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Toledo Streets Newspaper



Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Trinity will have a new building partner starting next month. Toledo Streets Newspaper (TSN) will occupy the former Next to New space located in the lower level of the church. TSN launched in 2009 as part of 1Matters.org.

After five years as a branch of 1Matters, TSN grew to become its own organization. They are part of a global street paper movement of over 110 papers in 35 countries, all with the same goal – giving their communities a program to lift individuals out of poverty through work.

The way their program works is simple: each self-employed vendor starts with 10 free newspapers. Papers are sold with a suggested donation of \$1.00. After the first 10 free papers, additional copies are available to vendors at \$0.25 each. The vendors keep all profits.

Before this latest development, Trinity already had a solid, positive relationship with TSN. Our volunteers provide a TSN vendor lunch each month, and a generous portion of this year's Easter offering was designated for support of TSN's mission.

Trinity is in the process of clearing out the former Next to New space and has been able to donate some of the store fixtures to other area non-profits. However, there's still much to do. If you'd like to help get the space ready, come on Saturday, May 11, between 10:00 am –

12:00 noon. That day we'll also be weeding the beds on the Plaza and sprucing up the N. St. Clair side of the church. TSN will use their new space for offices and vendor meetings. They will have their own entrance on N. St. Clair Street. When Trinity delivers lunch each month, the travel distance will be much shorter!

What a blessing it is to be able to welcome an organization that makes such a huge difference in Toledo! And what a terrific thing it will be to have a significant portion of Trinity's unused space occupied by a group whose mission aligns with the church's mission! This kind of ongoing partnership is exactly what a progressive, downtown parish should be forming. Welcome, Toledo Streets Newspaper! We look forward to collaborating for a long time to come.

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May 5, 12, 19

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BAPTISM ON PENTECOST

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered on Pentecost

On Pentecost, Sunday, May 19, we'll offer baptism during the 10:00 am service. Pentecost, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, is an especially appropriate time for the administration of this sacrament.

Anyone – regardless of age – is welcome to be baptized, but since Holy Baptism is full initiation into the Body of Christ, the Episcopal Church baptizes persons only once!

Although parents accept the primary responsibility for the spiritual development of their children, godparents for children are highly recommended. Adults being baptized are required to have at least one sponsor.

All persons seeking baptism (or the parents of children being presented for baptism) are required to meet with the priest for at least one session (lasting about an hour and a half) to discuss the meaning of baptism and to learn more about the service. A meeting can be arranged by contacting the parish office – (419) 243-1231 or trinity@trinitytoledo.org.

Since Pentecost is just two weeks away, please let the church know as soon as possible if you are interested.

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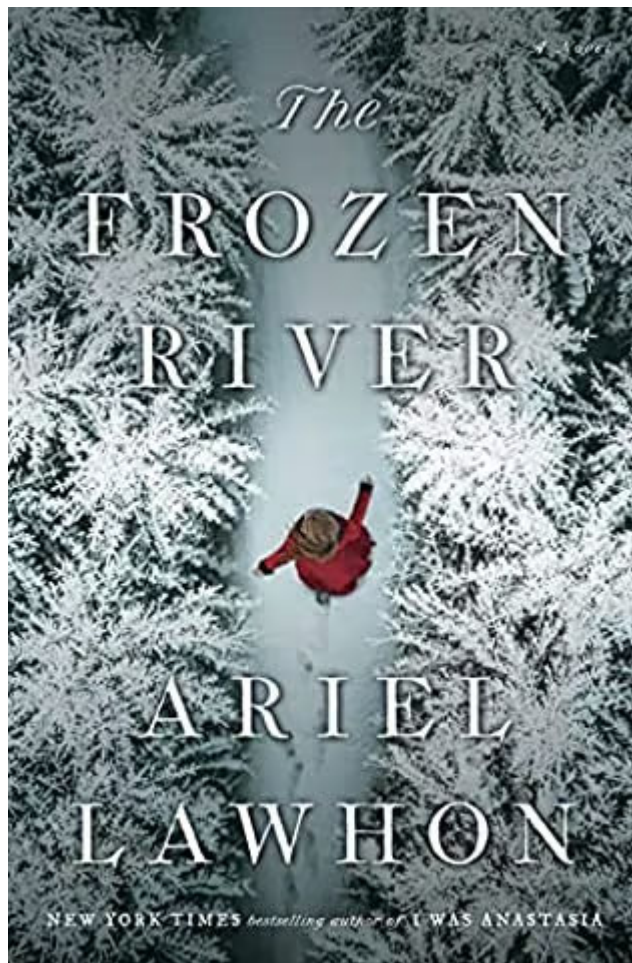
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BREAKFAST SIGN UP



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Are you interested in being a part of our signature ministry here at Trinity? Do you think to yourself, “Wow, I’d love to wake up earlier on Sunday once a month to serve breakfast to those in our community”? THEN DO WE HAVE GOOD NEWS!

