



TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

August–September 2020



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Established 1845

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday
9:00 am–3:00 pm

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sunday at 10:00AM
Wednesday at 12:00PM
Facebook Live

CLERGY

The Very Reverend
Johnny W. Cook

The Reverend Deacon
Terry Goff

The Reverend Deacon
Lydia Johnson

STAFF

Jeremy Adcock
(*Organist/Choirmaster*)

Brother Jacob Luke, OSB
(*Parish Administrator*)

Kathie Wall
Financial Administrator

Martha Jones
(*Interim Financial Administrator*)

Amos Kidd
(*Sexton*)

Bob Peck
(*Parish Archivist*)

Kay Cruthirds
(*Parish Nurse*)

Anne Gill
(*Director of Children’s Ministries*)

PRAYER FOR THE CALLING OF A NEW RECTOR

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Trinity parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 818

FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR



Dear Trinity Family,
The month of July saw an exponential growth in the number of coronavirus cases in Mobile County. We pray that August will see the numbers retreating. Obviously these data have continued to pause any scheduling of in-person worship or gatherings at Trinity. What we have done is to increase our online opportunities for connection.

On Wednesdays we have resumed the 11:00AM Bible Study online and the Wednesday noon Holy Eucharist also online. Sunday morning Holy Eucharist at 10:00AM is now followed by an Online Coffee Hour at 11:00AM. We will explore other opportunities as we move into the fall. To facilitate financial support for Trinity we now have added two options for online giving. Please see a separate article on this topic.

It is with heavy heart that we announce the retirement of Kathie Wall, Trinity Financial Secretary for the past 27 years (as of August 3rd). Because of the current restrictions we are unable to gather together to celebrate and give thanks for her faithful ministry for these decades of service. However, we do want to acknowledge her retirement as best we can. Please send your note of thanksgiving to Trinity by August 14th, so that we can present them to Kathie before she takes her leave. We are blessed that Martha Jones will assume the financial secretary responsibilities until a replacement is trained.



BIRTHDAYS

THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY ...

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AUGUST

- Jameson White
- Cindy Nicholason
- Anne Gill
- Scott Schneider
- Jean Dodge
- Steve Mussell
- Ben Harris, IV
- Ann McCormick
- James Henry Norman
- Cora Lucile Graham
- Nell Gustavson
- Lauren Hill
- Janet Rodgers
- Susan McCall
- Doris Benson
- Donald Langham
- Carmen Kearley Miller
- Tommy Murray
- Lisa Lee
- Harold Dodge
- Natalie Hill

SEPTEMBER

- Martha Jones
- George March, V
- Charles Lee
- Bennett Pearce
- Dana Burton
- Jane Williamson
- Connie Ewing
- John Williams
- Shae Street
- Mark Taylor

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*Blessings to all on
another year!!!*

It is a joy for us to welcome The Reverend Lydia Johnson to Trinity. She has been assigned by Bishop Kendrick to serve at Trinity for a non-stipendiary six month period beginning August 9th for Diaconal Training and will be in the church office on Mondays and Wednesdays. Deacon Lydia will be mentored by Deacon Terry. Her primary emphasis will be in outreach but she will also be involved in other areas of ministry. Deacon Lydia was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 28th.

In closing I will repeat from my letter of early summer as so much remains the same. "We wait with Holy patience trusting in God's Spirit to guide and direct us. We are a people of the Resurrection, New Life. Morning will come."

Faithfully,
Father Johnny+

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A MESSAGE FROM REVEREND DEACON LYDIA JOHNSON

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Hello to all my new friends (and some long time friends!) and friends yet-to-meet at Trinity!

My name is Deacon Lydia Johnson, and I am honored and excited to be serving alongside all of you for the next six months. For the past nine years I have served as the Director of Christian Education at St. Paul's Mobile, as well as Co-Director of The Raise the Roof Project, an ecumenical home repair ministry that serves the good people of the South Broad Street area. While in those roles, I felt a call to deeper ministry and embarked on a journey to ordination through our diocese's School for Ministry and was part of its first graduating class this June. I am passionate about people discovering ways to see and experience God at work in the world, and trying creative ways to live out our faith together. While serving at Trinity, I look forward to working with the food pantry ministry, creating some at-home formation opportunities, assisting in worship and learning from Deacon Terry.

My husband Wyatt manages a family boat

business and loves to fish. Our children Will (7) and Lisee (2) enjoy scooter rides, dance parties, cooking and watching Scooby-Doo. I look forward to the time when I can meet all of you in person or online, and a time when you can meet my family. Until then, stay safe, be blessed and know you are loved! You can reach me by e-mail at Lydia.knziley.johnson@gmail.com or by phone at 251-377-7809.

