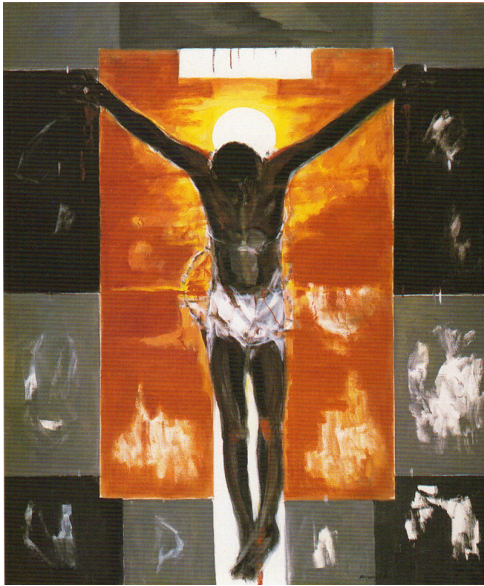


THE BELFRY

Trinity Episcopal Church | Wethersfield, CT



Opportunities for Prayer, Discussion & Bible Study

The Holy Eucharist is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. There is zoom Morning Prayer on Wednesday morning and Centering Prayer on Wednesday afternoons. Richard Rohr Meditation discussions are on Saturday mornings.

SERVICES DURING LENT

Holy Communion and Prayers of Peace at noon throughout Lent.

SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK

"Walk with Jesus" on his way of the Cross and the Empty Tomb of Easter. Details to the right.

From Our Pastor

Dear Trinity Parish Community,

I have been on three pilgrimages to the Holy Land in my life. The first time, Maryjane and I joined a group of pilgrims we had never met before. The other two times, we led a group from our parish. All three times were very meaningful experiences for us. The thing that was most meaningful for me was walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, April 10. It offers the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem without leaving home. Each of the services of Holy Week are based on the ancient practices of Jerusalem Christians going back to the earliest centuries of the Church.

We encourage you to join us for each of the services of Holy Week to "walk with Jesus" on his way of the Cross and the Empty Tomb of Easter.

Here is the Holy Week schedule:

April 10 — Palm/Passion Sunday

9:30am: Blessing of the Palms (Parish Hall)
Passion Narrative (Church)

April 13 — Holy Wednesday

12 noon: Holy Communion with Prayers for Peace

April 14 — Maundy Thursday

7pm: Holy Communion, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar

April 15 — Good Friday

12 noon: Stations of the Cross
12:30-3pm: Private Prayer in Church
3pm: Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

April 16 — The Great Vigil of Easter

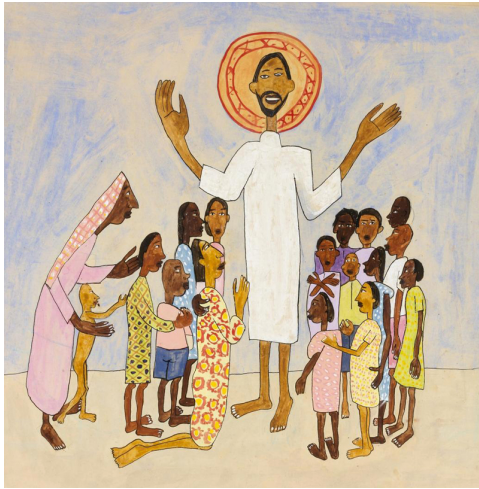
10pm: Church of St. Andrew the Apostle, Rocky Hill
We are all invited to join St. Andrew's for this beautiful service.

April 17 — Easter Sunday

9:30am: Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

We encourage you to join us for this great pilgrimage in the footsteps of Jesus.

God bless,
Father Tom



An Update on Refugee Resettlement Update

The good news is that we're ready to receive a refugee family. We've readied a home, secured interpreters, and done many other things in order to receive a "green light" from Integrated Refugee & Immigration Services (IRIS).

The challenging news is that the State Department has made some decisions which has produced a lull in the arrival of refugees from Afghanistan. In response, we've notified IRIS that we'll also receive refugees from Syria, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sudan, El Salvador or Eritrea. Since Ukrainian refugees are hoping to return to their country, they are not scheduled to arrive in the United States at this time.

Last July, there were 29 million refugees – the most significant refugee crisis since World War II. Today, there are 35 million. Please continue to pray for peace and that our resettlement team will be blessed with a refugee family soon.

Supporting the Wethersfield Food Bank

In conjunction with Wethersfield's Hunger Action Team, we collected donations for our local food pantry during March. *And* everyone who attended the Lenten program "With Gladness" donated a bag of food in lieu of purchasing the program book. *And* others are donating bags of food as a Lenten discipline. By the end of March, more than 550 lbs of food and personal care items were donated! For those who are still shopping, the most needed items are snacks and juice boxes.



Electing Our Next Bishop Diocesan

By Kathy Cole and Ray Colburn, Delegates to Convention

This year is truly an important year for us as the Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) prepares to vote and elect our next bishop diocesan.

As your convention delegates, we thought it would be helpful to inform our fellow parishioners of the process which began April 7, 2021 when the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas announced his intention to retire in October 2022.

Following diocesan canons, a Bishop Transition Committee (BTC) was formed and announced on April 27, 2021. The BTC is made up of twenty-four members, including clergy and laity from throughout the diocese.

From late spring into the early fall, the BTC was engaged in an information gathering process from listening sessions and conversations across the diocese. Twenty-one listening sessions were held at which the BTC heard from a total of 485 people. The information gathered in these sessions was used to create a profile which was published in early November 2021. It outlines what we are as a diocese and what people want in terms of qualities in the next bishop diocesan. The profile can be found on the [ECCT website here](#).

