The Dean's Corner: A Foretaste of Heaven

Worship and liturgy is, at its very best, a foretaste of heaven. Whether the soaring and majestic notes of a cathedral organ or the spirited hymns of a gospel choir, when we gather in spirit and song we aren’t there to “do” something together so much as to be with one another and with the one who created us. In that way, we both look forward to the heavenly banquet and experience it in that very moment.

When we as the people of the Diocese of Ohio gather on Saturday for the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly as the 12th bishop of the diocese, we won’t simply be convening at a grand public auditorium to “do” something; we won’t only be raising up a faithful leader who will serve as our spiritual guide for years to come. We’ll be gathering, as the communion of saints, for a celebration of the Beloved Community that is God’s gift to us today.

Read the dean’s entire message here

This Sunday, April 30

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Click here for this week’s Scripture.
8 a.m. Early Eucharist
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching and celebrating
Sunday begins with Early Eucharist in the chapel. This intimate service features basic music and follows the Book of Common Prayer in its order of worship.

9 a.m. The Abundant Table Eucharist
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching and celebrating
Our new Abundant Table music director, Morgan Mecaskey (piano, vocals) is joined by Ashlee Foreman (vocals), Mikel Mahoney (percussion) and Spencer Paul (bass) will provide the music. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org/abundant-table-livestream.

10:10 a.m. Sunday School
Children from Pre-K through second grade meet in the classroom next to the nursery (on floor 1R) and third through 12th grades assemble in the Youth & Family Center on Trinity's third floor.

10:10 a.m. God Calls Leaders Bible Study
Join members and friends in conference room C/D for this interactive Bible study. Be inspired by the classes, which will be taught by a variety of Trinity facilitators. You don’t have to be a leader at Trinity and you don’t have to attend every class session. The remainder of the classes will take place on May 7, 14 and 21.

10:10 a.m. Self-Compassion
Self-compassion isn’t a luxury – it’s a necessity for living and loving well. And it ripples out for the benefit of you and those around you. Modern research has revealed that people who practice self-compassion experience: greater happiness, more motivation, more satisfying relationships, less anxiety and depression, and better physical health. Want to learn more? Join the Rev. Jo Nygard Owens in conference room A/B this Easter season to explore Jesus' invitation for us to love ourselves well that we might love others.

11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, preaching
The Rev. Adrienne Koch, celebrating
Music will include works by J.S. Bach, Edward Bairstow and John Tavener. Organ scholar and music librarian Carolyn Hoff will play the prelude. Children can worship and/or play in the interactive soft space, located in the east transept. Children's chapel is offered after the Gospel until the passing of the peace. The service will be livestreamed on trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream.

1 p.m.–3 p.m. Youth Group AC (After Church)
Youth Group AC will visit Get Air trampoline park in Middleburg Heights, 7204 Pearl Rd. Cost is $10 per person. Please register in
The Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly

Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who will serve as chief consecrator and preacher, and thousands from around the diocese for this special occasion. It will take place Saturday, April 29 at 11 a.m. at Public Auditorium in Cleveland. Those wishing to carpool can leave cars in the Trinity parking lot. The service will be livestreamed on facebook.com/dohio and dohio.org. For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit dohio.org/consecration. The RSVP period has ended, but all are welcome to attend and a reception will follow the service.

Mission Team Tables

It's your last chance Sunday to visit the Adult Faith Formation table in the promenade to learn about the offerings the mission team has in store for 2023. Meet members and find out if there is an adult formation option that's made just for you.

Easter Offering Benefits Hunger & Outreach Ministries

It's not too late to make an Easter contribution to benefit Trinity's hunger and outreach ministries.
outreach ministries. Of course, this helps *A Place at the Table* and the urban farm, both of which feed people in need in our neighborhood. But is also benefits ministries such as the Marion-Sterling Partnership, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, Greater Cleveland Congregations and more.

The easiest way to give is online: [bit.ly/EasterTrinity2023](http://bit.ly/EasterTrinity2023). You can also give in person at the offertory. Please indicate "Easter Offering" on your check memo line. You can put cash in the plate; please put it in an envelope and write "Easter Offering " on the outside.

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**BrownBag Bachfest! Continues**

Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral continues to present its spring concert schedule, now focused on the music of J.S. Bach. Next Wednesday, May 3, at 12 noon, Director of Music Todd Wilson will play organ on Bach's E-flat Major Trio Sonata and Eric Wong, violist of the Cavani Quartet, ensemble-in-residence at the Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM) will play viola on his G Minor Sonata. Admission is free and a free will offering is taken. This concert will also be featured on [trinitycleveland.org/blog/brown-bag-concerts](http://trinitycleveland.org/blog/brown-bag-concerts).

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**Choral Evensong**

Join in the Anglican tradition that is Choral Evensong Wednesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. The service will commemorate Elisabeth Cruciger, the first female poet and hymnwriter of the Protestant Reformation and a friend of Martin Luther. The Rev. Peter Faass will preach and the Trinity Chamber Singers will sing Hubert Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens*. The service will also be livestreamed at [trinitycleveland.org/blog/choral-evensong4615](http://trinitycleveland.org/blog/choral-evensong4615).

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**New Wednesday Bible Study Class:**

**The Puzzle of Paul**

Do you find the Apostle Paul's contradictions puzzling? In the Bible, Paul seems
comfortable with the practice of slavery (Colossians 3, Ephesians 6, Titus 2). So why does he all but twist Philemon's arm to persuade the Christian slave owner to free his runaway Christian slave, Onesimus?

