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Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity

Christ-centered, Biblically grounded, worshipping in the Anglican Tradition



Newsletter

Reflections on a Great Year at Holy Trinity and Hopes for the Same in the Next

As I was assembling a collage of 2018 pictures for our upcoming annual report for our annual meeting on January 20, I was struck by the really blessed year we have had as a church family. I fully expect 2019 to be filled with the same blessings. This is, of course, the time of year to think about such things, to count blessings, and to prepare ourselves to be blessed afresh in the year ahead. Counting blessings and recognizing God's providential and loving activity in our lives is a critical and wholly necessary spiritual activity.



It is easy to reduce our lives to lurching from one crisis to another, or struggling to find our way from one paycheck to another, or simply hanging on as we deal with the grind of ordinary life, trying to live life solely on our own power and resources. One solution is "blessing counting." For us Christians, life should be anything but routine and ordinary- after all, life itself is a gift from God; it is a blessing. The Christian life has a defined purpose, trajectory and destination that is played out daily in our ongoing dance with God's Holy Spirit who walks with us through the trials and challenges of our lives. Our perspective on life is as children of God and inheritors of the Kingdom of God. We therefore deal with the things of this world in the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit. As the Lord tells us through the Prophet Isaiah, "*They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*" (Isaiah 40:31, ESV). This is a perspective on life I pray for each of you in 2019.

Father Rob

Holy Trinity
A Beacon
drawing
people to
God and
into the
fellowship
of God's
People.



Sharing the Faith with the next generation

Annual Parish Meeting, Jan 20



The annual parish meeting will be on Sunday, Jan 20 following the 10 am Eucharist. It will be a potluck luncheon- be sure to bring your favorite dish. This is a time for us to celebrate what God has done to us and through us this past year. We do this largely through reports submitted by you on the various ministries taking place in our church family. If you are a ministry leader, please submit your report to Monique as soon as you can. If helpful, you can find copies of the 2018 Annual Report in the Foyer to use as a guide, or on our church's website at-

www.achtna.org/2016-annual-report

Don't forget Family Promise is going on this first week of Jan.

Come by and meet the homeless families who are calling Holy Trinity home in this first week of January. We are honored to be Christ to these families. There is still plenty of help needed; so, come sign up and help host these folks- Who knows, you may be tending angels unawares.





Sunday afternoon, December 16

*Caroling to the homes of some of our homebound parishioners,
ending up at Hammond Place Assisted Living*



Countdown of Scripture Passages

Have you turned in one, two, or ten Bible passages that you find particularly inspiring, compelling, encouraging, convicting? You may use whatever criteria you use to name some passage as one of great influence in your spiritual walk. I will compile the results, do the math, and commit for Wayne or me to lead studies on Wednesday nights on the top ten.

Twyla

Children's Christmas Pageant



Our cast and helpers this year

Chloe Nault, Narrator; Jada Tullis, Mary; Sam Newman, Joseph; Oke Iwuji, Prophet Micah;
Isaiah Marshall, Prophet Isaiah and Wise Man # 2; Lelan Crewey, Shepherd; Hunter Crewey, Wise Man #1;
Jason Nault, Angel Gabriel and Wise Man #3; Aliyah Nault, Angel; Margaret Williams, Sheep;
Amaiya Nault, Angel; Jennifer Dorn, Audio-Visual; Twyla Tuten and Fr. Rob, music;

Adult supervisors, coordinators & costume designers

Dianne Havird Kimber Nault Jennifer Chapman Jason Nault Margaret Williams

Children's Christmas Eve Service



**Jesus's birthday
parade to place
the figurines in
the crèche**



**Ruby and Rose
Lamberth ushering**



Children's sermon



**The children learning about Holy
Eucharist as they celebrate at the altar**

**The Old Testament reading was delivered by Sam Newman
The Epistles reading was delivered by Lelan Crewey**

A Byte from the Bible

*He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God
and he will be my son. Rev 21:7, NIV*



The Apostle Peter confirms that the inheritance being laid up for the Father's children "can never perish, spoil or fade" – it is "kept in heaven for you" (1 Pet. 1:4, NIV). Although our inheritance is safely stored in heaven, there is a condition we have to meet before we can claim it: "He who overcomes will inherit all this."

What do you have to overcome in order to claim My Father's House as your own? Your pride? Unforgiveness of yourself or others? Your religiosity that substitutes rituals for repentance, traditions for truth, orthodoxy for obedience?

