

# TRINITY TOPICS

## WEEKLY NEWS

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#### **DEAR FRIENDS**

#### **Star of Wonder**



Dear Friends,

"O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright – " so begins the refrain to the well-known Epiphany hymn, "We three kings of orient are..."

This coming Sunday, January 5, we'll observe the feast of the Epiphany. Although Epiphany is actually on January 6, Bishop Anne has given us the green light to celebrate Epiphany a day early.

The church has long celebrated the feast as the day the Wise Men found Jesus and his parents after following the star. Christmas cards and pageants often depict the creche with shepherds and their sheep AND Wise Men and their camels at the stable in Bethlehem all at the same time. But tradition has separated the two visits, with the Magi arriving at the end of the twelve days of Christmas.

Epiphany isn't a word we use much anymore. It means "revelation" or "manifestation." The Magi's visit to Jesus was seen as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles – since the Wise Men were not Jews. The event foreshadowed how Christ would be the Savior of the whole world, not just the Jewish Messiah. For a long time, the celebration of this Epiphany was a much bigger deal than Christmas because the growing Gentile church was so grateful to be included in God's plan of salvation.

But Epiphany is more than one day – it is an entire season that stretches all the way to the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. During the Epiphany season, the Gospel readings contain little revelations or manifestations – unveilings, as it were, of who Jesus really is. One of the hymns for this season – #135 in Hymnal 1982 – contains a list of many of these unveilings:

- manifested by a star by a star to the sages from afar; (the Epiphany itself)
- Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; (Jesus' baptism)
- and at Cana, wedding guest, in thy Godhead manifest (changing water into wine)
- Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul (healing miracles)
- Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light (the Transfiguration)

To highlight the Epiphany season, the Adult Spiritual Formation Committee will give each of us the opportunity to receive a "star word" to reflect on – a word that has been chosen for us by the Holy Spirit.

We'll also chalk the front door of the church at the end of the service. The chalking will include the new year's date – 2025 – with 20 and 25 separated by C+M+B – in the center. C+M+B can represent the first letters of the names of the Magi – Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar – or the Latin words *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house." We'll pray that Christ will indeed bless Trinity this coming year.

Whether you plan to travel by camel caravan or by modern horsepower, I hope you'll join me and your fellow parishioners on this first Sunday of 2025.

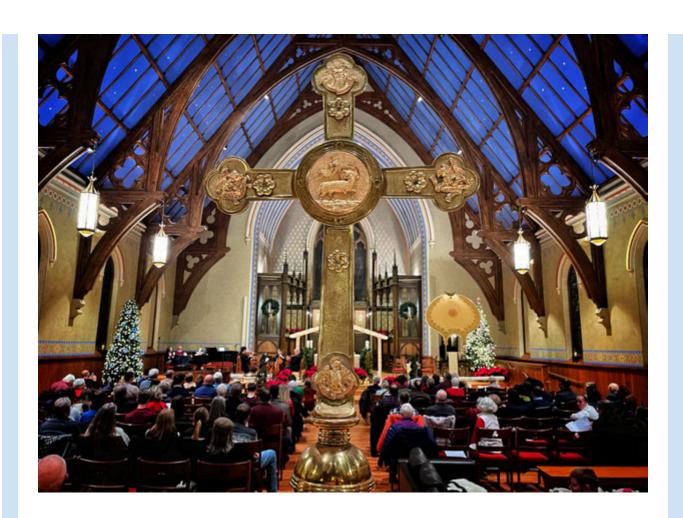
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#### GLIMPSES OF CHRISTMAS EVE AT TRINITY

Between our three services, we had 304 in attendance and we served 71 a Christmas feast that afternoon. Our pageant was amazing!



And our 11pm candlelight service was stunning. Special thanks to Kelly McBane for livestreaming so everyone could be with us - near or far.











