

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Easter - Pentecost - May - 2005

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Greetings,

Here we are at a time of year when everything is fresh and new in so many ways.

We're celebrating our risen Christ at the same time we watch life bubble from our earth.

I love this time of year. The colors come out in the grass and the flowers. The fresh spring air is filled with the sounds of new wildlife.

The ground gets tilled over and seed planted to bring forth even more life. I always get extremely excited when I see a newborn calf in a pasture for the first time in the spring, odd as that may sound to some.

I marvel at the wonder of God's plan. How much God must love us to give us all of these blessings!

This month we have much to celebrate. On the Day of the Feast of Pentecost, there will a baptism and two baptisms the following Sunday, Trinity.

Pentecost marks the end of the Easter Season and celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

What a wonderful time of year for baptisms, new life in the Holy Spirit.

Life is an ongoing experience of small deaths and new life. In adolescence we lose our childhood, in old age we have a whole new adventure of life to begin. Some piece of us withers away and grows in to something much better and much stronger, like nature itself.

This spring at Trinity, we watch growth in the world around us. We experience growth in ourselves in new and different ways.

When we baptize these children this month, we cement their relationship with God.

We will begin their vision of creation and their part in it. These children will know God's love in raising them into new being.

When we go out into our community, we take with us the strength of the Holy Spirit given us through baptism.

With that strength, we can perform amazing feats. We can bring the word of God to those who so desperately need it. We can invite them into our joy.

Look around you. The gifts given us are so many. We should always share the joy of them.

George Herbert wrote:

And now in age I bud again  
After so many deaths I live and write  
I once more smell the dew and rain  
And relish versing;  
O my only Light  
It cannot be  
That I am he  
On whom thy tempests fell all night.

Pentecost is about tempests, about uproar and tumult.

It's a good thing.

Let us create the uproar of the Holy Spirit in the lives of those around us.

God's Peace,  
Trula

Bright Sunday 2005 - Thomas B. Woodward - April 3, 2005

*Bright Sunday is a remnant of the ancient Middle Eastern celebration of the Feast of Fools when, in honor of the resurrection, the sermon is simply for fun and enjoyment – even a time of death and dyings. So, some of the best, more of the worst and a couple from the past in celebration of the season and in honor of our ancestor, Isaac, whose name means "laughter." Here are excerpts from Fr. Tom's sermon, which Fr. Ned borrowed heavily from on May 1.*

I am very sorry to have to disappoint those of you who came today expecting to hear a lot of funny jokes and stories. This has been just too hard a week to get it all together. It began last Sunday, after church, when Ann and I were driving down River Road. We were going along fine until suddenly there was a "thud," and Ann started yelling, "Stop the car. Stop the car!"

Well, I saw something kind of white in front of the car. . . and I slammed on the brakes. I got out of the car and saw this little white rabbit under the car – and his little basket of eggs. . . all over the place. "Oh, my God!" I said, "I've killed the Easter Bunny! I don't know if we should call the police . . . or the bishop! There may not be any more Easter Egg hunts. . . ever!" Ann was wonderful. She told me not to worry and she dug in her purse and pulled out a spray can; then she walked over to the limp, dead rabbit and sprayed the contents of the can all over its little body.

Then, I have to tell you this: I witnessed a miracle! The Easter bunny came to life – he jumped up, picked up the spilled eggs and candy, waved its paw at us and then began hopping down the road. About 50 yards away, the Easter Bunny stopped, turned around, waved and hopped down the road another 50 yards, turned, waved and hopped another 50 yards and waved again!! I was absolutely stunned – I remember turning to Ann to ask her: "What was in that spray can? What did you spray on the Easter Bunny?" She turned the can around so I could read the label. Right there it said, "Hair Spray. Restores life to dead hare. adds permanent wave."

