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Fall Concert A Time of Joy

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The music of the Saints filled the air of Trinity Church. Our Annual Fall Concert was a wonderful evening of music. The Shreveport Festival String Quartet led by Leonard Kacencar performed pieces by Joseph Maurice Ravel, a French composer, pianist and conductor famous for his impressionist compositions. The featured composer for the evening was Kermit Polling.

The Quartet performed a number of original pieces by Polling honoring the Saints of the Church. Kermit Polling has spent several years composing classical pieces honoring the Virgin Mary, and the Saints of the church. This years performance by the Quartet introduced his newest works. The music was well received by the concert audience. Several of those in attendance remarked that this was the best concert yet.

This concert series was originally funded by an outreach grant given to our Junior Daughters of the King Chapter for outreach to our local community. This was the fourth concert we have held. The grant expires at the end of this year. There was concern on how we were to continue this program. We have been blessed with a donation from the Wanda Summerford-Parker Family that will enable us to continue the concerts in years to come as a memorial to Wanda Summerford-Parker.

Next years Concert will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2017.



Our Mission

To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

Inviting all to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Fostering the presence of the Holy Spirit for the equipping of saints to do the work of ministry.

Witnessing to the power of God to heal, transform, and make all things new.

Supporting those who by word and example make Christ's redemptive work known.

FIRST COMMUNION



There are memorable moments in a Child's life. Rarely does a child remember their Baptism, especially if he or she was baptized as an infant. Often the first memory a child has of their participation as part of the Body of Christ is their First Communion.

For five of our children that memorable moment took place on Sunday, October 23rd. The five children had spent a month in classes preparing for their First Communion. These classes focused on what take place in the Holy Eucharist and how it is a visible sign of God's love and grace.

Those receiving their First Communion were, Michael DeSa, Sonya Altnau, Eli Hammers, Landon Ellison and Blake Ellison. Congratulations to them all!

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Installation of new Daughters of the King will be on December 4, 2016

WOMEN OF TRINITY

It's that time of year again...we're seeing wreaths around the Courthouse square, already! Women of Trinity are swinging into the Holy-days(as I like to think of them) really fast with lots of decisions. At the October meeting, members decided to make a change in the way we do our lunches...each member will bring a "brown bag" sandwich or salad from home and the hostesses will provide a dessert and the usual drinks, etc. The hostess will also provide the sandwich for our guest speakers. Hope you'll like the change. On November 16, we have a real treat in store for the program...our very own Edwina Thomas will be our speaker and so we can guarantee you'll be delighted. Edwina is a fascinating speaker, whether she's giving a personal testimony, relating a recent mission trip or helping to motivate us as we seek to follow God's plan for us. You won't want to miss this meeting. The November meeting is also when we bring a donation of a toy for the "Empty Stocking Fund." Please bring your toy(s), unwrapped, to the meeting and we'll see that it will get to Lea McGee and to a needy child for Christmas. Please mark your calendar for November 16...we'll see you at 11 a.m. in All Saints Hall Guild Room following the Wednesday Eucharist service. Also a reminder...Women of Trinity does not meet in December.



Rector's Reflection

Dear Beloved in Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

This month Trinity will begin its Stewardship Drive. Each year we dedicate six weeks to informing the parish of our budgetary needs for the coming year and the ministries that we provide to our church community as well as to the larger community of Marshall and Harrison County. Non of these ministries are possible without each of you supporting the parish. During the coming weeks you will hear and read thoughts and prayers concerning Stewardship from myself, Fr. Andrew, members of the vestry and from the congregation. As you let these words penetrate your heart I would ask that each family prayerfully consider their pledge for the coming year.

