



COMING UP AT HOLY TRINITY

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us and hope you will return. You will find more information about worshiping with us on the white laminated card found hanging on the back of the pew. We also invite you to complete the visitor card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher so that we may further welcome you. **If you would like to communicate a prayer request or pastoral need, please let us know on the back of these cards.**

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 23, 2018

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for **Abuja, Nigeria**.

In our local cycle of prayer we pray for **Adult Center for Enrichment**. Adult Center for Enrichment's mission is to enrich the lives of frail and impaired adults, their families, and the community through specialized adult day services, respite care, education and support.

The arrangement of holly and seasonal greenery on the church high altar is given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary and John Broome and Ann Dortch by Helen and Frank Houston.

The arrangement of holly and seasonal greenery on the chapel altar is given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren by Helen and Frank Houston.

The greens on the church high altar during the week are given by Caroline Faison to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gaston Dortch Faison.

Advent Wreath — The fourth candle of Advent will be lit by the Young family at the 9 a.m. service and the Klass family at the 11:15 a.m. service.

Nurseries for children four and under are open each Sunday. Nursery assignments are:

Infant & Toddler — Room 105

Preschool — Room 103

Music — Organist Allegra Gicla will perform the Prelude at all three services. Soloists Mandy Ryan and Emily Frye will lead the congregation in a setting of *Psalms 80*. During the Offertory, the Chancel Choir will sing *Rejoice, O Virgin*---a piece from the *All Night Vigil* (1915) of Sergei Rachmaninoff. The Postlude is an improvisation on the hymn tune *Savior of the Nations, Come*.

We pray for the souls of **Billy Hedgpeh**, and **Annett Marie Gable**, sister of Ron Johnson and partner Bill Roane.

Christmas honor cards for charitable organizations such as The Barnabas Network, Mustard Seed, Greensboro Urban Ministry, Backpack Beginnings, Habitat for Humanity and more are now available at the Sacred Garden Bookstore. Honor cards are a wonderful way to remember friends and family during the Christmas season and to make a contribution to organizations who serve those in need.

Available in Sacred Garden Bookstore — *The Volto Santo and the Shroud of Turin—True Relics of the Resurrection*, by parishioner Norman B. Smith. Compilation of Biblical, historical, and scientific evidence, plus artistic connection to Leonard da Vinci, Raphael, Dürer and Van Eyck.

The bookstore is offering artisanal soap this Christmas season which make wonderful gifts! Choose from the Shima soap crafted in Navajoland as a ministry of The United Thank Offering, or one of Patty Jennings' own locally crafted bars of sudsy goodness.

The 2019 Every Member Canvass/Annual Giving Campaign began on October 28 and will continue through the first of year. This season of giving at Holy Trinity offers us a time to reflect on our mission and ministries and see how our collective giving is crucial to meet our goal of \$1.9M to sustain the life-giving work that Christ is doing in our midst. To meet our goal, we need the participation of all our members. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to our EMC/Annual Giving for 2019.

Holy Trinity Connecting in Fellowship: The 2019 EMC/Annual Giving Campaign Speaker Series continues today with Mark Lile-King speaking about connecting in fellowship with members and newcomers. Holy Trinity is a welcoming church where we strive to be agents of God's hospitality, inviting all to attend, no matter where they are in their faith journey. We offer many ways for members and those seeking a church home to connect through our GIFTS (Growing in Faith Through Service), women's and men's fellowships, adult learning and formation classes, newcomer dinners, weekly Sunday and Stillpoint worship, Wednesday night dinners and more.

COMING UP

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal — This morning, December 23, we will be getting ready for our annual Christmas Pageant with a practice in the Church at 10:15 a.m. This is not required, but a lot of fun; and it often eases little worries about what to do on Christmas Eve. The pageant is open to all: parishioners, friends, family and guests. Come as you are on Christmas Eve as Pre-K children transform into stars, Kindergartners into angels, 1st graders into sheep, 2nd graders into donkeys, 3rd graders into shepherds, and 4th graders into kings, camels and lead shepherds. The Christmas Pageant is at 10:30 a.m. on December 24 with the Prelude beginning at 9:45 a.m. Come early as this is a very popular service! Youth who would like to volunteer to help with the pageant, please email marjorie@holy-trinity.com. There is no Eucharist or nursery care during the Christmas Pageant.

