

# 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 Wednesdays and Centering Prayer on Wednesday afternoons. Richard Rohr Meditation discussions are on Saturday mornings. Contact the office for a Zoom invitation.

## From Our Pastor

Dear Trinity Parish Community,

We encourage you to participate in the many opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection in Easter Season. Every year we have Lent as a time to prepare for Easter. And Easter Season offers another, and equally important, time to reflect on our relationship with Jesus, the Risen Lord.

### EASTER SEASON SERMON SERIES

#### **Risen Christ, Risen Christian: Practical Effects of Resurrection**

In the seven-week season, our Sunday and weekday scripture lessons focus on how Jesus, the Risen Lord, met and interacted with the first Christians. We observe this season not just for historical memory purposes. Jesus is alive and interacting with us now. Not exactly in the same way that he did with the original disciples during that 40-day period of resurrection appearances, but really and truly present in our lives. The Risen Lord promised, “I am with you always to the end of the age” and he meant it. So, our Sunday sermons will focus on specific ways that the Risen Lord relates to us and changes us here and now.

**May 1 — Shame Redeemed — John 21:1-19**

**May 8 — Suffering Vindicated — Revelation 7:9-17**

**May 15 — Love Triumphant — John 13:31-35**

**May 22 — Nations Healed — Revelation 21:10-22:5**

**May 29 — Perfectly One — John 17:20-26**

**Wednesday Holy Communion Service for Peace** will continue through Easter Season. We’ll meet at noon to pray for peace in Ukraine and other troubled places in the world. We invite everyone to join us for this quiet and peaceful time of prayer.

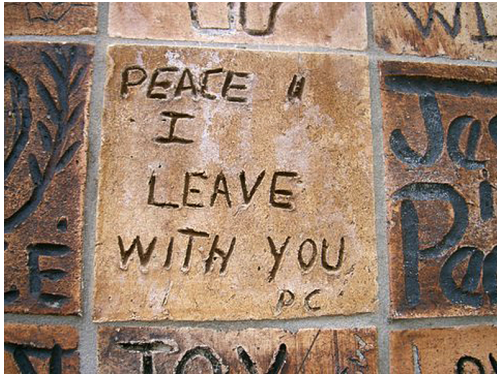
We also encourage you to participate in other times of meditation, reflection and prayer regularly scheduled during the week.

**Wednesday Morning Prayer**, 8:30-9:30 am (Zoom)

**Wednesday Centering Prayer**, 4 pm (Zoom)

**Saturday Discussion, Richard Rohr Meditation**, 8-9 am (Zoom)

Peace,  
Father Tom



## Sunday Readings

MAY 1

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

[Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#)

[Psalm 30](#)

[Revelation 5:11-14](#)

[John 21:1-19](#)

MAY 8

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

[Acts 9:36-43](#)

[Psalm 23](#)

[Revelation 7:9-17](#)

[John 10:22-30](#)

MAY 15

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

[Psalm 148](#)

[Revelation 21:1-6](#)

[John 13:31-35](#)

MAY 22

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

[Acts 16:9-15](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5](#)

[John 14:23-29](#)

MAY 29

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

[Acts 1:1-11](#)

[Psalm 47](#)

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

[Luke 24:44-53](#)

## Bishop Search Update

By Ray Colburn and Kathy Cole, Convention Delegates

The Bishop Transition Committee has narrowed the slate of candidates for our new bishop diocesan to four, with the possible addition of petitioning candidates. From May 9 to 14 there will be “meet and greet” opportunities across the state. The nearest ones are at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford on Thursday, May 12 from 6:45 - 8:45 pm; and at St. John’s in Vernon on Saturday, May 14 from 10 am - noon.

To learn about the candidates, or if you are interested in attending or submitting a question for the candidates, you can go to [ctbishopsearch.org](http://ctbishopsearch.org) or Trinity’s website [trinityepiscopalweth.org](http://trinityepiscopalweth.org). Scroll to the bottom and click the “Meet and Greet” box to register for in-person or livestream participation, or click the appropriate box to submit questions.

There will be an opportunity for conversation about the delegates after church on Sunday, May 15. Or, feel free to contact us individually with your thoughts or concerns. Ray can be reached at 860-550-5398 or [r.colburn3@cox.net](mailto:r.colburn3@cox.net); Kathy can be reached at 860-529-3875 or [kathy.cole.ct@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.cole.ct@gmail.com). Voting will take place on Saturday, May 21.

## Bishop Transition Committee Announces Meet and Greets



Get to know the nominees in-person and/or via livestreaming the week of May 9-14. Registration and links to livestreams will be on the [BTC website](http://BTCwebsite).

May 9, St. Mark's, Mystic

May 10, St. Luke's, Darien

May 11, St. Luke's, New Haven

May 12, Christ Church Cathedral

May 13, St. John's, New Milford

May 14, St. John's, Vernon

## Formation at Church and Home

Join your region missionaries, as they bring together a panel from across the Diocese to discuss formation at church and at home. Topics will include: elementary school formation, middle and high school formation, confirmation classes and formation at home.

The evening will also include discussion in Zoom breakout groups to discuss and imagine how what has been shared might be used in your context. Resources will be shared with all who register. [Register here](#).

## Coming Soon to Wethersfield— Workcamps for Free Home Repair



Workcamps are intensive one-week trips that help people grow in Christian faith through service. Individuals and youth from around the country will spend one week in our community performing home-repair projects for elderly, low-income, Veteran, and disabled families. The work at each home will be done by five young people and at least one adult leader representing many Christian denominations.

Both labor and materials are free to qualifying households. To learn how your home might be included, complete a confidential application

and return it to our neighbor, First Church of Wethersfield, where it will be reviewed and considered for the program.