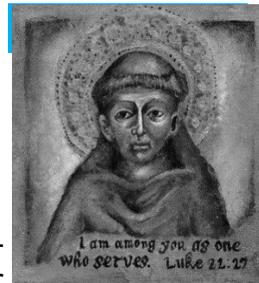
I would like each of us to consider the following question; Does tithing apply to the 21st century Christian? My response to that would absolutely, perhaps now more than ever. Throughout history the Church has affirmed the tithe as the standard for Christian giving. The Episcopal Church at every level,, national, diocesan and parish has stated the tithe to be the standard for its members. Here at Trinity your clergy and every member of the vestry are committed to returning to God a minimum of the Biblical tithe out of what God has blest us with out of his bounty.

A number of families of our parish are tithing and discovering the joy and freedom from anxiety about possessions that God promises to all who trust in Him. In St. Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Corinth he writes, God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8) God is faithful, He is a God of abundance and not scarcity. We all too often live as if God's blessing are finite rather than infinite. Do you not think that such a life reflects a lack of faith rather than complete dependence upon God for all things? Do we doubt God's promise?

Each year I'm asked, "What is tithing?" Tithing is returning to God 10% of our income as a way of expressing our joy and our thanksgiving for all that the Lord has given to us. King David is Psalm 116:2 writes, "What shall I give to the Lord for all His bounty to me?" The complete answer to this question is to offer our very lives to God and then to offer the tithe as a symbol of our commitment.

In Malachi we are told to "Bring the full tithe into the store house." That's a challenge for many of us. We are told the whole "tithe". Not a part, not what we feel we can afford, but the whole. If I haven't tithed, then how can I afford to give 10% of my income. Regardless of what the government says, the cost of daily living is going up and wages aren't. So what is a person to do? The first thing to do is pray. Pray with your family and ask God to guide you. Our attitude toward giving is important to God. Again in 2 Corinthians St. Paul writes, "Each one must do as he has made up his own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver." God asks us to give joyfully and lovingly as He give in the same manner to His children.

This year I prayerfully ask each of you to consider "Walking the Way" of growing spiritually in your stewardship and help Trinity to Continue to be a light of Christ in the darkness.



**Do we
doubt
God's
promise?**

Pax et Bonum.
Fr. John



Our Vision:

Our vision for Trinity Episcopal Church includes Growing a dynamic youth program. Reaching out to our community outside the walls with the love of Christ. Increasing spiritual and congregational growth for our parish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Trinity conducted its Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, October 16th. The parishioners elected four new vestry members and four delegates to the 167th Diocese of Texas Council. The parish also approved the 2017 budget.

Those elected to the vestry were Angela Bray, Carol Meyer, Tony Pierce, and Jackie Weeks. The vestry members were welcomed by the Senior Warden, Ken Kerr. The new vestry members will begin attending vestry meeting starting with the October meeting of the vestry to begin to be acquainted with the issues facing the parish in the coming year.

The delegates elected to Council were, Carol Meyer, Tony Pierce, and Lowell and Gail Runyan. The delegates will attend the Diocesan Council scheduled for February 9th through 11th of next year in Galveston.

The 2017 Parish Budget was approved by the parish. The parish budget is set at \$543,493.00. This is a slight increase over last years budget of \$541,667.00. The new budget does include the addition of our new Curate, Fr. Ellison. It also reflects the Quin Foundation Grant that covers 50% of the curate's compensation.

We give thanks to all those who attended this years meeting. We appreciate your concern and dedication for the ongoing ministries of our parish. We also would like to tank all those who stood for election to the vestry.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Schedule for June is as follows:

Bible Study at Jucy's on Wednesdays:

November 9th and 23rd at 11:30 (Bible Study begins at 12:00)

Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 am monthly meeting at Golden Corral

All men of the parish are invited to attend either of the meetings.

Men of the parish who are interested in becoming a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew contact Fr. John Himes.



The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is collecting cold weather clothing to give to our neighbors who come to Martha's Kitchen each Thursday. As we move into November the temperatures begin to drop and many of those we feed at Martha's Kitchen have little more than the clothes on their back. We are accepting coats, jackets, sweaters and gloves. We need both adult and children's cold weather garments.

As we go through our closets getting ready for fall, please consider what you might donate to help another person get through the coming winter.



