



Trinity Topics

From the Rector's Desk . . .

By the Reverend Sherry Deets

Dear Friends,

This month, four of us from Thistle Hills will be traveling to Nashville, Tennessee for the bi-annual Thistle Farms conference in which sister organizations across the country come together for sharing and learning. Therefore, I am sharing from Becca Stevens' (the founder of Thistle Farms) book, *hither & yon: A Travel Guide for the Spiritual Journey*.

The excerpt is entitled: The Bathroom at the Vatican

My family went to Rome to visit the Vatican. Even though I have been washed in its images for as long as I can remember, I wanted the experience of standing in the midst of it.

It was already hot when we got in line, under the shadow of forty-foot saints and rulers, to pass through the metal detector. Once through, we passed the famous brass doors by Bernini and decided to head up the circular stairway into the cupola. There was another line. During the hour-long wait on the huge, circular staircase, we sipped water and slowly passed by mosaics and famous statues in which the Holy Spirit was represented in the finest stone. We reached the top, looked at the magnificence and power of the cupola from on high, and then wandered onto the catwalk of St. Peter's dome. As we looked down on the grandest church in the entire world, I found it literally breathtaking. Wandering the rooftop, we enjoyed the cooler air and the backs of the heads of the sculptures that looked out from the roof.

I walked to a back corner of the roof, and there I met the woman who cleans the bathroom at the top of St. Peter's. I was the only person there. The

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woman genuflected to the paper towel holder she was restocking and then handed me a clean towel. Her vestment was a blue jumpsuit. To me, her actions felt similar to foot washing. "Grazie," I said, and made a little bow. Somehow tending the bathrooms there seemed like sacred work, and I wanted to honor her role.

As we descended the stairway, circling around and around, I wondered why the woman's role as a bathroom attendant at the Vatican seemed nobler than cleaning the bathroom at a gas station. In my heart, I do not believe that the ground at the Vatican is more sacred than a prison or a forest. I do not believe that breaking bread and sipping wine there is holier than when I perform that act out in the world. If it is true that our work and the sacred nature of our lives are not dictated by where we are, then wherever we are is holy. We do not need to take a purse or a special tunic on our journey, because the walk itself is sacred; and the gifts and treasures that are holy cannot be bought or sold.

The path of the cleaning woman at the top of the Vatican was sacred not because of its location but because it was a path of service. In the midst of great power and circumstance, surrounded by roads paved with marble and gold, she was the disciple calling me back to the path of humility that is found only in service.

Healing Service via Zoom Thursdays at Noon

We continue to offer a Healing Service via Zoom on Thursdays at Noon. The Zoom link is emailed via our Constant Contact email service on Wednesdays along with a copy of the order of service for the week. The order of service is also shared on the screen during the service itself. We commemorate a "saint" from the Episcopal Church utilizing the resource 'A Great Cloud of Witnesses' and share a little healing music from a variety of sources.

St. Cyril's Day Sunday, June 30

Our St. Cyril's Day worship celebration is on June 30th this year. We are pleased to have The Rev. Emerson Cottrell once again, from St. Paul's AME Church here in Coatesville, be our guest preacher for the service.

Monday Brown Bag Bible Study Group

Our final Bible Study before summer break will be held in the parish hall Monday, June 3rd, at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Homework is to skim through the last book of the New Testament and Bible, Revelation. We will then break for the summer and resume Bible Study on Monday, September 9th. We will begin the new season with a deep dive into the Letter to the Hebrews.

Altar Flowers

There is an open Sunday for altar flowers on June 23rd. The cost is \$50 and anyone interested should email Vic Shanley at vjs3brpaws@aol.com.

Sunday, June 9th Coffee Hour and Fun- raising Chat

Please join us after the 9:30am service to enjoy some refreshments while chatting about fundraising ideas. We would love to see you and hear your thoughts about how to keep the “oldies but goodies going” while bringing in some new ideas to not only raise funds but also bring us together as a community.

Jeannie and Tony Carroll, Co-Coordinator of Trinity Fundraising

Community Engagement June 2024

I'm glad Sara Wein was able to help us learn about the services **NAMI** can provide to our community at our May 5th gathering. Here are 2 upcoming programs **NAMI** is offering. Feel free to share this widely.

