



THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, EASTER SUNDAY 2023

TRINITY PARISH LIFE GUIDE SPRING 2024

Trinity Episcopal Church
Houston, Texas

WELCOME to Trinity Episcopal Church



Here you'll find a message you can understand and people you can relate to. Our doors are wide open to everyone from all backgrounds, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

We invite you to come as you are, take things at your own pace, meet others just like you, and start a new season of spiritual growth in your life.

We believe church is more than a building or organization, it is a community of people walking through life together, lending strength and support to one another in the good times and bad. We are sure you will find something at Trinity that makes it a perfect match for you.

We desire to relate to each other with a standard of love and forgiveness. At Trinity, we choose restoration over judgment, believing that God is more interested in your future than your past, and much more excited about pointing you towards your purpose rather than pointing out your mistakes.

So, please come as you are to Trinity. God delights in our diversity. Come see what makes our Parish so unique and why you will fit right in!

It's time to grow in Spirit and as a community. Consider yourself ready to participate in the ministries that draw you and that need you in order to be vital and healthy. During the COVID pandemic we pivoted to the needs and circumstances. We suffered much loss. This year, with everyone's participation, we will fill the church with a sense of love and a community that cares. Join in, invite your friends, and make a difference in the church and in the city.

A very special thanks to our Trinity Photographers for their images found in the following pages, especially Ron Mailloux, Hannah Atkins Romero, and Elmer Romero.