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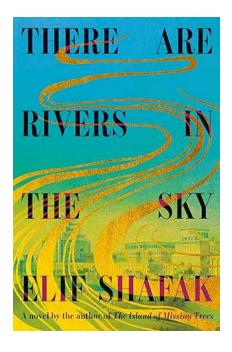
Monday, January 6, 2025, 6:00 pm St. Michael's in the Hills, 4718 Brittany Rd., Toledo

Many of us have never experienced a time when women couldn't be ordained as priests in the Episcopal Church. Fifty years ago, on July 29, 1974, eleven women (the Philadelphia Eleven) were ordained as Episcopal priests, two years before the General Convention affirmed and authorized the ordination of women to the priesthood. Join the West Mission Area for prayer, dinner (salad, pizza, and dessert), and a movie, when we will have a screening of The Philadelphia Eleven, a feature–length documentary about the experience of these women and their supporters, against the institutional church. Watch the Trailer RSVP so we have enough food. If you have dietary restrictions, please make note of them in the comments. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AADAC23A0FD0-54085004-west">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084AADAC23A0FD0-54085004-west</a> For more information, email Jolene Miller, <a href="mailto:jolene278@gmail.com">jolene278@gmail.com</a>.

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RIP: Fran Toy, first Asian American woman priest, remembered for breaking many barriers

Jimmy Carter's state funeral to be held Jan. 9 at Washington National Cathedral

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Christmas tree burnings invoke symbol of Jesus as light to the world on Epiphany Louisiana bishop responds to New Year's Day attack in New Orleans

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When I was a kid, the Mickey Mouse Club was one of the few programs we were able to get through our rooftop antenna. The original run featured a regular but ever-changing cast of mostly teen performers. ABC broadcast reruns weekday afternoons during the 1958–1959 season, airing right after Dick Clark's *American Bandstand*. Each Mickey Mouse Club show ended the same way, with the song that began, "Now it's time to say good-bye to all our company..."

Siblings in Christ, now it's time for me to say goodbye to all of you after fifteen plus months at Trinity Toledo. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Trinity during this time of transition! It has been a privilege and a joy. I will cherish this season of ministry and rejoice always in the people with whom I've had the privilege of working.

I am grateful to have been part of a team whose combined efforts have helped strengthen the parish in preparation for your next rector – Bishop Anne Jolly, Canon Jessie Dodson and the Diocese of Ohio; your Wardens, Donna Steppe and Jeffrey Albright, and those who now serve and have served on the Vestry; the people who lead the various ministries of the parish; those who make Trinity's extraordinary worship possible – especially the Choir and the Altar Guild; and, of course, the staff whose gifts and dedication will continue to support and bless

you as you await the arrival of your next rector. Until then, Father Robert and Deacon Meribah will provide spiritual leadership and pastoral care.

Above all, I am grateful for the Holy Spirit whose gracious presence has sustained us through this time of transition. I've ben reminded again and again that God's power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:21, 22)

I look forward to watching from a distance as Trinity Toledo goes "from strength to strength," and I will keep you in my prayers. As is always the case when I leave an interim assignment, I will miss the relationships formed and the friendships made most of all.

After leading five congregations in a row through their transitions, I'm moving on to a sixth – St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights. Because I'll still be serving in the Diocese of Ohio, I'm sure I'll see some of you at the Winter Convocation at the end of the month and at other diocesan gatherings.

Please continue to show up, to say your prayers, and to support your next rector. The people of Downtown Toledo need a progressive, inclusive, creative Episcopal Church – one that welcomes everyone – no exceptions! Trinity is that very special place. But then, you knew that already . . . .

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#### **GRACE MAUK TOUR**



Grace will be taking a short leave of absence from Trinity. This Sunday, she will be heading out on the North American tour of Dirty Dancing in Concert. The tour will stop in 75 cities across the US and Canada. She will be playing all of the iconic music from the movie with a world class band and crew! She will return to Trinity at the end of April!

#### **FAREWELL STEPHEN**

#### Dear Friends,

As you may know, our Interim Rector, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate will celebrate his last worship service with us on Sunday, January 12, at 10:00 AM. Stephen will be taking some time away to rest and relax before beginning his new position as Interim Rector at St. Paul's in Cleveland Heights.

It seems like just yesterday we were beginning our transition, and I was announcing the arrival of Stephen to Trinity. It was a time of uncertainty for our congregation. If you have ever been through a rector transition before, you know that sometimes they can be a stormy process. Stephen was our calm in the storm.

It is hard to believe that 15 months have passed since Stephen arrived, and with his steadfast guidance, he patiently helped us grow and see what we as a community could become and what we could accomplish together. In the past 15 months with Stephen's ability to lead, listen, and empower leadership in the congregation, we have accomplished more than we could have hoped or thought that we could ever accomplish.