Blessings,
Lydia

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PARISH HEADLINES

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SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE-

Trinity's Search Committee has continued to put in many hours during the summer. Recently we have moved into the 'getting to know you' phase by studying materials submitted to us by interested priests and conducting preliminary interviews. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Anne Gill at 251-599-3479 or annegill3479@gmail.com.

URGENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS -

Please help by donating small jars of peanut butter, cans of green beans/peas/beans/baked beans, cereal, granola bars, dry beans, boxed noodles, spaghetti sauce, snacks (goldfish, popcorn, snack cakes etc.), soup, boxed potatoes, tuna/hamburger helper, condiments, spices, cooking items (flour, oil, baking soda etc.) and small pop-top cans/cups of green beans/corn/peas. Thank you for keeping the little red wagon full and the monetary donations to keep us open!

ALTAR GUILD NEWS-

Grant, O Lord, that we may handle holy things with reverence and prayer, and perform our work with such faithfulness and devotion that it may rise with acceptance before you and obtain your blessing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Though we are restricted to online services, the Altar Guild carries on. We are still setting up, cleaning up, laundering, and assisting any way we can. I give thanks every day for this group of women and men who support the efforts of the clergy, as they



2020 VESTRY

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OFFICERS

Bob Howard
(Senior Warden)

Mike Cadden
(Junior Warden)

Kate Flukinger
(Clerk)

Martha Jones
(Treasurer)

Ben Harris, III
(Chancellor)

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MEMBERS

Allison Castle
Jill Creel
Chris Gill
Kate Flukinger
(terms expire 2023)

Marie Lacy
Mary Stewart Stephens
Anna-Lisa Tessier
Jameson White
(terms expire in 2021)

Mike Cadden
Bob Howard
Daphne Marcum
Carolyn Watts-Smith
(terms expire in 2022)

continue to provide Sunday and Wednesday services. They do their work quietly behind the scenes, but give of their time and talent tirelessly. We recently had a financial gift to the Altar Guild, in memory of Lucy Castle Sturges, which has provided us (and you!) new frontals for the chapel, to complete the sets purchased last year. This gift also has been used to purchase liquid wax candles for the wonderful 7-light candelabra which have been brought out of retirement, cleaned and polished and refitted. You will be seeing them soon on the marble retable (formerly the altar).

We always welcome new members, both women and men, to help with this important ministry. Please call me if you would like to join us!

—Martha Jones, Chair

WELCOME TO REVEREND DEACON LYDIA JOHNSON AS SHE BEGINS HER MINISTRY AT TRINITY—The Reverend Lydia Johnson has been assigned by Bishop Kendrick to serve at Trinity for a non-stipendiary six month period beginning **August 9th** for Diaconal Training and will be in the church office on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Deacon Lydia will be mentored by Deacon Terry. Her primary emphasis will be in outreach and will be involved in other areas of ministry. Deacon Lydia was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on June 28th.

ONLINE GIVING: Our online giving platforms are now live!! There are now **FOUR** ways to make a pledge payment or other donations to Trinity in a safe manner. With these four ways you can make donations to specific funds or ministries and even keep your *pledge* current.

- **Venmo** - Venmo is an easy to use mobile app that allows you to send money to Trinity from your smart phone. Check us out if you already have the Venmo app! If you do not, it can be downloaded from **App Store** or **Google Play**. Be sure to put in the memo what your donation is for!!! Look for us at: [@TrinityChurchMobile](https://www.instagram.com/TrinityChurchMobile) in the Venmo app.
- **Abundant** - Another opportunity to give is through our **WEBSITE** and our **FACEBOOK** Page. Click the button on the **Homepage or the Stewardship/e-Giving Page** to be taken to our Donation Page, powered by **ACS Abundant**, and

see the various places you can donate and/or pay your pledge.

Here are some other ways to give: by **mail, drive-by and drop in mail slot on the office porch, or Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposits**: Fill out debit form (which we can mail or email out) and return it via mail or email it to the church office to have your pledge automatically debited. If you have any questions, please contact Brother Jacob or Martha Jones at 251-473-2779. **Automatic Debits**—Please consider setting up recurring payments to the church through your checking account. It is easy to do. If you need assistance, please contact Martha Jones.

