



Trinity Newsletter



Notes From the Vestry

The Vestry met this past Tuesday and we reviewed the Finance Committee's findings regarding the Truist Wealth Account, Buildings and Grounds updates and hiring the auditor for the 2025 audit. The transfer of the Truist Wealth Account fund has been a long-anticipated move to secure all of the Thornton Trust monies with Ameriprise. This move saves significant management fees and gives us a better return on our investments. Funding for the Buildings and Grounds projects of HVAC, lighting and flooring had been approved by the Vestry when the proposals were initially presented. Payment of each project upon completion has begun. Claire Hardie was retained as the auditor for the 2025 church year. She is currently the auditor for several churches in the Diocese and this will be her third year with us. We have always had successful audits for many years, and Claire has worked closely with Samantha to make sure our practices are aligned with the current bookkeeping requirements of the Diocese.

We invite all of you to join us this coming Sunday, April 26th as we celebrate Father John's last Sunday at Trinity. There is **one service at 11:00 AM with lunch to follow**. He has been instrumental in our healing and moving forward in confidence as we call a new rector. You do not want to miss what is planned for Sunday! Join us in person or on Livestream as we send him off in style!

As a parish, Trinity has been blessed with many priests who have walked with us throughout the years. For almost 18 months, John has been one whose compassion, grace and quiet strength have gently guided us back to being a healthy and vibrant parish ready to embrace a new rector with love, joy and the promise of great things to come.

I came across the post below and felt it beautifully summed up our walk with John Baker.

BEST WISHES TO A SPECIAL FRIEND

“Too many people pass through our lives, but few have the ability to touch it.
Too many people walk with us in life, but few make an impact on us.
But sometimes, we get the odd chance to meet a very special person-
Someone who touches our lives
And brightens it every step of the way”.

Thank you, John Baker, for brightening our lives every step of the way. God's peace and grace be with you as you begin the next chapter of your life in Connecticut.

As always, it is a privilege and an honor to serve as your Senior Warden.

Blessings,
Joanne Georg

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on Trinity Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News From Trinity

Trinity Happenings: Upcoming Dates to Know

- 4/26: Unified Service with Reception
- 5/3: VBS Planning Meeting
- 5/9: GFWC of Manassas Rummage Sale in the Parish Hall
- 5/9: Garden Day
- 5/16: Equality Pride
- 5/22: Game Night
- 6/27: Labyrinth
- 7/20-7/24: VBS

Read on for even more!

**TRINITY
APPAREL
ON SALE
NOW**

Be swift to love.



**TWO DESIGNS
AVAILABLE
10% OF SALE PRICE
BENEFITS TRINITY
MINISTRIES**

Apparel Sale

We are excited to announce the opening of our new Trinity Merchandise Store! Shirts in two designs and various style are available for direct purchase through our online store. **Ten percent of the sale price returns to Trinity as a fundraiser for our various ministries with the Vestry distributing funds quarterly.**

Simply place your order for direct shipping to your home. Our store can be found at <https://berksimprints.chippily.com/TrinityEpiscopalChurch/?action=viewall>

Please note, if you want a shirt to wear for our Pride event on May 16th, please be sure to order no later than May 1st to allow time for your item to be created and shipped.

Many thanks to Meg McEvoy for her work helping to design our apparel.

JOIN US FOR A

UNIFIED SERVICE &

LUNCH RECEPTION

SUN, APR 26, 2026

Unified service at 11:00 am
with LUNCH to follow

HELP US CELEBRATE AND
GIVE THANKS FOR THE
MINISTRY OF
FATHER JOHN!



The Nursery at Trinity

Please contact the office if you are willing to serve as a nursery volunteer during the 11:00 service. Just one or two more helpers would make a world of difference to this ministry and keep the duty light. Even one day a quarter would be a blessing.

Our plan is to offer the nursery on the first and third Sundays of each month as long as enough volunteers can be found. Sign up for one shift, or several. You will have a chance to spend time with our adorable youngest members and give a parent a peaceful opportunity to worship.



Please be patient and use alternate entrances during this weekday flooring work.



The Trinity Gardens

Garden Day is coming at 9:30 AM, May 9. The excitement builds and I'm being asked what to expect on Garden Day. It's great there is interest in the gardens. I'm aware there may be a lot that is unknown and a brief run down might be useful. Settle in.

The Diocese of Virginia Creation Care Committee is making funds available to churches who use Native Virginia Plants in their landscaping. A Trinity grant application has been prepared and submitted. Our project is the "Going Native Project." Objectives from that proposal are here.

