



# TRINITY WORLD NEWSLETTER APRIL 2026

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## Trinity Tidbits April 2026

As we enter into April we will be celebrating Holy Week. Each religion has its own way of celebrating Holy week with many countries having huge celebrations in their larger cities.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, sometimes referred to as Palm and Passion Sunday. Traditionally, Palm Sunday commemorates the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem described in all four canonical gospels. Immediately following this great time of celebration over the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, he begins his journey to the cross. Churches of many denominations including Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Anglican, Moravian and Reformed traditions, distribute palm branches to their congregations during their Palm Sunday liturgies.

On Holy Monday, events observed in the liturgy may include Jesus cursing the fig tree, the cleansing of the Temple, the authority of Jesus questioned and the anointing of Jesus at Bethany (that in the Gospel of John occurred before Palm Sunday).

On Holy Tuesday, some observe Christ's predictions of his own death as described in John 12: 20 – 36 and John 13: 21 – 38. Holy Wednesday also known as Spy Wednesday, the story of Judas arranging his betrayal of Jesus with the chief priests is remembered. He was a spy among the disciples of Jesus Matthew 26: 14 – 25.

Holy Thursday also known as Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist or Holy Communion. During the meal Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow including his betrayal, the Denial of Peter and his death and resurrection. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his subsequent death.

Holy Saturday also known as Black Saturday is the day between the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection.

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast day and apogee of the Christian liturgical year. On this day the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is the first day of the new season of the Great Fifty Days or Eastertide which runs from Easter Day to Pentecost.

Join us as we remember Holy Week with the showing of the Easter movie on Palm Sunday with food Jesus would have eaten, Maundy Thursday pot luck and service and our traditional Easter morning service.

*Melody Kiepert*

## CHURCH COUNCIL UPDATES

1. Council met on March 15th. The painters from Winterton will be working in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall the week of March 30th. We are also asking them to add an accent color (taupe) on the altar walls. Great idea, Gerry !!
2. On March 4th our upstairs carpets and on the front stairway were cleaned by ABC ChemDry. We highly recommend their services.
3. Council voted to donate \$300 to the Rome Rescue Mission, to assist with their Easter meals they deliver to senior housing in Rome. We also agreed to send \$250 to Nascentia Health for a fundraiser, where the Trinity Church name will be on their handouts. Their center will provide great services to our city.
4. Rev. Frank Graichen, our pastor emeritus, is organizing a Photo Club at Trinity, an update of the club we had in the past. The first meeting will be on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm. Watch your emails for future dates, since Thursday, April 2 is our Maundy Thursday service. Thank you, Frank, for initiating this new group !!
5. For pest control we now have a monthly contract with Orkin, as we did years ago. If you notice a couple of black plastic boxes on the outside perimeter of our building, they were placed by Orkin. :)
6. After many years of faithful service, Dick Kekis asked to be replaced on Council due to his health issues. We voted to appoint Bruce Groff to complete his term, through June 2027. Thank you, Dick and Bruce.
7. May K. suggested we recognize our young people's hard work in school by awarding them \$20 for their passing report card in June. Great idea May. :)

As always, please contact any Council member with questions or suggestions:

Kathy Wood, Sue Gatley, Sarah Barcomb, Bruce Groff, May Klepadlo,  
Gerry Nelson, Danyell Coccia

Mission of the Month for April  
Ride for Missing & Exploited Children

# April 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
**10:00am Morning Service			1 Line Dancing 6pm Vincent Klepadlo Michelle Miner Colosimo	2 Maundy Thursday Service @ 7pm	3 Good Friday Frank Graichen	4 Thomas Clarke
5 Easter	6 Reagan Dancy James Kekis	7 Girl Scouts 4:30pm James Brodock Danyell & John Coccia	8 Line Dancing 6pm	9 Bible Study 6pm	10	11
12 **10:00am Morning Service Potluck Gayle Illingworth	13 Bible Study-10:30	14 Girl Scouts 4:30pm	15 Line Dancing 6pm Gavin Barcomb	16 Bible Study 6pm BIB	17	18
19 **10:00am Morning Service Earth day crafts Danyell Coccia	20 Bible Study-10:30 Monica Ann Revette	21 Girl Scouts 4:30pm	22 Line Dancing 6pm	23 BIB Bible Study 6pm Photo Club @ 7pm	24	25 Shirley Brownwell
26 **10:00am Morning Service Penny Party 11:30-1	27 Bible Study-10:30	28 Rome United Churches Meeting 12pm Girl Scouts 4:30pm	29 Line Dancing 6pm	30 BIB Bible Study 6pm Valentina & Travis Dancy		Services Events Birthdays Anniversary

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## Reoccurring Events

Morning Service, every Sunday at 10:00am.