#### Some of the things we have accomplished together:

Reduced plaza debt by \$108,333

- Obtained \$25,000 grant (over 3 years) for debt reduction.
- Obtained \$60,000 grant (over 3 years) to bring the plaza to life.
- Prepared and planted beds and Volunteer participation in work.
- Increased our 2024 average Sunday attendance to 98 from 88 in 2023.
- Moved to livestreamed services from pre-recorded service, resulting in a financial savings and fostered a sense of participation among members at home.
- Established staffed nursery care during Sunday services; renovated the Grace Room to serve as our Trinity Kids' Clubhouse for Sunday School.
- Arranged for Safe Church/Safe Community training for parish leaders and everyone involved with children and youth programming.
- Re-established our Sunday community breakfasts; added new Thanksgiving & Christmas meals; established our monthly food pantry with Food for Thought and healthcare partners.
- Established committees to support the life of the parish and to provide leadership opportunities to our members: Finance, Stewardship, Adult Spiritual Formation, Children's Formation, Parish Life, Property, Pride, and Community Engagement.
- Welcomed two new building partners, Girls on the Run and Toledo Streets Newspaper.
- Met stewardship campaign goals for both 2024 and 2025.
- Will be presenting the 2025 budget with surplus of \$15,000 at our annual meeting later this month.

This list is only a fraction of what we have accomplished over the past 15 months, and we are better prepared to envision new possibilities and new opportunities for providing ministry to our congregation, our neighborhood community, and broader communities. We are better prepared to welcome a new rector to Trinity with open minds, open hearts, and open arms.

We thank you, Stephen, for being our calm in the storm, for helping us to grow in more ways than we could possibly imagine. We wish you well as you move to your next position at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights, and know that you will forever be in our hearts and be a part of our Trinity community.

Blessings,
Donna Steppe & Jeffrey Albright

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- FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION IS NOT THE IMPORTANT PART.
- BEING A PART OF SERVING IN WHATEVER WAY ONE CAN CONTRIBUTE IS.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE F.A.C.T.S? WHAT ARE THE F.A.C.T.S?

**FOOD** 

**ACTION** 

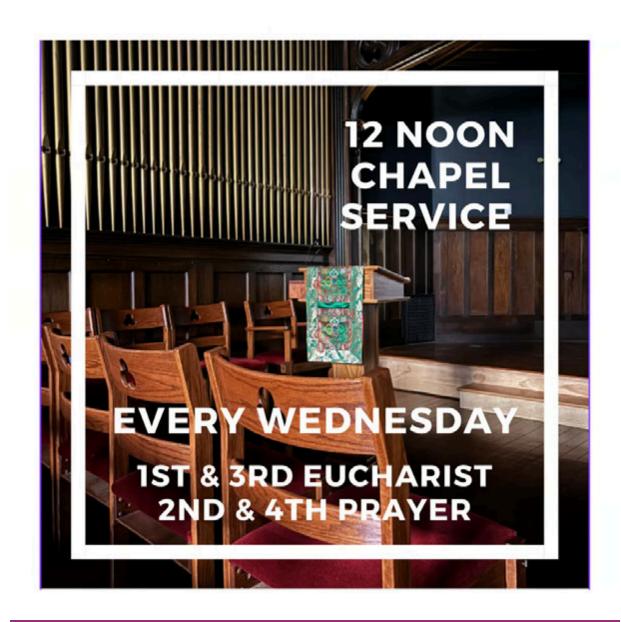
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WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE



**CHALKING THE DOOR** 



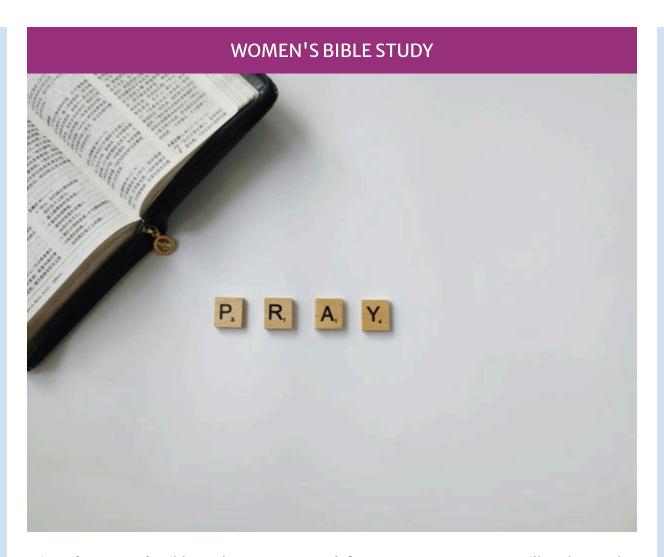
Lou, Fiona and Brooklyn did a fantastic job of chalking their front doors to celebrate Epiphany. Indeed, "may Christ bless this house"!