Birthdays

3 Susan Bogue	15 Patty Whaley
3 Carrie Weeks	16 Nora Brown
6 Mike Martin	16 Elizabeth Williams
6 Sarah Slayter	18 Magda Altnau
6 Sharon Lundgren	20 Spencer White
10 Sarah Hasty	20 Troy Simmons
11 Bill Pool	22 Gary Jackson
12 Greg Gani	22 Laura Rectenwald
14 James (Ty) Craver	29 Jack Gray

Anniversaries

9	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Brannon
9	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gray
18	Mr. & Mrs. Kurt Truelove
24	Mr. & Mrs. Russell Minatrea
28	Mr. & Mrs. Pete Whaley

Church Financials and Attendance for September 2016

Budget Income for 2016	\$ 483,196
Budget Expenses for 2016	\$ 525,701
Budget Difference for 2016	(\$ 42,505)
Income Received to Date	\$312,476
Expenses to Date	\$350,395
Income for the month	\$ 31,308
Expenses for the month	\$ 37,793
Difference for the month	(\$ 6,485)
Difference to Date.....	(\$ 38,395)
	2015 Present
Average Sunday Attendance to date	160 173
Average Sunday Attendance for September	144 165
Sunday Attendance to date	6227 6581
Attendance all other Services	6719 6837

Senior Inspiration.....

1. My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds ... only 15 to go ...
2. Ate salad for dinner ... Mostly croutons & tomatoes ... Really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce ... and cheese... FINE, it was a pizza... I ate a pizza
3. How to prepare Tofu:
 1. Throw it in the trash.
 2. Grill some Meat.
4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web ...
5. I don't mean to brag but... I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes
6. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it
7. Kids today don't know how easy they have it... when I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel
8. Senility has been a smooth transition for me
9. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school? Me neither.
10. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented ... I forgot where I was going with this
11. I love being over 70 ... I learn something new every day ... and forget 5 others
12. A thief broke into my house last night ... He started searching for money ... so I woke up and searched with him
13. My dentist told me I need a Crown ... I said, "You bet, pour mine over rocks"
14. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day
"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a great and busy month at Trinity in October! Our little ones at the preschool were visited by the Sparky the dog and the Marshall Fire Department as part of Fire Safety Month. The kindergarten and first grades made field trips to Calie's Acre Pumpkin Patch and the Dixie Corn Maze.

The Lady Knights volleyball team ended their season undefeated and remained undefeated in the end of season volleyball tournament where they took first place. Go Knights!

Friends of Trinity had a fantastic and successful turn out for the third annual Casino Night. Thanks FOT for all of your hard work making the event a success.

We rounded out the month with Red Ribbon Week and a Mad Scientist Discovery Day at the preschool.

We have big plans for November too. Our annual Book Fair will be the first week of November and we will also have a canned food drive for Mission Marshall. Our Veterans Day program will be on November 11th at 1:30 at the K-8 gym. The guest speaker at the program will be Pearl Harbor survivor Cecil Hollingshead.

We will also have Christmas Shoeboxes collection days during November.

Thanksgiving break will be from November 21st – 25th.

The students and staff at Trinity wish you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 7143



Trinity's Girl Scout troop is getting a new meeting place! They are going to renovate the "old" Scout Hut that is on the Trinity PreK property. To help fund this endeavor they are going to have:

Rummage Sale on November 12 on Pre-K parking lot
&

Spaghetti Supper on Nov @ 5pm in All Saint's Hall

Tickets are \$10 adult & \$5 child

You can also pay with a Lowe's gift card

This will be dine in or take out

Also anyone that may have any paint supplies, dry wall supplies, caulk, caulk guns, sandpaper, mop, broom, trash can they would like to donate they will gladly take it. They have a long list!

Contact Juli Jameson 903-926-2517

Curate Corner



Our Core Values:

Commitment
to Jesus Christ

Authority of
Scripture

Evangelism

Relational Ministry

Worship

Servant Ministry

Sacrificial Giving

Biblical Leader-
ship

Hello Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ.