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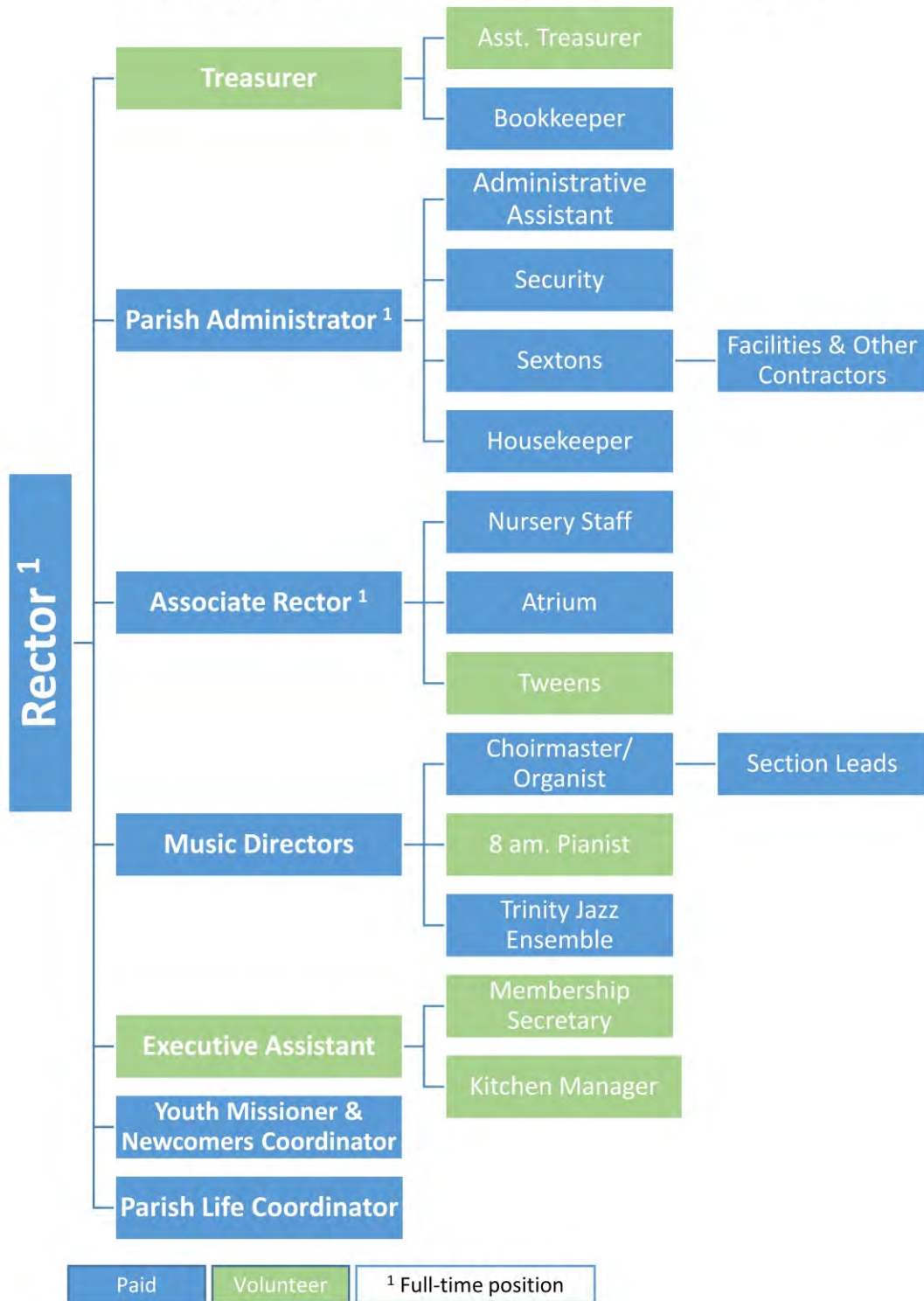
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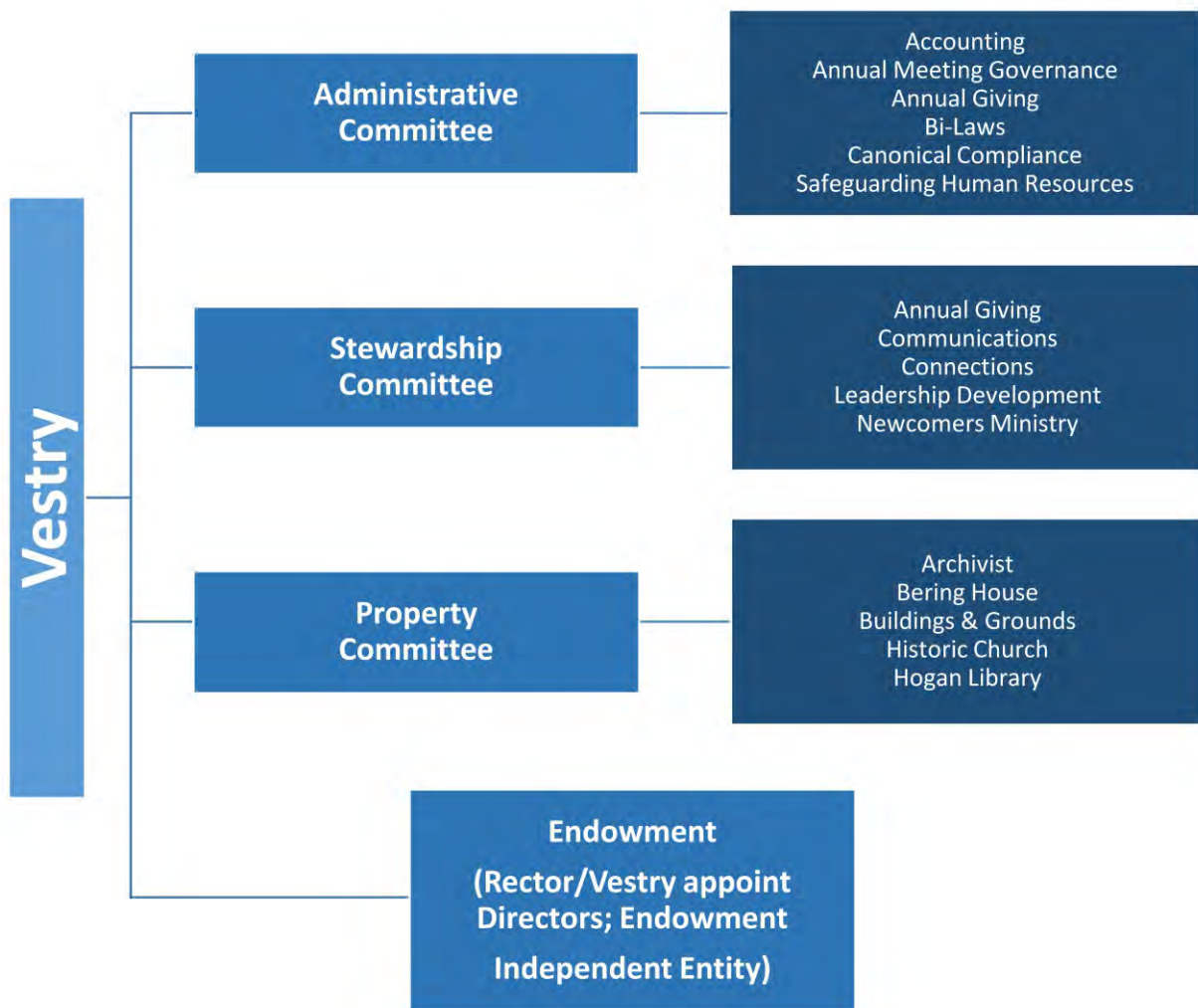
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Trinity Episcopal Church Staff Organization Chart with Office Manager



