

THE TRINITY WEEKLY

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THE DEAN'S CORNER

The Battle for Democracy

As Americans and people of faith, we hold sacred our right to vote. Our democratic values call us not only to honor each person's perspective and voice, but to work harder to make sure that *all* voices – including those historically marginalized – are heard.

Our nation has a long history of disenfranchisement and voter suppression, one that we face each and every election year. This year is no different; indeed, the question of who has full access to the ballot box is as much at the forefront as ever...

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WORSHIP & GATHER

This Sunday

February 11, 2024

[Last Sunday After The Epiphany](#)

Early Eucharist

8 a.m. | The Chapel

Preaching: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Celebrating: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

The Abundant Table

9 a.m. | The Nave

Preaching: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
Celebrating: The Rev. Adrienne Koch

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Next Week

Feb. 12 - Feb. 17, 2024

Mardi Gras Celebration

Wednesday Feb. 13 | 5:30 p.m.

Cathedral Hall

Join the pre-Lenten fun on Shrove Tuesday when we gather for a New Orleans-style jambalaya meal. Or have pancakes & sausages if you prefer. The festivities run from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We'll have Mardi Gras beads, masks, crafts, games & music. Pancake races! Hide & seek in the church!

The jambalaya meal includes chicken, sausage & shrimp jambalaya, salad, cornbread, dessert & beverage. Vegetarian jambalaya and gluten-free

Dean's Forum:

Battle for Democracy

10:10 a.m. | Conf. Rm. A/B

Dean Owens will welcome Khalilah Worley and Molly Martin from Greater Cleveland Congregations to talk about how we can get involved with GCC's Battle for Democracy in the coming year, as well as the proposed state anti-gerrymandering amendment to the state constitution put forward by *Citizens Not Politicians*.

Discovering the New Testament

10:10 a.m. | Conf. Rm. C/D

Topic: The Teachings

Leader: Luke Taylor

Choral Eucharist

11:15 a.m. | The Nave

Preaching: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

Celebrating: The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

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pancakes available. We will accept donations to help with the cost of the meal. Please, register at the link below.

[REGISTER](#)

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Feb. 14

7:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m.

The lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14. **Trinity will hold services at 7:30 a.m. (in the chapel), noon and 6:00 p.m.** All services will include Holy Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. The 6:00 p.m. service includes the Cathedral Choir. The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will preach at all three services.

Choral Evensong:

NO EVENSONG | NO FORMATION

Healing Eucharist

Thursday Feb. 15 | 12:00 p.m.

This intimate mid-week service offers a brief respite from the pressures and frenetic pace of the world around us. Optional healing prayer is available.

LENTEN SEASON



Trinity Friars Dinner Group

The Trinity Friars dinner group will be back this year, gathering on Fridays in the Lenten season to find the best church fish fry in greater Cleveland. All are welcome to join the group and attend one or more of these (offsite) dinners for food and fellowship. "Friar Fridays" take place on Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 and 22; meal locations will rotate around the Cleveland area.

Contact Bill DiTirro at bdt8320@sbcglobal.net to add your name to the Friars mailing list (or to find out more). On the Sunday before each Friday gathering, Bill will send an invitation to that week's fish fry, with information about the location and the group's meeting time.



Lent Madness

What is Lent Madness? It's a fun, engaging way to learn about the men and women highlighted in the Church's calendar of saints during the season of Lent. The madness begins this year on February 15.

Here's the format: 32 saints are placed into a single elimination tournament bracket (think "March Madness"). Biographical information about each saint is shared; two saints go head-to-head each weekday. Vote for your favorite saints on the Lent Madness website, or by using social media— anyone can participate and it's free. Things get more interesting in the later rounds - we find out a little more about the semifinal and final contenders - and ultimately, one saint earns the coveted Golden Halo.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building the Realm Community

February 25 | 10:10 a.m. | Conf. Rm. A/B

Realm is Trinity's new web portal for members. It is connected to church management software that is used for information storage - such as our members' contact information, life events and giving information. The behind-the-scenes organization of the church depends on software that is comprehensive, easy-to-use and secure. Realm will help our members be more connected to the church and other Trinity members.



In the next week, members will be invited to download the Realm smartphone app (or use Realm's desktop app) as their new member portal. Members will be able to access Trinity's member directory, update their contact information, connect with their small groups, give offerings and receive church news. Training sessions and materials will be provided to assist members in learning to use Realm's tools to connect with each other and with opportunities at Trinity. **An informational forum, Building the Realm Community, will be held February 25, 2024, at 10:10 a.m.**

Join the Cathedral Sunday Teams!