You'll find applications at the back of Trinity or you can [download an application here](#). Nominate yourself or share the application for home repair with any town resident who may be in need of this service.

## Personal Care Items for Kids at Camp Hispaniola



Marc Yves Regis is director of Camp Hispaniola and friend of our parish. His non-profit organization offers summer camps for children in Pernier, Haiti and the Canada Del Agua Batay in the Dominican Republic.

More than 450 campers attend and each receives a bag filled with personal care items and a t-shirt. They are also served two hot meals a day and participate in recreational, educational, spiritual and cultural activities.

Camp Hispaniola has asked us to help out this year by donating deodorant and toothpaste for the campers' goodie bags. There'll be a collection basket at the back of the church throughout the month of May. Questions or comments? Let [Leslie Jones](#) know.



## Parish Leadership

### PASTOR

The Rev. Thomas Furrer

For a pastoral emergency, please call  
860-212-6994

### STAFF

Linda Rubera, Administrator

Tuesday-Thursday, 9-12

[operations@trinityepiscopalweth.org](mailto:operations@trinityepiscopalweth.org)  
860-529-6825

Dorothy LaBelle, Music Director

### VESTRY

Warren Blessing, Co-Warden

Susannah Brown

Sarah Butters

Peter Dewberry

Don Ghostlaw

Robert Heath, Treasurer

Melanie Hepburn, Clerk

Carol Jones

Charles Melchreit

Garth Myers, Co-Warden

Rebecca Scruton, Co-Warden

## Weekly Prayer List

### MONDAY

David Anderson, Sarah Blessing, Audrey Booker, Denise Carson, Lorraine Ficara, Jerry Gemmell, Connie and Raymond Harasymiw, Bruce Henley, Leslie Jones, Dorothy and Lauren LaBelle, Michael and Cheryl Lewis, Paul and Keri Milne, Joan O'Brien, Denise and Carl Paternostro, Marc-Yves Regis, Jan Rouse

### TUESDAY

Brown family (Susanna, Mike, Avery Catherine), Kathy Cole, Vicki Crafa, Susan Fennelly, Tom and Maryjane Furrer, Don Ghostlaw, Carol Jones, Nancy Knapp (Chloe and Tate), Taylor Measel, Rose and Ray Riley, Ginny and Mike Rowland, Ginger Smith, Mel and J.R. Stanko, Clark and Joyce Tomlinson, Anne Tranberg, Leslie Watson

### WEDNESDAY

Tim Boardman, Dan Carcaud, Arnold and Barbara Cosgrove, Bruce Duncan, Larry and Terri Finucane, Arline Hallisey, Joan and Greg Joseph, Martha Koehler, Precetaj Family (Xhex [Jack], Eleana and Mara), Jane-Helen Ross, Linda Rubera, Sue Smith, Angela and Martin Strodel, Joan True, Mary Lou Wall, Susan and David Whitehouse

### THURSDAY

William Boornazian, Lorraine Brodeur, David and Mary Chellstorp, Shirley Davies, Sue DeCesare, Peter and Sheila Dewberry, Marilyn Galek, Bob & Debra Garten, Rob and Nan Heath, Michael Kucka, Geraldene Lohman, Myers family (Garth, Melanie Hepburn, Atlee and Phebe), Anne Pimm, Rebecca and Gordon Scruton, Watson family (Kirk, Tracey and Hayes), John and Diane Zarillo

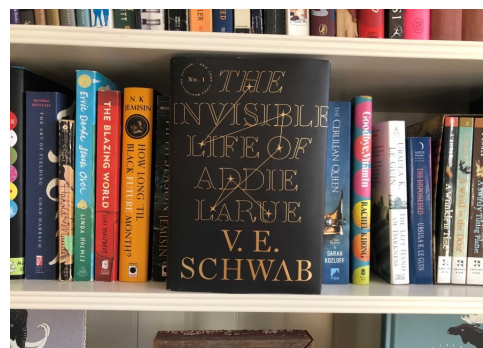
### FRIDAY

Sal and Mimi Basile, Donna Brown, Darryl Burke, Nancy and Paul Buttaro, Ray and Denise Colburn, Gebhardt Family (Patrick, Jennifer, Hannah and Lily), Rob Jensen and Mitch Grayson, Tina LaMorte and Peter Spangenberg, Paula and Arthur Massa, Bruce and Jeanne Miner, Kevin Miner, Barbara Napolitano, Carl Rafala and Sue Krupenevich-Rafala, Judith Shaw, Stavola Family (Jerry, Ann Marie, Elizabeth, Catherine and Pete), Linda and Tom Traue

### SATURDAY

Warren and Lynda Blessing, Sarah Butters, Mark and Cheryl Chadsey, Ashley Marek, Desrochers Family (Helen, Ben, Molly, Hannah and Andrew), Marilyn Ford, Corinne Helfant, Karpf Family (Jessie, Tom and Bernadette), Billye and Jack Logan, Judith and Charles Melchreit, Robert and Arney Pulford, Tummescheit family (Heidi, Hubertus, Olivia, Philip, Clara and Jacob), Heidi Viola and Brianna Narducci, Xavier Family (Brooke, Fred, Lulu and Za), Darren Yovan and family

*Editor's Note: If you would like to add someone to this prayer list or make a correction, please let Rebecca Scruton know at [rspsrni14@gmail.com](mailto:rspsrni14@gmail.com)*



## The Evening Book Club

The last Evening Book Club until September will meet on Tuesday, May 24 from 5:45-7:45 at the home of Marilyn Ford. Our selection is *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." For more information contact [Joan Joseph](#).

## Business Report

*Pledge Status (through March)*

Total Pledge	\$39,713
Received	\$40,420

*Income/Expenses (through March)*

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$47,566	\$46,246
Expenses	\$52,736	\$48,043