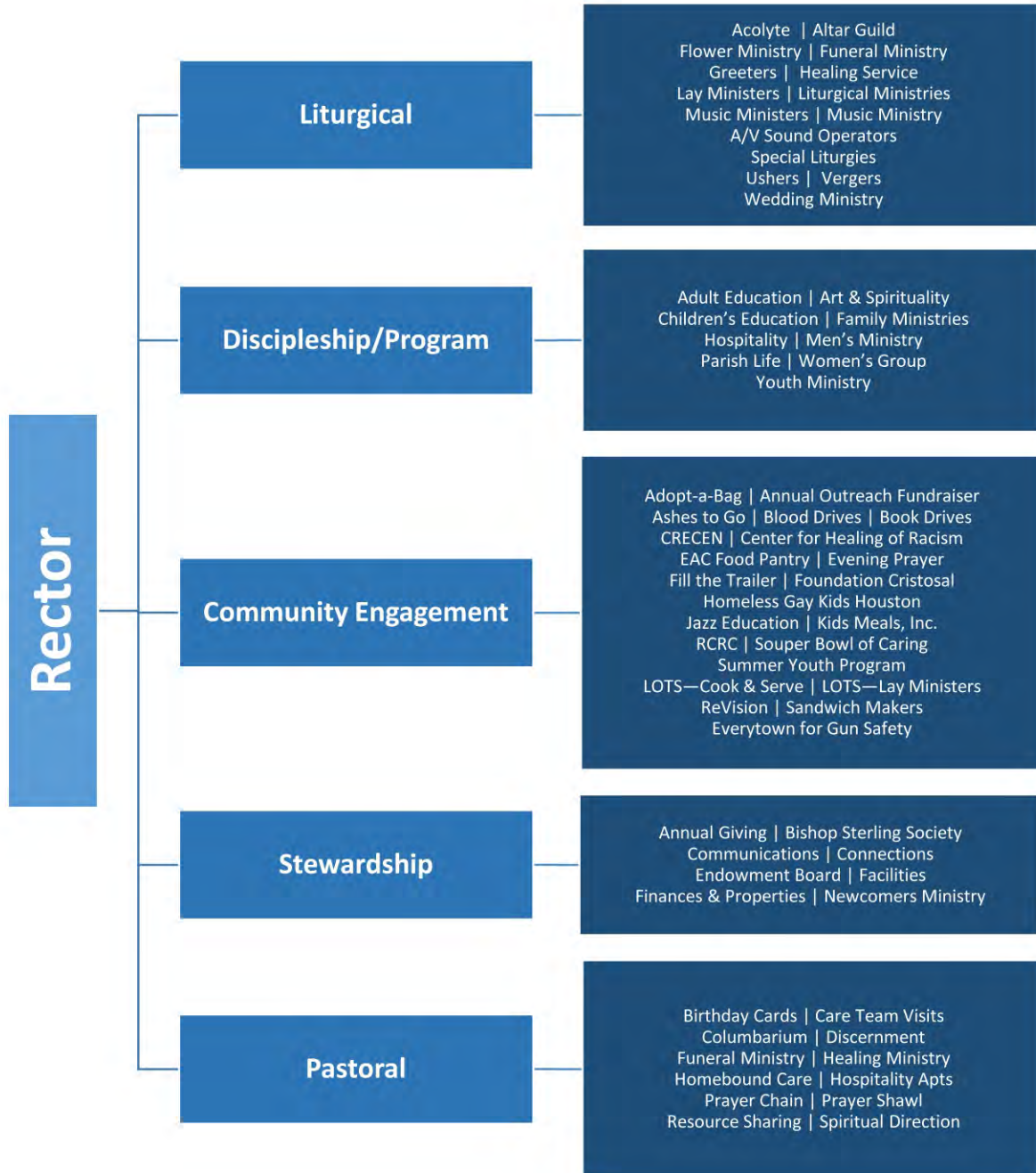
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Trinity Episcopal Church Vestry Organization Chart