There is a way to make sense of what seem to be contradictions about slavery. Join professor Bob Fowler and other facilitators next Wednesday night, May 3, from 7–8 p.m., to put the puzzle together. No special Bible study experience is necessary and you don't have to have attended previous sessions to participate. This class will follow Evensong in conference room A/B.

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**World Labyrinth Day at Trinity**

Gather on Saturday, May 6 between 12:45 p.m.–1 p.m. to *Walk as One at One* on World Labyrinth Day. The labyrinth will be set up in the gallery. Thousands of people around the world participate in World Labyrinth Day, creating a unified rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next, around the globe. To register, visit bit.ly/LabyrinthDay.

If you've never walked a labyrinth before, it can quiet the mind, calm anxieties, recover balance in life, enhance creativity and encourage meditation, insight, self-reflection and stress reduction. To find other locations visit worldlabyrinthday.org. For more information, please contact Cynthia Ries, cynthiaries@gmail.com.

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**Upcoming LGBTQ+ Events**

**April 30–May 14** – Order your 2023 Pride T-shirt, by signing up at the Pride table (Sundays from Apr 30 to May 14). Be sure to get this year's T-shirt with the new Trinity logo! Contact Matthew Jaroszewicz at matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com with your T-shirt size. T-shirts are $17, sizes S-3X.

**May 21** – The Trinity Forum. Dean Owens interviews Gulnar Fereesta, senior director of programming for the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland during the 10:10 a.m. formation hour.
June 3 – Pride in the CLE! – March with Trinity and nine other churches in the Diocese of Ohio during this year’s Pride parade! Plan to march in downtown Cleveland on June 3 at Pride in the CLE! Staging begins at 10 a.m. and the march begins at 11 a.m.

June 10 – Russ Tripi (St. Bartholomew, Mayfield Village) will be hosting a Pride-themed Saturday workshop on Saturday, June 10 from 10 – 11:30 a.m. His topic, "Gaga-4-GOD!", introduces the audience to concepts of "queer theology" by exploring the music of Madonna, Lady Gaga, and Lil Nas X. It’s a popular lecture from Tripi’s "Theologies of Sex, Gender, and Identity." The workshop is at the Mayfield Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 500 SOM Center Road, Mayfield, OH 44143, Room 100. Pre-registration is required at saintbartohio.org.

'Guns to Gardens' Anti-Violence Demonstration

Guns to Gardens is a national faith-based organization whose members feel called to reduce gun violence. Using a blacksmith's forge, they collect unwanted guns and melt them down, converting the molten material into garden tools, art and jewelry. These tools can be used to grow food, like Trinity's urban farmers do, and they give the food to neighborhood residents in need. Come see this cycle of renewed life in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood, and help promote decreased gun violence and community sustainability.

The demonstration will be held at the urban farm, 3532 Cedar Ave., on Saturday, May 13 at 10 a.m. It will be conducted by the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, anti-gun violence advocate, author and rector of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Euclid. If you have questions, please email sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

Kimayo to Perform My Queer Faith at Trinity

Singer-songwriter Kimayo will bring her My Queer Faith tour to Trinity on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. This is one of only two Ohio dates on her tour. Kimayo's mission is to inspire hope, restoration, and unity between LGBTQIA+ folks and faith communities. You can preview her music and watch her videos at kimayomusic.com. A reception will follow the concert in the piazza at approximately 7:30 p.m.
Marriage Blessing of the Rev. Adrienne Koch and Melanie Giovannone

The congregation of Trinity Cathedral is cordially invited to attend the marriage blessing of the Rev. Adrienne Koch and Melanie Giovannone at the cathedral on May 20. Gatsby/Old Hollywood attire encouraged! Please RSVP here.

Ceremony: 2 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Standing reception for Trinity congregation members in the piazza to follow – 3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Save the Dates

May 7 – Youth Sunday (9 a.m. service)
May 7 – Solemn Eucharist (5 p.m.)
May 13 – Guns to Gardens – Anti-gun violence program @ Urban Farm (10 a.m.)
May 14 – Sunday Schmooze
May 20 – Koch-Giovannone Marriage Blessing (2 p.m.)
May 21 – Cleveland Marathon (route runs down E. 22nd adjacent to church)
May 23 – Singer-songwriter Kimayo performs My Queer Faith (6:30 p.m.)
May 28 – Summer Sunday service schedule begins – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
June 4 – Cathedral Tour (after 10 a.m. service)

In the Diocese

A Message from the Bishop and the Rev. Rosalind Hughes Regarding Gun Violence

Gun violence is nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory. Its victims and
perpetrators, alike, are young and old; black, brown, and white; inclusive of all gender identities and sexual orientation; not specific to one political party or philosophy. Gun violence shows no partiality. It occurs in schools, workplaces, churches, public venues, and private homes. It is both self-inflicted and inflicted on others. Its only common denominator is that it involves firearms in the hands of people who should not have access to them.

Celebration of Bishops and Staff

The Transition Committee invites you to save the date for a diocesan-wide celebration of Bishop Mark, our assisting bishops, and the bishop's staff, on Saturday, June 17 from 2 – 6 p.m. at Hathaway Brown School in Shaker Heights. Invitations and more information coming soon. Please contact the transitioncommittee@dohio.org with questions.

The deadline to submit program updates or events for Trinity Weekly, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Deadline for items to be included in the June 2023 Cathedral Connections newsletter is Friday, May 19. Please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.