#### **DIOCESAN PEACE & JUSTICE INVITATION**

Webinar invitation: 'Defending the Dignity of Trans and Non-Binary People in 2025 and Beyond' Monday, January 13, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Episcopalians and all others interested in justice for women, LGBTQ+ justice, and social justice are invited to join this webinar to learn from gender justice leaders within and beyond The Episcopal Church about the current legislative terrain in the U.S. impacting these areas and the work that can be done to uphold the dignity of all God's children.

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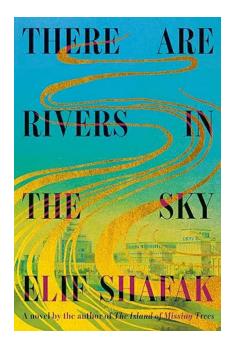
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#### Massachusetts church to ring one of US' oldest bells commemorating Jimmy Carter

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# Jimmy Carter remembered by grandsons, friends, President Biden at National Cathedral funeral

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# Outpouring of Episcopal support felt amid fires in Pacific Palisades, San Gabriel Valley foothills, Hollywood Hills

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Today is the first issue of Topics since we learned of our new Rector's name. It's the first Friday we get to celebrate an answer to our search for Trinity's next rector together. We have a direction; a name; a date. We can see it now-the light at the end of the tunnel.

We have great ideas of what we'll do when Jon and Michael arrive. What shows they need to see, what color his office will be painted, and which of the fabulous Toledo restaurants are absolutely necessary for a good Toledo introduction (Sidon, Tandoor, Tony Packo's...) just to name a few.

And yet, there is a vast amount of space and time between now and the next. We know that our work is not done. From a mountaintop, we stand looking at our next valley.

So what do we do now?

Now we have the chance to walk together in the shoes we've worked so hard to repair. To keep our breakfast food and community warm through these difficult winter months. To prepare a new home and landing space for our incoming rector, and to keep our beautiful, vibrant, progressive, inclusive, creative community full of love and light. To continue to be a beacon for those wishing to find a home... just like we were, when we first walked through Trinity's doors. Let's keep being the home we want to be. Who we are called to be in the place

we love so dearly.

And how awesome that we get to do this together. And this staff? We've got your back.

With a humble heart, I share with you a prayer I wrote for the next leg of our transition.

Dearest God, who knows our hearts better than we could ever imagine, who holds us in the palm of your hand; thank you for your never-ending love and the promises you've made to us through our baptismal covenant. Remind us of the peace only your love can instill. And even though we walk again through a valley of transition, let us rest in the knowledge that change is your love language; for you are always redeeming, as our God of the resurrection. Guide our work through the next two months; that your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. May we work to usher in the change you wish to see. In our brother Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

With a whole bucket of love, Chelsie Cree, Director of Music and the Arts

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#### Sunday, February 2 (following worship)

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Announcing the first ever Trinity Church tour. It's so grand it will take a handful of Sundays to accomplish. Beginning Sunday, February 2, grab a cup of coffee and a goodie after the service and head upstairs to My Brother's Place (why is this room called My Brother's Place?) and enjoy a discussion of the space hosted by Ted Ligibel, Toledo's eminent living historian of our city, as well as an historic preservationist.

Stay tuned for subsequent after church Sunday tour dates where our own Heather Meyer will lead us on a tour of all the spaces you never knew about. You'll discover the hidden nooks and crannies of our beautiful building and learn the history of the space.

