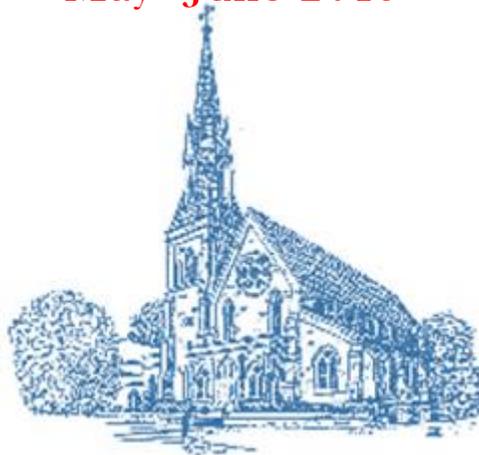




TRINITY PARISH VISITOR

May–June 2019



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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)

Brother Jacob Luke, 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)

FROM THE RECTOR

NEW SERVICE TIME BEGINS SUNDAY JUNE 2



Dear Trinity Faithful -

For nearly two years, your Vestry has been having some in-depth conversations regarding the long-range goals and mission of our wonderful parish. These conversations resulted in the creation of a long-range planning committee, and from that group, a parish survey was sent out several months ago to formally gather data that was combined with our dialogue within Vestry and throughout the greater parish. In the conversations that have ensued, many wonderful characteristics have stood out: the quality of our worship and preaching, our music, fellowship, the richness of our Christian formation programs, and especially our engagement in the wider community through our numerous outreach programs.

We also identified several needs, most of which should not be a surprise to long-time members. These include increasing overall membership to a more sustainable level, increasing stewardship and operating income so that we can support more programs and outreach and not simply “maintenance” items, further equipping the existing congregation to greater participation in our ministries, and enhancing the accessibility to all of our facilities.

As we have held up these gifts and challenges in front of us, a topic that has stood out time and time again with the Vestry is the need to create more opportunities for us not simply to be together but to grow in ministry together. Our parish has moved past the dual crises of tornado recovery and healing from internal conflict that occurred early this decade. Yet it has been noted by a number of Vestry members – and parishioners at large – that we often function as two separate congregations, an 8 o’clock church and a 10:30 church. We have struggled like nearly every other mainline church in Mobile and across the country from a slow decrease in

membership due to aging, apathy, and a cultural trend in which church participation is becoming less and less important. In a time in which it is more important to work together, we are hearing more and more that people at each service simply do not know each other and would like to have the opportunity to engage in more fellowship and work together. As a result, your Vestry at our most recent meeting agreed to switch to ONE Sunday morning service at 9 AM beginning on June 2. I emphasize that this is something that we see as a new model for the foreseeable future. It must be noted that all of us know there are a number of issues inherent in this decision. Some people who are very committed to either the 8 or 10:30 service might be very uncomfortable about this change. Some people are very enthusiastic about Rite I or Rite II, lots of music or very little music - how do we balance this with one service? In addition, we know that one service alone will not solve all of our challenges.

Yet, even with some different viewpoints, we all believe strongly (as do many of you with whom we have spoken) that the Sunday morning format we are using now is not providing the best opportunities for us to grow. Attendance is consistent but very gradually declining at 8:00; attendance wildly fluctuates at 10:30; and Christian formation time at 9:30 is not being utilized as much as it was even a couple of years ago. There is a consistency in everything we've heard that Trinity's people want to find new and refreshing ways of being together. For those of us in leadership, we want to provide not only a place where we can all worship and serve together, but we also want to provide an environment that is as inviting and welcoming to newcomers as possible. The periodically lackadaisical attendance does not reflect the vitality and the activity of this parish. But first impressions do count, and one service will create a larger, more energetic, and hopefully more inviting environment for those seeking a new church home to enter. I believe that one service may also serve as a springboard that creates new energy and ideas among our current members and leads us into some exciting ministry opportunities in which more people can find a place to participate.

Before we begin this, with support of the Vestry, I would like to host a series of parish conversations in which I will both present to you in detail our reasoning for going to this model (as well as the strategy for carrying it out and what it will look like) as well as giving you an opportunity to express support, concern, or potential new ideas that we can consider as we go forward. These meetings are scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 19 after both the 8:00 and 10:30 services, and another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22 at 6 PM. If you cannot make these meetings but would like to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact either me or your Senior Warden Anne Gill. In our many conversations, your leaders feel very strongly that a change of this magnitude cannot be implemented with full wisdom and integrity without giving the congregation every opportunity to learn, ask questions, and provide input on this. We have already heard from you from the parish survey and from comments made at the parish meeting, but now that we are on the verge of implementing this, we ask and invite you one more time to participate in shaping the work of your parish.



THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, MAY 19

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

ALTAR GUILD: Team 1

HOSPITALITY: The Howards

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Florence Crawford

LEM: Carmen Kearley

LECTOR: Tommy Murray

INTERCESSOR: Carmen Kearley

USHERS/GREETERS: Ann & Paul McCormick

OBLATIONERS: Mary Stewart Stephens, Julie Castle

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Allison Castle

LEMS: John Goff, Michel Nicrosi

LECTORS: Anne Gill, Ben Harris

INTERCESSOR: Cindy Nicholson

CRUCIFER: Philip Gill

USHERS: Chris Gill, Wilson Castle, Connie Ewing, Betsey Wooten

OBLATIONS: Martha & Walt Fuller

GREETER: Martha Fuller

SUNDAY, MAY 26

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

ALTAR GUILD: Team 2

HOSPITALITY: TBA

8:00 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST I

SACRISTAN: Steve Flukinger

LEM: Katie Finnegan

LECTOR: Mary Stewart Stephens

INTERCESSOR: Martha Jones

USHERS/GREETERS: Dana Burton, Pat Rodgers

OBLATIONERS: Dana Burton, Pat Rodgers

10:30 A.M. – HOLY EUCHARIST II

SACRISTAN: Brother Jacob Luke

LEMS: Tom Holmes, Byron Cruthirds

LECTORS: Brenda Howard, Betsey Wooten

INTERCESSOR: Kay Cruthirds

CRUCIFER: Tom Holmes, II

USHERS: David Arnett, DG Ewing, Tom Langley, Ricky Creel

OBLATIONS: Bob & Brenda Howard

GREETER: Brenda Howard



2019 VESTRY

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OFFICERS

Anne Gill
(Senior Warden)

Pat Rodgers
(Junior Warden)

Brenda Howard
(Clerk)

Martha Jones
(Treasurer)

Ben Harris, III
(Chancellor)

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MEMBERS

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

David Arnett
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)

In the meantime, as we have held ourselves to account as a Vestry over faithful prayer and conversation in these deliberations, I invite you to do so (or continue to do so). This is not a decision reached on a whim. We are very well aware of the potential risks - and potential successes - inherent in this strategy. But I ask each of you - especially if your reaction to this is one of concern - to pray, think, and discern not simply how this impacts you, but rather how this decision will impact the life of Trinity Church as a whole. All of us will likely be inconvenienced by this change in some way, but we are inviting everyone to discern through this how God is calling us to grow and change for the good of Trinity Church and the renewed mission that God has in store for us.

Thank you for your presence. Thank you for your faith. Thank you in advance for your willingness to wrestle with this. Please do not hesitate to contact me, your Senior Warden Anne Gill, or any of your Vestry members if you have any suggestions or thoughts now or at any time in the weeks to come.

Faithfully in Christ,

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PARISH HEADLINES

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SUNDAY SCHOOL SEMESTER COMES TO A CLOSE – The current semester of Sunday School for all ages comes to a close Sunday, May 19th. In lieu of the standard class format, Fr. Bailey will be hosting a forum at 9:30AM regarding the new Mass Schedule beginning June 2.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES – We congratulate the following parishioners and their families for those who have or will be graduating from their respective schools this month. Congratulations to all and God bless you!

Bailey Castle

B.S. in Operations Management, University of Alabama

Jacob Cade

Murphy High School

Joan Quittmeyer Cunningham

M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology, University of Montevallo

Ben Harris, IV

UMS Wright

Charles Phillip Lee

B.S. in Biology, University of Southern Mississippi

Leah Nodar

M.S. in Sociology, North Carolina State University

Caroline Pope

B.S. in Human Resource Management, University of South Alabama

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, OSB

B.A. in Theology—Spring Hill College

TRINITY YARD SALE IS JUNE 22, 7AM-1PM—The time has come for all of us to once again clean out our closets, garages, jewelry boxes and toy bins, reach in the back of kitchen cabinets and remove all the pots, pans, Tupperware and baking dishes taking up dark spaces and finally part with exercise equipment sitting in the corner. We need everyone's treasure in order to have enough items to offer to the community. Invite your relatives and neighbors to clean out their homes also. We will accept furniture in good repair and electronics and electric household appliances that are in good working order. Books and vinyl records also accepted. Spread the word! Start bringing your items now! We are NOT accepting clothes. All items should be placed as neatly as possible in the basement.

Watch your Sunday Bulletin for further announcements. We will need volunteers to assist with sorting and pricing yard sale items, volunteers to work both inside and outside on the day of the sale assisting guests and helping packing up items at the end of the sale to send off to a designated charity.

If you have any questions regarding this Trinity Special Event, please contact Bradley English or Deacon Terry. **START CLEANING AND BRING YOUR ITEMS TO CHURCH!**

FAMILY PROMISE—Family Promise will occur at All Saints from June 9-18, 2019. Volunteers are needed to serve the families. If you would like to volunteer or find out how you can help, please contact Brenda Howard at eeeks89tl@gmail.com.

