

Life in the Trinity

Sharing in the love of God. Sharing our lives with each other.
Sharing God's love with the world.

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Coming up in January and February

- The Feast of Epiphany - January 6
- Shrove Tuesday - February 16
- Ash Wednesday - February 17

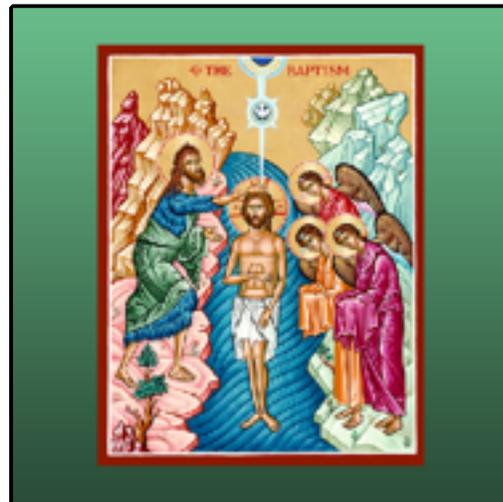
The Season of Epiphany 2021

The word epiphany comes from the Greek word *epiphaneia*, which means “appearance”. Another similar Greek word, *epiphainein*, means “to show forth, manifest”. The great feast of Epiphany is the celebration of God the Father revealing God the Son in the person of Jesus Christ to all the world as our Savior and the forgiveness of our sins.

Two events in the life of Jesus are emphasized in the season of Epiphany. In Jesus’ baptism, he is revealed to Israel as its long-awaited Messiah and Savior. In the visit of the Magi to the holy family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, Jesus is revealed to the Gentiles as their Savior as well. In these two events, Jesus is manifested as the Savior to all peoples in all the world. Another event that is emphasized is Jesus’ first miracle at the wedding of Cana. In that moment, Jesus is revealed to His Apostles in a unique and personal way as the Messiah of Israel. This miracle encouraged them to follow Him and have confidence in Jesus as God’s promised salvation to all the world.

The whole Bible really is about the manifestation or revelation of God Himself to His creation and particularly mankind. He has sent us His Son, the Word made flesh, to make Himself known to us and so that we might know Him. The whole purpose of mankind, the whole purpose of each of us, is to know God and to be known by Him. Our purpose is to be loved by God and to return that love back to Him. In that love, we are to love one another and others in the world as He first loved us. The feast of Epiphany is the revelation of God’s love to us in His Son Jesus Christ, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:26-27).

We will celebrate The Feast of Epiphany with a Eucharistic Service on Wednesday, January 6 at 6pm.



WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE AND COVID-19

We will continue our worship together in the nave each week. I feel that our worship services are essential in this ongoing pandemic. However, more and more of our parishioners are choosing to attend by FacebookLive. I encourage you all to do what is best for your health and what you feel is right for you and your family. Again, if you choose to worship at home, please do so with an unburdened conscience. Here are some updates for our worship services:

- We are returning to ONE SERVICE. We will meet in the nave from 10-11:15am.
- Masks are mandatory for our services.
- We continue to offer Holy Communion in one kind.
- We have music, but no choir. Our songs are led by a cantor or leader as available. The cantor is projected over our sound system, along with our keyboardist, so that they can be clearly heard. This helps aid our congregational singing as we are masked.
- A nursery is provided for families with small children.
- Please use outside areas to visit with one another. Enter the building ready to enter the nave. Exit the building promptly after worship. But, please, feel free to gather outside for conversation, prayer, and encouragement.
- If you have any questions, please call Father Ross or Monique.

We will continue to offer our service on Facebook live located at the Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity's Facebook page located here: <https://www.facebook.com/Anglican-Church-of-the-Holy-Trinity-687096174690724/>.



Monte, Tom, and Father Ross removed shopping carts and trash from the wooded area.



EACH WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Sunday - For Jan./Feb.