"The Going Native Project will use indigenous plants adapted to local environments, to benefit pollinators and local wildlife, conserve water and reduce chemical use. Soil and light conditions are assessed when selecting appropriate species for low maintenance and visual interest."

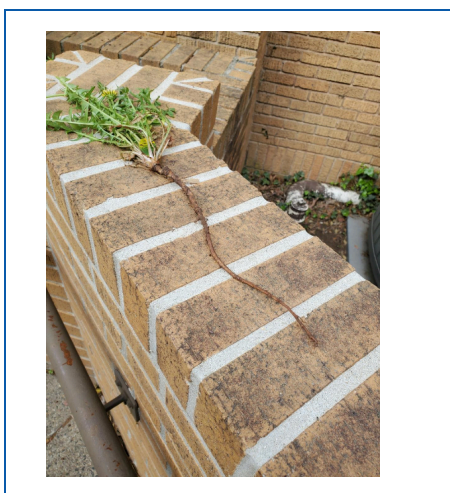
There's a lot hidden between the lines of that statement.



We have experience! The Wildflower Border on Battle St. has given us four years of native plant experience. Even before that native Virginia River Birches were installed at the Battle St. entry to the parking lot. At present the plantings on Battle St. include eight native plantings with the expectation to add another three.

The space north of the parking lot is ripe for restructuring with funding provided for the Going Native Project. Elsewhere, there are toxic plants and ground covers that can be replaced with Virginia natives. So, what needs doing? Well roll up your sleeves, bring your spade and garden gloves, clippers, rakes, pruners, and weeders! At 9:30 AM on May We need to:

- Remove ivy from the building and walks
- Remove ground ivy and invasive periwinkle patches
- Prune tall shrubberies
- Remove toxic plants (not poisonous, just toxic to birds and other animals)
- Clean up and regrade the north parking lot border to prepare for planting
- Mix in soil amendments where needed (compost, mulch, sand, and fertilizers)
- Weed, as in dig out the roots as best we can, to generally keep house in the gardens.



(Not quite to China, but close)

In the end a lot of gardening is not about putting new plants, it's about maintaining what we have as we assess, plan, and move forward with plans for Going Native.

Why bother? Looks pretty good right now. The answer to that question is Trinity is an anchor in Old Town Manassas. We can be a model for the responsible care of

creation and all that means. Native plants support local animals and beneficial insects, thrive in local environments, and reduce chemical answers to garden care (we haven't used toxic herbicides for several years!)

Two things. Mark your calendar. There will be a presentation about "Going Native" in the parish hall during adult forum time May 3, and the opportunity to dig in – literally – and get in on the ground level – literally – at 9:30 AM, May 9 as the Gardens of Trinity begin "Going Native."



Men of Trinity - Breakfast, Bible, & Brotherhood - Saturday Mornings

Kickoff your weekend with a simple, high-reward hour: a great meal, a few laughs, and a meaningful conversation.

Saturdays 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM in Schadt-Lainson Parish Hall.

The Vibe: Casual dress, no prep required, zero pressure, and no reservations - just show up and be yourself.

This Week's Discussion (4/25): We'll be exploring John 20—the post-Resurrection story. It's a powerful look at how Jesus moves us from doubt to faith and offers a peace that transforms our daily lives. Whether you're a Bible scholar or haven't opened the Book in years, your perspective is welcome.

To receive weekly update emails or to ask a question, contact Tim Wells at trwells@comcast.net.

We genuinely hope to see you there. Sincerely, Trinity Men's Group.



Manassas Equality Pride Event

We are once again hosting a table at Equality Prince William's pride event on May 16th at the Harris Pavilion. This was such a fun and uplifting event last year and we just know it will be again.

Please sign up for a volunteer slot to help us spread the faith and the love. It promises to be a great day.

Follow the link to the sign-up genius to reserve your time today! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0D4DAAAD29A7F49-63275242-prince>



VBS time is getting closer and we hope you will join in the fun!

CAMP FIRELIGHT – details:

- When? July 20-24

- What time? 9am-12pm
- What ages? Preschool-5th grade

What's the focus of the week?

We are going to be spending time uncovering the truth of God's love for each of us as proclaimed in Psalm 56:3: Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You.

How will we share this focus?

Through

- Bible Story
- Music
- Crafts
- Science
- Recreation
- And even during snack time!

The kids will be placed into small groups which will rotate through the different sessions under the leadership of 'shepherds' who will stay with them throughout the day.

How can you help?

- Bring your children, grandchildren and neighbors to spend this exciting week with us!
- Bring yourselves to be part of the teams – there are so many opportunities to serve as we grow our kids for Christ!