Overcomers place their faith in Jesus alone for salvation . . . and inherit heaven!

Is Church for Sinners?

By Jason F. Wright. A reprint from FoxNews.com, Nov. 17

Recently I visited with a friend who hasn't stepped inside a chapel in years. This genuinely good guy believes that even casual church attendance should be based upon some basic level of obedience. "I'm just not keeping enough of the commandments," he said. "I don't feel worthy yet to come on Sunday."

My jaw dropped so far, you could have crammed both of the prophet Moses' stone tablets into my mouth. "Are you a sinner?" I asked.

"Well duh," my friend quipped.

"Awesome!" I sang the word with a dash of dramatic flair. "So am I! And guess what? Church is for sinners."

Isn't it miraculous? Consider this – Christ, the sinless Son of God, invites the imperfect to participate in his perfect gospel. Then, in a stunning stroke of grace, the Lord promises to be with us when we do. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20)

What church members do you admire? Your pastor? Sinner. Bishop? Same. What about our global Christian leaders? No matter what faith they lead, no matter how devoted they are, no matter how much we revere them, each is a sinner just like us. Every weekend they walk into a church somewhere as imperfect children of a perfect Father in Heaven. In Romans, the wonderful wordsmith Paul put it bluntly. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23).

We've all heard the Church referred to as the hospital for spiritually sick. I've always appreciated the analogy, but there's much more to it. Church isn't just a general hospital. It's an emergency room, a burn unit, a rehab facility, labor and delivery, a cancer center, and a specialty clinic for every imaginable spiritual ailment. Jesus Christ isn't just a healer. He's the only Master Healer. He knows every single diagnosis and every possible prescription. That pain you're feeling? He felt it first, and no matter how hard life gets, you will never out-suffer the Savior of the world.

Do you have a drug problem? Come to church. Are you struggling with pornography? Come to church. Battling inappropriate thoughts? Come to church. Do you sometimes slip and take the Lord's name in vain? Bring the habit to church and ask for help to leave it behind. Struggle with telling the truth? Gather with your fellow sinners and immerse yourself in the greatest truth ever told.

Finally, for those of us already on the pews each week, let's remember that our job isn't to take roll and to wonder why Brenda brought her big bag of gossip or why Frank invited his friend who smells like whiskey. Our responsibility is to love each person who summons up the courage to walk through the church doors. If we find this challenging, or if we wonder why we're surrounded by so many sinners, we might recall that no matter how well we think we're doing, every morning when we look in the mirror, we find an imperfect person there, too.



Nominations for Vestry

Vestry membership is an important ministry. The forward momentum of this parish depends heavily on the vision, discernment and leadership of this group. The Vestry has the canonical responsibility for directing the temporal affairs of this church family. According to the parish bylaws, the Vestry is composed of six members elected by the congregation, each for a three-year term. From their number, the Vestry selects the parish's Senior and Junior Wardens. The Senior Warden works closely with the Rector in the administration and leadership of the parish. The Junior Warden oversees the building and grounds. The Vestry also includes as non-voting members the Parish Treasurer/Finance Committee and the Clerk of the Vestry.

Each year, two members of the Vestry rotate off and two new members are elected; therefore, the Vestry is presently accepting nominations for elections at our Annual Meeting January 20. Two nominations already accepted are Bill Bargeloh and Jason Nault. If you have someone you would like to nominate, consider the requirements listed below, obtain permission to submit their name from the person, and give their name to our Senior Warden, Mike Fekula.

We thank those who have offered up their time, talent and Spiritual Gifts as of the vestry this past year:

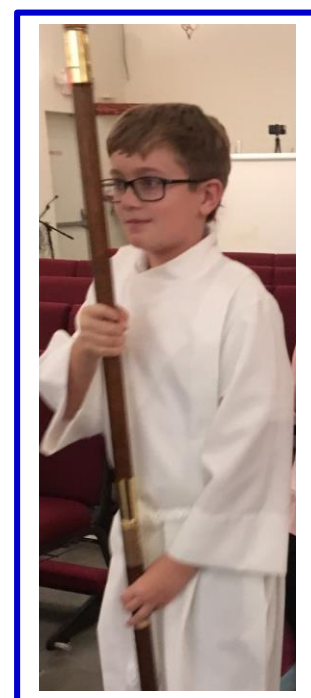
Mike Fekula	Senior Warden	(presently no Junior Warden)
Paula Wahl	Vestry person (filling an un-expired term), Clerk of the Vestry, Finance Committee	
Jennifer Dorn	Vestry person (filling an un-expired term), Finance Committee	
Jason Nault	Vestry Person (filling an unexpired term)	
Annabelle Shepherd	Vestry person	
Dianne Havird	Vestry Person	
Virginia Folk	Finance Committee	

