

# The Trinity Weekly

## May 11, 2023



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A Sacred Place for All People

### The Dean's Corner: From Death to Life

This week began with the news of yet another mass shooting. Eight dead in a Dallas, Texas suburb, a shocking figure when one considers how many broken hearts, how many lives cut short, the losses to family and community, the bloody emergency rooms, the continued trauma that comes not just from the violence but from the inaction that follows in its wake.

We've known violence before, but the trauma is something different now. By some accounts the attacks of 9/11 were less traumatic than they could have been because there was a general consensus that something terrible had happened to our whole nation. The loss was no less real, but there is something therapeutic and even healing when one's grief is honored and shared across the spectrum of the community. Once you turn towards healing you can begin to respond properly to the crisis.



[Read the dean's entire message here](#)

## This Sunday, May 14

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

[Click here for this week's Scripture.](#)

**8 a.m. Early Eucharist**

## **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, 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. We will celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day.

### **9 a.m. *The Abundant Table Eucharist***

#### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching**

#### **The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**

Morgan Mecaskey and friends will provide the music. We will celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day. 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](http://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 final class in this series will take place on May 21.

### **10:10 a.m. Sunday Schmooze**

Trinity's piazza will once again play host to a Sunday Schmooze. There'll be special beverages and food for all and we'll set high-top tables in the piazza to encourage people to "officially" schmooze. Join in this new Trinity tradition and get to know some additional members of your Trinity family.

### **10:10 a.m. *Second Breath Self-Compassion Class***

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 to explore Jesus' invitation for us to love ourselves well that we might love others. You don't need to have attended previous sessions to participate. This will be the final class in this series.

### **11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist**

#### **The Rev. Adrienne Koch, preaching**

#### **The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, celebrating**

Music will include works by Dieterich Buxtehude, Elizabeth Poston and Niels Gade. We will celebrate all mothers on Mother's Day. Organ scholar and music librarian JoEllen West 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](http://trinitycleveland.org/choral-eucharist-livestream).

## APATT Volunteers Needed

Several volunteer servers are needed for this Sunday's *A Place at the Table* hot meal (May 14), from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. No experience is needed. Please contact Ginger Bitikofer, [gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org), 216-774-0407.

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## United Thank Offering Ingathering

This Sunday, May 14 is the spring 2023 United Thank Offering (UTO) ingathering. It's time to bring your blue box to Trinity so your donation can benefit UTO.

UTO is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box.

If you haven't been using a blue box, you can pick one up from the table on the promenade in the ensuing weeks. 100% of what is collected supports innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and provinces of the Anglican Communion. To give online, visit [unitedthankoffering.com/give](https://unitedthankoffering.com/give).

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## Guns to Gardens Anti-Gun Violence Demonstration

*Guns to Gardens* is a national faith-based organization whose members feel called to reduce gun violence. Using a small 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, giving 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](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org).

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## Urban Farm Season Kicks Into High Gear

While you're at the urban farm for the *Guns to Gardens* event, why not take a couple minutes to help benefit hungry residents of our Central neighborhood? This is the farm's busy season and we can't wait to plant vegetables using the garden tools created at the *Guns to Gardens* demonstration. The farm is less than a mile from Trinity, at 3532 Cedar Ave. Volunteers gather from 9 a.m.–12 noon, but you don't need to stay the whole time, even a half hour is helpful. If you have questions, please contact Scott Blanchard, [sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org), 216.774.0479.

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## EPF Prayer for Mother's Day

The Diocese of Ohio Episcopal Peace Fellowship chapter offers the attached prayer, written by the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, for Mother's Day.

[Read the Prayer Here](#)

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## Attend the Final BrownBag Bachfest! Concert

Join in-person or livestream for the last BrownBag concert for Winter/Spring 2023. Next Wednesday, May 17, at 12 noon, James Thompson, violinist, chamber musician, soloist, educator and lecturer will play Bach's C Major Sonata and Director of Music Todd Wilson, organ, will perform the G Major Trio Sonata. Admission is free and a free will offering is taken. This concert will also be featured on [trinitycleveland.org/blog/brown-bag-concerts](https://trinitycleveland.org/blog/brown-bag-concerts).



The Solemnity of the Ascension of Jesus Christ, also called Ascension Day, Ascension Thursday, or sometimes Holy Thursday, commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is a major feast day in The Episcopal Church. On Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m., the Cathedral Choir will lead a choral Eucharist at 6 p.m. Music will include Hans Leo Hassler's *Missa Secunda* and Gerald Finzi's *God is Gone Up*. The service will be livestreamed at <https://www.trinitycleveland.org/blog/ascension-day-service/?occurrence=2121>.

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# PRIDE in the CLE®



## Upcoming LGBTQ+ Events

**May 14** – Last chance to order your 2023 Pride T-shirt, by signing up at the Pride table in the piazza this Sunday. Be sure to get this year's T-shirt with the new Trinity logo! T-shirts are \$17, sizes S-3X.

**June 3 – Pride in the CLE!** – March with Trinity and thirteen other churches in the Diocese of Ohio (see below) during this year's Pride parade! (Staging begins at 10 a.m. and the march begins at 11 a.m.)