ANNUAL PARISH AUDIT—It's that time of year again! Both the national Canons (Canon 6, Sec. 5) and the Diocesan Canons (Canon 10, Sec. 2) require that all congregations be audited annually. These audits are to be completed and submitted to the Diocesan office by September 1st of the next year. The audit may be done by a CPA, but that can be expensive — at least \$1,600 and probably more. The audit may also be done by a Parish Committee. It is not a full blown audit, but a scaled down sample audit. It costs nothing except a little bit of time. If you are willing to assist the Parish in this annual undertaking, then please contact Brother Jacob in the Parish Office at 251-473-2779 or at trinitychurchmobile1845@gmail.com. You don't have to be a CPA, but some experience in business operations is helpful. The Audit or Review involves looking at a sample of just 2 months of transactions and verifying that income and pledges have been properly reported. The instructions are provided. Please help our Parish meet this annual obligation.

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR—Our Senior Warden, Bob Howard, will be hosting a Virtual Coffee Hour this Sunday at 11AM. This will provide a venue where the Trinity parish family can see familiar faces, catch up on how we are making do in this strange time, give thanks and long for the day when we can physically be with each other. To join the Coffee Hour, follow the link posted on the Trinity Website Homepage at www.trinitychurchmobile.org.

BIBLE STUDY RESUMES-- Our Wednesday Bible Study continues on Wednesdays at 11:00am led by Bill Howell. The class will study the book of

Ephesians. The meeting link and the study materials can be found on the homepage of our website at <http://www.trinitychurchmobile.org>. Tune in to Bible Study and switch over to Facebook at noon for Mass.

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**PARISH
ANNOUNCEMENTS**
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Worship—Regular *Sunday* Holy Eucharist will be available on Facebook Live for viewing and home worship at **10:00AM CST**. *Wednesday* Holy Eucharist is at **12:00PM**. To view the service, login to Facebook and Visit the Trinity Page where it will be streamed. It is best viewed from a computer or cell phone.

Office Hours Update—The staff will be in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays and working remotely Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office telephones will be forwarded to Brother Jacob’s cell phone. Father Cook can be reached at 251-753-7580. Please contact us if you need us!! Your Clergy, Vestry and Staff are here for you.

Pastoral Care—Though we are not able to meet in person for Holy Eucharist and our wonderful onsite classes, the ministry of Trinity will not cease. It is important, now as ever, that we continue to care for each other and the most vulnerable among us. With this in mind, Parish leaders will make weekly contact with all parishioners being sensitive to any needs that may arise.

Prayer Requests—If you have prayer requests, please contact Brother Jacob in the church office at (251-473-2779) or trinitychurchmobile1845@gmail.com for your request to be included on the Prayer List. If your request is confidential, your request will be forwarded to the Clergy and the Daughters of the King.

From the Parish Nurse— It is important to exercise good protection during the Current health crisis. When going out, wear a mask out at all times and stay out of crowds. Spend more time at home: this is a good time for family time, playing games as a family, neighborhood walks (with masks), or reading.

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**MINISTRIES AND
FELLOWSHIP**
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Food Pantry Ministry — Bought something that you were going to use in a new recipe but decided to order out? Have 7 jars of mayonnaise for no reason? Did Walmart substitute a can of black olives for green olives? Please consider donating them! No item donated to the pantry goes to waste. We offer them as an extra choice in addition to a bag of food—2 breakfast items, peanut butter, parish garden vegetable, snack and a “you pick” canned food item (soup, ravioli, etc.). That may sound like a lot but depending on the number of people in a household, these food items may only last a few days. We sometimes receive random items from people moving, cleaning out their pantry, dietary changes or they just bought too much. Items range from sugar-free BBQ sauce, canned pie filling, broth, spices, flour to cooking oils. We appreciate these donations as many of our patrons are not able to afford these extras. If you have any extra condiments or cooking items at home, please consider donating them. See a BOGO offer on an item but only need one, please donate the other. A gentleman was overjoyed that we had a can of sauerkraut, so that he could make his hot dogs extra delicious. A bottle of olive oil made a lady so happy because her doctor recommended cooking with healthy oil. Not only do we provide food, we give a little extra to hopefully make their day and cooking easier. A Parish Food Pantry is also available for the needs of parishioners who may need food or essential supplies. For more information or to receive confidential aid, please contact Carolyn Watts-Smith at 251-533-6253 or email her at cwattssmith@gmail.com.

Order of the Daughters of the King® —One of the main tenets of the Daughters of the King is to pray for our parish family. If you have a prayer request and would like to be added to the confidential prayer list, please contact Brother Jacob Luke directly at trinitychurchmobile1845@gmail.com.

The Daughters have all voted for new officers. The officers are as follows: President - Laurent Cadden, Vice President - Pat Cyrus, and Secretary - Anne Gill.