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Trinity Episcopal Church Ministries Organization Chart



MEET Our Clergy



The Reverend Hannah E. Atkins Romero *Rector*

The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero serves as the fifteenth rector in Trinity's 130 year history. To prepare herself as a third generation Episcopal priest, the Reverend Atkins Romero earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at Douglass College, Rutgers University and a master's degree in divinity at the General Theological Seminary in New York, with additional masters level studies in theology at Universidad Centroamericana Jesuita in El Salvador. She has recently finished all her coursework for a Doctor of Ministry with an emphasis in preaching at The School of Theology in Sewanee. She will defend her thesis in January 2024. Before coming to Trinity, Houston, The Reverend Atkins Romero served as Senior Assistant at St. John's Church, Lafayette Square, Washington, D.C., as Director of Theological and Christian Education in the Diocese of the Episcopal/Anglican Church of El Salvador, Associate priest at St. John the Evangelist, San Salvador, Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Church, Santa Teresa, San Martin, as interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Andrew's Church in Amatepec, Soyapango, as church planter in Chalatenango and as Appointed Missionary of the Episcopal Church. The Reverend Atkins Romero is President of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Texas, on the Board of Trustees of both Virginia Theological Seminary and General Theological Seminary, and is the Co-Chair of the Interfaith Advisory Council for Everytown for Gun Safety. The Reverend Atkins Romero is married to Elmer Romero and they have two sons and two daughters. The Rev. Atkins Romero enjoys watching baseball and soccer, all types of music, Latin American literature, writing poetry, swimming and hiking.



The Reverend Dale Klitzke *Priest Associate*

The Reverend Dale Klitzke and his wife of 56 years along with four children lived most of their lives in Tomah, a small town in Wisconsin. He was bi-vocational for the first fifteen years of his ministry. He has served in churches in Tomah and Menomonie, Wisconsin as well as in Aiken, SC and part time at Holy Spirit in Houston. The Klitzkes have been involved with the Order of St. Luke and diocesan and local youth work.

MEET the Clergy

DIOCESAN STAFF CONNECTED TO TRINITY

The Reverend Charles Graves IV *Missioner for Houston Canterbury*

Rev. Charles Graves IV is the Missioner for Houston Canterbury, which is the Episcopal college ministry serving the campuses of UH, TSU, HCC, SJC and UHD. A native of Maryland, Charles is a seventh-generation cradle Episcopalian. He completed his undergraduate degree at Hampton University and served as a community organizer, campaign manager and in a U.S. Senator's office on Capitol Hill before completing seminary at Yale Divinity School. Proficient in Spanish and Italian, he has also been a leader in multiple international missions, most notably as a published researcher in Ghana and as an Episcopal missionary serving refugees in Italy. Charles was ordained in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was also a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee, and he has been a member of Diocesan Executive Council in two dioceses. For fun, Charles enjoys exploring around the city, taking time off at the beach, traveling, learning languages and most importantly, seafood.