1. Trinity Church, Alliance
2. St. Barnabas, Bay Village
3. St. Thomas, Berea
4. St. Matthew's, Brecksville
5. St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights
6. St. Luke's, Cleveland
7. Church of the Epiphany, Euclid
8. Church of the Ascension, Lakewood
9. Good Shepherd, Lyndhurst
10. St. Bartholomew, Mayfield Village
11. St. Paul's, Medina
12. Christ Church, Oberlin
13. Christ Church, Shaker Heights

**June 10** – Russ Tripi (St. Bartholomew, Mayfield Village) will be hosting a Pride-themed 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](http://saintbartohio.org).

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## 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 – 3:45 p.m.

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## The Trinity Forum: Gulnar Fereesta from the LGBT Community Center

Next Sunday, May 21 at 10:10 a.m., Dean Owens welcomes Gulnar Fereesta, senior director of programming at the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland. Shortly before Pride month in June, they will talk about the work and mission of the LGBT Center, give a preview of the annual Pride in the CLE event in early June,

and talk about how many LGBTQ+ youth and adults experience housing insecurity.

The center is the heart of the region's LGBTQ+ community and is a one-stop hub that provides a safe space, programs and services, advocacy and social events, supporting programs, educational opportunities and health services that advance the overall wellbeing of LGBTQ+ people of all ages. Founded in 1975, it is one of the nation's oldest LGBTQ+ community centers.

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## 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](http://kimayomusic.com). A reception will follow the concert in the piazza at

approximately 7:30 p.m., brought to you by Trinity's LGBTQ+ outreach ministry.

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## The Rev. Adrienne Koch Appears in Episode of *The Land for Life*

Destination Cleveland is a non-profit organization that works to bring conventions and tourists to Cleveland. They are airing an online series called *The Land for Life*. In a recent installment, *The Land of New Perspectives*, the Rev. Adrienne Koch speaks with Brittany Benton, owner of Brittany's Record Shop, DJ and producer. [You can watch the episode here.](#)

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## Save the Dates

May 20 – Koch-Giovannone Marriage Blessing (2 p.m.)

May 21 – Liturgy of Welcome, all three services

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)

June 11 – Sunday Schmooze

June 17 – Celebration of bishops and staff – Hathaway Brown School

July 9 – Sunday Schmooze

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## In the Diocese

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### Diocesan News

The Diocese of Ohio has a full calendar of events happening now and into the summer. Examples include training, retreats, concerts, community

development, ordinations and happenings at Bellwether Farm. You can read about all of them in *What's New in the Diocese of Ohio*, their weekly e-newsletter.

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## ECW Women's Retreat

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are sponsoring a women's retreat at Bellwether Farm on May 19–20. Clevelander Connie Schultz will be the keynote speaker. Connie is a Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist and author of the New York Times bestselling novel, *The Daughters of Erietown*. Connie, a champion for social advocacy and women's rights, will share her thoughts and insights on Saturday morning.

Overnight stays include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch. Saturday attendees will receive lunch. For more information and to register, go to [Eventbrite](#).

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## Station Hope

Did you know that beautiful St. John's Episcopal Church in Ohio City is Cleveland's first authenticated Underground Railroad site? The oldest consecrated building in Cuyahoga County, St. John's was a last stop for freedom seekers before crossing the waters of Lake Erie to Canada, and its steeple acted as a beacon of freedom. Today, *Station Hope* is a free, jubilant community festival celebrating Cleveland's social justice heritage and exploring contemporary struggles for freedom and equity with over 250 artists of all ages, and 30 different short theatrical pieces, storytelling, music, dance, and visual art installations on the grounds of St. John's, 2600 Church Avenue (corner of West 26th and Church Avenue). The tenth-year celebration is Saturday, May 27, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. The Diocese of Ohio is a leadership partner of this free event, open to all. For more information and to see video from previous years, visit: [cptonline.org/station-hope](http://cptonline.org/station-hope) or pick up information in the piazza.

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# In The Episcopal Church

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## It's All About Love: A Festival for the Jesus Movement

Join Episcopalians nationwide for *It's All About Love*, a churchwide festival of worship, learning, community, and action for the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, to be held Sunday, July 9 through Wednesday, July 12, at the Baltimore Convention Center.

*It's All About Love* is organized around three Jesus Movement festival “tents”: Evangelism, Racial Reconciliation, and Creation Care. Get ready for evening revival worship and daytime speakers, workshops, panels, and practice opportunities around the big tent themes. Stick with one tent or explore across the tents, following the themes of: worship and liturgy, formation, justice and advocacy, leadership, preaching, stewardship, and youth and children.

For more information and to register, visit [episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love](https://episcopalchurch.org/its-all-about-love).



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## In the Community

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### Mother's Day of Action

On Saturday, May 13 from 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m., join in a 1.5-mile march in University Circle (Wade Oval, 10820 East Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44106) to demand action on assault weapons. This is an immediate, common-sense, life-saving solution that can reduce gun violence. We'll be urging the U.S. House of Representatives to bring an assault weapons ban to the floor of Congress, and we will show them that there is wide support for it. Wear your favorite red shirt and comfy walking shoes. For more information and to RSVP, visit [forms.everytown.org/a/oh-cle-mothers-day-action-2023-1](https://forms.everytown.org/a/oh-cle-mothers-day-action-2023-1).

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](mailto: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](mailto:sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org) to receive a printed copy at home.

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