#### A SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR THE NATION

January 21, 2025 at 11:00am

https://cathedral.org/calendar/a-service-of-prayer-for-the-nation/

#### POP UP DINNER HOSTS



Calling Hosts! Parish Life is excited to be coordinating another round of **Pop-Up Dinners** in **March and April.** If you're a host who would like to participate, please sign up using this link! <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/00t8YMuP07">https://forms.office.com/r/00t8YMuP07</a>

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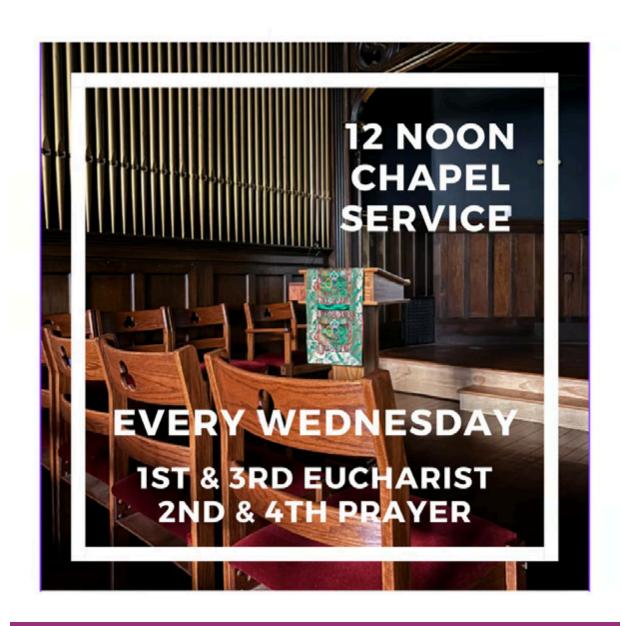
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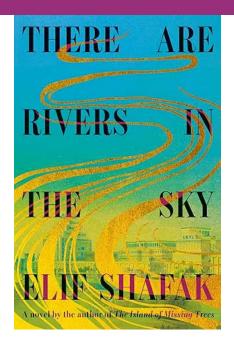
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#### **SAVE THE DATE**

Annual Meeting January 26, 2025 following the 10am worship service.

#### **BOOK CLUB**



We will take a pause for the cause and meet on **January 19 at 6:30pm via Zoom** to discuss our next selection: "There Are Rivers In The Sky" by Elif Shafak. From the Booker Prize finalist, author of The Island of Missing Trees, an enchanting new tale about three characters living along two great rivers, all connected by a single drop of water. Zoom meet up details coming soon.

Sign Up Now

#### MLK EVENT @ GLENWOOD CHURCH

Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

A true inspiration, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a preacher, activist, and prophet. Each year, we honor his legacy with celebratory worship and powerful messages on the Sunday before his national holiday.

This year's theme is *Have Courage: Be The Change*. Our keynote speaker will be *Alicia M. Smith*, Executive Director of The Junction Coalition, an organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Toledo's Junction neighborhood Music Coordinator, Dr. Anthony Pattin has gathered an impressive slate of musicians for this year's celebration. A meal will be served immediately following the event. All are welcome! <u>Click here to download flyer</u>.

Glenwood Lutheran Church 2545 Monroe Street, Toledo, OH (adjacent to the Toledo Museum of Art)

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#### **EPISCOPAL NEWS SERVICE**

# Georgia Episcopal church founded by Deaconess Alexander receives grant to support historic designation

[Episcopal News Service] The National Park Service has awarded a \$20,250 grant to support adding a historic designation to a Diocese of Georgia church that was founded by Deaconess Anna Alexander, The Episcopal Church's only Black deaconess. Good Shepherd Episcopal School and Church in Glynn County was one of 20 sites nationwide that received the grants

as part of a federal effort to add more properties associated with unrepresented groups to the National Register of Historic Places. The grants will support the survey and nomination of those sites. Alexander is celebrated every year on her feast day, Sept. 24, which was added to The Episcopal Church's calendar in 2018. She was born in 1865 and spent much of her adult life ministering to poor Black residents of Glynn and McIntosh counties in rural Georgia, particularly through education. She became a deaconess in 1907 in an era before the church allowed women as priests or deacons. Alexander helped establish Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and its parochial school in Pennick, about 15 miles inland from the Atlantic coast and north of Brunswick. She also established and helped run the St. Cyprian's School at St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church in Darien, Georgia. Alexander died in 1947 and is buried at Good Shepherd. The Episcopal Church recognized deaconesses from 1889 until 1970, when General Convention eliminated the order and included women in its canons governing deacons.