Sign up wall posters are near the Columbarium in the sanctuary. Come jot your name down to join a POD of volunteers who will serve on rotation every 5+ weeks. And if you can't make it to our in-person worship and want to act now – email George Benson, our Dir of Community Engagement. He will take great care of you.

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Mother's Day is complicated



Dear Friends,

For the last week, my friends from the Village Flower Basket have been posting photos of all the different flower arrangements and gifts they have available for Mother's Day. Wednesday, they went above and beyond with the announcement that the shoppe will be open on Sunday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm and sharing a postcard they're going to have popping up all over town with vases. The postcard has a QR code that can be scanned so customers can view and shop VFB's Mother's Day section. To top it off, the store will be hosting Dirty Frank's Hot Dog Palace's food truck. Evidently nothing says Mother's Day like the combination of floral arrangements and franks.

I know the owners and employees of the Village Flower Basket well. They're former parishioners, and I have been their customer for many years. Holiday centerpieces, prom corsages and boutonnieres, "no special occasion" bouquets for Terry – VFB has done a terrific job with all of it! Most recently, I asked them to do the flowers for the rehearsal dinner on the night before the Bishop of Southern Ohio was going to be ordained. So I'm a fan – not only of their work, but also of their entrepreneurial spirit. One can hardly blame them for advertising so aggressively. Mother's Day ranks as the second largest "single-day" holiday for florists, falling just behind Valentine's Day, and it generates a significant portion of many florists' annual revenue.

But let's be honest, Mother's Day is complicated for many. It isn't a mimosas-and-brunch-kind-of-day for everyone. Here are some reasons:

- Some people don't have moms.
- Some people don't have moms – anymore.

And, not even everyone who does have a mom is celebrating.

- Some are estranged.
- Some may be incarcerated & are suffering shame.
- Some may be abandoned.

And then regarding be-ing a mom, some struggle.

- Some struggle hard & long & get success but haven't gotten there yet.
- Some struggle hard & long & never get their dream.
- Some moms are single moms bringing a new list of complications.

Whether it is due to being widowed, being unwed, being abandoned, they may have no one to head up the celebration of them. They may have mourning attached to their celebration.

That's a lot of emotion that could potentially be wrapped up in the biggest phone call day of the year.

If you're excited for Mother's Day and the day is flowers and cards for you, that's wonderful. I'm happy for you. And if Mother's Day is complicated for you, and if you need to take a moment to cry, or hurt, or struggle to forgive, or establish boundaries, those feelings matter too. Sometimes Mother's Day is complicated. And although I am not a mother, I've known enough of them to know that motherhood can be complicated, too.