Service of Light (5:30 p.m.) & Epiphany Feast (6:15 p.m.) Sunday, January 6. At Epiphany, we celebrate the commemoration of the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. The celebration begins with a Service of Light in the Church, inviting you to set your intentions for the new year, followed by food and fellowship in the Haywood Duke Room. Please call the church office (336-272-6149) or email Annie Slaughter at annie@holy-trinity.com to make your dinner reservation. Please include how many people will attend.

EYC Senior High (9th-12th Grade) — If you are planning to apply to Glory Ridge this summer, you will need to volunteer at the Epiphany Feast on Sunday, January 6. Youth will be serving the meal to raise funds for Glory Ridge projects. Money will be raised by tips will be given by the participants, so bring on the charm! RSVP at this site or through the ePistle:

<https://form.jotform.com/83516524241149>. Dress Code: White or ivory top, black or navy bottoms (black jeans will be ok). No blue jeans or tattered clothing. Modest choices, please.

Men's Fellowship will meet Monday, January 7, 6 p.m. — Haywood Duke Room. Meet for fellowship, a program by the Rev. Nathan Finnin, *Deepening Spiritual Practice: One Day at a Time*, and dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Our Daily Bread: Men and Daily Faith — You are invited to a one-day program for men, scheduled for **Saturday, February 23, 2019** at Holy Trinity. Coffee will be served at 8:30 a.m., and we will begin at 9 a.m. Join us for stories, activities, the Rev. Ken Massey speaking during a provided box lunch, some writing of experiences and gentle breathwork with Summer Estes, all ending at 5 p.m. Contact Cameron Cooke at 336-603-6709 or rcamcooke@yahoo.com or David Stokes at 502-523-6396 or dstokes56@bellsouth.net for more information. To register, send the reservation form included in this week's ePistle and an all-inclusive fee of \$75.00, to Annie Slaughter at the Church, with "Men's Day" on the memo line.

Christmas and Epiphany at Holy Trinity

- **Monday, December 24**
 - 10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant**
Las Posadas Family returns. No Holy Eucharist (Prelude begins at 9:45 a.m.)
No Nursery care.
 - 2, 5 and 9 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist**
(Prelude begins 35 minutes before service.) Nurseries provided at 2 and 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, December 25**
 - 10 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist** (No nurseries, no children's chapel)
- **Sunday, December 30** (No children's chapel)
 - 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist**
 - 8:30 a.m. Festive Coffee Hour**
- **Sunday, January 6**
 - 8, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist** (Nurseries and children's chapel resume)
 - 5:30 p.m. Festival of Light — Church**
 - 6:15 p.m. Epiphany Dinner — Haywood Duke Room**
- **Holiday Hours and Schedule Changes:**
 - December 19:** Last choir rehearsals for children and adults
 - December 24–26, and December 31–January 1:** Parish Office and Bookstore Closed

OUTREACH

The Need Box for December is designated for the Angel Tree Gift Card Fund.

Volunteers Needed — As some of you know, St. Barnabas Episcopal Church has been serving as a sanctuary for Juana Ortega, who came to the U.S in 1994 fleeing violence in Guatemala. Although St. Barnabas wouldn't turn down financial support to help offset the cost of remodeling and utilities, the primary need is for volunteers to help meet the requirement of having someone on property at all times. The shifts are: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 1-5 p.m., 5-9:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.-9 a.m. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact the Rev. Leslie Bland at 336-662-3902, or lrblan105@gmail.com.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Opportunities — There are some wonderful volunteer opportunities with our local Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to be involved in meaningful work in our community, please contact the Rev'd Nathan Finnin at nathan@holy-trinity.com.

Food collection for the month of December is for FaithAction. Collection boxes are located in the narthex, receptionist lobby, and the elevator lobby. Healthy food items may be brought in bags to the church, but please do not bring empty bags, as they use up valuable space in the collection boxes. Food should be unopened, not expired, and not in glass containers. 76 lbs were collected for November- thank you!

Prayers in the Park Ministry — Lunch preparers are needed each Sunday. If you are looking for an opportunity to help neighbors in need in downtown Greensboro, your participation is welcomed and most appreciated. To sign up, visit www.holy-trinity.com/serve/outside-the-parish. On that webpage, you'll also seek a link to our Walmart and Amazon gift registries where you can purchase practical items to help - and they'll be shipped right to the church! For questions or more information about Prayers in the Park, please contact Ken Keeton at keetonken00@gmail.com. You can also follow us on Facebook at "Prayers in the Park."

Congregational Care Ministry — This ministry oversees visiting members of our Church family who may be in one of our hospitals. **Because of confidentiality laws, we no longer have access to information telling us who is in the hospital.** If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the hospitals, we would like to be notified so we can visit and pray with you. Contact the Rev. Sarah Carver at 336-272-6149 ext 220 or sarah@holy-trinity.com.