URGENT FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: Please help by donating grits, oatmeal, cereal, granola bars, large bottles of juice, saltine crackers, small 8-oz. cans of fruit, and money is always appreciated. Thank you for keeping the little red wagon full!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Hospitality Volunteers Needed—There is sign up sheet in the Great Hall for those who would like to volunteer to provide hospitality goodies after Sunday Mass. If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up in the Parish Hall or call Brother Jacob in the church office.

Parish Choir—Our wonderful choir is taking a break from Wednesday rehearsals for the summer. They will continue to sing through June and have July off. Choir rehearsals will resume in August. If anyone is interested in joining the choir, please contact our Organist / Choirmaster, Jeremy Adcock, at trinitychurchmobile.music@gmail.com

Food Pantry— Each week we serve our local community by providing families in need and the homeless with simple staple food supplies. We are open every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (except holidays). This past March and April, we helped 153 families (419 people). This is an increase of need from the same time last year, when we served 122 families (271 people). Your donations continue to keep the Food Pantry stocked and open. A list of needed donations are in the weekly parish announcements. On Sunday, please bring food/money to place in the little red wagon during the offertory, before service, or after service. Thank you to everyone who made donations!

***** A special thank you to our Parish Garden for the squash and other summer vegetables to come.



SPOTLIGHT ON MINSITRY

PASTORAL CARE



by. Bro. Jacob Luke, OSB

The ministry of Pastoral Care is a ministry that each Christian undertakes when we visit the sick, clothe the naked, and feed the hungry as Christ instructed us. Pastoral Care also means bringing the church to those who cannot be with us by going on Eucharistic Visitations or simply sitting with someone in grief or in loneliness, or providing a meal. We all have the capacity to serve in pastoral care in a multitude of ways and it is a vital means of evangelization in the respect of taking Christ beyond the church walls in our hearts and actions. If you would like to be involved in one of the many ways of serving in pastoral care, please speak with Fr. Bailey. It is a wonderful way to serve one another and ultimately to serve the Lord Jesus.



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 **UNBLEACHED 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

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MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIP

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Food Pantry— Each week we serve our local community by providing families in need and the homeless with simple staple food supplies. We are open every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (except holidays). This past January and February, we helped 122 families (335 people). This is an increase of need from the same time last year, when we served 80 families (185 people). Your donations continue to keep the Food Pantry stocked and open. A list of needed donations are in the weekly parish announcements. On Sunday, please bring food/money to place in the little red wagon during the offertory, before service, or after service. Thank you to everyone who made donations!

*****A special thank you to our Trinity Gardeners, who provided a bountiful winter harvest of greens and turnips!*****

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 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 470-8646. May God bless each of you. —*Doris Benson*

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.

McKemie Place Toiletry Ministry — Friends at Trinity, a belated but sincere thank you to each of you who contributed cosmetic bags and toiletries for my project for the ladies at McKemie Place. The ladies were most appreciative of your kindness. Because of the success of this project, I plan to continue it and will appreciate any contributions. Thank you again for your kindness.

—*Jane Williamson*

Handicrafters — Do you crochet? Do you knit? What about needlepoint or loom or something like it? Are you looking for a fun fellowship opportunity and conversation while working on a project? Trinity now has a handicraft group which will begin meeting on the third Friday of each month at 2:00pm in the Parlor. If you are interested in attending, just bring your project and join the fun. Please, tell your friends and come join The Handicrafters of Trinity.”



SCRIPTURE

EUCCHARISTIC READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
Psalm 148

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29
or John 5:1-9
Psalm 67

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34
Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
John 17:20-26
Psalm 97

The Day of Pentecost

Whitsunday

Acts 2:1-21
or Genesis 11:1-9
Romans 8:14-17
or Acts 2:1-21
John 14:8-17, (25-27)
Psalm 104:25-35, 37

First Sunday after Pentecost:

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15
Psalm 8
or Canticle 13 (or Canticle 2)

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 Book of Tobit in the Apocrypha.

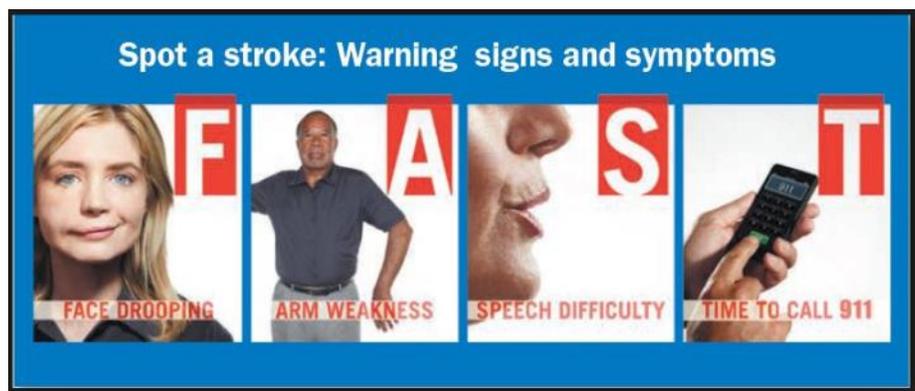
Wednesday Chapel Service – Fr. Bailey continues to celebrate Holy Eucharist at noon in the chapel, following the Bible Study.