Now about floral arrangements and franks

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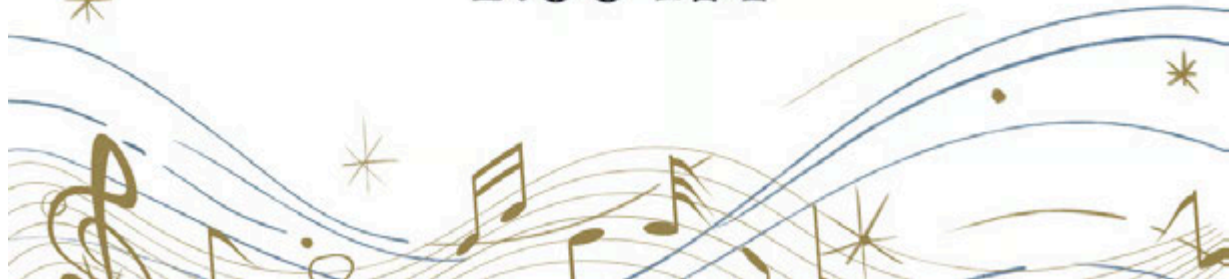
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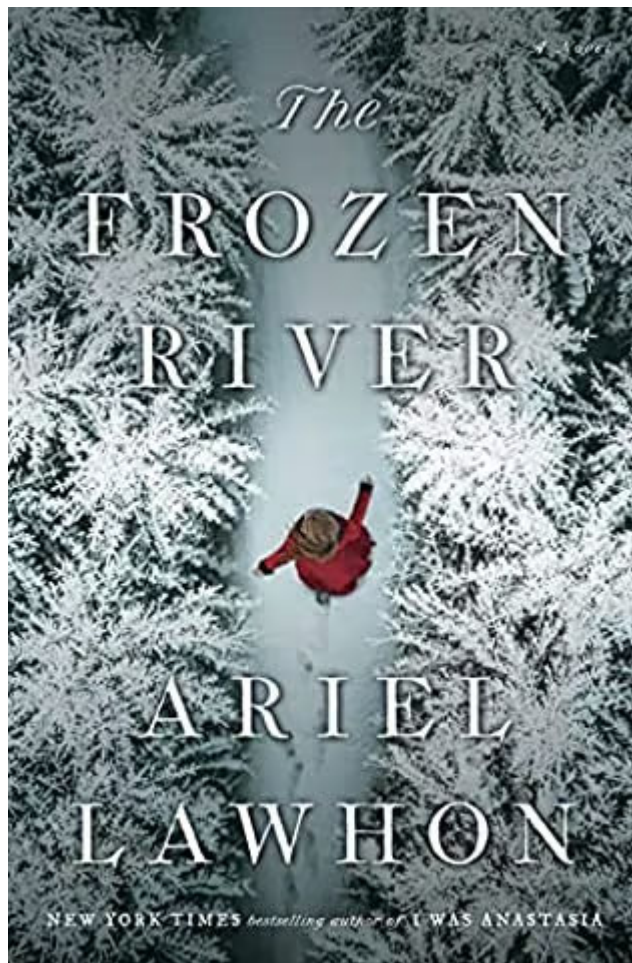
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[Pentecost \(or Whitsunday\)](#)



Dear Friends,

The Great 50 Days of Easter come to an end this Sunday when we celebrate Pentecost. Actually, this Sunday has two names. In addition to Pentecost, this Sunday is also known as Whitsunday.

Not surprisingly, the name is a contraction of “White Sunday,” a name that derives from the white garments worn by those who were being baptized on that Sunday.

Pentecost, or Whitsunday, is one of the five great baptismal days recommended in *The Book of Common Prayer*. From the second century on, Pentecost was a time for baptizing those who had been prepared but who, for some reason, had not been baptized at Easter.

We’ll celebrate a baptism here at Trinity this Sunday as Ariel Grube, an adult member of our choir, undergoes the central liturgy of Christian community. As a way of underscoring the centrality of community, she has asked the choir to be her sponsors!

Ariel has chosen to be baptized by immersion, so this will be the first time in several years that the baptismal pool at the entrance to the church will be put to use. Although it’s unusual in the Episcopal Church for a person to be baptized by immersion, it’s the norm in many other Christian communities. The traditional American song, “I went down in the river to pray . . .” made famous by the movie, “O Brother, where art thou?”, is often sung at outdoor

full-immersion baptisms for obvious reasons.

That immersion baptism has a long history in our own church is borne out by the fact that the rubrics (or instructions) for performing a baptism give immersion as the first option: *“Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant, or to an assisting priest or deacon, who then **immerses**, or pours water upon, the candidate . . .”*

The connection between water and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost goes all the way back to something Jesus said in the Gospel according to John, *““Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’”* John immediately explains the meaning of Jesus’ words this way, *“Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive.”*

I hope that you will be present on Sunday to witness this very special baptism and that you will pray for Ariel and for all those who long for a deeper relationship with our gracious and loving God. If you can’t find the right words to pray, here are some you might use:

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And, yes, Ariel will be wearing a white robe for her baptism – it is Whitsunday, after all! Let me encourage you to dress for the occasion, too. Wear red in honor of the “tongues, as of fire” that appeared among the disciples when the Day of Pentecost came all those years ago in Jerusalem. No matter what you decide to wear, it will be a festive day!

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DIRT DAY!

Saturday, May 18 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
Coffee and donuts available beginning at 8:00 a.m.

