

This Week at Trinity

MONDAY	11:00 a.m.	Monday Feeding Ministry (Trinity Hall)
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast (Bob Evans, Traffic Circle)
	10:00 a.m.	Clergy Bible Study (Conference Room)
	5:00 p.m.	Smoot Girls Ensemble (Trinity Hall)
WEDNESDAY	5:00 p.m.	"Holy Hike" & Eucharist (Point Park)
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer (Nave)
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (Conference Room)
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Maundy Thursday
	7:00 p.m.	Vigil before Altar of Repose begins (Adams Chapel)
FRIDAY	12:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified & Veneration of the Cross
	6:00 p.m.	Vespers of the Burial of our Lord
SATURDAY	7:00 p.m.	A.A. Meeting (Trinity Hall)
	7:30 p.m.	Great Vigil & First Mass of Easter (Good Shepherd Church)
SUNDAY	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Easter Egg Hunt & Party
	9:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour (Trinity Hall)

Maundy Thursday Vigil - Sign-up sheet for the Maundy Thursday Vigil is in the back of the church.

Katie's Ladies April Gathering - Katie's Ladies, the women's group at First Lutheran Church has invited the women from Trinity to meet them for dinner on Thursday, April 9, at 6:00 PM at J.P. Henry's on Emerson Avenue. Please RSVP to our office by April 7.

JULIET's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) April Gathering – This new dinner group which is open to women from both Trinity and Good Shepherd will meet on Tuesday, April 7, at 6:00 PM at George's Place (behind the Red Lobster.) Please plan to attend and let the parish office know by April 6 if you will be there.



The Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter baskets filled with plastic eggs, sweet treats, and toys are a staple of many family Easter celebrations in America. Children may search for eggs in the yard to fill them, and they provide a celebratory event for the holiday. *But did you know that Easter baskets actually have religious roots?* In many cultures, the *Paschal Basket* was filled with various food items that had been given up for Lent (meat, dairy, eggs, etc.) or which had a religious symbolism (sweet leavened bread, salt, horseradish, etc.). These baskets would then be brought to the church on Easter and the foods in them blessed by the priest.



We will be continuing this tradition (and adapting it) at Trinity Church this Easter. **Whether you want to make a traditional *Paschal Basket*, or bring your children's *Easter Baskets*, full of toys and goodies, we will place them in the Trevor Chapel on Easter Sunday morning and they will be blessed at the end of the Eucharist.**

Traditional Elements

- A sweet, leavened **bread** (called Kulich or Paska), symbolizing Christ, the “true bread from heaven,” who has “risen” from the dead.
- Decorated **eggs** (“psanky”), a symbol of new life and resurrection.
- **Ham, lamb, veal, bacon**, etc., as flesh meats are traditionally abstained from during Lent.
- A spicy **sausage**, such as kolbasi, which is indicative of God’s favor and generosity.
- **Horseradish** (mixed with grated red beets), symbolic of the Passion of Christ still fresh in our minds.
- **Salt**, a condiment required for flavor, to remind us that we are to be the “salt of the earth.”
- **Cheese**; and **Butter**, often formed into a mold shaped like a Lamb or a Cross. Dairy products are traditionally abstained from during Lent in the Eastern Churches as well.
- Anything else one might have given up for Lent: **sweets, chocolates, a bottle of wine**, etc.

Upcoming Liturgies



Holy Wednesday, April 1

5:00 PM – Holy Hike & Eucharist at Point Park, Downtown Parkersburg

Maundy Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM – Morning Prayer in the Choir

6:00 PM – Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
(Watch before the Altar of Repose follows immediately after Liturgy)

Good Friday, April 3

12:00 noon – Liturgy of the Presanctified
& Veneration of the Cross

6:00 PM – Vespers & Veneration of the Shroud

Easter Eve, April 4

7:30 PM – Easter Vigil
with our Sister Parish at

The Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd
903 Charles Street, Parkersburg, WV

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:30 AM – Festival Choral Eucharist, Rite II
(with the blessing of Easter Baskets)

PRIVATE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our Lord Jesus Christ – whom we have served and celebrated and honoured in his holy, glorious, life-giving, and divine mysteries – in his grace and mercy make us worthy of the beauty and glory of his kingdom, and of joy with his holy angels; and to have guiltless faces before him, standing at his right hand in the Jerusalem which is above. To him be praise and may the right hand of his providence rest upon us and upon all creatures, now and for ever. **Amen.**

From the Liturgy of the Chaldean Church