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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH • MARSHALL, TEXAS  
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## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH'S HOLY VISION:

In glorifying God, we the members of Trinity Church, will foster a unified parish, demonstrate our spirituality with an open heart, and reflect in our actions the good news of the Holy Spirit to all members of our church and community.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday Morning

Adult Christian Formation  
9:30 am

Holy Communion Rite II  
10:30 am

Coffee/Cookie Hour  
11:45 am

Wednesday Evening  
Choir - 5:00 pm

## Sunday Christian Formation (Sunday School)

Please join us from 9:30 - 10:15am in All Saints' Hall.

Join us for a study titled A Man Called Peter. We journey with Peter through Acts and 1 & 2 Peter. This flawed man of great faith is the rock upon whom God built his church.



Trinity Episcopal Church | Marshall, TX

All are welcome!

Bring a friend!

## TRINITY SUNDAY & HOMECOMING

Date: June 4, 2023

Time: Following the 10:30 am service

Where: Annex parking lot

**SAVE THIS DATE FOR FAMILY,  
FRIENDS, FOOD & FUN!**

Trinity Episcopal Church | 106 N Grove | Marshall, TX



## OUR CORE VALUES:

Commitment to  
Jesus Christ

Authority of  
Scripture

Evangelism  
Relational

Ministry

Worship

Servant  
Ministry

Sacrificial  
Giving

Biblical  
Leadership

# Congratulations!

## May 21 - Logan Jameson-Hatch College Graduation

Logan Jameson-Hatch graduated on April 29, 2023 from the University of Texas at Tyler with his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology and Applied Engineering with a minor in Business. At only 19, he will be the youngest to have graduated from his department. Along with this degree, he additionally earned FANUC Robotics Certifications, a Six Sigma Green Belt in Management and was certified an ATMAE Manufacturing Specialist while at the University of Tyler.



He has been a lifelong member of Trinity Episcopal Church, baptized in 2004. He has served for many years as an acolyte and frequently volunteered with the altar guild and other ministries. Logan was a member of Trinity Church's Boy Scout Troop 550 Program and earned his Eagle Scout Award.

He was also an active volunteer in the community, earning the Texas State Historical Commission Volunteer of the Year Award. He restored many local historical markers, including the one that marks Trinity.

Logan will continue his call to service as he begins a yearlong commitment with AmeriCorps- the domestic version of the the Peace Corps. He will be volunteering to help maintain and expand the solar and wind microgrid that is part of a sustainable housing project in Birmingham, Alabama.

After his year of service, Logan hopes to attend University College of Dublin to pursue his graduate level studies in renewable energy management. As the home of the European Energy Institute, UCD will offer him many educational and professional opportunities. It is his hope to eventually help strengthen American Industry by helping companies develop sustainable and reliable micro grids to support production in an ever changing environment.

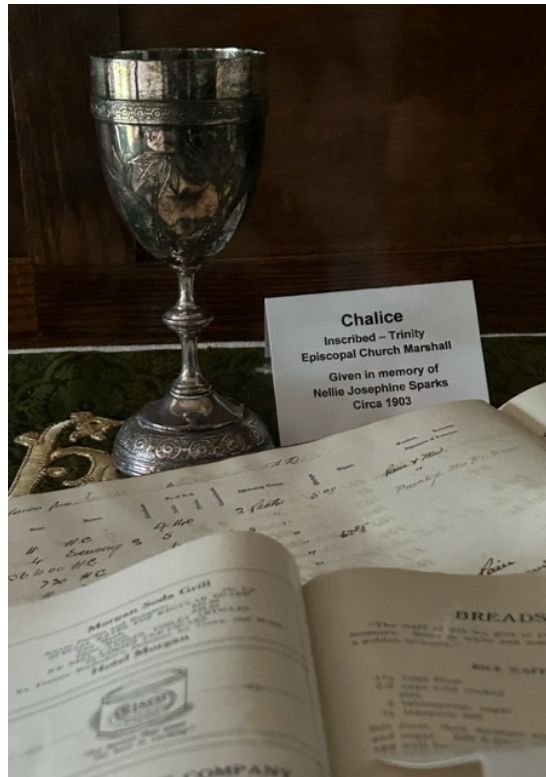


# A Little History ...

## Nellie Josephine Sparks

For us, Nellie's story begins in the present. At Trinity Episcopal Church on Grove Street there is a beautiful stained glass window that is obviously different in style from the windows on either side and in the rest of the church. The color scheme is dark green and purple. It features an angelic figure holding a banner that reads "All His Saints Shall Praise Him". Symbolic of the Holy Spirit, a dove is above the angel figure. Lily of the Valley can be found at each corner. A cartouche bearing the initials N and S intertwined is found in the space above the name and dates of birth and death. The dedication memorializes Nellie Josephine Sparks who was born on March 8, 1885 and died on December 9, 1903. A quick calculation shows that she was 18 when she died.

Research tells us some more of the story. When Nellie was two years old, she was baptized at Trinity Church, Marshall and was presented for baptism by her mother and her mother's sister and husband, Charles Mansfield and Isabelle "Belle" Edwards Raguet. According to the church records, her father, James Richard Sparks, was not present at the service nor does any record beyond 1888 refer to him.



