

DECEMBER ECW MEETING

The December ECW Meeting will be on Dec. 15th, at noon in the parish hall. It will be a pot luck lunch and we are asking everyone to bring a bag of pet food which will be taken up to LAM. Every woman of the church is considered a member, so please come and join the fun.



UNITED THANK OFFERING

Remember the UTO slogan "Put gifts into the Blue Box with thanksgiving, prayer and generosity. Take blessings out of the box for grants to expand the church's faithfulness to God's mission." November is the month that we collect offerings for the United Thank Offering and it's not too late to get out your little blue box, blue envelope or even a plain envelope to give your gift of thanks to UTO who will then turn around and help so many.

FIRST SUNDAY AND LAM

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and we will be collecting non perishable food items, including pet food, as well as toiletries and paper goods (paper towels, toilet paper, diapers etc.) for Lake Area Ministries. They are also in need of paper and plastic bags. Anything that you might be able to donate is very much appreciated, especially during this holiday season. Thanks!

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

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Last Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday

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!

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 will also serve cookies and hot cocoa and lemonade, 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.

ADVENT BOOKLETS

Next Sunday, Dec. 2nd is the first Sunday and will also be the first Sunday of Advent. There will be one service at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. We have ordered booklets with Advent Readings for everyone and they will be available in the back of the hall as you leave. These are wonderful little booklets to help guide your hearts and minds into the true meaning of the season.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 11/25

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

Monday 11/26

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 11/27

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

Wednesday 11/28

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

Thursday 11/29

Thrift Shop 10:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 11/30

Thrift Shop 2:00-5:00pm

Saturday 12/1

Thrift Shop 2pm to 5pm

Sunday 12/2

First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist
One Service at 10:00
Lunch Following the Service

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FUTURE EVENTS

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
- Dec. 25—Jan 2** **Office Closed**
- Jan. 6** **First Sunday**
1st Sunday one service
- Jan. 8** **ECW meeting 10:00am**
- Jan 26** **Diocesan Convention**



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

His cell phone rang in church on Sunday during prayers. The pastor scolded him and the worshippers admonished him afterward for interrupting the silence. On top of that, His wife kept on him for his carelessness all the way home. Embarrassed and humiliated, he never stepped foot in the church again.

That evening he went to a bar. Still troubled by events that morning, he spilled his drink on the table by accident. The waiter apologized, and gave him some napkins to wipe off his sleeve. The janitor mopped the floor and the manager offered him a complimentary drink.

She also gave him a huge hug and a kiss while saying, "Don't you worry. Who doesn't make mistakes?" He's never stopped going to that bar since.

Sometimes our attitudes as believers drive souls away from the Church. Arrogant and/or unthoughtful words toward others break relationships and destroy families, but you can make a difference in how you treat people, especially when they seem lost or make mistakes.

This past Saturday at Men's Breakfast, one of our members shared an experience he had visiting another Episcopal Church. He admitted that he is often nervous about where to sit when he visits a church. He's never sure if he will end up sitting in someone else's pew and be asked to move. His fears were relieved that Sunday when the Greeter cheerfully said, "Come, sit with me!"

"Come and sit with me!" There's a behavior we can endorse and encourage. When you see a new face on Sunday, ask them! "Come and sit with me!" Live into our mission to be a warm, welcoming congregation, making everyone feel safe and comfortable here at Trinity. Let our thoughts, words, and deeds always welcome others who will soon become our lifelong friends.

Warmly, Tony+