Diocese of Central PA. <b>5/25</b> St. Peter's, Hazelton; New Bethany Ministries.		<b>1 The Apostles St. Philip and St. James</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Easter 3</b> <b>10 - Holy Eucharist II</b> 11 - Coffee Hour	<b>5</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>6</b>  <i>Kim Murray</i> <i>Noah Gurney</i>	<b>7</b> AA Intergroup 5:30 AA 7:30 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  <i>Hazel &amp; Ron Hunt</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Safe Church</b> - In-person training 10 a.m. Christ Church, Towanda
<b>11 Easter 4</b> <b>10 - Holy Eucharist II</b> 11 - Coffee Hour  <i>Lyude Paul</i> <i>Savannah Paul</i>	<b>12</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>13 Meeting with Bishop Kevin - 3 p.m.</b> Reunification progress Redeemer Parish Hall  <i>Colleen Barton</i>	<b>14</b> AA 7:30 pm  <i>Theo Lentz</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  <i>Dave &amp; Shelly Fish</i>	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Easter 5</b> <b>10 - Holy Eucharist II</b> 11 - Coffee Hour	<b>19</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm  <i>Phil Kelley</i> <i>Caleb Hunsinger</i>	<b>20 Primary Election Day</b>  May 19-21 Joint Clergy Conference Center Valley, PA		<b>22</b>  <i>Patricia Martin</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Ginny Ford</i>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 Easter 6 (Rogation)</b> <b>10 - Holy Eucharist II</b> 11 - Coffee Hour <b>**Vestry Meets**</b>	<b>26</b> AA 7 and 8:00 pm	<b>27</b>  <i>Dan Gerhart</i>	<b>28</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>29 Ascension Day</b>  <i>Rosemary Plank</i>	<b>30</b>  <i>Virginia Caum-Lake</i>	<b>31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>  <i>Kim &amp; Chuck Cornell</i>
<b>Anglicans Around the World</b> 5/4 The Church of Ireland Archbishop John McDowell. 5/11 The Anglican Church of Japan, Bishop David Eisho Uehara. 5/18 The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, Archbishop Hosam Naoum 5/25 The Anglican Church of Kenya, Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit.		<b>Kajo Keji: 5/4</b> Emmanuel Parish Logili. <b>5/11</b> St. Peter Logu and Kanyi Parishes. <b>5/18</b> St. Paul Loopo Parish. <b>5/25</b> Mutongo Parish.		<b>Coming in June:</b>  <b>The Day of Pentecost- June 8</b>  <b>Trinity Sunday - June 15</b>		