But I did hear from our bishop early this morning, with pretty astounding news. He said that he had some good news and some bad news. The good news is that he got a phone call telling him that Jesus Christ has returned to earth to claim his Kingdom. When I asked him what the bad news could possibly be, he said, "The call came in from Salt Lake City."

I had a different kind of trouble during that really hot spell a few weeks ago. I had to park my car out in the sun at Hardin Plaza – and I had rolled down the windows so our Labrador Retriever, Bay, could have some fresh air. She was stretched out on the back seat of the car – and I wanted to make sure that she would stay there, so I was walking backwards towards the store, pointing my finger at the car saying, "Now stay! Do you hear me? Stay!" Well, the driver of a nearby car leaned out her window, gave me a strange look and said, "Reverend, why don't you just put it in park?"

On another note, I did get some disturbing news not about, but from Steve Denmark, He tells me that an insurance company has posted in all the surgery rooms at the hospital a list of things surgeons are not supposed to say during surgeries:

"What is this doing here?"

"Everybody stand back! I lost my contact lens!"

"Accept this sacrifice, O great Lord of Darkness!"

"Wait a minute, if THIS is his spleen, then what's THAT?"

"Bo! Bo! Come back with that! Bad Dog!"

Finally the last story a local one. The way I heard it, it took place somewhere north of Hollister. It seems a truck driver had stopped off at a roadside restaurant for a quick meal. He was seated at a table eating his meal when four motorcycle tough guys of the Hells' Angels type roared up, they stomped into the restaurant, looked around, walked over to the guys table and said, "We want this table, bug off." fThe trucker, not a big guy, said, "But I'm not finished with my meal." One of the bikers picked up his water glass, poured it over his food. . . and said, "Now you are, so get out of here. . . GIT!"

So the trucker picked up his cap and walked out. The four bikers laughed it up for a bit and the one who had poured the water all over the food announced for all to hear, "He wasn't much of a man, was he?" The waitress, who was two tables away where she had a clear view of the parking lot, overheard him, and said, "Well, maybe not. Maybe he's not much of a man; but then, he's not much of a truck driver, either. He just ran over four motorcycles."

Let us thank God for the gift of stories and laughter. And as we give thanks for that, let us give thanks, as well for the biggest joke ever played -- the day God tricked Satan and all the powers of death who, like those bikers, thought they had won. . . in the crucifixion of the Son of God. But Satan and all the powers of death got fooled – and it was the biggest surprise ending in the history of the cosmos: and the biggest surprise beginning in all of human history, the resurrection of Jesus, whom we know as the Christ.



