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Trinity Episcopal Reveals Schedule For Holy Week

CRANFORD – The Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue at the corner of North and Forest Avenues in Cranford, invites everyone to celebrate Holy Week with its congregation. The Reverend Dr. Gina Walsh-Minor, rector, will celebrate all services. The Holy Week service schedule is as follows:

Palm Sunday will be observed on April 1. Mass will be celebrated at 8 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite I Liturgy) and 10 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite II Liturgy) with choral singing.

On Monday, April 2, Holy Eucharist will be celebrated with Rite II at 7 p.m., featuring a quiet evening Liturgy Mass.

On Tuesday, April 3, a Healing Service Liturgy and Holy Eucharist will be held at 7 p.m. This meditative Liturgy offers prayers, supplication and intercessions to those in need and includes the laying on of hands as well as the celebration of Holy Eucharist.

On Wednesday, April 4, a Tenebrae service will take place at 7 p.m., featuring readings of Scripture and psalms and the gradual extinguishing of the candles and other lights in the church until only a single candle, considered a symbol of Christ, remains.

Maundy Thursday will be observed on April 5 beginning at 7 p.m. It will commence with the ritual of hand washing and foot washing, followed by an Agape meal where participants will continue in the Breaking of the Bread and Sharing the Cup – a celebration of Holy Eucharist. At the close of this service, the altar will be stripped and the Blessed Sacrament placed in the Reserve Tab-

ernacle in Witherington Chapel. Those who wish to stay, pray and keep the vigil may do so.

In commemoration of Good Friday on April 6, Trinity Church will remain open for prayer, meditation and reflection from noon to 3 p.m. The Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m. will include readings of the Passion according to St. John, praying the Solemn Collects and with the distribution of Holy Communion that is held in the reserve tabernacle. The service will conclude in silence.

On Sunday, April 8, Easter will be celebrated at 8 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite I) with Music and at 10 a.m. (Holy Eucharist Rite II) with Choir.

For more information about Trinity Episcopal Church, call (908) 276-4047 or visit trinitycranford.org.

Senior Citizens Club To Meet on April 5

GARWOOD – The Senior Citizens Club of Garwood invites any senior citizens interested in joining the club to come to its next meeting on Thursday, April 5. The club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month in the Garwood Fire House meeting room.

On Wednesday, May 16, club members will have dinner and see Uncle Floyd's "Don't Bet Your Life," a comedy spoof, at The Royal Manor in Garfield. Tickets are \$42 per person.

The bus will leave at 10:15 a.m. and will return at approximately 5 p.m. For further information or to purchase tickets, call Walter at (908) 789-1067.

sewer fees. Under the new structure, the minimal usage for sewer fee assessments is being lowered from 75,000 gallons to 25,000 gallons and the minimum fee is being lowered from \$175 to \$140 – a move that Mayor David Robinson said was good for senior citizens and others on fixed incomes. Commissioner Edward O'Malley voted against the ordinance, saying that larger-volume users such as non-profits and nursing homes were being unfairly hurt by the fees.

The township committee also introduced the 2012 municipal budget, but all five members stressed that much work still needed to be done to cut expenditures and lower what would be a 4-percent increase in the municipal portion of local property-tax bills. No details were provided on Tuesday, but more information is expected to be posted on the township's website next week.

"This is still a work in progress," said Deputy Mayor Andis Kalnins, who added that the committee was looking at several items that would lower the tax hike "significantly." He said the finance subcommittee, which he heads, would be meeting to discuss the budget and said residents were welcome to speak with him at two public hearings to be held on Tuesdays, April 3 and April 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Briefly addressing the latest developments surrounding the Birchwood Avenue development, Township Attorney Phil Morin said the township's planning board will discuss at its Wednesday, April 4, meeting proposed changes to the township's master plan to allow multi-family affordable housing at the Birchwood Avenue site. The township committee, he said, will be required to pass an ordinance to formalize

such a designation. The township needs to take these actions, Mr. Morin said, to comply with a judge's December order allowing work at the site to go forward. He said that once these steps are taken and the township certifies to the court that it is in compliance with the judge's order, then the municipal government can formally file an appeal of the judge's order.

At the start of the meeting, the committee congratulated Christopher Koscica for achieving the

rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Commissioner O'Malley presented certificates to two local businesses – Artemisia and X-tra Mile Fitness – for their efforts at adopting environmentally-sustainable practices as part of the local Go Green initiative. The flag salute was led by several members of Girl Scout Troop No. 51114.

Probitas Verus Honos

Calvary Lutheran to Offer Holy Week-Easter Services

CRANFORD – The solemn season of Lent will draw to a close and the joyous celebration of Easter will begin with worship services next week at the Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 108 Eastman Street in Cranford. The public is invited to all services.

Palm Sunday Services of Holy Communion on April 1 at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. will mark the beginning of Holy Week. Commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, these worship services also will offer meditation on Jesus' passion and death. Seasonal music presented by Calvary's adult and youth choirs will be accompanied by organ, piano and trumpet.

Maundy Thursday services will be offered at 1:15 and 7:30 p.m. on April 5. These worship services will feature absolution and Holy Communion. The evening service also will include the stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday. Seasonal music will be accompanied by organ and at the evening service by violin.

On Good Friday, April 6, the solemnity of the day will be observed at 7:30 p.m. with a Tenebrae Service of shadows and darkness. The church's Calvary Choir and Bell Choir will provide music, with organ and flute accompaniment.

The joyous observance of Easter will arrive on Sunday, April 8, with Festival Services of Holy Communion at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Each service will offer a full liturgy with instrumental and choral seasonal music and favorite Easter hymns accompanied by organ, piano, trumpet and flute. Calvary's Adult and Hand Bell Choirs will lead music.

The Reverend Carol A. Lindsay, Calvary's pastor, will lead all worship services. Music will be under the leadership of Jeanne Elmuccio, Calvary's director of music and organist.

Calvary Lutheran Church is a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, serving the Cranford-Westfield area and surrounding communities for 82 years.