We will unload 100 bags of soil and compost and 20 bags of mulch from a delivery truck, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Then, we will use wheelbarrows to take the bags up to the plaza in the parking garage elevator, or some strong souls might carry bags up the steps. We'll dump out all of the bags of soil into the one bed that has been weeded, and it will be ready for planting. For weed suppression, we covered three beds with tarps last Saturday, and we'll cover the remaining three beds with tarps this Saturday. If enough people come to help, we may be able to begin planting some native perennial plants this Saturday. If you have a

wheelbarrow, squeeze it in the car before you come. And if you only have an hour to give - we will gladly take that hour!



Trinity's mobile pantry is one of 8 monthly food pantries in Toledo/SE Michigan area.

We will host the next Food Pantry in partnership with Food For Thought on
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[Volunteer Now!](#)

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BIG LOVE

music and
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JUNE 11 2024 6:30PM

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Working for LGBTQIA+ Rights

On June 11 at 6:30pm on our plaza, Trinity musicians and our community partner Equality Toledo's Community Action group will come together for an unforgettable night. There will be music, education on Ohio House Bills that negatively affect the LGBTQIA+ community, and much more! Stay tuned for more information on this incredible time. Questions? Contact Trinity's Director of Community Engagement George Benson atgeorge@trinitytoledo.org



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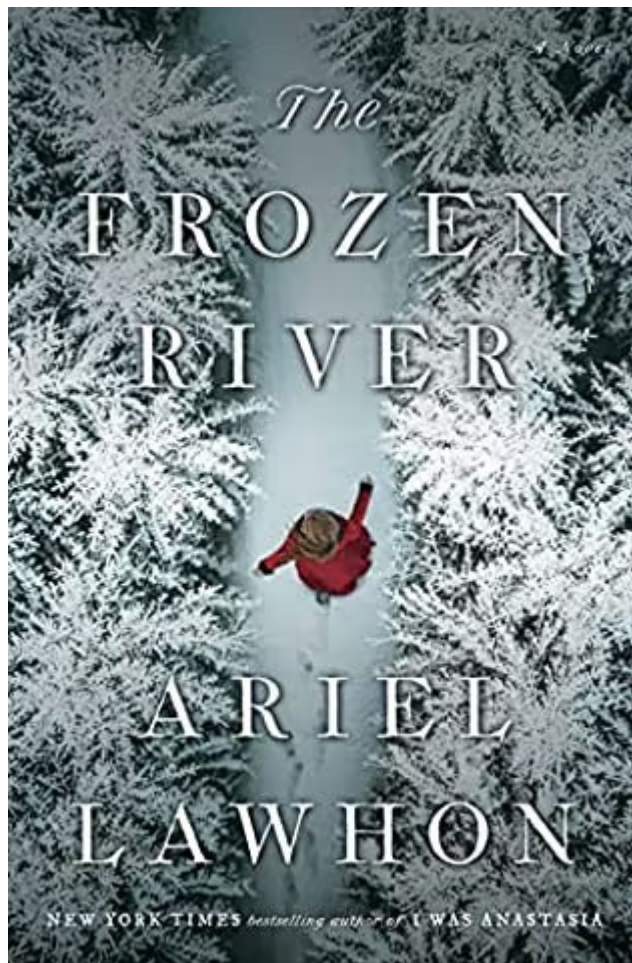
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invited to come cheer for the Mudhens. Here are the details:

Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024

Time: 2:05pm – 6:00pm

Location: Fifth Third Field, 406 Washington St., Toledo, OH 43604

To sign up and purchase tickets, go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080449AFA723A2F49-47838878-mudhens>

Tickets are \$28 each. **The deadline for purchase is Sunday, May 19.** Tickets will be distributed by email after the May 19 deadline. After the deadline, fans may certainly purchase game tickets directly from the Mudhens. You may join us in The Nest, but your seat will be elsewhere, and you won't receive a wristband for the buffet.

In case of a rain out, the Mudhens will move our party indoors. The food is prepared and served. Participants on site will receive a voucher for another game on their own.

The buffet will run for 90 minutes from 1:45 to 3:15. The menu is: Grilled Hot Dogs, Grilled Hamburgers, Mac & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Lay's Potato Chips, assorted cookies, assorted can Pepsi products, & bottled water.

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RECTOR'S BLOG

The answer is community.



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday we celebrate Trinity Sunday. This church doesn't have a patron saint. We're not named after a person like many other Episcopal congregations are – we're not a St. Andrew's, or a St. John's, or a St. James, or a St. Philip's. This church was named after the Trinity when the parish had its beginnings in early 1837. So it's fair to say that this Sunday is our "patronal feast day."