PRAYERS

Amanda, Bruce Adkins, Bennet, Emily Black, Bob, RuthAnne Brame, Randy Byrd, Terri Cartner, Anne Cary, Chaz, Christina Chubuske, Mary Stanton Coltrane, Stephany Copeland, Davilynn Furlow, Kay Hagan, Maxine Haller, Sue Harrison, Helen, Betsy Hicks, Muriel Inabnet, Dee Irwin, John, the James family, Ken Japp, Harold Johnson, Kath and Rick, Katie, John Kavanagh, Kay, Gene Kirch, Sherry Kirch, Elizabeth Korman, Lane, Alberto Lazo-Hulme, George and Maryann Marik, Sally Marsh, Larry Merricks, Barbara and Bob Metz, Larry Miller, Kate Moss, Erin Noonan, Gail Murphy, Bethany Myer, Harry Nanny, H Jer Nie, Erin Noonan, Nancy Osborne, Pat, Sherry Pinedo, Arlene and Pinky Potter, Martha Ransely, Fariba Reemes, Mae and Jim Rice, Joseph Rickard, Ashely Riggs, Melissa Robbins, Don Robinson, Mary Katharine Salovaara, Sattler family, Sharon, Alan Slaughter, Luke Sorgius, Marilyn Stella, Bill Sumner, Sona Thornburn, Joe Trovato, Suzanne Uzzell, Samuel Warren, David Weeks, Glenn Wilson, John Wood..

Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the Prayer List for two months. To add, delete or extend the time for a name, notify The Rev. Sarah Carver at sarah@holy-trinity.com.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, especially Blair Bloomquist, Brett Bloomquist, Patrick Riley Causey, Rachael Colon, Sarah Compton, Brown DuBose, Shelby Gakeler, Erin Graham, Richard Jarrell, Stephen Johnson, Frank Lucius, Dr. Tony Musarra, Charles Pierce, Judson Riordon, Noah Scribner, Sgt. Matthew Simms, Ryan Sparks, Lamar Stanley, and James Vinson. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Chapel
8:30 a.m. Festive Coffee Hour
8:45 a.m. Nursery Care, Infants through Preschool — Parish House
Infants and Toddlers (up to 2) Room 105; Preschool (ages 2-4) Rooms 103 and 104
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:15 a.m. Pageant Practice — Church
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Church
5:30 p.m. No EYC

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve; Parish Office and Bookstore closed
10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant — Church
Las Posadas Family returns. No Eucharist; children's choirs will sing. Prelude begins at 9:45 a.m. No nursery care
2 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist — Church *(nursery care available)*
5 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist — Church *(nursery care available)*
9 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist — Church

Tuesday, December 25

Parish Office & Bookstore closed for Christmas Holiday through Wednesday, December 26
10 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist — Church *(No nursery care)*

Sunday, December 30

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Chapel
8:30 a.m. Festive Coffee Hour
8:45 a.m. Nursery Care, Infants through Preschool — Parish House
Infants and Toddlers (up to 2) Room 105; Preschool (ages 2-4) Rooms 103 and 104
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist — Church
5:30 p.m. No EYC

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Watch over your beloved children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

December 23

Charlotte Burney
Kay Pearman
Susan Cloninger
Cherry Stallings
Meghan Davis
Sean Brady
Carmen Raeford
Mary Glaser
Lauren Small

December 24

Jill Wilson
Claude Dawson
Betsy Lane
Jackie Connors
Hamilton Garvey
Glenn Boyles
Dietrich Klug

December 25

Clyde Nolan
Skip Crowe
Katie Glaser
Elizabeth Geise

December 26

June Gregory
John Melton
John Ellison
Mike Johnson
Bob Shepherd
BooBoo Watkins
Rick Mayes
Bassam Smir
Charlie Alexander

December 27

Jackie Adams
Paula Southwell
Liz Babb
Charlie Pearce
Mabel Forrest

December 28

David Westerhoff
Laurie Joslin
Terza Lowdermilk
Paul Davis
Andrew Reittinger
Lukas Wojtek
Christian Mango

December 29

Teresa Sullivan
Janet Bailey
Cathy Wrenn
Bennette Hopper
Clay Mills
Matheson Brady

December 30

Amy McMichael-Thomas
Stephen Robinson
Jean Leslie
Margaret Brown
Heather Aherne
Chris Jones
Margaret Stanley
Joseph Stanley
Peyton Peters



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