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

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Last fall, the children of our church participated in our church’s brand new Children’s Choir! Katie and Mike DeSa, together with Pauline Manly, led the children in rehearsals throughout the fall and spring. The very first performance was a rendition of Go Tell It on the Mountain at the family mass on Christmas Eve. The children did beautifully and we resumed rehearsals in the early part of the year. The next performance was on Maundy Thursday: a more solemn performance of Kum Bah Ya, complete with hand motions. The finale for the year was on Memorial Day weekend, at the 10:30 church service. The children sang when the Saints Go Marching In. In addition to rehearsals on Wednesday nights, the children also participated in music-themed crafts and art, music theory, instrument education, and even a music-inspired yoga session! We ended the year at the children’s request: a music party with treats and games! It’s been a wonderful year and I think we are all looking forward to next year.

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As you know we are entering into another hurricane season. While hurricanes do not affect us in the same manner they do down south, we do feel the effect of them. However, we in East Texas do have our fair share of weather emergencies. How are we prepared if a weather emergency occurs in our community? The diocese has put out a guide in which parishes can examine to see how we are on preparation for a natural disaster or act of violence. I urge us all to look at this. It has ideas on steps we can take to remain safe, as well as suggestions and examples for us to use. If you would like to see this please let the church office know and we can provide this resource.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION
CLASS SCHEDULED

Are you new to Trinity would you like to become a member of the parish? If so the opportunity to become a member is approaching.

Fr. John will conduct a Conformation and Reception Class beginning on Sunday, September 9th at 5:00 PM. Child care will be provided. The only requirement for confirmation is that each individual be Baptized prior to the Bishop’s Visitation on Sunday, November 4th.

The class covers the Christian faith and polity of the Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church. The class is 6 weeks in duration. It will not meet over the Columbus Day Weekend. A class schedule will be available in August.

Those who are interested in attending should contact the parish office at 903-938-4246 to sign-up.
Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

This month we celebrate the two hundredth and forty-second year of our nation's independence. An independence that was birthed through the Revolutionary War. If there had not been men and women willing to fight for what they believed in then who we are as a nation and as a people would be completely different than who we are today. If those men and women had not stood up for the dignity and rights God has bestowed on humanity we would not be the republic that has stood for over two hundred years. The quote "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance." is often credited to Thomas Jefferson. However, Jefferson's use was a shortening of a quote from John Philpot Curran's statement, "The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt."

The First Amendment to our Constitution is our “first freedom.” The amendment states, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for redress of grievances.”

Increasingly in our era there are those who wish to deny the distinctly Christian world view on which our nation was established. This desire to re-write history to fit the secular world view is an effort to deny the reality of God and the faith of many people. There is process to re-writing a people’s history. There are many facets to the re-write. Perhaps the first and most seductive is the language. If a group can control the meaning of words they can control the conversation. Today such efforts are called political correctness.

“Political Correctness”, when did that term come about and just what does it mean? There term came into general use in the 1970’s. It is a term used to describe language, policies or measures that are intended to avoid offense or disadvantage members of a particular group within society. Well, we might say, “What is wrong with that?” One question, who gets to decide what is politically correct? In 1934 the New York Times reported that the Nazi government in Germany was granting reporting permits only to those whose opinions were politically correct. In the 1950’s and 1960’s American Communists and Socialists used to refer to the politically correct as those who held the “correct” party positions. Of course those party positions were decided upon by those who ran the party. Today, it isn’t you or me who decides what is permissible, it is a group of unelected individuals in media, government, and even the church.

The control of language is in a very real sense a control of culture. Language has a great deal to do with our religious freedom, for it is through language that we communicate thoughts and ideas. If the language is controlled, then the breadth of faith can be controlled as well. As a free people it is up to the people to defend the first freedom, not by violence, but by the courage to speak boldly and faithfully in the public square to maintain the right of free speech, the free practice of religion, the freedom to assemble peacefully. If we do not take this responsibility seriously, then we are willingly giving up our freedom, and compromising our faith. For we are to speak the truth, and the truth will set you free.

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.

BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew Bible Study will meet on July 11th and 25th at Jucy’s Hamburger in Marshall. (Bible Study begins at 12:00) We will also hold our Monthly Meeting on June 25th prior to the Bible Study. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

Summer Wednesday Night Dinner

During the summer our Wednesday Night Dinner is on hiatus. Once a month we will have a Pizza Night. This will be announced in the Bulletin on Sunday and in the weekly email. On Pizza Night we hope everyone will come. This will be a wonderful time of fellowship and food come and join us. The dinner will be at 5:00 PM.

Our regular Wednesday Night schedule changes with Worship at 6:00 PM.

Children’s Choir cont.
Birthdays

1 Cheryl Staggers  16 Sandy Toussaint
1 Hugh Taylor    17 Vince Godinich
5 Reggie Hasty   20 Theresa Harper
5 Sarah Rectenwald 21 Michael Cason
6 Katie Godinich DeSa 25 Sherry Henderson
7 Doug Lewis     26 Dorothy Whaley
7 Michael Jones  26 Lillian Weeks
9 Elise Welch    27 Albert McPhail
10 Lucy Parr     27 Glenda Lane
10 Cody Godinich 27 Rae Dickson
11 Courtney Tolar 28 Lal Terrell
12 Wil Moseley  28 Jennifer Abney
13 Stephen Littlejohn 29 Gloria Snyder

Church Financials and Attendance for May 2018

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Budget Income for 2018           $498,837
Budget Expenses for 2018        $557,879
Budget Difference for 2018      ($59,042)
Income Received to Date         $222,866
Expenses to Date                $239,922
Income for the month             $41,857
Expenses for the month           $52,124
Difference for the month         ($10,267)
Difference to Date               ($16,922)

Anniversaries

3 Mr. & Mrs. Zane Jackson
4 Mr. Claude & Dr. Chris Hammond
11 Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Jager
14 Mr. & Mrs. Yank Terrell
16 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Altnau
16 Mr. & Mrs. Brett Weeks
17 Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas
20 Mr. & Mrs. Don Bramlett
22 Mr. & Mrs. Dick Boyd
30 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis
31 Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hammers

Altar Guild Polish

Thursday, July 19th
9:00am

This is when all the brass and silver in the church is polished.
There are several pieces to do so this is for all of the altar guild to come help with if you are available.
Young Family End of School Year Pool Party

At the beginning of June we had about 37 of our young families come out to the country club pool for a summer send off. We enjoyed swimming, pizza, cake, and fellowship. The kids slid down the slide, jumped off the diving board, and dove for toys at the bottom of the pool. I even caught a few of the dads going down the slide and jump off the diving board. We had a blast, and are planning on another pool party soon. This is one of the many fun things our young families get to do together. The plans for next year’s activities are already in the works...so stay tuned.
Hello friends, greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. You may have noticed that there is a change in the title of this article. It is no longer called “Curate Corner”. That is because as of this month, I am no longer your curate. I am now moving into the role of Associate Priest. I have thoroughly enjoyed as serving as your curate, and look forward to continuing to grow into the role of Associate. Well, what is the difference? For one, I will not be focused on just one ministry. A curacy is a time of learning and growing as a new priest. With that the diocese mandates that the curate be over one ministry. As Associate I will take on more roles. I will begin to work with our media ministry, I will begin to work with other churches in the area to build up ecumenical relationships, and I will also become more of a presence to the community of Marshall.

So what does that mean for my role as Family Minister and school chaplain? Absolutely nothing! I am still the Family Minister, and that ministry will be ongoing. We will still be camping out, we will still be doing fun events, and this fall I am planning a trip to an escape room. That will not change, but I will also assume other roles.

This brings me to something I have been thinking about; our roles. We all have various roles in which we are called to live into. We have roles in the homes and roles at work. Each of these roles requires something from us. Each of these roles must be given attention. Some of us have roles in our work, as well as a role of parent or spouse. It is important to not forget about, or let the other roles suffer. It is important to keep certain roles where they belong, for instance our work roles should be kept at work.

There is often one role that is overlooked. In seminary we were told to write down all of our roles. We all wrote down seminarian, we wrote down ministers in a church, some of us wrote down parent, some of us wrote down spouse, many wrote down son or daughter, while others wrote down friend. There was one role that none of us wrote down, self. We often overlook the role of self, and overlook the need for mental and spiritual renewal. Thank God He gave us the Sabbath to focus on that. We must not overlook the need to take care of ourselves. We must not overlook the need to care for the role of self. If we are not caring for ourselves all of our other roles suffer.