I love fall, everything about it. I love the cooler temps, watching football games, eating chili, and spending more time outdoors. This is also the season where we see all the pumpkin spice latte lovers in some of their happiest states. November is one of my favorite months of the year...I love it.

Living in Texas, this is the month where the temps actually begin cooling off. I mean really cooling off, like we may get some lower 70's upper 60's. Aside from all that,

one of my favorite parts of November is Thanksgiving. I love that Holiday. I love it for many reasons. One of which is because I get to eat wonderful food. I also get to watch the Cowboys play, and even the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade puts me in good spirits. The best part of Thanksgiving is getting to spend time with loved ones. As I think about all this, I am overcome with gratitude. I thank God that I am able to enjoy Thanksgiving.

Gratitude, thanking God for all the blessings in our lives is an important Christian practice. Especially as we are finishing up our stewardship season, as we finished looking at all God has blessed us with and how we can use those blessings to the good of the church. As we examined these things, perhaps we realized that God has indeed blessed us with more than we realized. I know I do every time I go through a stewardship season. This leads to a sense of gratitude following that season. I am grateful that God has given me enough, that God has given me gifts that are useful to the church, that God has a place for me to use those gifts. St. Paul throughout his letters gave thanks to God. He gave thanks for his followers, he gave thanks for being able to express Christ, and he even gave thanks for his death.

As we are moving past stewardship season, as we are approaching Thanksgiving, as we approach Advent, let's be ever mindful of the gifts God has given us. However in this season, let's just give thanks to God for those. In our prayer book there are some wonderful thanksgivings we can say beginning on page 836. Let's say those, or we can even use our own words. As we are celebrating Thanksgiving, let us give Thanks to God for the gift of life, for his son, and for all the blessings in our lives. No matter how small the blessing seems to be.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew +



Ad Orientum or Ad Populum?

Whaaat? Most likely the title of this article doesn't mean anything to you. However, it is a topic that has been recently come back into focus in liturgical circles within the Anglican/Episcopalian Church and the Roman Catholic Church. The terms have to do with the way the priest faces when he is celebrating the Holy Eucharist. Ad Populum means simply that the priest is facing the people. Ad Orientum means the priest is facing the same way (east) as the people.

Now the next question that comes to mind is what difference does it make? In reality it makes a difference in that it reflects what we believe worship is about and how we worship together. I am going to take a moment and briefly explain what is taking place at the Holy Eucharist and what direction the priest is facing reflects about what we believe. The focus of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ and his atoning sacrifice upon the cross. With that being said anything that draws attention away from the Blessed Sacrament is a distraction and leaves a person to focus on temporal things. Such temporal things could very well be the celebrant himself.

Celebrating Ad Populum is a relative recent change in the celebration of the Eucharist. It was an unintended consequence of the liturgical changes made as a result of Vatican II. It was perhaps the one change that the Anglican/Episcopal Church was perhaps too quick to adapt to its own liturgy. One of the key liturgical changes of Vatican II were to make the Mass, how shall I say it; more user friendly? The most notable change to the Mass was to have it celebrated in the language of the people no longer was Latin the language of the Mass. Vatican II did not address the change of the direction in which the celebrant faces. It seems that the instruction that the Altar be free standing was assumed to mean, by many, that the priest was to celebrate facing the people. However, not all assumptions are correct.

In 2000 Cardinal Jorge Estevez, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments wrote a Letter on the position of the priest during the Eucharistic Liturgy. Responded to a question from the European cardinals about the position of the priest during the liturgy of the Eucharist.