The next step was to open the application process. The BTC notified dioceses and various Episcopal groups across the country that our application process was open and the deadline was set for December 14, 2021.

Since then, the BTC has focused on reviewing the applications of potential candidates and conducting interviews. The first round was held through mid-January. BTC members conducted remote interviews and called the references for each candidate. The full committee prayed and discerned over these multiple candidates to determine who would be called back for a second round of interviews.

The semi-finalists were selected and invited to a third round of interviews. From March 17 - 19, the candidates were invited to a

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Our Neighbor In Haiti Gives Thanks

St. Vincent's Center for Children for Children with Disabilities



“ ‘Twas the week before Christmas and... Trinity Church in Wethersfield, Connecticut notified St. Vincent's that it had received a diocesan Sustainable Development Grant to purchase the Electronic medical Records (EMR) hardware and software requested by the Medical Clinic

staff. Furthermore, Trinity itself is funding a solar panel, inverter, and batteries for the administrative section of the school, to lessen the reliance on a generator, which runs on severely-scarce and hugely-expensive diesel fuel.’

‘Despite the violence and the pandemic, these critical projects are moving St. Vincent's forward, strengthening internal resources for the long-term. In the best sense of the term, both EMR and solar power are helping to make St. Vincent's more sustainable and thereby, enhancing our mission to serve the Haitian children with disabilities. With one voice, we say ‘Mesi anpil’ —Thank you very much! — to both the Diocese of Connecticut and Trinity Episcopal Church in Wethersfield.’

And thanks to Father Tom, Connie Harasymiw and Sarah Butters for shepherding the Sustainable Development Grant process.

Church by the Pond & Lunch in the Park



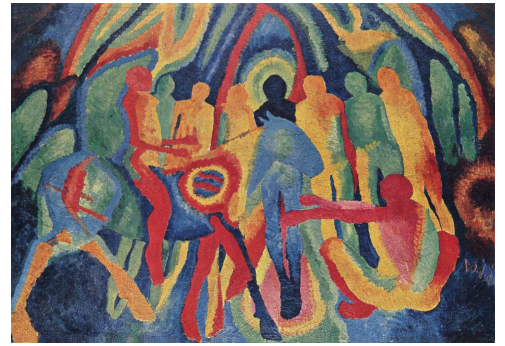
Father Tom has celebrated the Holy Eucharist in Hartford's Bushnell Park for over 10 years. Some of the worshippers have come for years; others are newcomers...just like any church. A faithful

group of Trinity folk have bagged lunches for fellowship time after the services for many years. Our next date for serving lunches is June 4. If you'd like to join in the fun, contact [Leslie Jones](#).

Community Dinners

We participate with Hands On Hartford to provide dinners for 100 people every two months. Prior to the pandemic, parishioners donated the food, helped prepare the food and served it as well. During the pandemic, we weren't able to participate in all the ways we wanted to. However, we hope we are on a path where we will be able to continue to prepare and serve in addition to donating food.

If you would like to know about the next dinner, please contact [Warren and Lynda Blessing](#). Some people choose an item from the menu to contribute and some make a donation.



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Robert Heath, Treasurer

Melanie Hepburn, Clerk

Carol Jones

Charles Melchreit

Garth Myers, Co-Warden

Rebecca Scruton, Co-Warden

Business Report

Pledge Status (through February)

Total Pledge	\$26,475
Received	\$30,300

Income/Expenses (through February)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income	\$35,420	\$30,830
Expenses	\$41,650	\$32,029

three-day retreat with the BTC members here in Connecticut. This served as a time of discernment for both the semi-finalists and the BTC where they listened to one another, prayed together and got to know each other.

What's next?

During the week of April 4, the committee nominees will be announced, followed by a ten-day period for petition candidates.

From May 9 – May 14, there will be “meet and greet” opportunities across our diocese with the entire slate of committee nominees and if applicable, petition nominees. Once we learn more about the location and times of these “meet and greet” events, we will pass them along by way of announcements during church and in the weekly e-newsletters.

This process will culminate on May 21, 2022 when a Special Election Convention will be held in Hartford where delegates from throughout the state will elect the next bishop diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut.

You can find more information about the ECCT Bishop Search and Transition on our website at trinityepiscopalweth.org or speak with one of us.

Easter Flowers

Please consider honoring a loved one by making a donation for Easter flowers. The altar guild gratefully accepts any amount you give but suggests a donation of \$50.

When making a donation, please make your check payable to Trinity Parish and indicate “Flower Fund” on the memo line. The print deadline for the Easter bulletin is April 11.

Please indicate (M) for memorial or (T) for a living thanksgiving donation after the name on the line(s) below.

Name(s) _____

Given by: _____

You may deliver your payment in three ways:

- Mail your check to Trinity Parish, 300 Main Street Wethersfield, CT 06109
- Bring your check to the office, Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12
- Include with your Sunday contribution



The Evening Book Club

The Evening Book Club will meet on Tuesday April 19 from 5:45-7:45 at the home of Kathy Cole. This month's selection is *The Memory of Water* by Karen White. “On the night their mother drowns, sisters Marnie and Diana Maitland discover there is more than one kind of death. There is the death of innocence, of love, and of hope. Each sister harbors a secret about that night – secrets that will erode their lives as they grow into adulthood. For more information contact [Joan Joseph](mailto:Joan.Joseph@trinityepiscopalweth.org).”

NEXT UP: *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. “France 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever – and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue, and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art, as a young woman learns how far she will go to leave her mark on the world. But everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.”