Entering Lent

Trinity entered the season of Lent after being blest by a wonderful Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Scouts from our Boy Scout Troop 550 helped prepare All Saints’ Hall by decorating it with Mardi Gras decorations and by helping to serve and cleanup after the Supper.

Our vestry were our chefs! We had plenty of cooks in the kitchen turning out some of the best pancakes ever. Both the vestry and our Scouts did a great job and deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Ash Wednesday began our Lenten Season with two services of the Imposition of Ashes.

Several ongoing worship Services and devotions are taking place throughout Lent to help grow each of us in our relationship with Christ. Each Sunday at 5:00 PM Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is conducted in the Church. On Wednesday Evenings at 5:00 PM the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is said in the Chapel of the Holy Family.

In addition to the opportunities to worship and pray there are two ongoing Bible Studies. Bill Abraham continues his study of the Gospel of St. John. Edwina Thomas is doing a special study of The Church and Islam.
Lenten Worship Schedule

5:00 PM Each Sunday during Lent
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church

5:00 PM Each Wednesday during
Lent Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the
Chapel of the Holy Family

Holy Week
March 29-April 4

Palm Sunday Services 8:00am & 10:30am
5:00 pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday - 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Tuesday - 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
Wednesday - 10am & 6:15pm services
12:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday - 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Holy Family

Friday - 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm Service of Tenebrae

Saturday - 1:00 pm Resurrection Egg Hunt

God Is Enough

Hannah Whitall Smith (1827-1911)
(Partaking and Conforming)

In order to become conformed to the image of Christ, we must of necessity be made "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). Our tastes, our wishes, our purposes, will become like Christ's tastes, wishes and purposes; we will see things as He see them. This is inevitable; for where the divine nature is, its fruit cannot fail to be manifest; and, where it is not manifest, we are forced to conclude that that individual, no matter how loud his profession, has not yet been made a partaker of the divine nature.

I can hear someone asking, "But do you really mean to say that, in order to be made partakers of the divine nature, we must cease from our own efforts entirely and must simply by faith put on Christ, letting Him live in us and work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure? And do you believe He will then actually do it?"

Yes, I mean just that. I mean that if we abandon ourselves entirely to Him, He comes to abide in us and is himself our life. We must commit our whole lives to Him -- our thoughts, our words, our daily walk, our downsittings, our risings. By faith we must abandon ourselves and, as it were, move over into Christ and abide in Him. By faith we must put off the old man, and by faith we must put on the new man (cf.Col 3:9-10). By faith we must reckon ourselves dead unto sin and alive unto God -- as truly dead as alive (cf.Rom 6:11). By faith we must realize that our life is Christ living in us; and ceasing from our own works, we must suffer Him to work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure (cf.Phil 2:13).
Rector’s Meanderings

Dear Beloved in Christ:

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

I would like to invite you to consider a brief meditation for Lent based on Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

How these words convict. Who among us has not grieved the Holy Spirit of God by our thoughts, by our actions, by our words, especially by our words. In all honesty each and every one of us would have to say we have indeed grieved the Holy Spirit. I am certainly guilty of this.

Words, the swords of Christians, cut deeply. Our profession of faith often stops us from taking physical action that would grieve the Holy Spirit, but we feel we are entitled to a verbal response here or there to get our emotional point across. That isn’t what Christ Jesus tells us, nor is it what Paul tells us in Ephesians to, “put off falsehood and speak truthfully … In your anger do not sin … do not give the devil a foothold.” I have found that when I place myself in the situation where I choose to say or do something that grieves the Holy Spirit, I am doing it out of pride or a perceived need to justify myself. Afterwards, I hear a voice saying, “That felt good didn’t it. Do it some more.” At the same time there is a coldness in my heart.

Often the choice we make to grieve the Holy Spirit doesn’t seem to be a conscious choice, but rather something that just happens. In reality it is a flight or fight response in which we choose not to physically fight but to emotionally land a blow on another. However, it is still a choice we made. It reflects the tenor of our heart, if we choose in such a manner that an ungodly choice seems to automatically be the preferred course, we need to fall on our knees. For our heart is not where God wants our hearts to be, in relationship to Him.

The words we speak are our swords, they should only be drawn in the battle against Satan and His demons, and only when called to do so by our Lord and our Savior. All other times we are to love our brothers and sisters, especially those we find the hardest to love, especially those who act against us, who bring us down. This isn’t to say you cave in to them, you stand firm in God’s word, leaning on Him for strength and encouragement. In that manner we permit ourselves to be lifted up to Him. If we then lift up those with Him we are having difficulty, and in submission to God do all that He commands us to do. We will not grieve the Holy Spirit, but stir the Holy Spirit of God within us to move and shape our lives and our actions to glorify the Kingdom of Heaven and our Blessed Lord.

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.

Women of Trinity

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, March 18th, as that's the third Wednesday of the month, which is when Women of Trinity meet to learn, laugh and load up on a luscious lunch (O.K., you try and find a better verb)...at any rate, it's a great time for fellowship, prayer and feeding of the soul.

We are so fortunate to have booked a great Lenten-appropriate program for the March 18th meeting of Women of Trinity...our own Father John will help us along the path to a more enlightened and faithful Lent.