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.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

LEARN HOW TO SPOT A STROKE



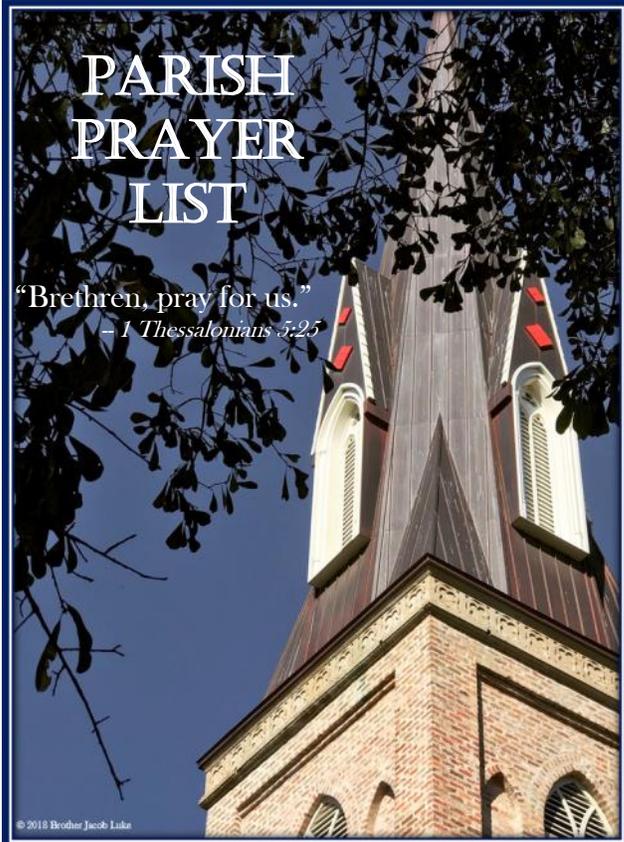
Call 9-1-1 Immediately

May is American Stroke Month. Helps us end stroke and share this with your loved ones.

www.StrokeAssociation.org/strokemonth

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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



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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:

Byron Cruthirds, Peter Pearce, Marilyn Goodhue, Barbara Duhé, Esther Howell, Elizabeth Kennington, David Arnett, Louise Beck, June Williams, Phyllis Creel, Sig Gustavson, Jessie Beaty, Nancy Arnett, Graham Loper, Margaret Platt, Nettie Robertson, Ricky Creel, Deborah Lamb, Laney Lau, Shae Street, Bill Duhé, Katherine Galanos Vickers, Juanita Faith, Janelle Odom, 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: Robert Clothier, Jr., Glenda Evans, Ruthie Anthony, William P. Rodgers, Chris & Lynette Gregory, Carrie & Pam Young and Family, Dot Wright, John Stevens, Sally Morresette, Jason Taylor, Sandy Teresa Davis, Charlotte Algood, Robert Schwandt, Philip Tapia, Audra Warren, Jennifer McIntyre, Eva Taylor, Rebecca Ritz, Deanna Lord, Ernestine Hart, Ralph Harrington, Julie McKinnell, Wanda DiMario, Janet Hartlove, John Stevens, Helen Ramsey, 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:

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



CATECHISM CORNER

- Q.** What are the Holy Scriptures?
A. *The Holy Scriptures, commonly called the Bible, are the books of the Old and New Testaments; other books, called the Apocrypha, are often included in the Bible.*
- Q.** What is the Old Testament?
A. *The Old Testament consists of books written by the people of the Old Covenant, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to show God at work in nature and history.*
- Q.** What is the New Testament?
A. *The New Testament consists of books written by the people of the New Covenant, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to set forth the life and teachings of Jesus and to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom for all people*
- Q.** Why do we call the Holy Scriptures the Word of God?
A. *We call them the Word of God because God inspired their human authors and because God still speaks to us through the Bible.*

—The Book of Common Prayer, 853

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

CALENDAR

May 22

Parish Conversation Regarding the Sunday Schedule Change – 6:00 PM

May 24

Handicrafters – 2:00 PM (Parlor)

June 2

Holy Eucharist – 9:00 AM

June 22

Rummage Sale – 7:00-1:00 (Parish Hall)

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