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Monday - Friday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

Tuesday - In February

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Saturday

9:00am Men's Prayer and Fellowship

Ministries at Holy Trinity

Family Promise to Homeless Families Continues

Standing in faith, Director LaToya Hardman recently released the hosting calendar for 2021. As all plans go in these pandemic days, we plan for

things to happen, then we monitor and adjust. Holy Trinity is scheduled to host the week of March 7th. The plan is for us to host in our building, but if that cannot happen, then we will provide monetary support for that week. And we will commit to cover that week in prayer for the families and for the ministry. "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did for Me." Matthew 25:40



The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross



The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross is composed of women who have committed our lives to the work and service of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray daily for our church, its clergy, the Order and others in need. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we reach out to those who do not know Jesus and share His message of salvation through word and deed. We equip ourselves with the powerful sword of truth as contained in the Holy Bible. We wear our cross as a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice and our need for Him to be in our daily lives, and we become encouraged and strengthened in community with our sisters. The Order provides a community in which members can fulfill a lifetime vow to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Order's four-fold vow consists of Prayer, Service, Study and Evangelism. We expect and assist each member to earnestly develop and practice each of these areas. We invite the Holy Spirit to guide us and welcome you to be guided by that same Spirit as you determine if you are called to be part of the Order. Virginia Folk is our chapter's President.

SIGN UP TO SERVE

JAN/FEB 2021

We are establishing our Opportunities to Serve schedules for our worship service each Sunday. If you plan to attend in December, consider how you might serve during the worship service in these ways: Acolyte, Altar Guild, Lay Reader, Greeters, Restroom Monitors. Signups are available each Sunday. Sign up as you exit the building after service or call, text, or email Father Ross with what area you would like to serve.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6 - Epiphany

6pm

Acolyte	Oke Iwuji
Readers	James Camak Cheryl Camak
Greeters	Monte Steedley xxx

SUNDAY, Feb. 7 - Epiphany 5

10am

Acolyte	Lelan Crewey
Readers	Jennifer Patterson Paula Wahl
Greeters	xxx xxx

SUNDAY, Jan. 10 - Epiphany 1

10am

Acolyte	Jada Tullis
Readers	xxx Paula Wahl
Greeters	xxx xxx

SUNDAY, Feb. 14 - Epiphany 6

10am

Acolyte	Hunter Crewey
Readers	James Camak Cheryl Camak
Greeters	Monte Steedley xxx

SUNDAY, Jan. 17 - Epiphany 2

10am

Acolyte	Ben Guthrie
Readers	xxx Alaynah Guthrie
Greeters	xxx xxx

SUNDAY, Feb. 21 - Lent 1

10am

Acolyte	Oke Iwuji
Readers	Dianne Havird Paula Wahl
Greeters	xxx xxx

SUNDAY, Jan. 24 - Epiphany 3

10am

Acolyte	Alaynah Guthrie
Readers	Paula Wahl Diane Havird
Greeters	Monte Steedley xxx

SUNDAY, Feb. 28 - Lent 2

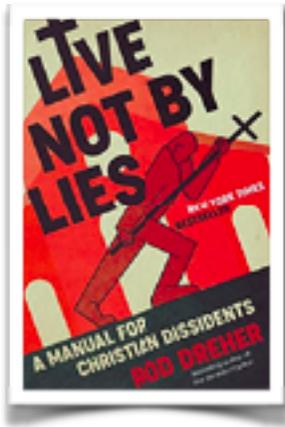
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Acolyte	Ben Guthrie
Readers	Margaret Williams xxx
Greeters	xxx xxx