It takes about 200 people to lead our Cathedral's Sunday morning worship. We need your help! This month we are creating the **Cathedral Sunday Teams** to give more people the chance to take a leadership role on Sunday Morning. We encourage you to consider if there is a role you can play one Sunday a month that will allow Trinity to grow and thrive on Sundays and beyond. Here are some of the roles that need filled:

- **Sacristans (Altar Guild):** prepare the altar and communion elements for worship; clear the altar after the service
- **Ushers:** offer hospitality and guidance in the worship service; take up the offering
- **Greeter/Newcomer Hosts:** Greet folks coming in the Euclid and Commons entrances and follow up with the newcomers after the service when appropriate.
- **Neighborhood Hosts:** Receive additional training to offer hospitality and assistance to neighbors, including those experiencing homelessness.
- **Acolytes:** Assist the clergy during worship service by getting sacred things where they need to be.
- **Children's Chapel:** Join the Children's Ministry Director in leading age-appropriate worship and formation during the homily
- **Coffee Support:** Assist in preparing coffee and more for post-church gatherings.

Roles are beginning to fill up. Take a look at the updated teams template, then let us know which team you can serve on from mid-February to the end of May. Filled roles are indicated on the template. If you are able to serve, contact [Ginger Bitikofer](#).

Let's get to work!

[UPDATED TEAMS TEMPLATE](#) | [CONTACT: Ginger Bitikofer](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

* Indicates [Music & Art at Trinity](#) event

Dean's Forum: Battle for Democracy

February 11 | 10:10 a.m.

Mardi Gras Celebration

February 13 | 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 14

Sunday Schmooze

February 18 | 10:10 a.m.

Brownbag Concert*

Shaker Heights HS Chamber Orchestra
February 21 | 12:00 p.m.

Songs of Freedom, Hope & Peace

February 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Building the Realm Community

February 25 | 10:10 a.m.

Trinity Forum: Shiloh Roby

March 3 | 10:10 a.m.

Shiloh Roby Welcome Reception

March 3 | 12:30 p.m.

Brownbag Concert*

Schubert's Trout Quintet
March 6 | 12:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time Begin

March 10

Dean's Forum: The Journey of Grief

March 10 | 10:10 a.m.

[Calendar](#)

FEATURED



Brownbag Concert: Shaker Heights High School Chamber Orchestra

February 21 | 12:00 p.m.

One of northeast Ohio's most talented young string ensembles!

The Chamber Orchestra consists of Shaker's most experienced violin, viola, cello and string bass players. Renowned for her work with young students, beloved conductor Donna Jelen leads the orchestra as they take on challenging literature and perform it at a high level.



Songs of Freedom, Hope & Peace

February 23 | 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral will collaborate with Roots of American Music, a local performing arts and education nonprofit, to present a public concert, "Songs of Freedom, Hope, and Peace". This concert features Roots of American Music performing artists Sam Hooper and Angela Winborn performing gospel, protest songs, and uplifting anthems from social justice movements in American history.

The concert is free and open to the public, though suggested donations of \$10 per person for Trinity Cathedral will be accepted.

EDUCATION

Go Speak Conversations

Meal at 6:30 p.m. | Formation at 7:00 p.m.
February: 21, 28 | March: 6, 13, 20 | April: 3, 10, 17

After Evensong February 21 through April 17, **Mission team leaders will engage the congregation in Go Speak conversations.** Select a Go Speak card on the table that “speaks to you” and then respond to the prompt on the card. Those present listen to your response without questioning or feedback, and in turn, can select a card and share their own story.

Go Speak gatherings have proven to be comfortable and provide a safe environment to give voice to stories of how God moves in our lives. By having a mission team lead that night, conversations may have thematic elements based on that mission team.



[CONTACT: Adrienne Koch](#)

Exploring the New Testament

Sundays | 10:10 a.m. | Trinity Commons
Upcoming Dates: February 11, 18, 25

Join Trinity clergy and lay facilitators in an exploration of the people, places and stories of the Bible and discover where The Story lives in your story! Both the first-time learner and the lifelong student are invited to an engaging, rewarding encounter with Scripture that will greatly deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

[CONTACT: Adrienne Koch](#)

Sacred Space Zoom Meeting

Tuesday Feb. 13 | 5:45 p.m.
Via Zoom

Sacred Space is a small group that meets to explore a variety of forms of contemplative practice. The purpose is to support one another's growth in prayer and spiritual practice.

Contact Charlotte Nichols to learn more.

[CONTACT](#) | [ZOOM LINK](#)

IN THE DIOCESE



Celebration of the Consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris and the Commemoration of the Rev. Absalom Jones February 10 | 1:00 p.m. | Our Saviour, Akron

On Saturday, **February 10** at 1:00 p.m. at Our Saviour, Akron, the President, Officers and Members of the Wilma Ruth Combs Northeast Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians, together with the Diocese of Ohio and Church of Our Saviour, Akron will host the annual Festival Eucharist celebrating the Rev. Absalom Jones and the Rt. Rev. Barbara Clementine Harris. The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly will be the Celebrant at the service, and [the Rev. Edwin Daniel Johnson](#) will be the preacher at this year's service. All are welcome to come celebrate of these noted saints whose lives and ministries have impacted our common life and ministry as we continue our work of reconciliation and dismantling racism in our efforts to move closer to becoming Beloved Community.

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 - Submission for *The Trinity Weekly* must be submitted by the Monday before the publication date (every Thursday at 5pm)



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