The Daughters of the King, the St. Elizabeth Ferard Chapter at Trinity are: Allison Castle, Anne Gill, Wendy James, Laurent Cadden, Martha Jones, Mary Stewart Stephens, Pat Cyrus, Daphne Marcum, and Rita Treutel.

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**SPOTLIGHT ON
MINISTRY**
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A PSALM A DAY
Video Series



Beginning Sunday, August 9th, we will be posting a “Psalm A Day” video on our Facebook Page. We know from scripture that Jesus prayed the psalms and thus they became a cornerstone of the church’s liturgical life and of the Divine Office. The church, monasteries and convents and individuals all over the world pray the psalms for their unique insight into the human condition and recognition of our dependency on God. The Psalms also unite the people with God in that they give us the voice of Christ Himself. The great saint of the church, Augustine, wrote of the Psalms: “ This Psalm is spoken in the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ, both hearts and members. He is the head, we are the members. Not without good reason then, his voice is ours and our voice is also his. Let us therefore listen to the Psalm and recognize in it the voice of Christ.”

Each video will contain one psalm each

day; however some of the longer Psalms will be divided into parts. I will read each psalm and there will also be special guests along the way. I pray you enjoy this ambitious new endeavor and that you will find great blessing as you unite your voice with Christ!

Grace and Peace to All,

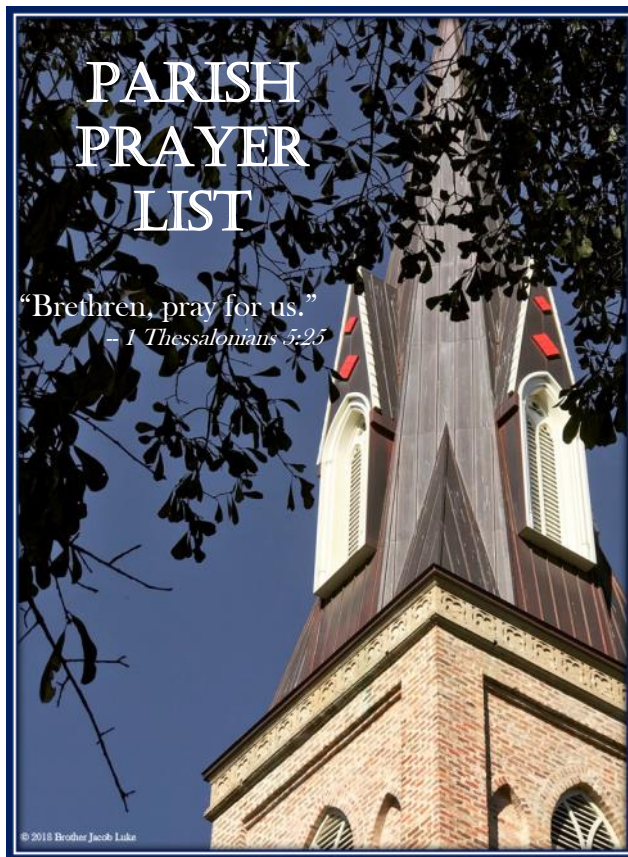
Brother Jacob Luke, OSB

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GOOD NEWS AROUND THE PARISH
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Kate and John Flukinger installed a new sign at Trinity on July 18th. The message is clear: Love your Neighbor...No Exceptions.

If you have any good news you'd like to share with the Parish, please send it to Brother Jacob at his email address: trinitychurchmobile1845@gmail.com.



We should all pray for one another without ceasing. The prayers of one person for another is a beautiful gift. Prayers of intercession are understood as prayers that “brings before God the needs of others” (BCP, *Catechism*, 857). The Trinity Parish Prayer List is below. Please take a few moments and remember your brothers and sisters in Christ in prayer.

We ask your prayers for these members of our Parish

Family: James O'Rourke, Monica Owens, Bill Rowan, Mary Nell Cook, Byron Cruthirds, Mary Stewart Stephens, Rev. Terry Wysong, Jeannie Foster, Tom Holmes, Joan Johnston, David Clothier, Elizabeth Ward, John Anthony, Darrel Cyrus, Don Langham, Barbara Duhé, Esther Howell, Louise Beck, Phyllis Creel, Jessie Beaty, Nancy Arnett, Graham Loper, Margaret Platt, Nettie Robertson, Laney Lau, Shae Street, Bill Duhé, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Janelle Odom, John McLean, Kerry Senne Logan, Heather Loper, Caroline Curenton, Bootsie Laffre, Gay Price, Dottie Gill, Vickie McCormick, Sara Spottswood, the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and St. George's Baghdad.