All of our roles are important; we were called to live them out. Remember the overlooked role, yourself. Take care of it, tend it, and nurture it. When the role of self is taken care of, we can easier live into the other roles with grace.

Blessings,

Fr. Andrew
Understanding the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion

XX. Of the Authority of the Church. The Church hath power to decree Rites or Ceremonies, and authority in Controversies of Faith: and yet it is not lawful for the Church to ordain any thing that is contrary to God's Word written, neither may it so expound one place of Scripture, that it be repugnant to another. Wherefore, although the Church be a witness and a keeper of Holy Writ, yet, as it ought not to decree any thing against the same, so besides the same ought it not to enforce any thing to be believed for necessity of Salvation.

We are members of Trinity Church in Marshall TX. With that we are part of something much larger. We are also part of a convocation of Episcopal churches in the Northeastern part of the Diocese, we are part of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, and with that a member of the Episcopal Church in the USA. As we know Episcopalians are members of the worldwide Anglican Communion. This is a communion of churches all in relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury. We also all trace our roots to the mother church in England, the Church of England.

Anglicans are different than our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters, insofar as we do not look at the authority of the church in the same manner as the Roman Catholic Church. We also do not look at the authority of the church in the same manner as our Protestant brothers and sisters. Our way of looking at authority is strictly an Anglican way. Perhaps you have heard the term “Via Media”. That is a favorite word used amongst Anglicans. This is a way in which Anglicans view themselves. It is a middle ground between the catholic part of the faith, and the reformed part of the faith. Our authority is based on this idea, which was given to us by the great Anglican theologian Richard Hooker. Our churches authority structure is also different than what we see in the Roman Catholic Church. The Twentieth Article of Religion examines this structure, in the Authority of the Church.

The twentieth Article of the Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion addresses where the authority of the church comes from. This article shapes the view of our churches authority, as well as the famous three legged stool concept. In this article I will examine that twentieth article. Looking at what exactly the article is stating. I will then look at the authority structure Anglicans adhere to, including the idea of the three legged stool. I will also look at the differences in other denominations and faith traditions. It is with better understanding of our own authority structure where we can better appreciate our own tradition. It is also in understanding our own differences with other traditions that we are able to enter into dialogue and relationships with other denominations.

The twentieth article is basically a defense of denominations. The article begins by stating that the church has the authority to decree the Rites and Ceremonies. It also has the authority to oversee and deal with any controversies of Faith. This part of the article stems from the English Reformation. It stems from the breaking away of the Church of England from the Church in Rome. It is saying that the Church of England is free to make its own decisions without input and separate from Rome. Basically it is laying the groundwork as a separate denomination of the Church in Rome. It is saying that the church has authority over its own matters.

This also helps shape the identity of the Anglican Communion. The Church of England, as well as many churches in the Anglican Communion, is like a federation of independent and local churches. The authority of the church stems from the local communities within the wider church. They come together and make decisions together, which is different than the structure in the Roman church where a Pope makes the decisions, and all churches follow. In fact this very month we are seeing this play out. As many dioceses in the Episcopal Church are coming together to make decisions on behalf of the church at the General Convention. This is true also for the Anglican Communion. The churches within the communion do not look at the Archbishop of Canterbury for doctrine and rite; they make their own decisions based on their own contexts.
The Archbishop of Canterbury can and does mediate, or offer advice, but he cannot make decisions or dictate to a church in the communion.

While the article says the church has the freedom to make its own decision outside of Rome, there is a caveat to that freedom. The rest of the article states that the church cannot make decisions outside of scripture, and God’s word. The churches are meant to determine their rites and ceremonies, but must base it in Scripture. Their doctrine, practice, or rites cannot go against what is said in scripture. The reformers saw the Church of Rome straying from scripture in their practice, so they sought to reform it. While the church is fully independent of Rome, or a single authority figure such as the Pope, the churches are not actually fully independent. They rely solely on Jesus Christ, and must rely on his word in doctrine.

