

Rector's Column

"Blessed be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, the God of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God."

2Cor 1:3-4

Dear Friends,

The Mary Chapel is nearing completion and preparations are underway for Archbishop Melissa Skelton to visit Trinity in order to dedicate the chapel and bless the items within it. I am deeply grateful for the generous donations of those who made possible the purchase and installation of the antique "monk's bench" with its beautiful harvest-themed carving. My deep thanks to the following donors towards the bench: Linda Dixon, Don Olin, Linda Gabourel, and Michael Heiner. With your donations, we achieved the needed goal of raising \$1,500 for the cost of the monk's bench. Additionally,



I want to extend special thanks to Lawrence Sylvester for the use of his truck, hitching up a U-Haul trailer, and driving with me to/from Kennewick in order to pick up the bench. Lawrence lifts weights and pretty much singlehandedly picked up the bench with one hand, braced it on his shoulder, and set it down in the chapel like an ecclesial version of Paul Bunyan!

A special altar has been designed specifically for the Mary Chapel made of woods native to the Pacific Northwest (redwood and coastal maple). The design of the altar is intended to highlight the God-given beauty of our natural world and celebrate the sacred connection that God invites human beings into with and through Creation. The top and base of the altar are redwood featuring live edges and natural cross sections of old growth. The supports will be of dark maple, also with live edges beautiful spalting in the grain. The lifecycle of the forest – life, death, and rebirth – will be captured and symbolized in a small wood sculpture of a local species of delicate mushrooms that installed on the altar base.

Those who have made donations to the Mary Chapel altar project so far include: Ron and Linda Schumacher, Kara and Jim Pankiewicz, Brian and Michelle Wheeler, and Michael and Kim Hensley. I am very grateful for their generosity and support of the chapel. Havey Windle, the owner of Forest Gems in Port Townsend, is creating the altar, which should be ready over the first weekend of May. Of the \$3,305 total in costs for the altar, our current donors have generously contributed \$2,250. So, there is still an opportunity to contribute to the Mary Chapel, and If you are able to make a donation of any size, I'm hoping to gather the remaining \$1,055 needed as soon as we can so that we can install the altar in the beginning of May. Please let me know if you'd like to make a donation to the chapel.

Trinity's Mary Chapel is intended to be place for rest and reflective prayer, offering a setting in which we recognize that we are a part of Creation and called into caring relationship with nature in emulation of the power of resurrection in which we are called to partner with Christ. Jesus was born of his mother Mary. As Jesus his followers, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." The wall painting based on Fra Angelico's fresco of Christ's resurrection Magdalene draws us into the holy work of renewal of ourselves and the world around us throughout our lives as those who are participants in Christ's resurrection through our baptism. The date for the chapel dedication will be announced soon!

In Christ's Peace, Pastor Rachel+



FATHER ALLEN IS ON VACATION.



Schedule of Services

Sundays
8:00 AM
Spoken Rite 1-Eucharist Service
In Person and Live Streamed

10:00 AM Spoken Rite II-Eucharist Service In Person and Live Streamed

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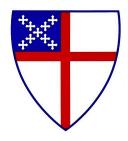
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May 2024 Calendar:

Saturday, May 4, 2024: Prayer

Shawl Ministry at 10 AM

Sunday, May 5, 2024:

6th Sunday of Easter

Daughters of the King at Noon

Altar Guild meeting at Noon

Altar Guild at Noon

Evensong at St. Phillips, Marysville, at 5 PM

Thursday, May 9, 2024: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1 PM

Saturday, May 11, 2024: Funeral for Dick Lathom with reception following

Sunday, May 12, 2024:

Last Sunday of Easter at 8 & 10 AM

Mother's Day

Saturday, May 18, 2024: Election of Diocese of Olympia Bishop

Sunday, May 19, 2024:

Pentecost at 8 & 10 AM

Installation of new Altar Guild members at 10 AM

Vestry at 12:30 PM

Thursday, May 23, 2024: Eucharist at Washington Oakes at 1

PM

Sunday, May 26, 2024: Trinity Sunday at 8 & 10 AM

Monday, May 27, 2024: Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 28, 2024: Office is closed for Holiday

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

TRINITY CHURCH DINNER/AUCTION

Surprises in time of need.....

a while...very uncomfortable.

