



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Essex, 1131 Mace Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21221
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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

As we enter a new calendar year, we are also moving forward in our transition. The vestry, as the elected leadership of the parish, has many responsibilities during this period. The vestry will develop the Ministry Portfolio, the document that presents Holy Trinity to prospective applicants. The vestry will appoint and oversee the search committee that will screen applicants. And the vestry will make the final selection of a new rector for Holy Trinity.

At the same time, the vestry and I will continue to review parish policies and practices, revising those that need to be aligned with Episcopal Church norms. We will also continue to be responsible for the physical and financial well-being of the parish. We will continue to upgrade the web site and other forms of communication. And I will continue to lead the worship and pastoral care of the parish, with the strong and gifted assistance of Deacon Cindy, the

LEM's and LEV's, the lectors, Jason and the choir, and Christina and the Sunday School.

There are denominational differences in how clergy are deployed to a new parish. In the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches, the bishop is the one who decides what priest/pastor will serve what congregation, and for how long. At the other end of the spectrum, in congregationally-governed churches such as Baptist and United Church of Christ, the local congregation usually makes its choice with very little denominational intervention beyond general rules about degrees and credentials. As in many other things, we Episcopalians have a blended process: the vestry and search committee act on behalf of the congregation, following Episcopal Church norms, with guidance from the diocese, and the bishop has final approval.

The vestry and I continue to value your participation in the weekly congregational discussions: these discussions provide grounding for the Ministry Portfolio, and they allow your perceptions and hopes to be part of the process. If you have questions about the process, do ask.

God bless you all in this new year. Please pray for the vestry and for Holy Trinity Church.

Faithfully,

Mother Annette

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who make our worship so meaningful in the holy season of Christmas: to the Altar Guild, the LEM's and lectors, Jason and the choir. Thank you to the LEV's for taking Christmas communion to our shut-ins.

Thank you to the Tuesday AA group for cleaning and polishing the parish hall floors, and thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the pre-Christmas cleanup day.

Thank you to all who contributed to the purchase of poinsettias to beautify the church.

Thank you to the Sunday School for their lovely Nativity Pageant, and thank you to Christina for her leadership of the Sunday School and to Theresa and Leah for their assistance with the pageant.

Thank you to all who contributed gift cards so that we could make Christmas a little easier for some folks experiencing difficulty.

Thank you for your Christmas cards and wishes, and for the goodies you created and shared.

Thank you for coming to church faithfully, singing heartily, praying fervently and worshipping joyfully.

Thank you for being faithful parishioners of Holy Trinity!

God bless you all,
Mother Annette and Deacon Cindy

Church News

OUTREACH UPDATE:

As 2019 comes to an end, the outreach committee would like to thank everyone for helping us over the past year. Whether you helped with the Sandalwood backpack ministry, Vacation Bible School, the school supply collection, to Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO), brought presents for the International Seafarer's Christmas boxes, filled or delivered the Thanksgiving baskets, donated pet supplies for the shelter, or brought in tabs to assist Ronald McDonald House, we thank you.

You have changed Holy Trinity's former reputation as "the small church in the woods in Essex" to the church that truly demonstrates God's love to the community.

In Gratitude,
Denise Thatcher

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT UPDATE

Asa Seay's Eagle Scout Project is now complete! The angel statue that was located along the Prayer Path had been damaged due to a tree branch falling on it, so Asa has replaced it with a new angel statue. Previously, he and his team of volunteers replaced the wood borders and mulch. Thanks again to all those who donated generously and/or helped with the work!



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jean Bowen – 1/1
Gloria Nealis – 1/2
Chris Kinard – 1/9
Cheryl Deese – 1/9
Amiyah Jackson – 1/10
Gary Lessner – 1/11
Teresa Schutte-Regester – 1/12
Joshelyn Dawson – 1/12
Jenny Rorke – 1/13
Michele Alves – 1/14
Mary Acly – 1/15
Jaylen Winston – 1/18
Asa Seay – 1/21
Jacob Miller – 1/21
Janice Barber – 1/26
Nicholas Miller – 1/26
Michelle Hagner – 1/30



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

John and Jeannie Morris – 1/16

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



PRAYER LIST

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Bogert
 Melody Magin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)
 Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)
 Bill & Angie Martin (Janice's son & daughter-in-law)
 Alice Martin
 James Florentine (Dave's brother)
 Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron's aunt)
 Jack Acly
 Ellen Wallace
 Danny Mitchell
 Connie Waldron Careel
 Marie-Elena Riggio (Frank's cousin)
 Connie Bitetto (Frank's cousin)
 Wayne Preston (Gary's brother)
 Bill & Di Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
 Chris Anderson, Sr. (Joan's son)
 Joan Anderson
 Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)
 Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
 Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
 Ruth Anthony
 Cynthia Brown
 Joanne Piper