Archbishop of York's statement on the ceasefire-hostage deal between Israel and Hamas

[Episcopal News Service] Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell released the following statement Jan. 16 on the ceasefire deal between Israel and Hamas. "The ceasefire-hostage deal between Israel and Hamas has been far too long in the making, but it is welcome news for those caught up in this devastating violence. "My prayers are with all the families being reunited over the coming days, and for those who are still held in captivity. My prayers too are with the people of Gaza who have suffered such immense destruction, deprivation and displacement. Now must be the time – again, so long overdue – for unfettered aid to reach the people of Gaza, and for the indispensable role of UNRWA [United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East] to be respected and protected by all parties. May this deal be a precursor to a wider, more durable and just settlement in the region: it must not be a false dawn. "Please pray for Archbishop Hosam and our Anglican sisters and brothers in Palestine and Israel, and for all the Christians of the Holy Land as they bear the light of Christ in such dark times. Pray too for the courageous staff of the Anglican Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, and those in their care. Across the West Bank, this war is being felt not just in the daily grievous news from Gaza, but through widespread intensification of the occupation. I pray this deal acts as a catalyst to bring freedom, justice and dignity to the Palestinian people as well as being a small step towards the long term security of both Palestinians and Israelis. "We lift before God the peoples of the Holy Land, and for His justice, mercy and peace to be known by all." Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York

# Los Angeles-area Episcopalians who lost building to worship at nearby church as wildfire response continues across diocese

[Diocese of Los Angeles] As San Gabriel Valley Episcopal congregations continue to unite in Eaton fire relief efforts, parishioners of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Altadena, California – where some 30 parish families have lost their homes in addition to their church and school buildings – will begin holding Sunday-morning services on Jan. 19 at nearby St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church in Eagle Rock. The Rev. Carri Patterson Grindon, rector of St. Mark's, has extended the parish's gratitude to the Rev. Jaime Edwards–Acton, priest–in–charge at St. Barnabas, for the invitation to hold services regularly in the Eagle Rock sanctuary in northeast Los Angeles. St. Barnabas Church – known as "St. Be's" – conducts its recurrent weekly worship service on Thursday evenings, which readily allows the sanctuary to be regularly available to the St. Mark's parish community. "There was already an existing kind of kinship between the two churches that began when St. Barnabas was resurrected for its

new chapter some five years ago," Edwards-Acton told The Episcopal News, the Diocese of Los Angeles' weekly newsletter. Edwards-Acton noted that Suzanne Edwards-Acton suggested the invitation to St. Mark's. "There seems to be a common creative energy and sense of ministry that the two communities share," he said. "When Carri and I talked, it felt like a no-brainer. I got the feeling that Carri was confident that her community would feel right at home immediately at St. Barnabas. And that filled my heart," Edwards-Acton said. "I feel so lucky and blessed that our St. Barnabas community is able to play a role in St. Mark's literal rising from the ashes." Los Angeles Bishop John Harvey Taylor added his gratitude for the collaboration and "the Holy Spirit's leading" that has allowed the Eagle Rock church to say to St. Mark's, "Come on down; you've got a church on Sunday!" Taylor joined St. Mark's online for a Jan. 12 service via Zoom. His reflections on the service are here. Earlier that day, he attended the 8 a.m. Eucharist at St. Augustine by-the-Sea in Santa Monica, which welcomed parishioners of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pacific Palisades, some 75% of whom have lost homes in the firestorm that claimed parish school buildings and two rectories but left the landmark church standing. Meanwhile, the Rev. Melissa McCarthy, the Diocese of Los Angeles' canon to the ordinary, joined Sunday worship at the Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel, as the parish rallied to support four of its own families whose homes were lost or significantly damaged in the Eaton fire. Marking the annual feast of the Baptism of the Lord, on Jan. 12 this year, the morning liturgy included rites of baptism for a young parishioner, a meaningful sign of faith as the congregation moves forward together, McCarthy said. In northwest Pasadena, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church held services in their historic Fair Oaks Avenue sanctuary, rallying around four parish families that have lost their homes, and launching the 'DENA online fund for fire relief donations. At All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, with some 80 homes of congregants lost, Sunday services were held Jan. 12, and large-scale distribution of emergency items continued from the parish's Sweetland Hall. The church campus had sheltered some 180 people overnight on Jan. 7 after the fire broke out. In Sierra Madre, power has been restored at the historic Church of the Ascension, and the congregation is assisting neighbors without electricity. To date, the Eaton fire has burned more than 14,000 acres and is at 45% containment after destroying more than 7,000 structures.