SUNDAY, Jan. 31 - Epiphany 4

10am

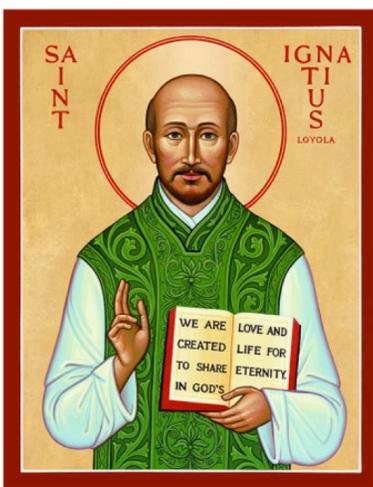
Acolyte	Isaiah Marshall
Readers	xxx xxx
Greeters	xxx xxx



Join Father Ross for a book club during the season of Epiphany. Beginning on Wednesday, January 13, we will meet by Zoom each Wednesday at noon for five weeks. Our study will end on Wednesday, February 10. We will read *Live Not By Lies* by Rod Dreher. The New York Times bestselling author of *The Benedict Option* and featured columnist in the American Conservative draws on the wisdom of Christian survivors of Soviet persecution to warn American Christians of approaching dangers. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn famously said that one of the biggest mistakes people make is assuming totalitarianism can't happen in their country. "Soft" totalitarianism is cropping up in America. Identity politics are beginning to encroach on every aspect of life. Civil liberties are increasingly seen as a threat to "safety". Progressives marginalize conservative, traditional Christians, and other dissenters. Technology and consumerism hasten the possibility of a corporate surveillance state. And the pandemic, having put millions out of work, leaves our country especially vulnerable to demagogic manipulation. Grab some lunch, follow the Zoom link in your email, and join our study for some lively discussion.

40 Days with St. Ignatius - A Stay-at-Home Lenten Retreat

Are you longing for spiritual nourishment, a spiritual reboot, or simply some time away with Jesus? Join us for a stay-at-home retreat during the season of Lent. Father Ross will provide a manual for all joining this retreat. It will serve to guide you through each day of the 40 day retreat. Father Ross will be available for one-on-one prayer/guidance/conversation each week for each retreatant. Our retreat begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17.



The body needs exercise. So does our soul and/or spirit. St. Ignatius recommends spiritual exercises of "examining one's conscience, of meditating, of contemplating, of praying vocally and mentally, and of performing other spiritual actions". Over the forty days of Lent, our goal is to look after our own souls, to exercise through prayer and meditating on the life of Jesus as presented in the Gospel. As we pray and read, St. Ignatius invites us to imagine ourselves in the biblical scenes of Jesus' life. The purpose of "holy imagination" is to let the stories of Jesus' life shift from our minds into our hearts. This is an effort to love God with our heart, our soul, our mind, and our body. When we follow Jesus with our heart and our emotions, we are forced to consider our own sin, our "falling short of the glory of God".

We are forced to consider the kindness and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ in calling us to follow Him. This is often referred to as "a contriteness of heart".

Forty days of spiritual exercise is our effort to draw near to God, by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. As we participate in the life of God, God is eager and generous to draw near to us. He often overwhelms us with His Spirit, with His goodness, and with His love.

Listen to these thoughts from one of our members here at Holy Trinity who desires to remain anonymous.

Can You Hear It?

Emotionally-charged, agenda-laden “news” on every station, blogs that berate, coffee cup “conversations” of vehement protest, slander, riots...everyone screaming to be heard on every front. It seems all America is one in chaotic, discordant low rumbles and piercing screams pitched at frenzied notes beyond intelligible discernment. Who can hear? And, what ARE we listening to?

“Come now, let us reason together says the LORD...” Do you hear the clear note ringing just below the rumble? Do you hear it, the invitation out of discord and into concord? There it is, that ring of truth we’ve been missing for so long, still there.

Just as with Judah, it’s there for us, “Hear O heavens! Listen O earth! For the LORD has spoken...” Where do we start again? “Hear, listen.” What? Amidst all the verbal brutality there was an invitation to reason, to discuss, to set things right, an invitation for Judah to escape the peril of Israel...the fine notes of freedom from the bruises and welts and infected wounds of corruption, rejection and... captivity.

