



**TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Established 1845

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00 am–3:00 pm

HOLY EUCHARIST

Sundays 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Wednesdays 12:00 PM (Chapel)
(Nursery available on Sundays)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 am

STAFF

The Rev. Bailey Norman
(Rector)

The Rev. Terry Goff
(Deacon)

Jeremy Adcock
(Organist/Choirmaster)

Br. Jacob Luke Taylor, n/OSB
(Parish Administrator)

Kathie Wall
(Financial Secretary)

Amos Kidd
(Sexton)

Bob Peck
(Parish Archivist)

Kay Cruthirds
(Parish Nurse)

Anne Gill
(Director of Children's Ministries)

Mark McLean
(Youth Minister)

TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

for December, 2018

THE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ISSUE



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elcome to the **Advent & Christmas Issue** of the *Trinity Parish Visitor*. There are so many wonderful activities and services for the whole congregation to enjoy in the coming month. There are also plenty of opportunities for giving to others in thanksgiving for our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to us in the poorest of conditions. Read ahead and please plan to join us as often as you are able. We pray for you a joyous and blessed Advent & Christmastide.

FROM THE RECTOR

As we enter this busy but blessed Advent and Christmas season, please check out the Visitor to see all the things happening in our church during this wonderful time of year! I'd like to draw attention to a few:

- As always, on Sunday you will have a copy of our Advent devotional booklets written and prepared by members of Trinity Church. This year each reflection is centered around the words of Mary as the news of the birth of Jesus is revealed to her by the angel Gabriel. Each of our contributors have offered some wonderfully personal and inspiring reflections. So please don't miss out on using this as a prayer resource!
- Joyful Night - our annual telling of the Christmas story told by our children - will take place Sunday, December 16 at 5 PM with dinner to follow. Elizabeth Hill is coordinating the pageant this year, and there will be a part for EVERY child or youth who wishes to participate! Also, Deacon Terry will once again coordinate the potluck supper. She will especially be looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up. Please contact the church office at 473-2779 if you are interested in participating in helping with the pageant and/or the dinner.
- This year we are adding a special service called Blue Christmas, which will take place on Thursday, December 20 at 6:00 PM. This is a meaningful service I've done in other places that is a celebration of Christmas (a little early!) but with an intentional solemnity included that recognizes the pain and loneliness that many people experience during the holiday season. In this service, there will be an opportunity to light a candle for yourself and for any loved ones we remember in addition to a litany (prayer) for healing and peace. These added features are not meant to create a somber mood but rather to hold the legitimate pain many of us have side by side with the good news and the joy of Christ coming in the world as an invitation for us to truly grow in our understanding of what peace on earth truly means. I encourage you to invite anyone who might benefit from this unique celebration of the Christmas miracle.
- Please note the schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in this leaflet. On the theme of inviting, we are the only Episcopal church in Mobile that celebrates the midnight service on Christmas Eve. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite fellow Episcopalians as well as those

who might not have a regular church home to experience the beauty of either of our uplifting Christmas Eve services.

- Apart from services, please remember to fill out the parish survey within the next week! This tool will be helpful for your Vestry to ascertain the congregation's preferences and habits as we continue to formulate a very clear mission statement and a 5 year plan for where we want to go and what we want to accomplish at Trinity.
- Last but certainly not least, please consider making a memorial or thanksgiving offering in addition to your usual pledge for Christmas. Each year we give people options to give either to the Flower Fund or to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. However this year I'm dropping the discretionary fund, in part because of the recent generosity of a couple of donors who have contributed to it, but mostly because I would like people to consider making an offering to either the Flower Fund or to our capital fund, specifically to our HVAC replacement fund. Specifically, we are in the process of beginning the installation of a LONG-awaited air conditioning system in the Parish House (i.e., the whole building where the parish hall, offices, and classrooms are located). Thanks to the sale of our property across the street, we have enough funds so that we have already purchased the equipment and now actually have it on site (especially so since the manufacturer was offering an end-of-year discount on this brand new equipment). But we are looking to raise an additional \$75,000 to provide for the cost of the installation. Our conundrum is that the current system is one small malfunction away from failing completely, which would leave the entire building without heat or air. The Vestry has the option of pulling the entirety of the cost out of our Endowment Fund, but this would pretty much eliminate all of our reserve funds. Instead, as part of our strategy, we are asking parishioners to consider making contributions as their Christmas offering this year. The more we raise from this and other sources, the less we will have to raid our reserve funds. This HVAC replacement has been a pressing need since before the tornado, but time has run out as the current system is literally falling apart. So please consider making a special gift to this fund as we seek to keep our buildings functioning at their optimal level and allowing us to carry out our wonderful ministry week in and week out.

