



# TRINITY TOPICS

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### RECTOR'S BLOG

#### Plazapalooza



Dear Friends,

Many years ago, I attended a meeting of one of the committees of the parish I was serving. Clergy attend a LOT of committee meetings – in the parishes they serve, in the dioceses where they're canonically resident, and in the communities where their churches are located. I have no idea how many such meetings I've gone to, but the number is well into triple digits and may have crossed the one thousand mark. I never thought to count them.

The particular committee whose meeting I attended many years ago was planning a special event – a joyous celebration that would involve both parishioners and people from the surrounding neighborhood. As we talked about the different activities that would be part of the event, excitement started to grow. Finally one of the committee members said, "It's going to be an extravaganza!" – not an extravaganza, but an extra-va-gan-zia! I'm not sure why the addition of a single letter – the letter "i" – made the event sound like it was going to be so much more fun, but it certainly did.

This coming Sunday, the big event (other than the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which is always a big event) will be Plazapalooza. Plazapalooza will be an extra-va-gan-zia! (I hope you are smiling at this silliness.) What's going to happen?

Here's an overview:

Trinity's always popular coffee hour will move to My Brother's Place on the second floor of the Parish House and will be enhanced with special food provided by the Wardens and Vestry. Heather Meyer, Trinity's Director of Operations, will provide a brief history of the Plaza which she will illustrate with some amazing photos from the parish archives. Finance Committee member Dennis Degnan will "do the numbers" – laying out the cost of this critically important project and how it's been paid for. And then Bruce & Deacon Meribah Mansfield will invite us out onto the Plaza itself where four "stations" will be set up. We'll learn what it means to be a Sacred Grounds congregation, and they'll share aspects of a vision for the terrific restored space and seek input and ideas from everyone present. What fun it will be!

So, plan to come to Plazapalooza – this Sunday's extravaganza. After days of chilly and damp weather, Sunday is supposed to be warm with a predicted high of 83 degrees! The three "celebration" maples planted earlier this spring have started leafing out. There'll be food, fellowship, and Plaza possibilities. Who knows? It may even turn into a Plazapaloo-zia!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

## ADULT FORMATION

### Episcopal 101 May 5, 12, 19

Perhaps you are new here at Trinity. Or maybe you have been coming for a while but still have lots of questions about what this "Episcopal" church is all about. If you'd like a deeper understanding of who we are and why we do what we do, then Episcopal 101 is for you! Our Interim Rector Stephen Applegate will hold three Episcopal 101 sessions on: **Sunday May 5, 12 and 19 following Eucharist in the Walbridge Room on the 1st floor of the Parish House.**

Sign Up Link: <https://sugeni.us/4BRE>

## DOUBLE CHOIR DAY!

What's better than one choir? TWO! Trinity's Choir is delighted to be teaming up with the St. Michaels in the Hills Choir this weekend for a fabulous double choir service. The April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 10:00 am service will be one to remember. Grab your seat, and let's sing some praise!

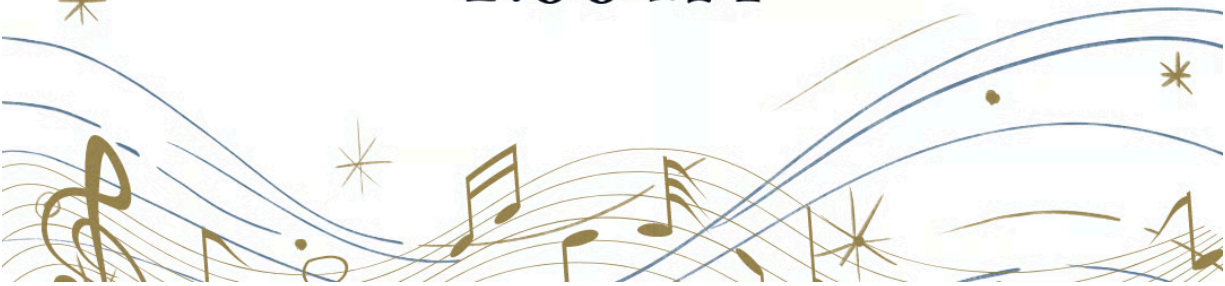
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A TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
COMMUNITY MUSIC CONCERT

# WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR

MAY 14TH 2024  
7:00 PM



**When You Wish Upon A Star**  
May 14 at 7pm

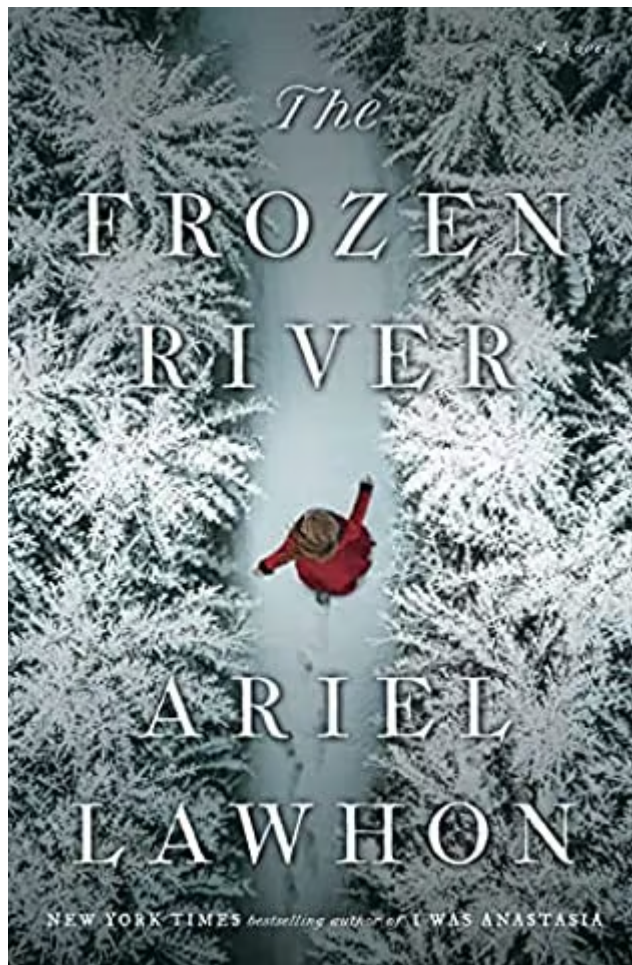
Join Trinity musicians for an evening to remember. The event is free. Bring your friends and share the Trinity love.



Pride 2024  
May 5 at 11:30am

Come have a bit of lunch and help us get the rainbow rolling on Trinity's Pride involvement for this August.

BOOK CLUB



**Sunday, June 9 at 6:30pm via Zoom**  
Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

A gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

[Sign Up Here](#)

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On Sunday, April 28 immediately following worship, head up to our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor My Brothers Place for coffee hour and a short time together exploring the history and possibilities of the Trinity Plaza.

This will be a time for us to explore all the ways we will bring this outdoor space to life with help from Toledo Grows, the National Wildlife Federation's Sacred Grounds program – to name just a few. This week's news of the Walter E. Terhune Memorial Fund \$60,000 support over three years is perfect timing. On April 28, we will now be able to talk about what we *will* do, instead of what we could do.

## BASEBALL WITH THE BISHOP – JUNE 16 (FATHER'S DAY)

It's a Funday on Father's Day with the West Mission Area of the Diocese of Ohio, Bishop Jolly, and the Toledo Mudhens. Tickets include ballpark entry, seat, food, and drinks (excluding alcohol). The party is in The Nest. With Fifth Third Field as the backdrop, this prime outdoor party deck is located on the ballpark's second level above the right field line. The Nest provides a great view of the Mud Hens game.

The game on June 16 is against the Omaha Storm Chasers. Bishop Jolly, diocesan staff members, and their families will join us for a great day. Episcopalians across the diocese are

invited to come cheer for the Mudhens. Here are the details:

**Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024**

**Time: 2:05pm – 6:00pm**

**Location: Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo, OH 43604**

To sign up and purchase tickets, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449AFA723A2F49-47838878-mudhens>

Tickets are \$28 each. **The deadline for purchase is Sunday, May 19.** Tickets will be distributed by email after the May 19 deadline. After the deadline, fans may certainly purchase game tickets directly from the Mudhens. You may join us in The Nest, but your seat will be elsewhere, and you won't receive a wristband for the buffet.

In case of a rain out, the Mudhens will move our party indoors. The food is prepared and served. Participants on site will receive a voucher for another game on their own.

The buffet will run for 90 minutes from 1:45 to 3:15. The menu is: Grilled Hot Dogs, Grilled Hamburgers, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Lay's Potato Chips, assorted cookies, assorted can Pepsi products, & bottled water.

## BREAKFAST SIGN UP



**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST  
EVERY SUNDAY  
DOORS OPEN @ 8:30  
FOOD SERVED 8:45-9:15**

Are you interested in being a part of our signature ministry here at Trinity? Do you think to yourself, “Wow, I’d love to wake up earlier on Sunday once a month to serve breakfast to those in our community”? THEN DO WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!

Sign up wall posters are near the Columbarium in the sanctuary. Come jot your name down to join a POD of volunteers who will serve on rotation every 5+ weeks. And if you can't make it to our in-person worship and want to act now – email George Benson, our Dir of Community Engagement. He will take great care of you.

More hands make lighter work, and we can continue to make Breakfast at Trinity love at work in our world!

## TRINITY@HOME LIVE-STREAM

Trinity@Home is now a live-stream of Trinity’s 10:00 am in-person service with an interactive chat.

[www.trinitytoledo.org/live](http://www.trinitytoledo.org/live)

## Episcopal News Service

### [Young Adult Caucus seeks deadline extension on House of Deputies leadership elections](#)

[Episcopal News Service] The House of Deputies’ Young Adult Caucus has called on the secretary of General Convention to extend the application...

### [Church of England announces proposed financial awards for victims of church-related abuse](#)

[The Church of England] Details of the proposed financial award framework for the Church of England’s national Redress Scheme for survivors and...

### [In solidarity visit to Sudan, WCC strengthens foundations for peace](#)

[World Council of Churches] The World Council of Churches led a delegation that visited Sudan April 18–22. In addition to the WCC, the ecumenical...

### [Historic St. Thomas Choir School, Chapel Royal choristers sing together for first time](#)

[Episcopal News Service] The Children of His Majesty’s Chapel Royal, based at St. James’s Palace in London, England, made its inaugural visit to the...