From our bylaws: The Nominating Committee shall consider for service on the Vestry individuals who:

- a) Are mature in their Faith
- b) Worship God regularly within the Parish.
- c) Lead an active prayer life.
- d) Know and continue studying the Bible.
- e) Are cheerful and consistent givers not only of money but also of time.
- f) Have family relationships reflecting strong Christian commitment.
- g) Are already informal leaders within the Church.
- h) Have enough time to serve effectively.
- I) Can make Vestry service high on their list of personal priorities.
- J) Subscribe to the beliefs and practices of the Constitution and Canons of our Diocese and the ACNA
- k) Recognize and respect the Rector as the ecclesiastical and spiritual authority in the Parish.
- L) Make a firm commitment to adhere to all requisites and expectations of Vestry members per our Bylaws.
- M) Have been a communicant in good standing as defined in these Bylaws.

<i>January Lay Ministry Chart</i>					
2019	Jan 6 The Epiphany	Jan 13 1 Epiphany	Jan 20 2 Epiphany	Jan 27 3 Epiphany	4 Feb 4 Epiphany
Euch. Min.	Paula W	Bill B	Jerry N	Paula W	Bill B
Ushers / Greeters	Dianne H Deborah K Sandy H	Donna L Wayne L Richard M	Jason N Monte S Margaret W	Bill B Char' Rae B Sandy H	Billy H Dianne H Deborah K
Presenting Bread/Wine	Joe & Yeraldin G	Billy & Amy Hane	Ginger H Nancy H	Mike & Amber H	Wayne & Lora L
Prayer Team	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W	Ginger H Monique T	Nancy H Wayne L	Rosemarie M Margaret W
Lector-OT	Ginger H	Billy H	Dianne H	Wayne L	Sue J
Lector-NT	Jennifer P	Margaret W	Jami W	JoEllen B	Brenda B
Altar Guild [week of]	Virginia F Marguerite P	Ginger H Monique T Terry N	Annette M Donna L	Rosemarie M JoEllen B Deborah K	Virginia F Marguerite P
Acolyte Guild	Jackie F	Oke I	Jada T	Lelan C	Jackie F

If you are unable to fulfil your ministry duties, please find a replacement and let Fr. Rob know.



January, 2019

Happy New Year!		1	2	3	4	5
Family Promise Guests Dec 30 – Jan 6 Sun, Jan 6, 2019 Deadline for submissions to the Annual Parish Report		The Holy Name No Women's Bible Study No Choir Family Promise	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "The 9 th Day of Christmas" Nursery available Family Promise	Family Promise	Family Promise 7:00 pm Friday Night at the Movies	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study Family Promise
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
The Feast of The Epiphany 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed Nursery available Family Promise		No Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "A New Look at Luke" Nursery available		7:00 pm Friday Night at the Movies	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1 st Sunday After the Epiphany 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed Nursery available		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "The Bridge" Nursery available		Confession of St Peter, Apostle 7:00 pm Friday Night at the Movies	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist Nursery available Covered Dish Luncheon Parish Celebration & Annual Meeting		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "Not an eyewitness" Nursery available		Conversion of St Paul, Apostle 7:00 pm Friday Night at the Movies	9:00 to 10:30am Men's fellowship & Bible Study
27	28	29	30	31		
3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am Eucharist 10:00 am Eucharist 11:20 am Coffee 11:30 am Christian Ed Nursery available		10:00-11:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Choir	6:00 pm Fellowship Supper "Gospel of amazement" Nursery available			
The ways we communicate						
Parish website		http://www.achtna.org				
Monthly newsletters (web + mailed)		http://www.achtna.org/newsletters				
Sunday bulletin announcement page		http://www.achtna.org/events				
Access to Holy Trinity Mobile App.		http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4a5efa_80ea18e8be5a4eb69541c319aa89a00f.pdf				
Email distribution – news & messages		To be on the distribution, send email address to robhartley@comcast.net				
Prayer List (Sunday bulletin & website)		http://www.achtna.org/parish-prayer-list				
Rector's Blog (North Augusta Anglican)		http://holytrinityna.blogspot.com/				

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