CALLING ALL LEADERS!—It is that time of year where we put out the call for members to serve on the parish Vestry. For those new to the Episcopal Church, the Vestry serves similarly to (though not exactly like) a board of directors that specifically has oversight of the financial and property aspects of the parish. But the Vestry also works with the Rector to carry out the ministry of the parish, to set a vision for our work, and to strategize ways in which we can grow and continue to spread the good news of Christ within and outside of our walls.

The requirement for serving on Vestry is that you are a confirmed and active member 18 years or older. You also must be a regular giver financially to the parish (i.e., one who pledges) – or have the desire to do that if elected! Vestry members serve three-year terms which are staggered in groups of 4 – there are 12 total members of the Vestry. This year our nominating committee (who are the outgoing members in 2019) are Cindy Nicholason, Tom Holmes, Mark McLean, and Shae Street. New members will be elected at our annual parish meeting in January, but we would like to have any potential candidates for consideration by the Vestry no later than Dec. 18, which is the next Vestry meeting.

If you feel called to serve or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the nominating committee, Fr. Bailey, or any current Vestry member.

INTERESTED IN REPRESENTING TRINITY AT THE DIOCESE?—The upcoming Convention for the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is taking place Feb. 14-16 at St. James in Fairhope, and we are looking for members interested in serving as delegates from Trinity! Serving at Convention, whether as a delegate or an alternate, is a great way to learn about what is happening at the diocese, to discern additional ways to serve locally and in the wider church, and perhaps spark some ideas about new ministry opportunities in our parish and surrounding



THOSE WHO SERVE **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

ALTAR GUILD: Team 2

HOSPITALITY: Dottie Gill

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Steve Flukinger

LEM: Butch Harbaugh

LECTOR: Mary Stewart Stephens

INTERCESSOR: Martha Jones

USHERS/GREETERS: Doris Benson, Pat Rodgers

OBLATIONERS: Dana Burton, Pat Rodgers

10:30 A.M. – LESSONS AND CAROLS

LECTORS: Kay Cruthirds, Tom Holmes,

Brother Jacob Luke, Ben Harris, Brenda Howard, Anne Gill, Janet Nodar, Cindy

Nicholason, Deacon Terry Goff

CRUCIFER: Mallory Creel

USHERS: Mike Cadden, Byron Cruthirds, Tom Langley, Steve Mussell

GREETER: Brenda Howard

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

LITURGICAL COLOR: PURPLE

ALTAR GUILD: Team 3

HOSPITALITY: Mary Stewart Stephens

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Florence Crawford

LEM: Tommy Murray

LECTOR: Steve Flukinger

INTERCESSOR: Mary Stewart Stephens

USHERS/GREETERS: Steve Flukinger & Bradley English

OBLATIONERS: Meg & Jameson White

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Kay Cruthirds

LEMS: Tom Holmes, Byron Cruthirds

LECTORS: Anne Gill, Betsey Wooten

INTERCESSOR: Michel Nicrosi

CRUCIFER: Tom Holmes, II

USHERS: Ben Harris, Charlie Allen, Connie Ewing, Paige Gates

OBLATIONS: Laurent & Mike Cadden

GREETER: Connie Ewing



2018 VESTRY

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OFFICERS

Cindy Nicholason
(Senior Warden)

Tom Holmes
(Junior Warden)

Brenda Howard
(Clerk)

Martha Jones
(Treasurer)

Ben Harris
(Chancellor)

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MEMBERS

Tom Holmes
Mark McLean
Cindy Nicholason
Shae Street
(terms expire in 2019)

Bradley English
Anne Gill
Ben Harris
Pat Rodgers
(terms expire 2020)

David Arnett
Mary Stewart Stephens
Anna-Lisa Tessier
Jameson White
(terms expire in 2021)

community.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Fr. Bailey at 251-604-1705 or by e-mail rector@trinitychurchmobile.org. Please let him know no later than December 11. Delegates and alternates will be selected at our next Vestry meeting on Dec. 18.