For those currently serving in the Armed Forces: Brock Oliver, Ericka Williams, Owen Taylor, Travis Amsbaugh, Matthew Anderson, Arielle Weaver, Thomas Ishee, Noah Weaver, Scott Rye, Kevin O'Rourke

Please keep in your prayers: Ann Clayman, Doris and Tracey Odom, Leigh Ankerson Bailey, Lester Taylor, Wesley Parks, Judy and Dagoberto Ponce, Fr. Paul Zoghby, Wendi O'Dell, Eric O'Dell, Jackie Stallworth, Valerie Lacy Wallace, The Kaminski Family, Ed Smelser, James Robertson, Randall Williams, Leslie Hawkins, Drew Harbaugh, Carol Anne Holmes, Fran Moore, Joel Moore, David Dowling, Rebecca Ritz, Tony Ritz, Julie Eubanks, Page O'Connor, Tristian Craig, Ronnie Dyson, Beverly Bauer, Charlie Harbaugh, Kathy Sears, Joan Johnson, Mary Arnold, Fred Neubauer, Erika Ibsen, Roxann Dyes, Carol Higgins, Reed Smith, Heather, Shirley Lacy, Patrick Beeler, Ace Rollen, Emily Hodge, Gwen Adkerson, Jacob Wilson, Robert Clothier, Jr., Glenda Evans, Ruthie Anthony, Chris & Lynette Gregory, Charlotte Algood, Philip Tapia, Audra Warren, Jennifer McIntyre, Deanna Lord, Ernestine Hart, Janet Hartlove, Helen Ramsey, Jimmy Boothe, Robert Durrant, Leigh Jackson, Rick Miller, Karen Andrews

CATECHISM CORNER

Q. What is our duty to God?

A. Our duty is to believe and trust in God;

I To love and obey God and to bring others to know him;

II To put nothing in the place of God;

III To show God respect in thought, word, and deed;

IV And to set aside regular times for worship, prayer, and the study of God's ways.

Q. What is our duty to our neighbors?

A. Our duty to our neighbors is to love them as ourselves, and to do to other people as we wish them to do to us;

V To love, honor, and help our parents and family; to honor those in authority, and to meet their just demands;

VI To show respect for the life God has given us; to work and pray for peace; to bear no malice,

prejudice, or hatred in our hearts; and to be kind to all the creatures of God;

VII To use our bodily desires as God intended;

VIII To be honest and fair in our dealings; to seek justice, freedom, and the necessities of life for all people; and to use our talents and possessions as ones who must answer for them to God;

IX To speak the truth, and not to mislead others by our silence;

X To resist temptations to envy, greed, and jealousy; to rejoice in other people's gifts and graces; and to do our duty for the love of God, who has called us into fellowship with him.

—The Book of Common Prayer, 847-8

Each edition of *The Parish Visitor* features a question and answer from the "An Outline of Faith, commonly called the Catechism." It is a good and joyful thing to remind ourselves from time to time of the beliefs and values we hold dear as members of the Episcopal Church.

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"A Sacred Space for Mobile"

OUTREACH & PROGRAMS

Reflect On How You Can Continue God's Work at Trinity

<p><u>Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Community Garden . Project Homeless Connect <i>(1,000+ coats collected)</i> . McKemie Place Monthly Dinners . Family Promise . Mission Trips to Dominican Republic . Angel Tree Wilmer Hall . Alcoholics Anonymous . Music Concerts . Weight Watchers . Books4Eagles . Food Pantry <i>(Open Mondays)</i> <p><i>People Helped in 2019</i> 776 Children 486 Seniors 2173 Total Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Building & Grounds 	<p><u>Christian Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Catechesis of the Good Shepherd . EYC . Adult Forum . Various Bible Study Programs . Theology & Spirituality Book Club <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Sacristans . Lay Eucharistic Ministers . Lectors / Intercessors . Choir . Altar Guild . Flower Guild . Wedding Guild . Oblationers . Ushers . Greeters . Acolytes . Nursery 	<p><u>Fellowship</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Men's Cooking Team . St. Anne's Guild . Sunday Hospitality . Trinity Book Club . Lent Programs . Y'all Come (<i>Supper Club</i>) . Handicrafters . Sharing Our Faith Dinners . Painting Classes <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pastoral Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Lay Eucharistic Visitors . Card & Telephone Ministry . Flower Delivery . Mustard Seed: Provide Meals to Sick . Parish Nurse . Order of the Daughters of the King® . New Member Ministry . Blessing of the Animals
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WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY

Holy Eucharist –10AM (Facebook Live)
Virtual Coffee Hour–11AM

MONDAY /THURSDAY

AA–5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study–11AM (Online)
Holy Eucharist –12PM (Facebook Live)

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