Like most people, I have expectations of where and how I may be spiritually fed. Sometimes those expectations come true. For example, I have had instances of joy during singing in church or when receiving communion. Recently, however, I have noticed an empty feeling where I might previously have felt filled with the Spirit. It is very disconcerting and can lead me to question whether I am

And then – God surprises me. Last Sunday, I showed up at church with no expectations at all. Obediently, as is my habit, I would show up to sing in the choir, I would listen to the readings, I would take communion, I would talk to people in the congregation, I would do some Senior Warden tasks, and that would be it. I would go home much as I arrived.

on the wrong track. Not a major faith crisis, but uncomfortable. And when it lasts

Surprise. I'm still not quite sure what got to me about Father Walt Knowles' approach to the service and sermon. Perhaps it was giving special attention to the unfamiliar words of the Lord's Prayer, with which I've struggled, those words not rolling easily off my tongue. Perhaps it was his statement to "reach out and touch" each other. I meant to listen to his sermon again but haven't yet done so. Would it have the same impact? Or was it a God-moment that cannot be found in specific words? A moment in which I brought myself – in my fatigue and disappointment and doubt – to church. And, against all expectations, felt filled.

I mention this experience because I think it's important that we remember that God is working in us and in those around us all the time, including those we don't expect. At certain times we notice, and at other times we don't. It is so easy to get frustrated and discouraged and not notice the tap on the shoulder that looks like it comes from our neighbor but really comes from God.

If you have been following the treasurer's reports and articles about plans for renovation, you know that our church is facing some financial questions. As we discuss those and try to solve problems, we may find that we will disagree about solutions. What matters is that we stay in touch with one another and listen carefully, respecting each voice. Perhaps these problems are an opportunity to talk more about our church – what is most important to us and what we might be able to let go. And through it all, let us listen as if God is speaking to us - sometimes garbled, sometimes confusing, sometimes clear. Sometimes we will understand immediately, and sometimes we will need to pause and work out the meaning. Which may be the point. Let us do that work together.

Wishing you blessings,

Eileen Bernat, efbphd@aol.com (425) 293-2717



Hi!

This job as Junior Warden has made me think about things like budgeting for Home Repairs. Do you budget for this or hope nothing will break or wear out and, if it does pray you can come up with the money? My darling dearest and I probably fall into the latter category.

I even worked in credit counseling and budgeting a long time ago and recommended that people save either 1% to 4% of their home's value or 5% of their income for maintenance and repairs. Then life happens like kids and braces and pets and broken cars, and our planned budget goes awry. Where is that money twenty years down the line for a new roof, front porch, or carpet?

In the Trinity 2024 Annual Budget, we have \$18,050 budgeted for the following items: Building and Grounds Maintenance at \$7,500, Boiler Maintenance at \$2,250, and our Cleaning Service at \$8,300 which is about \$750 above what we spent last year.

Of the current projects I'm coordinating and reporting on, one of the windows in the Sacristy is finished with one more to go. Other items to be completed are the 6 windows in Rogers Hall with Glass by Lund which were funded by 6 parishioners and, removing the incline stair lift in the front Narthex stairwell to be replaced with a commercial unit and installed per code by a certified installer which will increase the costs above what we have budgeted for.

Then we have another bucket for improvements. To date the church has received \$442,262 for the Refresh, Renew, Rejoice Capital Campaign led by Brian Wheeler and Carol Bartley. We are anticipating an additional \$158,253 to be paid, bringing the total to \$600,516. Unfortunately, Phase 1 of the renovation project comes in at \$838,227 leaving us with a shortfall of 237,711.

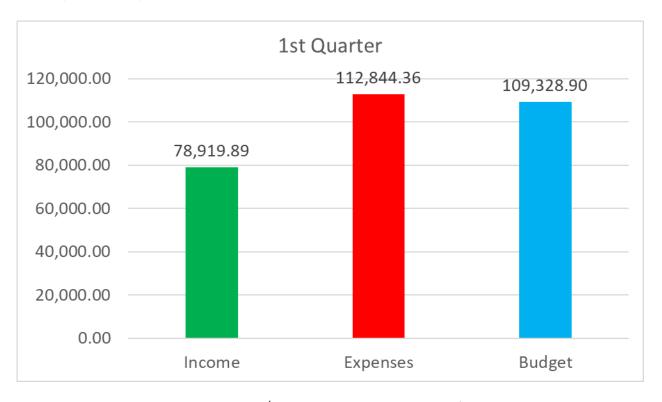
I want Trinity to be here forever and feel maintaining and improving our facility honors those parishioners who came before us and helped fund our endowments. I would like to ask each of you to prayerfully consider our home at Trinity and how you might be able to help us see the Renovation Project come to fruition.

With all my love, Michelle Wheeler



Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

These are the final numbers for the 1st quarter, showing a total for the months January, February, and March.



