

His footsteps, walking with Him daily. This is the time for Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, becoming a full, active member in the body of Christ.

Growing church, growing God's kingdom, growing Trinity is building trust, one new friend at a time. It is shedding our gear, getting down on our hands and knees, and crawling our way into the hearts of others, helping them to find the freedom and safety of knowing our Lord. We have to be careful to never forget the person, the friendship, the genuine caring and concern that builds lasting relationships with eternal consequences. Amen.

Warmly, Tony+

NATIVITY WALK



Our Annual Nativity Walk will be held on Sat., Dec. 8th along with Merry Melrose. If you have a special Nativity you would like to share for a day we will have tables set up in the Parish Hall to display them. In the past it's been

wonderful to see some of those which have been passed down through the generations, some which are new and different, some from foreign places, some for children, and all which are treasured. There will be adults in the room at all times to be sure they are cared for during the walk. We would also like to serve cookies and drinks, hot and cold, and there will be Christmas music to increase the joy of the day. If you have a Nativity or if you are able to bake some cookies, please call Betty Griffith or the office. Nativities may be picked up at the end of the event.

The Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership
with St. John's Cathedral present:

The Rediscovered Life of St. Francis of Assisi

January 19, 2019

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. John's Cathedral, Jacksonville

Facilitator: Prof. Timothy J. Johnson, Flagler College, St. Augustine

Fee: \$25

The retreat will begin with a look at the second most ancient—yet very contemporary and accessible—biography of St. Francis-- lost for 800 years and rediscovered in 2004! Prof. Johnson is the author of the English translation of this groundbreaking discovery. It will look also at the development of St. Francis' thought and spirituality in the writings of St. Bonaventure who was born within years of St. Francis' death.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper

Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules

25th Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 11, 2018

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

THANKSGIVING IN THE PARK

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and quick as a flash now that the Fall Bazaar is over we'll transition into turkey hunters and to getting everything together for Thanksgiving in the Park. The large tent and bounce house have already been ordered, kids craft supplies have been organized and the menu for the day has been planned.

Included with Colossians is a list of all the delicious things we need for the day and of all the jobs which need to be filled. If you are able to help in any way for any amount of time, that's wonderful. If you are able to donate some of the food we'll need, even if it's just one can of fruit or a pie, that's perfect. And if you can donate financially so we can purchase some of the things we'll need, that's terrific too.

Three pop up canopies and some coolers that we might borrow for the day will also be needed.

Most of all in this time of preparation, we ask for your prayers. Prayers that there will be enough food to serve those who are hungry and enough workers to help. Thanks!

Turkey

Potato Salad

Tropical Fruit Salad

Dressing

Deviled Eggs

All kinds of desserts

Cranberry Sauce

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 11/11

Holy Eucharist
Service 8:30 and 11:00am
9:30am Discussion of the Lessons
JC and the Gospel
Refreshments Follow both Services

Monday 11/12

Veterans Day Office Closed
9:00am Morning Prayer



Tuesday 11/13

10:00 Sister's Circle
12:00 pm Betty's and the Bible
1:30 pm Class on Israel
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 11/14

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evening Service

Thursday 11/15

Thrift Shop 10:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 11/16

Thrift Shop 2:00-5:00pm

Saturday 11/17

Thrift Shop 2pm to 5pm

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FUTURE EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 11** **Veterans Day Office Closed**
- Nov. 13 PH in use PM
- Nov 15 Grill and Chill
- Nov. 17 Men's Club
- Nov. 21** **Thanksgiving Eve Service**
- Nov. 22 Thanksgiving in the Park

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2** **First Sunday**
1st Sunday of Advent
One Service 10:00am
- Dec. 4** **Parish Hall in use pm**
- Dec. 8 Nativity Walk and Merry Melrose
- Dec. 11 PH in use pm
- Dec. 15 ECW Meeting 12:00pm
Potluck Lunch
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Services**
5:30 Family Service
10:00 Choral Service



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of, gratitude for, or to celebrate a person or event, please call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

This past Sunday, Canon Aaron Smith shared a vivid illustration about trust. He painted the picture of a military or S.W.A.T team on a rescue mission, who in their urgency, barge through the door with their guns and riot gear, yelling at the hostages to come and follow them to safety.

Frightened, the hostages do just the opposite. They retreat to the farthest corner, cowering from the very people who are there to help them. In a moment of compassion and wisdom, one of the commandos puts down his gun, strips off his vest and tactical gear, and proceeds to calmly crawl over to the terrified hostages and sit with them in the corner. After a time of calm and reassurance, the hostages begin to trust him, and eventually all are led to safety.

Trust! Trust is a very real issue for the Church today. Speaking at the Fall Clergy Conference, Judy Paulsen addressed the need for Christians to bridge the world's skepticism and rebuild trust through relationship. In our walk with Jesus, we are commissioned and empowered to help others overcome their doubts and skepticism, and build a trusting relationships with the Lord.

Paulsen outlines five steps, five thresholds we cross in faith development: First, faith requires a move **from distrusting to trusting**, to believing "Christians are okay." This may take time, and it certainly involves you and me – listening, helping, encouraging, sharing, and living out our own faith. This is the time to focus on Jesus – the person of Jesus, not on Church dogmas or doctrine.

The Second step involves **moving from trusting to curious**, widening the heart to think "Jesus could be for me." This is a time for asking and answering questions! We can reflect on how Jesus' teachings, and how they relate to our lives - offering possibilities, sharing our own experiences of what God means to us.

The Third step is for those we nurture to **move from curious to becoming open to change** - A softening of the heart, a willingness to explore. This is a great time to enjoy an Alpha program, or other teachings that lay out the Gospel.

In the Fourth stage, the **willingness of an open heart moves to seeking** – seeking answers, seeking truth, seeking God. Learning the Lord's Prayer, the Creeds, and the meaning of worship.

Lastly, the **seeker becomes a follower**, trusting in Jesus, following in

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