Want to learn more?

Join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday May 3, after the 11:00 service – grab a cookie and cup of coffee and spend some time talking about this opportunity with us.

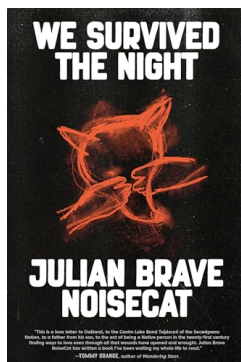
Just think what you will have to talk about this fall when folks ask you “what did you do this summer?”

Hope to see you on May 3 –

VBS Registration Begins

Spring has just begun but we are already excited for summer. Sign your child up for VBS fun today!

Follow this link for online registration: <https://forms.gle/yJxM1bU7S6c8ZAfq9>



The Trinity Book Club

The Trinity Book Club is a welcoming space for readers of all interests! Throughout the year, we explore a variety of fiction and non-fiction—ranging from inspiring memoirs and thoughtful Christian living books to engaging novels and timely cultural topics. Whether you're an avid reader or just looking to connect with others in meaningful conversation, there's a seat for you. Join us for lively discussion, fellowship, and the joy of

discovering great books together! We meet in the Parish hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

April 29th - "We Survived the Night: An Indigenous Reckoning" by Julian Brave NoiseCat

May 27th - "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell

June 24th - "Atmosphere" by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Ongoing Events

- Ken's Hens eggs are still available. Donations benefit the Food Ministry
- Our online directory is available on Realm. Contact the office if you need help accessing your account.
- The Trinity Ladies continue to meet for Lunch at the Jukebox Diner on the second Friday of each month. Contact Terri Anderson (mmetee@msn.com) for details or to RSVP
- We continue to collect the following items to benefit various ministries: gently used tennis shoes, pop tabs, used factory reset phones and tablets, clothing for Boxes of Basics, Food for our Food Ministry.



Parish Prayer List

Please pray this list at home: Donna J. & Family, Elise C., Martha, Paul, Enslie G., Ilona P., David L., Suzanne L., Jenny I., Andrew W., Sallie & Bill, Lea B., Sally H., Wes S., Debbie M., Ginger D., Barbara Y., The Johnsen Family, Judy, Linda B., Debbie S. & family, Donna A., Lillian H., Dave K., Maureen and Jack D., Cheryl M., Craig S., Mark Y., Dave C., Ervie Anne E., Joseph F., Christina H. & Family, Sharyn H. & Family, Mary H., Patti J., Richard M., Melissa N., Gretchen S.

We kindly invite individuals to submit their prayer requests for the parish prayer list. Names will be added to the list with the most recent addition listed first so we can be aware of new members in need. Each request remains active for a period of two months.

Please email info@trinityepiscopalchurch.org or visit trinityepiscopalchurch.org to add someone to our prayer list.

Publication Deadlines for Trinity

Do you have something to share in the weekly email or Sunday Bulletin? We are happy to include church related notices (as space permits.)

Please note that bulletin and newsletter notices must be submitted to the office no later than **noon on Wednesdays** for inclusion. Thank you!

News From Our Community Partners:



Prince William Little Theatre

PWLT is excited to announce the cast list for their next production, Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Click [here](#) to see the people who will be calling Trinity their rehearsal home until the show opens on July 10.

Worship Leaders for Spring

Click [here](#) to see our Service Volunteer roster for April - June. Many thanks to everyone who put themselves forward to serve.

Weekly Schedule of Events: April 26 - May 2

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45am Launch Pad and Fellowship 11:00 am Service 12:15 pm Reception		10:00 am Bible Study	12:00 pm Healing Eucharist 6:00 pm Book Club	10:00 am Greek Class 11:30 am Yoga	10:00 am Quilters	8:00 am Men's Group

Online Giving

You can give online through our website: trinityepiscopalchurch.org.
 You can also use bill pay from your bank to contribute.
 Your prayerful generosity is appreciated.

Sunday Service on YouTube

We love seeing you in person during our Sunday worship, but we also understand that it is not always possible to attend. At those times, we invite you to join us through our live-streamed 11:00 service at <https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityEpiscopalManassasVALive>

Service Leaflet

Are you watching our service online and want to follow along at home? Do you want an early look at this week's readings? This week's bulletin can be found [here](#) on the homepage of our website along with service times and the livestream link.

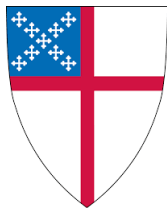
Contact Us

If you have a need, the church office wants to help. Contact us by phone or email Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm or drop by during open hours Monday-Friday from 9am-1pm.

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