# Trinity Episcopal Church - May 2005

**Easter  
Pentecost**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1 Easter 6</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour  <i>Mary Patterson</i>	<b>2 St. Philip and St. James</b> ( <i>transferred from 5/1</i> )	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  <i>Patrick Kelley</i>	<b>5 Ascension Day</b>	<b>6</b>  <i>Kim Murray Noah Gurney</i>	<b>7</b> Bishop's School, St. Anne's, Trexlertown
<b>8 Easter 7</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour  <i>Cindy Spezialetti</i>	<b>9</b>  <i>T.J. Smith Hazel &amp; Ron Hunt</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11 ECW Annual Meeting, Kirby House</b> <i>Kathy &amp; Kevin Ayres Savannah and Chandler Paul are 10!!</i>	<b>12</b>  <i>Barry Goldsmith</i>	<b>13</b>  <i>Colleen Barton</i>	<b>14</b> Bishop's School, St. Anne's, Trexlertown  <i>Cora Orshal</i>
<b>15 Day of Pentecost</b> -----Vestry Meets----- 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II and Baptism 10:30 Coffee Hour	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <i>Mark and Trula Hollywood's 25th!! Kristina Hooper</i>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  <i>Sharon Cole Phil Kelley Amanda Forbes</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Jeff Davenport</i>
<b>22 Trinity Sunday</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II and Baptism <b>10:30 Parish Potluck</b> <i>Patricia Gurney Martin</i>	<b>23</b>  <i>Virginia Ford</i>	<b>24</b>  <i>David J. Bivins</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <i>Alyssa Catlin</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 Pentecost 2</b> 9:15 Church School 9:30 Holy Eucharist II 10:30 Coffee Hour	<b>30</b>  <i>Virginia Caum-Lake</i>	<b>31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<i>Trinity Prayer Cycle 5/1 Patricia and Heather Martin 5/8 Hildegard Mohr, Karen Nichols 5/15 Jon, Wendy, Kim, Kate and Kelly Murray 5/22 Vickie North, Cora Orshal, Elizabeth Pashley 5/29 James, Mary and Andy Patterson</i>		<i>Kajo Keji, 5/1 The Congregation at Mondikolok; 5/8 The Kiri Archdeaconry and Adire; 5/15 The Congregation at Aire; 5/22 The Congregation at Ajire; 5/29 The Congregation at Bamure.</i>	
<i>Anglicans Around the World 5/1 The Navajoland Area Missions; 5/8 The Diocese of New Jersey; 5/15 The Diocese of Niassa (South Africa); 5/22 The Diocese of North Carolina and the Diocese of Western North Carolina; 5/29 the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council</i>		<i>Diocesan Prayer Cycle 5/1 St. Alban's, Reading, Karl Kern, rector; 5/8 Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton, Guy Reid, SW; Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist, Milford, William McGinty, rector; 5/15 Christ Church, Reading, John Francis, rector, R. Jane Williams, priest associate; 5/22 St. Paul's, Montrose, Elizabeth Moulton, rector; 5/29 Christ Church, Stroudsburg, Elizabeth Haynes, rector</i>			<b>Coming June 25 -- Under the Big Top Bishop's Day with Children and Youth, Camp Lackawanna, Scranton</b>	

### **Pentecost 2005 (May 15)**

... will be a very special day at Trinity. Will and Sarah (Catlin) Draper's daughter, Leigha, will be baptised. Baptisms are wonderful times for celebration, so mark your calendar now for May 15. Be sure to wear RED.

### **Trinity Sunday 2005 (May 22)**

... will be another special day. Barbara Barry's grandchildren will be baptised and we have a guest preacher, The Rev. Don Davidson, rector of St. David's in Topeka, Kansas. He is also a chaplain (Lieutenant Colonel) in the Army National Guard, a computer expert and an avid Cubs fan. A long time friend of the Caums, he has been promised a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame in return for preaching.

There will be a parish potluck lunch on Trinity Sunday as well. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

### **ECW Annual Meeting**

is May 11 at Kirby House. Author, Spiritual Director and Episcopal priest Barbara Crafton is the keynote speaker. For more information, see this month's issue of *Diocesan Life*.

### **Food Pantry**

Please remember that the first Sunday of each month is Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring nonperishable foods in unbreakable packaging and place them in the basket at the back of the church.

### **Home Communion**

It's often hard for some of us to get to church on Sundays. Fr. Ned or Trula are happy to come visit you and bring you communion after church on Sunday, or when it's convenient for you. Please call the office at 888-5715 to arrange a visit.

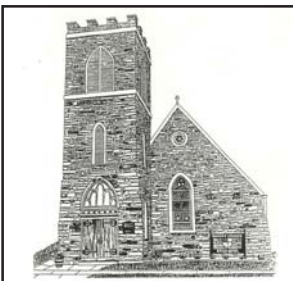
### **ONE**

What do Pat Robertson, Bono, Brad Pitt, Reese Witherspoon, Tom Hanks and Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold have in common?

They have all committed to fight global AIDS and extreme poverty by rallying Americans, ONE by ONE. Find out more at <http://www.bread.org/one.htm>.

"We commit ourselves - one person, one voice, one vote at a time - to make a better, safer world for all."

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**May at Trinity**

...with water and the Holy Spirit