Trinity Sunday is when we talk about what God is like. We do that every Sunday, of course – at least I hope we do – but on this particular Sunday we are invited to think together about one of the core doctrines of the Christian church – that idea God is three in one and one in three. What's so important about the doctrine of the Trinity? The answer is **Community**.

In 2000, a serious, deeply theological book appeared written by the Brazilian theologian and writer, Leonardo Boff. For those who may not recognize the name, Leonardo Boff is a former Franciscan friar who has published widely and has written particularly in the field of what's called Liberation Theology. He is brilliant and controversial. Both his brilliance and his willingness to provoke controversy landed him in frequent trouble with the Roman Catholic Church. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith went as far as to silence Boff for an entire year back in 1985 – at a time when Cardinal Ratzinger, who later became Pope Benedict, was leading it.

The book I'm referring to is the book entitled, *Holy Trinity: Perfect Community*. In the book, Boff talks about the doctrine of the Trinity – how the doctrine helps us see that, in the beginning was “the communion of the Three, not the solitude of the One.” Boff is saying, in other words, that the very nature of God is community.

If the nature of God is “community,” then it makes all the difference for us at Trinity Toledo. It means that when we are called into fellowship with God, we are also called to be in community with each other. And not just any community. We are called to be in holy community the way God is in holy community – a community of love and giving – a community of hope and joy – a community passionate for justice and truth – a community through which others can catch a glimpse of the very nature of God.

So, this Sunday we celebrate God's community and our Trinity community. It seems like a fitting thing for us to do in this parish church where all are welcome and wanted. And you thought the doctrine of the Trinity was boring and dry. Not so much.

See you soon!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

THOUGH WE GOTTA SAY GOODBYE FOR THE SUMMER...

It's unlikely that Bobby Vinton ever sang in a church choir, but we'll use the above line from his classic hit, “Sealed with a Kiss,” to kick off this article thanking and recognizing Trinity's Choir for leading our worship since last fall. The choir will be on hiatus after this coming Sunday until September 8. At this Sunday's service, please make a point of thanking a choir member for their faithful work. And, of course, special thanks to Chelsie Cree, Director of Music & the Arts, and Grace Mauk, Assistant Director of Music & the Arts, for leading this parish's extraordinary music that nourishes worshipers each and every Sunday!



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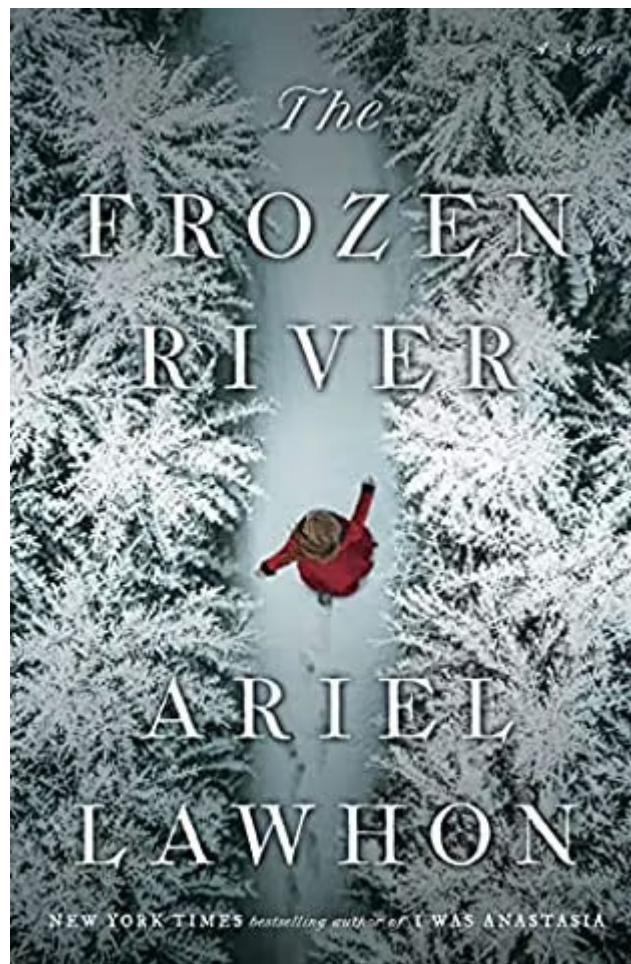
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Scottish Episcopal bishops urge electioneering politicians to work for a just peace, prevent famine in Gaza

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Church of England's 2023 strategic investment focuses on doubling number of children, young people

[The Church of England] The latest report on the Church of England's strategic investment shows how funding in the last year has prioritized doubling the numbers of children and young people, and [...]