What was that clear note? What did our Creator, Father, Healer say? Shh-I can almost hear it. Quiet. What WAS that? “Come now, let us reason together...Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing and obedient...”

Oh, if they’d only listened, if we’d only listen...

From the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)



Anglicans For Life (AFL) is a global Anglican ministry dedicated to ending abortion and euthanasia through ministry, education, pastoral care, and biblical advocacy in partnership with churches in the Anglican Communion.

In January, AFL will be taking one of the biggest steps it’s made in more than 25 years. The ministry will livestream its annual Summit on January 16th and 23rd. For the first time ever, every single Anglican with an internet connection can access the Summit’s life-changing, life-affirming training.

Summit 2021 features outstanding keynote speakers and workshop leaders, equipping attendees with life-affirming teaching and ministry inspiration.

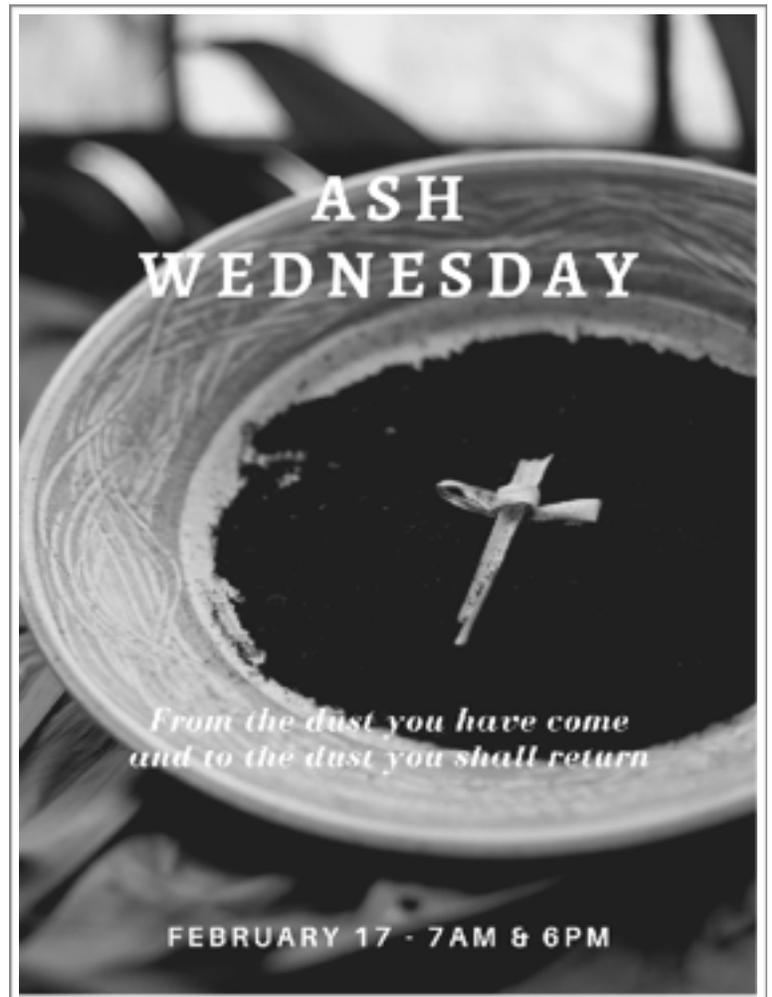
SUMMIT 2021 takes place on two consecutive Saturdays in January, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

On the Lenten Season

Believe it or not, the word “Lent” isn’t a particularly religious word. “Lent” simply means “the spring season.” And the Lenten season lasts for forty days. Throughout the Holy Scriptures, forty days was a time of testing or discipline. Noah and his family were in the ark when it rained for forty days and nights as God cleansed the world of sin. The Israelites mourned the passing of Joseph for forty days. Israel ate manna for forty years in the desert. Moses retreated with the Lord for forty days and nights. The prophet Jonah reluctantly told the people of Nineveh that they had forty days of repentance before the judgment. Our Lord Jesus was led into the desert for forty days of temptation. Likewise, He was on the earth for forty days after His resurrection as He manifested Himself to his disciples.