Out of the reformation, came a concept called Solo Scriptura. This means that all doctrine is from scripture alone. This is the exact opposite of Rome practice which adheres to the traditions of the church. However, this can become a problem as well, as people began ignoring the traditions of the church. In the Anglican world we look to a concept called the three legged stool when observing authority. The three legged stool is scripture, tradition and reason. This is a way in which our idea of authority distinguishes us from the Roman Catholics and the Protestants. The Roman Catholic Church gives more authority to the traditions of the church. While the Protestants gives more authority to Scripture. As I said we Anglicans we say that we are in the middle of the two. We look at both traditions of the church and the Scriptures as the basis of our authority. Those two together with reason form the three legged stool. According to the Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity: And Other Works by and About Richard Hooker, Reason is part of our creation. The book states that “Reason is embedded in the fabric of creation. It is part of a general predisposition the created order has to acknowledge God and strive to reach God. Human beings are endowed with reason as an active and positive part of the human make up.” If we do not have one of the legs the stool topples over. In the same manner, if we do not focus on all three aspects our authority can crumble. Therein lays the difference between our church and other churches we mix the two.

So as we see we look at Authority different than the Roman Catholic Church does, as well as Protestant Churches. While the Roman Catholics look at tradition, and the Protestants look at just scripture; we look at both. Furthermore our authority is independent from one decision maker. We leave it open for the various churches and dioceses to come together and make decisions together, all the while keeping in mind the concept of the three legged stool.


Trinity Needs You!
Trinity is looking for a volunteer to help with our Media Ministry.

OVERVIEW:
The Media Minister will have oversight of all social and print media of Trinity, as well as coordinate outside advertising.

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Coordinate messaging of all media of the parish: Social Media, Tripod, Bulletin, E-mail, and commercial advertising.
- Implement and maintain a church wide social media strategy within the umbrella of the overall communications strategy that supports the church’s ministry goals.
- Manage the church’s social media platform that engages the larger community of Harrison County and Marshall.
- Understands the overall messaging of the church and how it can be implemented more effectively.
- Create and manage the church’s social media ads.
- Create social media content that is disturbed through the various social media channels.
- Respond to questions and concerns posted to the church social media accounts.
- Stay up to date with current trends in social media.
- Work with church ministries to develop specific social media strategies that fit within the church’s overall branding and social media strategy.
- Identify, develop, and deploy social media volunteers to enhance the church’s social media effectiveness.
- Work with the rector, and vestry to develop staff wide social media policies.
- Collect and communicate all media metrics that faithfully describe the effectiveness of the church’s media outreach.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Commitment to the mission of the Parish
- A Growing Christian faith and character
- Self-starter
- Experience managing print and social media
- An understanding of current trends in social media and how maximizes its use in a faith based context.
SCAVENGER HUNT
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018
PIZZA@5:00 | SCAVENGER HUNT@6PM

COME ONE! COME ALL!
COME SHORT! COME TALL!

GRAB A BIBLE, GRAB A FRIEND!
ON THESE TWO THINGS YOUR VICTORY DEPENDS!

COLLECT THE CLUES AS A TEAM,
DECIPHER WHAT THE SCRIPTURES MEAN!

AND WHEN YOU FIND THE CLUES AT LAST,
YOU'LL SURELY AGREE THAT THE NIGHT WAS A

B L A S T!

M. Alinau

BIBLES PROVIDED FOR THE HUNT!  FUN PRIZES!  GRADES K-5  COME JOIN THE ADVENTURE!
Parish Staff
Fr. John M. Himes, OSF
Rector
Fr. Andrew Ellison
Curate
Rae Dickson
Youth Director
Magdalena Altnau
Children’s Christian Formation Director
Angela Bray
Nursery Director
Jim Johnson
Music Director and Organist
Melissa Hammers
Choir Director
Stacey Shaw
Parish Administrator
Suzie Ward
Administrative Assistant
Melvin Williams
Sexton

Vestry
Tony Pierce
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Michael DeSa
Angela Bray
Clerk of the Vestry
Julie Trexler
Treasurer
Leana Westergaard
Carol Meyer
Kathleen Abraham
Jackie Weeks
Chris Altnau
Steve Lewis
Margot Lingold
Robert Perkins

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
Choir Practice 5:00 PM (Off in July)
Dinner - 5:30 PM(Not during summer)
Contemporary Worship - 6:00 PM

Thursday
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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