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PARISH HEADLINES

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STEWARDSHIP SEASON HAS DRAWN TO A CLOSE—Our 2019 Stewardship Season has officially drawn to a close as of 4 November. Please continue to contemplate and prayerfully consider your own stewardship of Trinity Church. As soon as you are able, *please mail or drop in the offering plates your pledge for 2019*. Also, for your convenience, you may fill out your pledge card online: <http://www.trinitychurchmobile.org/pledge-card-form.html>

PARENTS NIGHT OUT - DECEMBER 7 - Attention all parents! Parents Night Out will once again take place on Friday, December 7 from 6 to 9. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to drop off your kids and have a night together (but in particular we want to offer this as an opportunity to do your Christmas shopping if needs be)! Drop-off can take place as early as 5:30. We would ask for \$5 for each child up to \$15 per family, to help cover some of our costs. Dinner will be provided, and we are happy to watch children from infants all the way up to 12 years of age. Please RSVP to Connie Ewing at khani52@comcast.net no later than Tuesday, December 4.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - DECEMBER 20 - On Thursday, December 20 at 5:30 PM, Trinity will offer a liturgy that is particularly geared for those for whom the holiday season is difficult - those who live alone, those who are remembering the recent death of a loved one, or anyone who finds this time of year to be hard in some way. The liturgy will be a Christmas service but will include a time for special prayers, candle lighting, and a healing rite for those in attendance. In other words, the joyful service will also give opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on the difficulties within the context of a community that seeks to love and support one another.

BOSTON BUTT SALE—It is time once again for the annual Men’s Cooking Team Boston Butt Sale. Pre-orders are now being taken through December 3rd. The Butts cost \$40.00 and will be available for pickup on December 8th from 10am-2pm. If you have any questions, please call Bradley English at 251-895-6916. Order forms are also available in the church office and all pre-orders must be paid in full.

COLLECTION FOR CHAPLAIN’S OFFICE OF MOBILE COUNTY METRO JAIL

NAMI Mobile is supporting the Chaplain’s Office of Mobile County Metro Jail to collect some items needed for the nearly 18,000 inmates they serve each year.

Nearly 25% of those incarcerated end up in jail due to symptoms of an untreated mental illness - mostly misdemeanors. Ideally, they would be taken to a mental health clinic for treatment when picked up by law enforcement instead of jail, but unfortunately that is not the reality.

The Chaplain’s office does much good work. They hold over 39 religious services each week and have 150 active volunteers. They host seven GED classes every week, offer the Fatherhood Initiative, Celebrate Recovery and a Job Readiness program. They are also responsible for meeting some of the physical needs of the inmates.

Here is a list of the items they are collecting:

- NIV & KJV Bibles
- Shampoo large & small (travel) sizes - VO5 brand preferable
- Cream rinse large & small (travel) sizes - VO5 brand preferable
- Lotion (travel size)
- Toothpaste - large and small
- Deodorant - large and small
- Soap - large and small
- Ladies underwear - all white
- Men’s boxers/briefs - all white
- White t-shirts

There will be a collection box in the Parish Hall for you to place you donated items. There will be a list of needed items on the box. **The last day of collections is December 16.** Thank you for your help.
—Connie Ewing

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES 2018—In this season of wonder and hope, we respectfully request gifts of memorials and thank offerings to offset the cost of Advent and Christmas decorations for the Church or the Parish Hall Air Conditioning Fund.

If you would like to participate in these special offerings, please fill out a form found in the Sunday Service Leaflets along with the amount of the gift & turn in with the offering; or you may call the office (473-2779) and give this information to Kathie Wall or Brother Jacob.

We must have this information by **Monday, December 17** in order to include your loved ones in the printed service leaflet.

2019 OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS— We have the following dates in 2019 open for anyone who would like to provide the altar flowers for a given Sunday. 24 February, 29 September, and 24 November. Please contact Brother Jacob Luke in the Parish Office if you would like to sign up. The cost is \$75.00 and you would receive a bill for the flowers from Kathie Wall.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS WILL BE AVAILABLE DECEMBER 2— The purpose for the devotional, as is the purpose of Advent, is to help us prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of Jesus Christ as observed in our Christmas celebration. The booklets will be available starting Sunday, December 2.