## 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.

Nellie Josephine was only three years old when her mother Sarah Ellen Edwards Sparks died, only a few months after Nellie's baptism. After her mother's death, Nellie Josephine was adopted by her godparents, Charles and Belle Edwards Raguet. The Raguet and Edwards family names permeate Texas history.

Without cars and airplanes, one might think that turn of the century Marshallites were destined to spend their days within the confines of the city or in nearby towns. The Society column of the historic Dallas Morning News archives illustrates that this was not true for either Nellie or others included in its pages. In 1891, the C.M. Raguet family spent the summer on the shores of Grand Traverse Bay, Michigan. Although not mentioned by name, it is likely that six-year-old Nellie accompanied her adoptive family on this trip. When she was 14 years old, Nellie and her Aunt Belle traveled to El Paso. This may have been to visit Nellie's two brothers who had been sent there to live while she was destined for Marshall. Another trip the following year took Nellie and her aunt to New York City (1899). This was followed by a trip to San Antonio (1901). Yet another society column notices in 1901 shows that Nellie and her aunt attended the Dallas Fair in October 1901.

In addition to her travels, Nellie also enjoyed her life here in Marshall. Another notice from the Dallas paper's archives describes a luncheon for her classmates hosted by Nellie followed by a "driving party and swimming bee" at nearby Sue Belle Lake (June 1902).

Nellie also made frequent trips from Marshall to Dallas to attend school – probably by train on the Texas and Pacific line that ran through Marshall. Nellie attended St. Mary's Episcopal school in Dallas, Texas from 1899 through 1903 when she died.

According to the obituary published in the Marshall paper, Nellie's untimely death was due to appendicitis. Mr. and Mrs. Raguet were called to Dallas when it became apparent that Nellie was very ill, although imminent death was not expected. They took with them the family doctor, G.P. Rains. According to the Marshall paper, Dr. Rains attempted surgery but without success. Nellie now lies in an unmarked grave in the Raguet plot with the only memorial to her life being the window in Trinity church.

Update: In 2012, a member of Trinity found a list of unmarked graves in Greenwood Cemetery while doing research at the Inez Hatley Hughes Research Center. Nellie Sparks' grave was identified on that list. Two church members took it upon themselves to purchase a marker and on December 9, 2012, Father John Himes rededicated the graveside in memory of one of the early members of our church family.

Additionally, a chalice, given in memory of Nellie, was mentioned in Max Lale's 1950 "History of Trinity Church". That chalice was located and is now on display in the glass case in Fry/Selcer Hall.

# JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR

## **OUR CLERGY:**

Bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, Kai, and our Rector Fr. Kevin Wittmayer

## **OUR STAFF:**

Jim Johnson - Organist & Choir Director; Stacey Shaw - Parish Administrator;

## **OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Our President, Joe; our Governor, Greg; our County Judge, Chad; our Mayor, Amy

## **OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN:**

Zachary Vernon Walker, Jason Woodley, Michael Walsh, Lisa Sperhake, Christopher Love, Audrey Dobbs, Aubrey Toussaint, Kenny Welch, Ryan Allgood, Wil Moseley, Chase Tondee, Cole Cathey, Andy Albright

## **OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Kay Kemp, Yank Terrell, Wanda Fugler, Dick Toussaint, Sandy Toussaint, David Cope, Terry Weeks, Michael Cason

## **IN THE COMMUNITY:**

Rhonda Way, Tommy Hicks, Maria Mangieri, Brad Thomas, Vanessa White, Cathy Lazansky Horeu, Phil Thomas, Scott Gorges, Peyton Reeves, Gloria Portman,

## **HOMEBOUND:**

Bill Sullivan - Home, Mary Jane McElroy - Marshall Manor, Jo Ann Cason - Home, Peggy Tracy - Home, Patty Whaley - Home, Mary Lou Barkett - Home, Ron Denney, Sr. - Home

## **SISTER PARISH:**

Oyani Church - Kenya



# BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



## May Birthdays

- |    |                |    |              |
|----|----------------|----|--------------|
| 1  | Robbey Simmons | 26 | Jerry Tanner |
| 9  | Dick Boyd      | 27 | Cathy Cope   |
| 14 | Margot Lingold |    |              |
| 16 | Fort Staggers  |    |              |
| 17 | Carol Hicks    |    |              |



Watch over thine children,  
O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever  
they may be. Strengthen them  
when they stand; comfort them  
when discouraged or sorrowful;  
raise them up if they fall; and  
in their hearts may thy peace  
which passeth understanding  
abide all the days of their life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

O God, you have so consecrated the  
covenant of marriage that in it is  
represented the spiritual unity between  
Christ and his Church: Send therefore your  
blessing upon these your servants, that  
they may so love, honor, and cherish each  
other in faithfulness and patience, in  
wisdom and true godliness, that their  
home may be a haven of blessing and  
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy  
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.



## Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. David Cope  
{ May 4 }

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Strauss  
{ May 10 }

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fugler  
{ May 14 }





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

Luke 22:27

## PARISH STAFF

**Fr. Kevin Wittmayer**  
*Interim Rector*

**Jim Johnson**  
*Music Director  
and Organist*

**Stacey Shaw**  
*Parish Administrator*

## VESTRY

Ann Brannon  
*Senior Warden*

Tony Pierce  
*Secretary*

Joel Truelove

Henry Henderson

Jackie Weeks

*Parish Treasurer*  
Margot Lingold



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