Total funds used to pay expenses in the 1 st Quarter:	\$112,185.40
EDIL loan money used for the 1 st Quarter:	\$25,000.00
January 1 st the checking account had a balance:	\$ 8,265.51
Income from all sources for the 1 st Quarter:	\$78,919.89

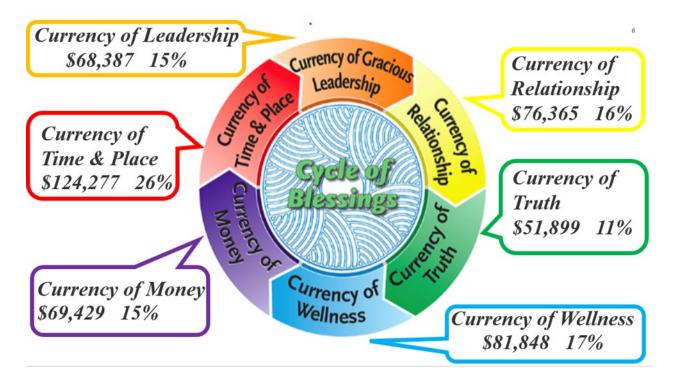
Expenses for all accounts for the 1st Quarter: \$112,844.36

Expenses are up 9.6% for the 1st quarter of 2024. Income total is \$33,924.47 below what is needed to pay the expenses.

Throughout 2023 and the first three months of 2024, our income is consistently 10 to 12 thousand dollars below what is needed to cover the expenses of the church.

The info pages during the month of April dealt weekly with the March report and continued with the 1st quarterly report. I have reprinted the *Cycle of Blessings* expenditures for the 2024 budget to compare to the 1st quarter actual expenses.

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Currency of Leadership: \$16,011.00 14% The fall convention is our biggest

expenditure.

Currency of Time/Place: \$34,273.51 29% Utility costs are 28% over budget

Currency of Money: \$17,080.88 15% Currency of Relationship:\$17,285.83 15% Currency of Truth: \$12,240.64 11% Currency of Wellness: \$19,665.90 17%

Overall, the *Holy Currencies* are distributed close to what was projected and expected for our church community. The biggest variance is Time & Place which includes Buildings & Grounds with utilities.

The second half of January experienced colder than average low temperatures. February temperatures were average while March was 2 to 4 degrees colder throughout the entire month. Natural Gas was \$4,509.06 over budget as part of the utility costs being 28% over budget for the 1st quarter.

We as a community need to do some serious discernment this 2nd quarter.

Best Wishes and Peace be with you, Jarman Minar - Treasurer All things bright and beautiful, the Lord God made them all!"

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

May 2024



HEARTY THANKS

Many thanks are in order to a large number of people who helped make Lent and Easter the beautiful and inspirational experiences they were. Our awesome choir, liturgical ministers and Altar Guild all outdid themselves.

Our musicians are truly ministers, a band of Christians whose love of musical excellence is only surpassed by their dedication to God. I am overwhelmed with the spirit shown by these folks, and it is truly an honor to serve as their director. We are also very grateful, especially this year, to those whose generous financial support made our special guest musicians on Good Friday and Easter Sunday possible.

The Easter season and Spring

We have some wonderful end of year musical events planned, including Pentecost (May 19) and our parish "feast day", Trinity Sunday, May 26. Usually the choir sings until Fathers' Day, but yours truly will be attending the annual conference of the Association of Anglican Musicians in Minneapolis, so choir will end officially June 9. I am looking for cantors (song leaders) and soloists (vocal and instrumental) to help inspire folks over the summer months.

Members of the choir will be meeting in late summer to begin preparation for our fall adventure in New York City!

Trinity Parish Choir was invited in 2019 to join in an international massed chorus and symphony to perform the complete, grand scale **Handel's MESSIAH** at the world famous **Carnegie Hall in New York City** during Thanksgiving weekend 2020. The final; date now is set for Dec. 1, 2024. At this point, about 15 of us will represent our parish for this extradorinary opportunity. We already have a sizeable deposit with the organizing company in New York. The cost of the concert, hotel and travel are very reasonable, but still out of reach of some of our members. Our "resident guest artist," David di Fiore, has offered to help our New York project and once again support our music program overall by offering to present a special end of year concert – this time with our choir --- on Sunday, June 2.

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SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY JUNE 2 at 3 PM

ORGAN RECITAL and CHORAL CONCERT

Presented by David di Fiore, organist

and

Trinity Parish Choir

Featured choral work will be the "Kyrie" from *Missa Solennelle* by Louis Vierne.

(for choir and two pipe organs, arranged by David di Fiore). Virtuso organist and composer, blind most of his life, Vierne died June 2 1937, while playing one of hundreds of recitals performed at the famed Notre Dame in Paris, where he served for 37 years.

David di Fiore made his first European debut at Notre Dame, and brings a profound "French Romantic" approach to his playing.

The program will include recent favorites from the Trinity Parish Choir from the past decade.

Donations are appreciated, but optional.

JOIN UP? HELP OUT? IDEAS? COMMENTS?

Please contact David Spring, Parish Music Director, at 206-261-0873 or davidrspring@icloud.com



Dear Trinity Family,

May brings the last days of the Easter Season. It was a wonderful Holy Week again. We did things a little differently as far as Altar Guild is concerned. It was wonderful for so many of the Altar Guild members to take part in the services. Thank you to all who were in attendance and did so much to make the services so wonderful.

