

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity



THE GOOD NEWS

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It's finally here! We're coming back inside the church to worship. It will have been 2 weeks short of 6 months since we could be together. Oh, the live streaming was really pretty good. The parking lot Eucharist was nice, but hot. I'm really looking forward to Sunday, September 6. We will gather together for our 8:00 Rite 1 service and our 10:30 Rite 2 service. Of course, some things will be a bit different. Our first priority is to keep us all as safe as possible. We may be overreacting, but I can't allow us to under react.

The first thing you'll notice is that there won't be any coffee or getting together in the kitchen before or after services. We're still not ready to have meals or social times.

The only entrance to the Nave will be through the Narthex (the Illinois doors). The door to the Ohio parking lot marked Kindermusik will be open. However, you will have to walk through the building, outside and in through the Illinois doors.

The Nave is set up so that every other pew is closed, and the two sides are offset. Family units may sit together without distancing, but different households, including individuals, must stay 6 feet apart. Masks are required.

At Communion each pew will come to the front alternating right then left and so on. Please maintain distance between each other in line. Once you receive the host, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

After the service, please leave starting with the back pews and proceeding forward.

At the recommendation of the CDC, National Church and the diocese, we will not have congregational singing at the 10:30 service.

We will continue to live stream the 10:30 service.

It sounds complicated, but we'll figure it out. And, as the weeks go by, we'll fix what isn't working. I'm hoping that the joy and excitement of being together and taking Communion together will outweigh the strangeness. I do want to thank the Altar Guild, our choir, Bert Bostic, Matthew Molinar, Victor Parra, Brenda Avelar, Emily Peek, Kaitlyn Klattenhoff, Kevin Loeffler, and Amanda Hill for providing music, and all the readers for being so flexible during this very odd time. And, thank all of you for your flexibility and understanding. We'll get through this and emerge even stronger than before. Fr. Bob

Upcoming
Meeting:
Vestry Meeting
Monday
September 14th
at 6:00 pm
Parish Hall
Mask Required!

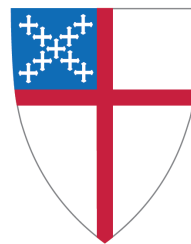


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THE WAY OF LOVE

Holy Trinity yards signs
are still available.
Call the Parish Office
to pick yours up!



We are excited to
worship
together again in
person.
Sundays
8:00 am RITE I
10:30 am RITE II

Social Distancing and
face masks are required!



Holy Trinity Preschool Reopening! September 16th

HTP is eager to open our doors once again on September 16th. With our smaller class sizes, extensive cleaning and disinfecting efforts and support of our HTP families, school board and HT friends we feel very encouraged and optimistic about our upcoming school year.

Mark Your Calendars!

Bishop Mayer, in consultation with the President of the Standing Committee, has made the decision to move the 2020 Diocesan Convention (October 16-17) to a virtual platform. The Convention was originally scheduled to be hosted by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Amarillo, Texas. The hotel has offered to move our reservation block to the fall of 2021. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION

There is one, and only one, unrepeatable act of Christian initiation, which makes a person a member of the body of Christ; that rite is baptism. Many believe it is confirmation, but that is wrong. Confirmation is the renewal of one's Baptismal Covenant, not its completion. Confirmation represents a mature recognition of our baptism and a strengthening by the Holy Spirit. Some faiths have what they term "Altar Call", but with infant baptism, this becomes our "Altar Call". Nothing new happens at confirmation, but through the bishop's participation in the rite, confirmands are physically connected to the diocese, the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, and are sacramentally united with the apostles, the universal Church, and with Jesus Christ.

What confirmation is not is a graduation from Church, rather it is a mature commitment to the church. It is not a vaccine or pill that will somehow stamp that person with Episcopal. I have seen both those beliefs in the many years I have led our youth confirmation. The goal of Confirmation class is to build their relationship to God, community, discover spiritual gifts, and help discover their place in a church. We have learned that the class needs to be a six-month commitment in order to accomplish these goals and build community. We connect the youth with an adult mentor in the church who will help them on their spiritual journey.