World Council of Churches fact sheets provide information about East Jerusalem

[World Council of Churches] The World Council of Churches has released two new fact sheets shedding light on injustices facing communities in East Jerusalem. Developed as part of an European [...]

Spokane diocese matches donations to repaint defaced Pride mural

[Episcopal News Service] The Diocese of Spokane in Washington donated \$7,500 to Spokane Pride in response to the city's downtown Pride crosswalk mural being vandalized last week. "For me it [...]



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Happy beginning of Pride month!



Dear Friends,

I'm writing this week's "Dear Friends" as an ally and a parent.

I arrived in New York City in the late summer of 1977 to begin seminary – eight short years after Stonewall. The campus of the General Theological Seminary is located in a neighborhood known as Chelsea. If you were to visit now, you'd find upscale restaurants and stores, cutting-edge theaters and performance spaces, and over 200 trendy visual-arts galleries – an enormous transformation of the neighborhood has taken place during the last 45 years.

Six blocks south of the seminary is the West Village where many of us would go for an evening out or just to walk through the more than 50 city blocks that comprise an historic

district established by the New York City Landmarks Preservation Committee. The southern boundary of the West Village neighborhood is Christopher Street.

The Stonewall Inn, located at 53 Christopher Street, is the site of a series of demonstrations against a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969. The Stonewall riots became the defining event that started the gay rights movement in the United States and around the world. The timing of the police raid – in June – is the reason why Pride month begins tomorrow, June 1.

In affirmation and celebration of The Episcopal Church's LGBTQIA+ members, the church's Office of Communication unveiled a new Pride shield on May 16. The woman who designed the new shield, Melissa Walker, Senior Graphic Designer on the Presiding Bishop's staff, had this to say about the shield, "As a longtime ally of LGBTQ+ people, I was so excited to work on this Pride shield for The Episcopal Church. I hope many more people feel seen and included by this new graphic as we enter Pride month."

When you look at the shield that accompanies this letter, you will see elements of the traditional Pride flag as well as the Progress Pride flag and Philadelphia Pride flag – each flag representing a step toward greater inclusion.

Did you know that The Episcopal Church has been working for 50 years toward a greater understanding and radical inclusion of all God's children? Resolutions from General Convention (the church's governing body) in 1976 recognized LGBTQ+ people as children of God with an equal claim to the pastoral care of the church and equal protection under the law.

In 1994, General Convention amended the church's canons to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, providing equal access to the rites and worship of the church, including ordination.

In 2015, General Convention voted to amend the canons that regulate marriage, permitting any couple the rite of holy matrimony.

I report these facts to make it clear that the Episcopal Church has sought to create a world and a society where all are loved, where justice is done, and where the God-given equality of us all, especially the LGBTQIA+ community, is honored in our relationships, in our social arrangements, and in law.

Trinity has long been a church where LGBTQIA+ persons are welcome and wanted. Our worship this Sunday will underscore the parish's continued commitment to be an open and affirming congregation. In addition to joining in worship this week, please mark your calendar for two dates:

Tuesday, June 11, 6:30 pm for Big Love: an evening of music and activism with Equality Toledo's Community Action group on Trinity's Plaza.

Friday, August 23 – Sunday, August 25 – Celebrating Toledo's Pride – a Trinity tradition.

There's been an enormous transformation since Stonewall in 1969 and much to celebrate. But there are still prayers to be said and work to be done. Happy beginning of Pride month!

Blessings,

Stephen Applegate

PLAZA WORK DAY



Saturday, June 8 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

All hands on deck on Saturday, June 8 to get the plaza looking beautiful for the Big Love concert on June 11! We will plant part of another bed with more donated native plants, and our children are invited to plant pumpkins and sunflowers! There are tasks for everyone: unloading bags of soil and mulch from the delivery truck and getting them up to the plaza, dumping the soil in the beds, planting, weeding, mulching, and spraying horticultural vinegar on weeds in two other beds and covering them with tarps. We need many hands to accomplish this work, so [please sign up here](#) to let us know if we'll have enough people to do this. Come for an hour or the morning--your help is welcome and wanted! Thank you!