ADVENT WREATHS—The Flower Guild will be providing Advent wreath kits with an Advent booklet between the services beginning at 9:00am and after the 10:30am service on Sunday, December 2 in the Parish Hall. You may decorate a wreath at the church or take it home to decorate. For questions, please contact Mary Stewart Stephens at 251-604-0784 or email at peglegonem@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd.

SAINT ANNE'S GUILD DECEMBER LUNCHEON—St. Anne's Guild is sponsoring a ladies' Dutch treat out-to-lunch event in December. It will be held at Tiffy B's Eatery (formerly called the Chat-A-Way Café) on Thursday, December 13th at 11:00 a.m. The address is 4366 Old Shell Road (between Rouses and Al's 5 and 10) in the Spring Hill Village Shopping Center. All ladies of the church are invited. If you would like to attend, please contact Leona Rowan at 342-2315.

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FROM THE DEACON

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PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT
JANUARY 25, 2019

On Friday, January 25, 2019, Mobile's Housing First will host the people of Mobile County and the surrounding areas who are homeless and in need. These children of God will gather at the Fair Grounds on Ziegler Road to receive a variety of services such as medical and dental assessments and treatment, replacement of identification cards, laundry services, haircuts, housing interviews for placement, VA interviews and assistance, legal assistance to resolve or clear outstanding legal issues and many other services.

Last year Trinity Episcopal Church and friends of Trinity provided warm clothing and coats, along with socks, gloves, hats, scarves, some shoes and a few bags to over 400 members of Mobile County who were homeless and in need.

Once again this year I invite you to participate in Project Homeless Connect by gathering coats and warm clothing for the many people who will arrive seeking physical warmth as well as spiritual warmth from human interaction. This year I would like us to turn our attention to gathering not only coats and warm clothing but new underwear for both men and women. These simple items mean so much to someone who has so little.

When asking your friends and relatives to donate, please ask specifically for men's coats, pants and long sleeve shirts. We currently have an abundance of women's clothing and coats, but are in



LITURGICS

DID YOU KNOW?

“Liturgical Colors” in Episcopal worship signify our place in the Church Year:

WHITE, the color of Jesus' burial garments, for Christmas, Easter, and other 'feasts' or festival days, as well as marriages and funerals.

PURPLE/VIOLET for Advent (or **ROYAL BLUE**) & Lent (or **UN-BLEACHED LINEN**).

RED is used in Holy Week, the Day of Pentecost, and at ordinations.

GREEN is used during Epiphany and the 'Ordinary Time' after Pentecost Sunday.

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Source:

An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/liturgical-colors>



SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY

Altar Flower Delivery, Prayer Cards and Birthday Cards

Altar flowers are removed from the altar after the 10:30am service each Sunday by members of the Flower Guild Committee and rearranged into two or more arrangements for delivery. The flowers are taken by members of the Altar Flower Delivery Committee to parishioners in the hospital, to the home, to our shut-ins, birthdays, etc., on Sundays or Mondays of each week. There are no flower deliveries during Advent or Lent.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each member of my committee for their help and support during this past year. Margaret Platt, Julie Castle, Florence Crawford, Pat Rodgers, Becky Vance, Leona Rowan, Martha Jones, Martha Fuller, Connie Ewing, Brenda Howard, Pat Gillis, and Kay Cruthirds.

I also continue to send cards to our shut-ins on the first Sunday of each month. For the month of December, I will send Christmas Cards to them. Martha Jones helps me at the 8:00 service and Martha Fuller at the 10:30 services. Beginning in September, I began sending birthday cards to our Parishioners on a weekly basis.

If you are interested in helping with these pastoral ministries, please call me at 251-470-8646.

--Doris Benson

desperate need of men's clothing and coats.

We will still accept gloves, scarves, toboggan-type hats, blankets, sleeping bag, large canvas type bags and new socks for men, women and children and shoes that are in clean and good repair to donate.