The forty days of Lent begin with Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Saturday, the day before our highest and holiest day of the year, which is Easter or Resurrection Sunday. Now, there are more than forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. There are forty-six days to be exact. But six of those days are Sundays and the church relaxes its observance of Lent on each Sunday. Sunday is no time for fasting and solemn living. Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Every Sunday is an Easter.

The Lenten season began as a period of days to catechize new converts. In preparing for their baptism, new converts learned the basics of faith in Jesus and fasted during this time to prepare themselves for a life of dying to their self and living to Christ. The Didache, an early church writing possibly from the later part of the first century, encouraged all converts as well as those involved in their baptizing and instruction to a time of fasting. “Giving public instruction on all these points...before the baptism, moreover, the one who baptizes and the one being baptized must fast, and any others who can. And you must tell the one being baptized to fast for one or two days beforehand.” (Robert Webber, *Ancient-Future Time*.) Those already baptized adopted as their spiritual discipline a similar spiritual pilgrimage. Later, the pilgrimage became forty days long and led to reaffirmation of the baptismal vows of the entire community. And that is why we celebrate the season of Lent to this day.





Father Rob leads in spreading the caroling joy.



STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY
On Wednesday, December 30, at noon, a group of us gathered in the nave for a Stations of the Nativity, a series of thirteen reflections on the announcement and birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is sponsored by the Daughters of the Holy Cross each year. Thanks to Paula Wahl for organizing again this year.

Women's Bible Study

Due to the holidays, travel, and any exposure to COVID-19, we are going to hold off Bible Study until February 2, 2021. - JoEllen Barbare

Jan./Feb. Birthdays

Annabelle Shepherd-1/2	Jordan Nault-2/5
Annette Morris-1/12	Sue James-2/13
Kevin Warning -1/13	Ginger Hackett-2/13
Nancy Hartley-1/14	Lin Montgomery-2/20
Amber Holley-1/14	Lee Warning-2/21
Monte Steedley-1/15	
Larry Pettinato-1/19	
Mary Patterson-1/22	
Thea Ann Montgomery-1/23	
Tom Dorn-1/24	
Patience Iwuji-1/31	
Dan Wells-1/31	

Jan./Feb. Anniversaries

Lin and Debra Montgomery - 1/11
 Wayne and Marsha Lowe -2/14
 Mike and Dianne Havird-2/23

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact Monique at the church office, 803-426-1196 or lmtneekie@gmail.com.



POINSETTIAS!

Each year, the Altar Guild places poinsettias around the altar for the Christmas Eve service. Thanks to all of you who donated towards the purchase of the poinsettias. And thanks to Rosemarie Martin who arranged for delivery and setup of the poinsettias for our Christmas season.

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE - JANUARY

1/10 - Marguerite Prescott & Virginia Folk
 1/17 - Monique Taylor & Leslie Wells
 1/24 - Annette Morris & Deborah Kurilla
 1/31 - JoEllen Barbare & Rosemarie Martin

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY

2/7 - Marguerite Prescott & Virginia Folk
 2/14 - Monique Taylor & Leslie Wells
 2/17 - Annette Morris & Deborah Kurilla
 2/21 - JoEllen Barbare & Rosemarie Martin
 2/28 - Marguerite Prescott & Virginia Folk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Each year the whole parish comes together for an annual meeting to reflect upon what God has done in the previous year and to anticipate the next. This meeting includes the presentation of the 2021 budget, the election of new Vestry members, and the Annual Parish Report for 2020. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 24 at 12:00pm. Normally, we would eat together as the majority of our parish would be present. We expect to still be under our current guidelines concerning the pandemic. The format will be determined as we get closer to the meeting.

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