Coffee Hour: Following Morning Service on Sundays, unless there is another scheduled event.

Bible Study lead by Aaron Browka: Every Thursday evening at 6:00pm, in Lounge.

Girl Scouts: Meet every Tuesday at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall.

Line Dancing- Wednesdays at 6:00pm, in Fellowship Hall, \$5 per class, per person

Bible Study with Pastor Karen Marshall: Mondays at 10:30am.

## Special April Events

**April 2nd- :** Maundy Thursday service in Lounge starting at 7:00pm

**April 12th-** Potluck Luncheon after Service in Fellowship Hall

**April 19th-** Earthday crafts after morning service, in Fellowship Hall

**April 23rd-** Photography club meeting @7pm. Bring in a printed photo of sunrise or sunset.

**April 26th-** Spring Penny Party in Fellowship Hall from 11:30-1:00.

**April 28th-** Rome United Churches Organization Meeting at 12:00.

## Pastor Karen's Korner for April 2026

At last, we are here in Spring though at times we seem to fall back into winter but that is the way the weather is around this part of New York. I hope everyone has time to get out into the sun and enjoy some time in the Spring.

It is the time of the Easter season in the church. Jesus has risen and now we hear of the times he visited the disciples and we hear their response to his resurrection. It is a time for us like the grave opened and Christ emerged; we need to open to Christ. Open our hearts to Christ's resurrection and a change in our lives. I found this poem by Joyce Rupp and I have put part of it into this article.

### Watered Gardens

God of little buds just now wearing green sleeves,  
God of lilac limbs all full with signs of flowering,  
God of fields plowed and black with turned-over earth,  
God of screeching baby birds mouths widely awaiting food.

God of openness, of life and resurrection,  
Come into this Easter season and bless me.  
Look around the light, dead spaces of my heart  
That still refuse to give entrance.

Bring your gentle but firm love.  
Begin to lift the layers of resistance  
That hang on tightly deep inside of me.

Open, one by one, those places in my life  
Where I refuse to be overcome by surprise.  
Open, one by one, those parts of my heart  
Where I fight the entrance of real growth.  
Open, one by one, those aspects of my spirit  
Where my security struggles with the truth.  
Open me, Open me, Open me.  
For it is only then I will grow and change.  
For it is only then that I will be transformed.

For it is only then that I will know how it is  
To be in the moment of rising from the dead.

As we open our lives, our doors to our hearts and souls to the resurrected Christ we will find that the things that we feel may be dead in our hearts will change and pass away. As we see this time of year, this spring and Easter season that it is a new opening of our lives and a time to open ourselves to change, and new growth. During the winter as we may spend so much time in the home, we may also close our hearts and minds to what is going on outside. Let's make the most of our time outside, soaking up the sunshine and fresh air, so we can truly appreciate and see the beauty of God all around us. I hope you have a wonderful Easter and Spring.

*Blessings, Pastor Karen*

# March Events

## Trinity Photo Club Meeting

First meeting was on March 26th, this is a non-competitive club with meetings on a monthly basis. It will be have rotating leaders of the group, maybe doing field trips to locations in the community to take photos of various subjects, such as still life, nature, etc.

One of the attendees offered to have a class on use of drones in photography.

For next meeting, bring in a printed photograph of a sunrise or sunset, size can be 5x7 or 8x10.

Next meeting will be on April 23rd at 7:00pm.

Photos from Potluck Luncheon on March 15th. An Irish themed meal was served, corn beef, cabbage and as always plenty of deserts.



Above photo from Estate Sale on March 14, 2026. It was very successful, \$500 of the funds raised were donated to Trinity Church in memory of Elsa Kiepert. There will another estate sale on October 10th.