Please begin cleaning out your closets and asking your friends, neighbors and co-workers to do the same. Also, if you belong to any civic groups, please ask your organization to collect clothing for our closet at Project Homeless Connect. It is my belief we all have clothes that we no longer wear just "hanging out" in our closets. I ask you please donate these valuable treasures to friends in need to shelter them from the January cold.

Please begin bringing your donations to the church and place them on the bench outside my office door. All donations should be in brought to the church on or before January 18, 2019.

Thank you, Deacon Terry

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gatorade Bottles—Your Gatorade bottles full of coins will be collected December 23, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. As a reminder, the plan was to fill Gatorade bottles with coins as a fundraiser to Aid in the HVAC project. Even if by now you have not filled a bottle with found coins, or loose change from your pocket, all banks sell rolled coins and it is okay to cheat!

2019 Construction Mission to the Dominican Republic—The Commission on World Mission of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast is pleased to announce that applications for our 2019 Construction Mission to Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic. If you have an interest in joining this rewarding mission ministry, please know that neither previous experience building furniture nor an ability to speak Spanish is necessary. Geary Gaston, our team leader, is more than happy to train anyone in the use of our construction machinery.

The mission dates are Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 24, 2019. Applications will be available on the bulletin board across from the church office or you can just grab Roger or Becky Vance to get one. Likewise, if you have any questions, please let us know. We would love to have more Trinity people actively involved in this ministry.

MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP

McKemie Place Toiletry Ministry — Thank you, thank you, thank you to each and everyone of you who contributed cosmetic bags and amenities for the ladies at McKemie Place. I have filled the bags and will distribute them next Wednesday evening. You were so generous that I'll have enough bags and amenities for next year with the exception of needing toothbrushes and travel size toothpaste. Again my most sincere appreciation and very best wishes to all of you for a peaceful Merry Christmas. —*Jane Williamson*

Food Pantry— Every Monday (except holidays) we open our Food Pantry ministry for those in need. These are families or individuals who for whatever reason cannot provide food for their tables. Some are homeless, who need food that does not require cooking. There is always an opportunity for parishioners to donate money or food. In particular, there is a need for bags of rice, 16-ounce cans of fruits and vegetables, 15-ounce cans of spaghetti sauce (not jars) and canned meat (chicken or tuna) for the family bags. The homeless pantry is pretty well stocked, and we have plenty of plastic bags thanks to your help! **Your donations continue to keep the Food Pantry doors open.**

Hospitality —Trinity is committed to fostering a parish of deep hospitality and fellowship within its walls for all who come to worship the Lord Jesus. Faithful parishioners provide a scrumptious assortment of goodies, coffee, assorted teas and water between the services and following the late service. All are encouraged to participate in providing hospitality and / or joining in these times of fellowship with one another.

Altar Flower Delivery—During most of the year, altar flowers are removed from the church after



SCRIPTURE

EUCCHARISTIC READINGS

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December 2, 1 Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36
Psalm 25:1-9

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December 9, 2 Advent

Baruch 5:1-9
or Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Canticle 4 or 16

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December 16, 3 Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18
Canticle 9

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December 23, 4 Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Psalm 80:1-7

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December 24

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:1-20

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December 25

Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-14

the 10:30 AM service each Sunday by the Flower Guild and rearranged into two or more arrangements. These flowers are taken by members of the Flower Delivery Committee to parishioners in the hospital or the sick at home, for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or other occasions. As there are no flowers on the altar during Advent and Lent, there is no flower delivery during those seasons. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please call me at 470-8 646. May God bless each of you. —*Doris Benson*

Choir Rehearsals — Our wonderful parish choir has resumed rehearsals for Sunday masses. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please contact our Organist/Choirmaster Jeremy Adcock at music@trinitychurchmobile.org.

Weight Watchers — *Weight Watchers* has graciously approved Trinity as a new site for their meetings. Meetings are held each Monday at 5:30PM in the Library. Anyone who is interested in being a part of the group, please come to a meeting or contact Martha Jones.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Bible Study — The Rector's Wednesday morning Bible study meets at 11 a.m. each week. The current Bible topic to be discussed is the Gospel of Mark. Fr. Bailey continues to celebrate Holy Eucharist at noon in the chapel following the Bible Study.