“The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has been asked whether the expression in no. 299 of the *Instituto Generalis Missalis Romani* constitutes a norm according to which, during the Eucharistic liturgy, the position of the priest *versus absidem* [facing towards the apse] is to be excluded. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, after mature reflection and in light of liturgical precedents, responds: Negative, and in accordance with the following explanation. It is in the first place to be borne in mind that the word *expedit* does not constitute an obligation, but a suggestion that refers to the construction of the altar *a pariete sejunctum* [detached from the wall] and to the celebration *versus populum* [toward the people]. The clause *ubi possibile sit* [where it is possible] refers to different elements, as, for example, the topography of the place, the availability of space, the artistic value of the existing altar, the sensibility of the people participating in the celebrations in a particular church, etc. It reaffirms that the position toward the assembly seems more convenient inasmuch as it makes communication easier (Cf. the editorial in *Notitiae* 29 [1993] 245-249), without excluding, however, the other possibility.”

The gist of this letter is that in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist celebrating Ad Orientum is the norm rather than Ad Populum. After Vatican II the shift to celebrating Ad Populum seems to have developed with the movement of the Altar away from the wall or apse.

Vatican II came at a time when there was a strong desire by both the Roman Church and the Anglican Church to develop a closer relationship. The efforts spear headed by Arch Bishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI had a positive impact on both Churches. One aspect of the influences was seen in the liturgical work done by both.

There are portions of the Mass that are to be said facing the people, such as what we Anglicans refer to as the Liturgy of the Word, which includes the opening collects and Scripture reading. Traditional Anglicans have read the Nicene Creed the Prayers of the People facing east. However, facing the people in our tradition was not the norm, nor was it intended to become the norm. If we look at the rubrics for both the 1928 and 1979 Book of Common Prayer we find these instructions prior to the Sursum Corda, “Then the Priest (the Bishop if present) stand up, and turning to the People say,” (1928, BCP, pg. 75) “The people standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says” (1979 BCP, pg. 361) then after the Sursum Corda the rubrics indicates “Then the Priest turn to the Holy Table, and say,” (1928 BCP, pg 76) “The facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds” (1979 BCP pg. 361). Clearly by the rubric the indication is that the celebrant turns and faces the same direction as the people which is facing the altar.

The Letter on the position of the priest during the Eucharistic Liturgy goes on to say, “However, whatever may be the position of the celebrating priest, it is clear that the Eucharistic Sacrifice is offered to the one and triune God, and that the principal, eternal, and high priest is Jesus Christ, who acts through the ministry of the priest who visibly

presides as His instrument. The liturgical assembly participates in the celebration in virtue of the common priesthood of the faithful which requires the ministry of the ordained priest to be exercised in the Eucharistic Synaxis.” The central focus of the Eucharistic Prayer is Christ himself. It is the celebrant who facilitates that centrality by acting in “Persona Christi”. Ergo all that the celebrant does then should be to bring glory to Christ present in the Eucharist.

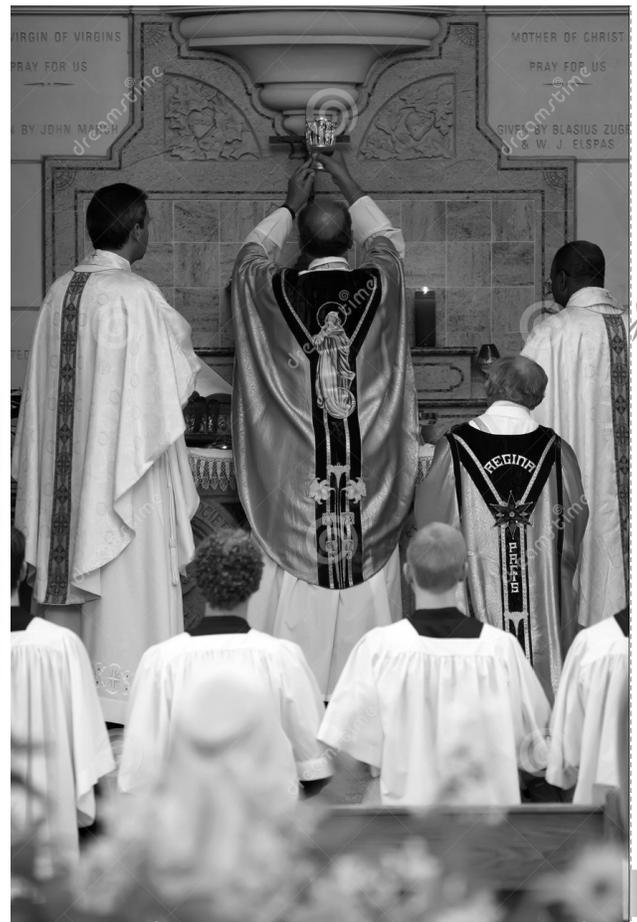
While the priest’s physical position does not negate him acting in Persona Christi his position can have an impact on what is the focus of the celebration taking place. By nature people tend to focus on the most active object in front of them. When the priest faces the people there is a tendency for the people to focus on his actions rather than on the act. Thus the individual’s attention is drawn away from the central act of the Holy Eucharist. If, on the other hand the priest is facing in the same direction as the people it turns the focus on the act that God is doing rather than the priest. Also, it unites the celebrant and the congregation in the unity of the mystery that God leads in the Eucharist.