#### San Joaquin diocese to hold first formal bishop election in decades

[Diocese of San Joaquin] The Rt. Rev. David C. Rice on Jan. 16 announced plans to retire in spring 2026, prompting the Fresno, California-based Diocese of San Joaquin to begin a bishop search. Rice was elected as San Joaquin's bishop diocesan in 2017 after serving as provisional bishop starting in 2014. He had previously served as the diocesan bishop in the Diocese of Waiapu in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa/New Zealand. San Joaquin's new bishop will be the sixth for the diocese since Louis Sanford was elected its first missionary bishop in 1910. The Diocese of San Joaquin has worked hard to heal and rebuild since 2007, when former Bishop John David Schofield led many congregations out of The Episcopal Church. Those who remained have moved out of isolation into re-engagement with the wider church under the leadership of Rice and former provisional bishops, the Rt. Rev. Jerry Lamb and the Rt. Rev. Chet Talton, according to the announcement. Today, the Diocese of San Joaquin – which spans much of California's Central Valley and portions of the eastern Sierra Nevada range and Mojave Desert – has 19 active congregations, offering ministries that address the unique needs of their respective communities, including feeding ministries, services for the unhoused and outreach to Latinos and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

The diocese also has commissions with lay and ordained members that focus on migrant justice, racial justice and creation care. Rice, who has chaired and served on the Environmental Stewardship and Care of Creation Committee at General Convention, led the effort to migrate nearly all churches in the diocese to renewable solar power. He also fostered unique ministry trips such as a bike tour to raise funds to fight human trafficking, a 200-mile walk to promote advocacy for immigrants and a tour of sites throughout the diocese that relate to climate, migrant and racial justice. Looking ahead, the standing committee has formed a nominating committee with diverse representation to select final candidates for a new bishop. The committee is working closely with the Rev. Brian Nordwick – a consultant from the San Jose, California-based Diocese of El Camino Real – to ensure the election process adheres to best practices and is canonically correct and spiritually faithful. The nominating committee recently posted its diocesan profile online.

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# TRINITY TOPICS

## WEEKLY NEWS

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#### **DEAR FRIENDS**

#### **Rest as Resistance**

Dear friends,



There are a lot of things I'd like to say or share about the week we have had. As of writing this, President Trump has just rescinded the 1965 Civil Rights government contractor order, and a school shooter has shot a student and himself. Who knows what else may have happened by the time you read this on Friday morning, but whatever it is, we will face it together. Something to remember during this time when it feels so overwhelming is

that this is what oppressors want you to feel. They want you to feel small and overwhelmed. But we are not and there is strength in numbers. The work continues, and so does the Kindom of God. So, I am going to suggest we all do something radical.

Let's rest. No one can work on a cup that is less than half filled.

During these times, I am reminded of the story of Genesis where there is a massive amount of creation. There is also a lot of uncreating of what was, to what is and could be. And God rested. The God we love reminds us time and again through the Biblical narrative that Sabbath is required for our health and survival. Jesus goes away from the crowds when he is overwhelmed and needs restoration. And that is okay for us too. Trinity is a community, and communities rely on collective strength. Right now, some of us can show up and do the work, others cannot, and that is holy and okay.

Right now, we are at the start of a marathon, and as an asthmatic I wish it were a relay race.

But I know that you all are where God has called you to be. And that by God's grace we will make it through together. Sabbath is important for who and where we are.

May you find the time this week and, in the time to come, to welcome rest as resistance.

Grace and peace.
George

#### **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

Following our worship service on **January 25**, we will gather in the sanctuary for Trinity's Annual Meeting to celebrate the past year together and elect vestry candidates, Angie Carriker, Brian Ingman, Jack Diedrick and Kyle Grefe (for re-election).

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT PANTRY

Every 4th Tuesday of the month Trinity Episcopal Church hosts a wraparound community service morning centered around our Food for Thought food pantry. We ask volunteers arrive at 9:30 - 12:15 to be a friend and guide.