In May are the last days of the Easter Season. Ascension Day falls on May 9th. Christ's triumphant return to heaven. It's celebrated on Thursday, 40 days after Easter. It is only commemorated on the day itself. Sunday May 12th is the Sunday after Ascension Day.

May 12th is also Mother's Day. Altar Guild will be handing out carnations to all mothers and those who consider themselves mothers. Please accept one as our thanks for all you do.

The Day of Pentecost is May 19th. Pentecost: The gift of the Holy Spirit to the apostles and all the world is the final act of Easter. The mighty acts of redemption - resurrection, ascension, and sanctification through the Spirit - belong together and are an inseparable part of each other. The color of the day is red.

On that day new members will be inducted into the Altar Guild. We have three new members who we are very grateful for: Kirstin Andrews, Caitlin Andrews, and Laura McBride. A big thank you to them for their service and dedication to St. Mary's Altar Guild.

Trinity Sunday on the 26th is the first Sunday after Pentecost.

Pentecost Season: the Sundays from Pentecost through Advent are called the "Sundays after Pentecost." They are also referred to as "Ordinary Time." This second half of the church year celebrates the continuing work of Christ in his church through the Holy Spirit, the time from his first and second Advents, "until his coming again." The color of the season is green except for Trinity Sunday which is gold. Christ the King Sunday is white.

Blessings,

Kathy Crosby, Altar Guild Director



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry had their monthly meeting on April 6. Thanks to the generous contribution of 12 hand-knit shawls made by the daughter of Kathleen Newman, one our founding members, we have 20 shawls this year so far. Also, generous contributions of knit hats by two other members bring the total of hats for the Episcopal Ministry to Seafarers and for Hand in Hand Foster Care Agency to 19 for the year. We will continue our practice of putting shawls on a rack in the Narthex for Mother's Day May 12 and encourage anyone who wants one to take it. They are always free. If you would like something smaller, there is a basket containing pocket prayer shawls on the bookshelf in Rogers Hall.

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am in the Guild Room. Anyone interested in our ministry is welcome to come. We have yarn and patterns and if you want to learn to knit, we can show you how. The next meeting will be May 4 and the following month June 1.

Barb Linvog, chairperson

Leadership Team

Vestry

Daniel Bauer (class of 2024) Gwen Gentry (class of 2024) Eivind Nilsen (class of 2024) Lawrence Sylvester (class of 2024)

Eileen Bernat (class of 2025) - SENIOR WARDEN Bill Walker (class of 2025) Richard McGee (class of 2025) Joe Rochon (class of 2025)

Kathy Crosby (class of 2026) Lorraine Dietel (class of 2026) Debi Schmidt (class of 2026) Michelle Wheeler (class of 2026) - JUNIOR WARDEN

Diocesan Convention Delegates and Alternates 2023

Diocesan Convention 2024: there will be two Diocesan Conventions is 2024. The first will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024; the purpose will be elect a Bishop for the Diocese. The second will be held in-person on Friday and Saturday, October 25-26, 2024.

Convention Delegates

Kathy Crosby (class of 2024) Gwen Gentry (class of 2024) Jerry Carson (class of 2025) Carolyn Carson (class of 2025)

Convention Alternates

Morgan Crosby (class of 2024) Lawrence Sylvester (class of 2024) John Heberling (class of 2025) Betsey Mullen (class of 2025)

Endowment Commission Members

John Heberling, Chair (2023-2025) Betts Bell (2023-2025) Kevin Mack (2022-2024) Don Stapleton (2022-2024) Linda Gabourel (2023-2024)



May Birthdays:

Stanley Flanders	5/1
Ryan Boyett	5/4
Janet Hallauer	5/9
Clarence Scott-Fryberg	5/10
Victoria Baker	5/10
Judith Ballantyne	5/12
Xavier Olsen	5/13 (5)
Michael Hensley	5/14
Shawn Ruskin	5/17
Rachael Bauer	5/18
Kate Pankiewicz	5/19
Lilly Zenie	5/20 (17)
Karen Curtis	5/21
Mark Garcia	5/21
Bill Harris	5/25
Barbara Wheeler	5/27
Richard McGee	5/29
Doris McLennnan	5/30
Jason grace	5/31
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May Anniversaries:

James & Jacque Nason	5/3 (16 years)
John & Sally Galt	5/17 (55 years)
Ron & Kirsten Zenie	5/20 (24 years)
Ben & Diana Baird	5/22 (26 years)
Stanley & Ann Flanders	5/27 (24 years)

Our Core Values

(Vestry Retreat 2016)





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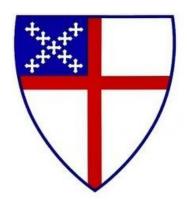
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