Our topics include The Trinity, Faith, Creeds, Scripture, Church, Episcopal Church History and Traditions, Book of Common Prayer, Baptism, Eucharist, Prayer, Worship and Liturgy, Confession and Reconciliation, Music, Christian Ministry, Evangelism, Spiritual Gifts and My Ministry. We will have a week-end retreat, service project, meet the mentor night, and stain-glass art project ending with Confirmation.

Our goal is to start class in October, during the Sunday School hour 9:15-10:15 in the Youth Room. Youth 6th grade and up are invited. We will have an orientation with the Youth and Parents. We don't have a bishop visit set at the time but hope it will be in the Spring. Please prayerfully consider if the confirmation of your Baptismal covenant is what you want to commit to, and let Fr. Bob know you are interested.

Many Thanks, Paula Howbert (confirmation team)



Thank you Jr. Warden Al Telck,
and Karen Telck for cleaning,
rebuilding and mulching the flower
beds surrounding the parish office.

Prayer List

THOSE WHO BEAR THE AUTHORITY OF GOVERNMENT: Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Patrick, our Mayor.

FOR THOSE IN TROUBLE, SORROW, NEED, SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER ADVERSITY: Jay Bates, Ruben Gomez, Barbara Jowell, Fred Newman, Patrick & Elizabeth Peek, Jane Williams, Clifford Rogers, Bob Poer, Kathryn, Rayna Kennedy, Diane Brown, Eulalia Navarrete, Jim M., Chris Herpel, Debbie Tripp, Marilynn Philpy, Marilyn Allen, Henry King, Jinna, Myra Salicido, Alyssa Smith, Trish Golding, J.M. & Family, J.R. & Family & Mark Hales.

FOR ALL THOSE IN QUARANTINE, OR AFFECTED BY COVID-19.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY: Cameron Kading, Alex, and Noah.

FOR THESE EXPECTANT FAMILIES: Jaci & Hank, Brenda & Mark, Ashley & Joey.



2nd - Danny Holeva

4th - Anne McLaughlin, Landon Patterson

8th - Clint Hurt, Connie Glasscock

9th - Reagan Nieman, Penni Watters

10th - Betty Tull, Maddie Hansen

11th - Shelby Stephens

15th - Tony Sam

17th - Eunice Barnes

18th - Johnnye Montgomery

19th - Fred Newman

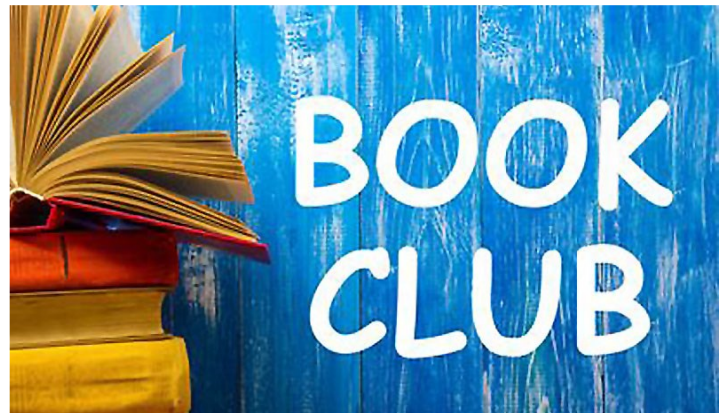
21st - Beth Chester

24th - Stan Parnell

28th - Mike Grella

29th - Kim Jones

30th - Bob Frazier



Thursday September 24th

4:00 pm

Home of Trudie Thomason

2006 N "I"

The Authenticity Project
by Clare Pooley



October 22nd

4:00 pm

Home of Christy Hudgins

1800 W Cuthbert

The Lions of 5th Avenue
by Fiona Davis



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HOLY TRINITY

1412 West Illinois Ave
Midland, Texas 79701

Sunday - September 6, 2020
8:00 Rite I
10:30 am Rite II

Monday - September 7, 2020
Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday - September 8, 2020

Wednesday - September 9, 2020

Thursday - September 10, 2020

Friday - September 11, 2020



“Sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ with all people.”

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Vestry

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Misti Schoonover	Jerry Gomez	Brenda Avelar
Orman Hubbard	Carla Holeva - Senior Warden	Gretchen Bakke
Terry Jolliffe	Kate Manual	Anne Hover-Secretary
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	Paula Howbert - Treasurer	

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