This is really a presentation that you won't want to miss, so please make your plans to attend the March 18th meeting of Women of Trinity, at 11 a.m., following the Eucharistic Service at 10 a.m., in All Saints Hall and please join us for lunch after the meeting. Remember, every woman of Trinity is a member of Women of Trinity and is welcomed with open arms. See you then!

Men of Trinity

The Men of Trinity will meet on Monday, March 9th at 5:30 PM in All Saints’ Hall for food, fellowship and prayer.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

March Schedule

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

- Wednesday March 11th & 25th at 11:30 Bible Study at Jucy’s
- Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 AM monthly meeting at Golden Corral

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

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew contact Adam Lundgren. We will be conducting a training class after Easter.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Fr. John will be conducting a Confirmation and Reception Class for individuals who would like to become members of Trinity Church. The class will begin on Sunday, April 12th at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of Fry Hall.

Individuals interested in attending should call the parish office at 903-938-4246 to register prior to April 1st so that we can order the material for the class.
Birthdays

1 Matthew Hatch
2 Angela Bray
3 Teresea Whaley
4 Gary Hathaway
5 Jim Weaver
6 Clarence Brown
7 Kennedy Minatrea
8 Leanna Westergaard
9 James Craver
10 Ada Anderson
11 Candie Craver
12 Lowell Runyan
13 Keaton Howard
14 Jack Weaver
15 Fred Westergaard
16 Glenda Knutson
17 Matthew Hatch
18 Paul Palmer
19 Joel Truelove
20 Mike Jeffries
21 Christian Welch
22 James Welch
23 Oliver Briggle
24 Claudia Abney
25 Jill Parr Brewer
26 Cate Truelove
27 Clarissa Martin
28 Marjorie Bray
29 Chase Tondee
30 Juli Jameson
31 Sara Cope
32 Dick Toussaint

Church Financials and Attendance for January 2015

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Walter Julius Carey, Bishop of Bloemfontein (1921-1934)

O Holy Spirit of God, come again to my heart and fill me.
I open the windows of my soul to let thee in; come and possess me;
fill me with light and truth.
Of myself I am an unprofitable servant, an empty vessel:
Fill me that I may live the life of thy Spirit,
the life of truth and goodness,
the life of wisdom and strength,
the life of beauty and love.
And guide me today in all things:
guide me to the people I should meet and help,
to the circumstances in which I may best serve God,
whether by my actions or by my suffering.
But above all make Christ to be formed in me,
that I may dethrone self in my heart
and make Him King.
Bind me to Christ by all thy ways, known and unknown,
by holy thoughts, and unseen graces, and sacramental ties, that He may be in me,
and I in Him, this day and for ever.

Anniversaries

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JrDOK

The Junior Daughter of the King ministry held their 4th annual Father Daughter Dinner at the church. Cafe Italia catered the meal and we had a huge turnout. The guests enjoyed videos on what it is like to be a dad and they were able to take photos in a photo booth that was set up in the Parish Hall. It was such a blessing to everyone who attended!

Next Regular JrDOK meeting:

Sundays
March 1 & 22
in Fry Hall
Youth Room
**Daughters of the King**

**Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring!**

Daughters of the King Update and Opportunities

The Daughters of the King and the Junior Daughters have been busy this February. Even though it’s cold outside and the weather necessitated cancelling our February monthly meeting, our Junior Daughters attended a date night with their dads. The Daddy-Daughter Dinner was a huge success with over sixty people attending. Six members of the Daughters of the King attended the Daughters of the King Diocese of Texas Assembly at Christ Church in Tyler. What a wonderful worship experience with a sermon by our bishop Jeff Fisher based on the book, *Toxic Charity*, and the beautiful music of the Glory Bound Singers with 200 Daughters of the King singing together. Wow! Wish every member of Trinity Episcopal Church could have been there.

Next February those 200 women will be at our church for the February Assembly for the Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King. I will give you more information as the year progresses.

Hello, spring! Hello, March! The Daughters of the King are planning a Day of Reflection for Saturday, March 21 from 9-2, which will include Eucharist, a prayer walk, music study, more about journaling our prayers and stories, and Edwina Thomas, who will share about her latest adventure in Africa. We are very excited and invite the women of the church to attend with us.

Lord, revive us again as we serve you and reflect on what you have done for us.

Sherry Henderson

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**A Day of Reflection—Reflecting on Prayer, Service and Evangelism**

**Saturday, March 21, 2015**

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All women of the church are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served and childcare is provided. Call the church office to reserve childcare.
Parish Staff
The Rev. Dr. John M. Himes, OSF Rector
Caroline Donica Children’s Christian Formation
Angela Bray Nursery Director
Jim Johnson Choir Master and Organist
Stacey Shaw Parish Administrator
Suzie Ward Administrative Assistant
Melvin Williams Sexton

Vestry
Laura Rectenwald Senior Warden
Henry Henderson Junior Warden
Cathy Cope Clerk of the Vestry
Ken Kerr Treasurer
Doug Jager
Joel Truelove
Cindy Cain
Paul Palmer
Randy Reeves
Clarence Brown
Cathy Cope
Jim Kutner
Bonnie Strauss

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 Rehearsal - 5:15 PM
Martha’s Kitchen - 6:00 PM

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