First Fridays: Downtown Coatesville celebrates local businesses and entrepreneurs on the first Friday of the month (May-October) from 5-9PM. Music, Food & Fun for All. Theme for 6/7 is Juneteenth.

Family to Family: (in-person) a free 8 week program for adult family members and loved ones of those who experience mental health symptoms, led by 2 program leaders who are family members. The next series begins on Thursday, June 13th in Exton. Contact 610-871-1405 x20003 to register. If you need further assistance, contact Liz Hulse at liztrinity323@gmail.com.

Peer to Peer (virtually) a free 8 week program for adults who experience mental health symptoms and/or have a mental health condition and hope to better understand themselves and their recovery. This program is co-led by 2 program leaders who a mental health condition and are in recovery. The series starts on Tuesday, June 18th. To register contact 610-871-1405 x20003. If you need further assistance, contact Liz Hulse at liztrinity323@gmail.com

Bowling event: June 22nd 6-8pm at the Bowling Palace, 977 East Lancaster Ave., Downingtown. Come at 5:30 to get your shoes. Supports scholarships for youth in our community. NAACP vs. MCDC \$25 100% goes to scholarships For more info contact Liz Hulse at liztrinity323@gmail.com

Juneteenth Panel Discussion and Exhibit: The 20 Men Project June 4th 6-9pm at Nth Innovation Center, 190 W. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville. Photography exhibit extends until June 18th. "The 20 Men Project started with a series of portraits... highlighting everyday black men's stories and combatting negative stereotypes. What started as an exhibit has grown to become a community and traveling discussion panel. ... The 20 Men Project was covered by Main Line Today and CBS News previewed the first 20 Men Project Panel at Cheney University." If you need additional info contact Liz Hulse liztrinity323@gmail.com

Juneteenth at Coatesville YMCA: "this event highlights local Black-Owned businesses in our community and surrounding area." They are looking for vendors. Tuesday, June 18th 5-8 pm. (This Y used to be called Brandywine) Location: 295 Hurley Rd., Coatesville

Senior Fit Mix Tuesday, June 11th 11:00-11:45 a.m. at West Chester Senior Center.



Tammy Chiesa	3-June
Nicole McGovern	4-June
Laura Puma	6-June
Ian McGovern	7-June
Marshall Evans	9-June
Marion Kirwin	11-June
Jacob Furlong	13-June
Cailin Morris	15-June
Barbara Post	15-June
Paula Jennings	15-June
Cliff Gardiner	18-June
Tom Swett	18-June
Joseph Randolph	20-June
Julie Fredd	21-June
John Coveleski	23-June
Tresa Washington	24-June
Clint Bush	27-June
Kimberly Stauffer	30-June

Caroline & Greg Bentley	6-June
Carl & Miranda Croft	14-June
Kim & Nick Stauffer	18-June
Erika & Chris Haak	21-June
Lance & Jazel Bush	

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Bible Study 1130AM	AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SH Rented		AA 7PM		Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Father's Day ***** SH Rented		AA 7PM	Juneteenth Office Closed	Healing Service 12noon		SH Rented
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sherry at Thistle Hills Conference	Sherry at Thistle Hills Conference	AA 7PM ***** Sherry at Thistle Hills Conference	SH Rented ***** Sherry at Thistle Hills Conference	Healing Service 12noon		Vestry Retreat
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St Cyril's Day						

Readers, Servers and Greeters for June 2024

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
6/2	Seth Haak	Minnie Kirwin	Greg Bentley
6/9	Vic Shanley	Deborah Murray	Chris Haak
6/16	Erika Haak	Bill Terry	James Gaddy
6/23	Pat Bush	Betty Sullivan	Kent Nation
6/30	Greg Bentley	Seth Haak	Minnie Kirwin

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Mission Statement

Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.

Service Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sundays 9:30 AM

Thursdays 12:00 PM

**Jamoca Harkins,
Parish Administrator**

Parish Office Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 1-3 PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 4-7 PM

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Church School

Sundays: 9:15 AM