Education for Ministry (EfM) — Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year education program that is designed to help us fulfill our call to love God with all our heart and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. An EfM group at Trinity meets weekly from September through May. For more information, contact David Clothier at 623-2359 or dmclothier51@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd — Catechesis is a wonderful program based on the Montessori method that presents the stories of the Bible and the liturgy of our church in experiential ways. Above all, it also teaches children a sense of discerning the presence of God in everyday life and learning how to understand the sacred mysteries of God all around us. There are two atria - one is for 3K thru kindergarten, the other is for 1st through 5th grades - 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Our Level I atrium (ages 3 through Kindergarten) is in need of a weekly assistant. That group is fairly young this year and we simply need an extra set of hands. It could be sitting with a child that needs one-on-one attention, escorting a child to the restroom, or lighting some candles after a child has set the altar. We are hoping to get enough parishioners signed up so that assistants will be on duty no more than once every two months. Please contact Anne Gill at 251-599-3479 or anne.gill@comcast.net if you are interested.



DON'T FORGET TRINITY IN YOUR END-OF-YEAR PLANS!



For those of you who are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, it's getting close to the deadline to withdraw. Since the standard deduction has been doubled under the new tax law, this will be a way to take advantage tax wise of the gift to the church without having to claim it on your itemized deductions. If you ask for it to go directly to the church that amount becomes tax free?

For example: If you have an RMD of \$5000 and assume you have to pay 10% tax on this money and then give it to the church you will have a gift to the church of \$4500. If you do the Qualified Charitable Distribution, the same \$5000 RMD could be given directly to the church, with no taxes and no itemization required by you. Just by making a change to the way you give could in fact increase your giving to the church.

This is a good way to save on taxes and also help us complete the installation of the air conditioning in the Parish Hall. Check with your financial planner/bank for details! Qualified Charitable Distributions are only allowed out of an IRA, NOT employer sponsored plans i.e. 401(k), 403(b), 457 plans.





PARISH PRAYER LIST

“Brethren, pray for us.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:25

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:

Phyllis Creel, Jessie Beaty, Nancy Arnett, Tom Taylor, Graham Loper, Margaret Platt, Rev. Terry Wysong, Nettie Robertson, Ricky Creel, James Beaty, Deborah Lamb, Laney Lau, Terry Strickland, Shae Street, Cindy Nicholason, Bill Duhé, Brenda Howard, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Janelle Odom, Billye Howard, John McLean, Kerry Senne Logan, Heather Loper, Cristi Curenton, Bootsie Laffre, Gay Price, Libby Powell, Dottie Gill, Vickie McCormick, Sara Spottswood, Ruth Wimberly, Catherine Hall, the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, and St. George’s Baghdad.

Also keep in your prayers: June Williams, John Stevens, Kendall Jeanminette, Helen Ramsey, Ronnie Smith, Ed Ferninay, Jimmy Boothe, Robert Durrant, Marsha Parham Butler, The Helmer Family, Leigh Jackson, Steve Miller, Lawton, Pree Middleton, Rick Miller, Karen Andrews, The Rev. Edward Scully

For the departed: Betty Booth

And for those currently serving in the Armed Forces: Owen Taylor, Jennings DePriest, Travis Amsbaugh, Matthew Anderson, Arielle Weaver, Thomas Ishee, Noah Weaver, Jacob Corbett, Scott Rye, Kevin O’Rourke, and Charles Allen.



CATECHISM CORNER

Q. What do we mean when we say that Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became incarnate from the Virgin Mary?

A. We mean that by God’s own act, his divine Son received our human nature from the Virgin Mary, his mother.

Q. Why did he take our human nature?

A. The divine Son became human so that in him human beings might be adopted as children of God, and be made heirs of God’s Kingdom.

—The Book of Common Prayer, 849-850

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.



TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please keep these dates in mind and join us if you can.

December 2 (ADVENT 1)	8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30 AM - Advent Lessons and Carols Advent Wreath Making Following
December 9 (ADVENT 2)	8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 16 (ADVENT 3)	8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II 5:00 PM - Joyful Night/Potluck Following
December 20	5:30 PM - Blue Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 23 (ADVENT 4)	8:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 10:30 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)	5:30 PM - Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00 PM - Carol Singing 10:30 PM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
December 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)	9:00 AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I

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Return Service Requested