Tina Barberia (Teresa's family friend)
 Jennifer Burlock (Sue's daughter)
 James Baker (Millie's brother)
 Margaret Oduor
 Heather Hildebrand (friend of John and Jeannie)
 Tina Goins (niece of John and Jeannie)
 Kathleen Monroe (friend of John and Jeannie)
 Dewald Family
 Jason Reynolds
 Janice Reynolds
 Valerie Mehl
 Rachel Nealis
 Jack Taylor (Leah's cousin)
 Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)
 Gossman family (Anne's friends)
 Kaitlyn Alves
 Kayla Sheridan
 Kenneth Harle
 John Morris
 Jeannie Morris
 Linda Duty
 Tony Geiger
 Todd Metz (Bob's son)
 Brenda, Dwayne, Stanley
 Brian Osborne
 Larry Kinard
 Bill Hightower
 Linda Quinn (Mary Anne's sister-in-law)
 Jane V. Quinn (Mary Anne's mother)
 Kely Puig
 George Burlock
 Chris Ratajczak (Darlene's son)
 Phyllis Thomas (Denise's aunt)
 Nick Heuchan and family
 Frank Riggio-Preston
 Joyce Sullivan
 Mildred Hessie
 Nancy Taylor
 Pat McGee

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Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)
Kurt and Molly Stoltz
Tony and family
Wilbur Zink (family of Janice)
Stacey Bechtel

PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS



FLOWER MEMORIALS/ THANKSGIVINGS

If you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Regester.

The 2020 forms are on the table in the narthex. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.



COFFEE HOUR

Please sign up on the chart on the wall in the hall to host a Sunday coffee hour. If you want to know what this entails, please see Millie Reichert.

PARISH HALL RENTAL

The parish hall is rented on a strictly first come, first serve basis. If you would like to rent the hall, you must speak with Leah Seay, Parish Secretary. All events are to end at or before 11:00 pm, and the hall is to be cleaned and ready for use the next morning.



A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR!

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible: Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Ricky was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the psalm. After much practice, he still could barely get

past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite the psalm in front of the congregation, Ricky was nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, “The Lord is my Shepherd, and that’s all I need to know.”

Anonymous

“No one ever asked Jesus to help them move,” said Tim, “because Jesus would have said, “Rise, take up thy bed and walk.”

Anonymous

The Lawyer’s Hymn: “Just as I am, Without One Plea.”

Andy Fisher, Denville, New Jersey

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service for the church, please remember to clean up any trash or spills during or after Coffee Hour. The mop handles are labeled for use specifically in Kitchen, Hall or Bathroom to avoid cross contamination. If you need to use a mop for a bigger spill, please use the correct one. If you have questions, please ask John Morris, Wes Thatcher, or Asa Seay. Thank you.



MESSAGES

Anne Knott maintains the primary list of e-mail information. However, if you change your email address and you don’t give the change to Anne, it is not possible for her to notify you of situations impacting the parish. Anne can be reached at anneews@verizon.net or see her on Sunday’s after the 10:00 service.

MAILING LIST UPDATES

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 or see Leah Seay or Jeannie Morris after the 10:00 service on Sunday.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Senior Warden - Christine Kinard
Junior Warden - John Morris
Assistant Junior Warden - Wes Thatcher
Treasurer - Mary Acly
Registrar - Theresa Ridgeway
Financial Secretary - Jean Bowen

Elected Vestry Members:

Gary Riggio-Preston	Arielle Juberg
Len Sampson	Christopher Acly
Laura Nielsen	Loretta Gischel
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	Ron Mardaga



For your convenience, we follow the lead of Baltimore County Public Schools:
If schools are closed, so are we.
If schools start late, so do we.
If schools close early, so do we, and there will be no evening events even if the weather clears.

On Sundays, we will strive to be open. However, there will be an announcement on the answering machine by 6:00 a.m. that Sunday morning if we are not able to have our regularly scheduled services.



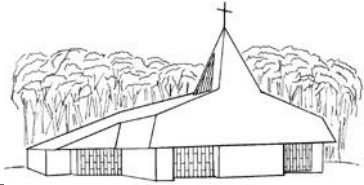
FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the February Newsletter are due by January 15.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
JANUARY 2020

	5	12	19	26
Chalicer	D&A Sample	K&R Ross	Chris A. Sylvia	Sylvia J Huber
Lay Reader	Anne M.	R.Ross	R. Ross	Theresa
Intercessor	J.Huber	Anne M.	Theresa	J Huber
10:00 A.M.				
Verger				
Thurifer				
Server	Daniel	Aiden	Aiden	Wesley
Crucifer	Asa	Asa	Kaitlyn	Kaitlyn
Torch				
Torch				
Gospeler	Daniel	Aiden	Aiden	Wesley
Chalicer	Teresa	Chris K.	John M.	Chris K.
Chalicer	Janice	John M.	Tyler	Jean B.
Intercessor	Mary Anne	Denise	Richard G.	Denise
Reader (OT)	Jason	Richard G.	Susan	Michele
Reader (NT)	Teresa	Mary Anne	Michele	Maggie
Usher	Joe Z.	Jean B.	Chris K.	Leah
Usher	Millie	Mary D.	Gloria	Asa
Teller	Jean B.	Don A.	Anne K.	Chris K.
Teller	Millie	Scott	Michele	Ellen R.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ANY OF THESE DATES IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT



January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM Al-anon	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4
5 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	6 12:00 PM Al-anon	7 10am-12pm <i>Office Staffed</i> 7:30 PM AA	8 6:30 PM Al-anon	9 10am-12pm <i>Office Staffed</i> 7:00 PM <i>Vestry Meeting</i>	10	11
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