It is our opportunity to walk our guests through the lines of food and help them shop, as well as chat with local health resources to see if their needs are being met. Come and make friends with some of the best people Toledo has to offer. Questions? Contact George Benson, Director of Community Engagement at <a href="mailto:george@trinitytoledo.org">george@trinitytoledo.org</a>

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Sunday, February 2 (following worship)

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Announcing the first ever Trinity Church tour. It's so grand it will take a handful of Sundays to accomplish. Beginning Sunday, February 2, grab a cup of coffee and a goodie after the service and head upstairs to My Brother's Place (why is this room called My Brother's Place?) and enjoy a discussion of the space hosted by Ted Ligibel, Toledo's eminent living historian of our city, as well as an historic preservationist.

Stay tuned for subsequent after church Sunday tour dates where our own Heather Meyer will lead us on a tour of all the spaces you never knew about. You'll discover the hidden nooks and crannies of our beautiful building and learn the history of the space.

#### **BREAKFAST AT TRINITY**





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Breakfast at Trinity is asking for three (3) people to help to ensure our towels and tablecloths are clean and fresh for Sundays.

- The laundry can be picked up Sunday after service or during office hours on Monday.
- Drop off no later than Thursday during office hours.

If you are interested in helping, please contact George Benson at george@trinitytoledo.org, and he will work to schedule this with you.

# JUST THE F.A.C.T.S FOR BREAKFAST!



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This is a time to gather and plan our Pride events for the next year.

Have ideas? Want to come hang out? Interested in being on the committee? Contact George Benson at: george@trinitytoledo.org

POP UP DINNER HOSTS



Calling Hosts! Parish Life is excited to be coordinating another round of **Pop-Up Dinners** in **March and April.** If you're a host who would like to participate, please sign up using this link! <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/00t8YMuP07">https://forms.office.com/r/00t8YMuP07</a>

#### LET'S GO SEE GRACE!

Have you ever wanted to go on a bus trip with your friends? Well, do we have the opportunity for YOU! PARISH LIFE is organizing a bus trip to go see Grace on the North American Tour of Dirty Dancing on MARCH 15th 2025. Cost is \$100 per person, which will include your seat on the bus, a packed dinner, and your ticket to the show! Sign up in this link to reserve your seat by February 14th, 2025. <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/letsgoseegrace">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/letsgoseegrace</a>

#### PRIDE BAND



Last week, Trinity welcomed the *Glass City Pride Band* to utilize a bit of space twice a month for rehearsals. Led by Natalie Ward, the *Glass City Pride Band* is an up-and-coming organization, specializing in glorious marching band fabulousness. Have an instrument and are 18+? Want to play in an affirming space? This is the group for you! Email Natalie at info@glasscityprideband.org for more information. Trinity, our 2030 Vision is becoming your reality!

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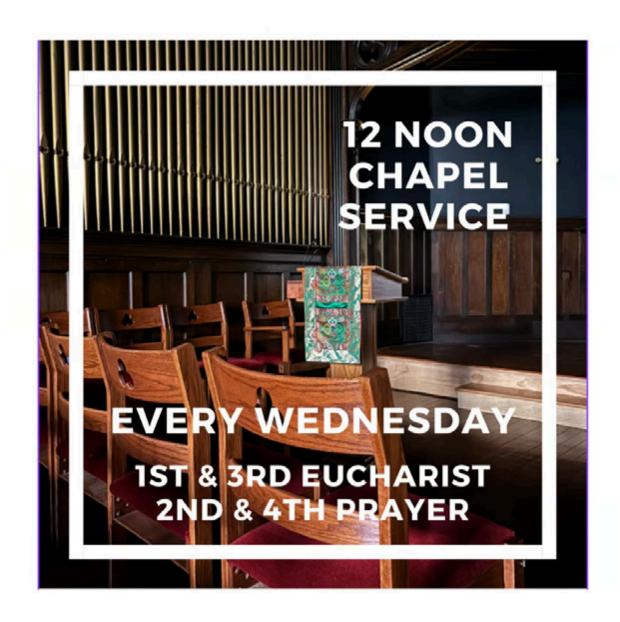


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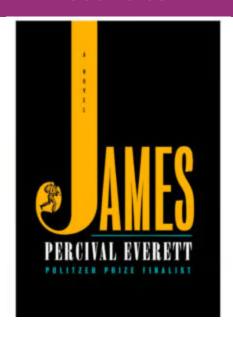
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