Prior to the late 1960’s and 1970’s the liturgical tradition had been for the priest and the people to face east towards the rising Son; to be united in the prayers of consecration of the surrounding the epiclesis. The entirety of the focus was on the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and the wine. The position of the priest mirrored that of the congregation that all were worshipping Christ together, rather than one leading others in the worship. Celebrating facing east is an ancient tradition reflecting that his return will be in the way he ascended. All, priest and people, turn to the east to behold the coming of the Son. At the Holy Eucharist it is represented in the body and blood of Christ. “The turning of the priest toward the people has turned the community into a self-enclosed circle. In its outward form, it no longer opens out on what lies ahead and above, but is closed in on itself.” These words of Pope Benedict XVI are reflective of the theology that has taken over much the Anglican/Episcopal communities over the last sixty years. Rather than seeing ourselves as a community facing outward proclaiming the salvation of Christ to the world we have turned inward into our own comfortable view of our own righteousness.

Over the next year we will celebrate the Mass in both forms. This will be a theological exercise for us as spiritual beings. The purpose is not to ascertain what is the “right” way to celebrate the Mass; rather it is to lead us to ask ourselves some questions about how and why we celebrate and what we are saying to our Lord and Savior and what we are saying to the world. Fr. Andrew and I would very much like your feedback on how it helps or impedes your worship and what it communicates to you about us as a community of disciples.

RIGHT: Celebrating the Holy Eucharist Ad Orientem

BELOW: Celebrating the Holy Eucharist Ad Populum.



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GIVING OUTREACH BY DONATING
FOR TURKEY TO FEED OUR
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Acolyte Sunday!! November 29th



*Join us as we celebrate the ministry of
our Acolytes*

*We will be installing new Acolytes and
promoting older members*



*Behold, I come
among you as one
who serves.*

Luke 22:27

Parish Staff

Fr. John M. Himes, OSF
Rector

Fr. Andrew Ellison
Curate

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Youth Director

Magdalena Altnau
*Children's Christian
Formation Director*

Angela Bray
Nursery Director

Jim Johnson
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and Organist*

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Junior Warden

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Julie Trexler
Treasurer

Doug Jager

Cindy Cain

Leana Westergaard

Clarence Brown

Jim Kutner

Bonnie Strauss

Micheal DeSa

Cassie Rhoades

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Holy Communion - 8:00 AM

Parish Breakfast - 9:00 AM

Christian Formation for all ages - 9:30 AM

Holy Communion - 10:30 AM

After 10:30 Service
Coffee & Cookies In All Saints Hall

Wednesday

Holy Communion - 10:00 AM

Dinner in All Saint's Hall - 5:30 PM

Contemporary Worship - 6:15 PM

Thursday

Choir practice 5:00 PM

Martha's Kitchen - 6:00 PM



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