WEAR ORANGE FOR GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS

join us for **wear orange**

what

A community gathering to honor victims and survivors as we work together to end gun violence with a prayer service, interactive art event and speakers for 10th National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

when

Friday, June 7, 2024 at 12n to 1pm

where Peace and Healing Commons at Toledo Spain Plaza
Collingwood and Monroe St.

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Snap the QR code, text ORANGE to 644-33 or email donna.malone.oh@gmail.com



June 7-9 is Wear Orange Weekend! Wear Orange to raise awareness of gun violence. Everyone is invited to a commemoration of the 10th annual Gun Violence Awareness Day at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 7 at Peace and Healing Commons (1840 Collingwood Ave.). This family-friendly, community event will begin and end with prayers from Multifaith Coalition

to Reduce Gun Violence members. Speakers will help raise awareness about gun violence in our city and share things we can do as individuals to help decrease gun violence.

Wear orange to Trinity's 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9, when the service will focus on Gun Violence Prevention. Deacon Meribah Mansfield will preach, and Trinity parishioner and gun violence survivor Gwen La Croix will share her story. Click [here](#) for more information on Wear Orange Weekend.

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MAC & CHEESE BAKE OFF

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JUNE 23RD 2024 11:15AM

My Brother's Place

June 23 at 11:15am

I'd appreciate it if you could get to fine-tuning those recipes. Spots are available for everyone! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/macandcheesebakeoff2024>

PRIDE DONATIONS



Starting this Sunday going through August 18 we are asking for donations of 8oz water bottles and hard candy for Pride! You can drop them off at our “drop off station” by the columbarium. PLEASE, no chocolate as it tends to melt in the August sun. Any chocolate donated will be considered a tithe for our Director of Operations. If you have any questions please contact our Director of Community Engagement through email at, george@trinitytoledo.org



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Join us on June 20th! [Sign up here.](#)



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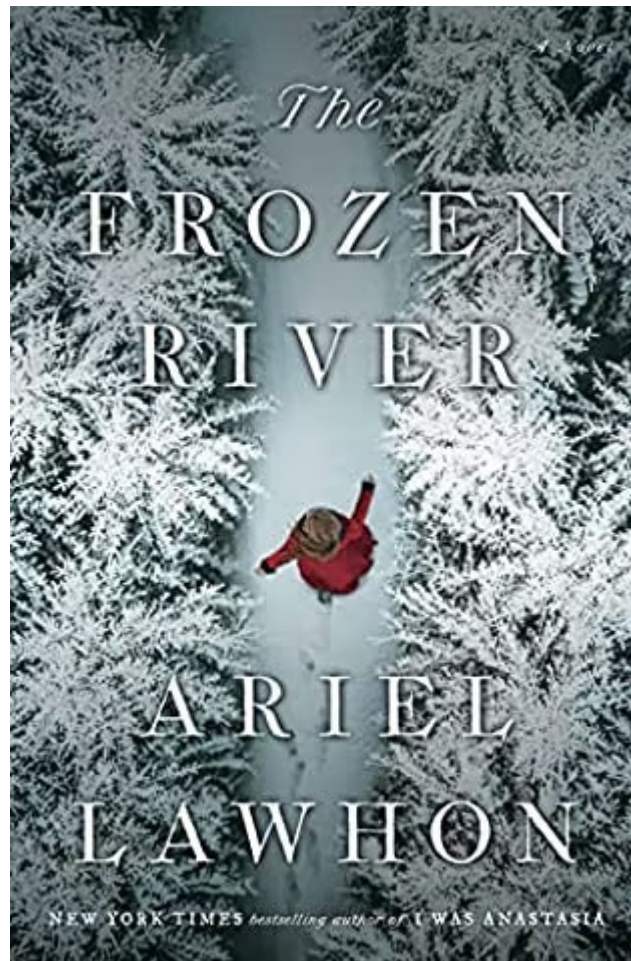
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Conciliation process ordered between Massachusetts bishop, priest after Easter Vigil incident

[Episcopal News Service] Massachusetts Bishop Alan Gates was investigated under the church's Title IV disciplinary canons for removing a female priest's clergy collar during a worship service, according to newly [...]

Deputies' committee backs revised Rules of Order changes for 81st General Convention

[Episcopal News Service] The House of Deputies Rules of Order Committee on May 30 voted to recommend a series of proposals intended to streamline legislative business at General Convention, The [...]

Committees discuss Episcopal seminaries, theology schools incorporating anti-racism education into curricula

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