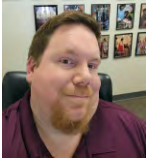
The Reverend Brad Sullivan *Vicar, Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church*

Brad Sullivan is a husband, father, Episcopal Priest, singer-songwriter, and guitar player. He is serving as the vicar of Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church and served in parish ministry for the previous 17 years. Through the parish and now at LOTS, Brad has found a love of working and ministering with people: those who are experiencing homelessness and those who are not. From college and campus ministry, through seminary, and into parish ministry, Brad was increasingly aware of the damage done by some theologies within the church: specifically, the "Believe in Jesus or to go Hell" theologies. Knowing people who turned away from the church and from God because they'd been lambasted by such theologies, Brad decided to address them head on, looking at scripture, reason, and even traditions within the church. His writing is geared toward everyday people, rather than academics, and he writes with humor, honesty, and a deep faith which includes doubt and uncertainty. A graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, and an ordained priest since 2005, Brad weaves seminary education seamlessly into ordinary life and experiences. He grew up in Houston, TX, went to college at U.T., Austin, worked for two years in campus ministry, and then went to Seminary, where he met his wife, Kristin. They have three children, Noah, Rhys, and Elise. <https://bradleysullivan.blogspot.com/> | <http://fathersnort.blogspot.com>



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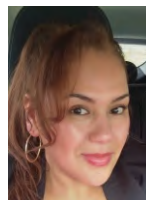
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THE VESTRY

The Vestry is the Board of Directors for the parish corporation. The Vestry is the authoritative body of the Congregation and is subject only to the Diocesan and National Church Canons. The Vestry is responsible for determining the policies and goals of the congregation and is to communicate with the congregation about the goals, concerns, and functioning of the Church in the modern world.

The Senior Warden is appointed by the Rector from the Vestry members. The Junior Warden is elected by the vestry from its members. The wardens may be requested by the Rector to preside in his/her place as chair of the vestry meeting.



2024 Vestry

Andy Durham, *Senior Warden*
Teddy Adams, *Chancellor*
Dana Gannon, *Assistant Chancellor*
Larry Laubach, *Treasurer*
Steve Lee, *Assistant Treasurer*
Samantha Rainman, *Assistant Clerk of the Vestry*
Eric Beam, *Junior Warden*

Ben Blanding
Brent Chambers
Tony Huffman
Pam Lawson
Mary Matteucci
John Merullo



1940 Vestry

Samantha Rainman
Andréa Shiloh
Jeanne Sommerfeld
Gladys Vallés
David Villarreal

ONGOING PROGRAMS

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

SUNDAY

Lord of the Streets	7:00 am
Lord of the Streets Breakfast	8:00 am
Nursery	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	8:00 am, Chapel
Catechesis of The Good Shepherd	9:30 am, Room 112 (Sept. – May)
ECC–Tweens	9:30 am, Youth Room (Sept. – May)
Adult Christian Formation/Sunday Forum	9:30 am, Smith Room
Meditations	9:00 am, Zoom
Holy Eucharist, Rite I or II	10:30 am, Church
Coffee Hour, Special Events	Occasionally
Holy Eucharist, Rite III	12:30 pm, Chapel
Oficio de Completas	8:00 pm, Zoom
Children’s Chapel	Summer

DAILY

Evening Prayer (Monday–Friday)	5:30 pm, Church/Zoom
Brown Bag Meal Distribution	5:45 pm

WEEKLY

Wednesday Healing Service	6:00 pm, Zoom
Alcoholics Anonymous (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)	12:15 pm, Masterson Room
Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Wednesday)	7:00 pm, Room 218
The Listening Post (Tuesday)	12:00–2:00 pm

MONTHLY

Sandwich Makers	1st Tuesdays, 10:00 am
	3rd Sundays, during Coffee Hour
Pub Theology	Last Wednesdays, 7:00 pm, (August–May except December)
	Mucky Duck
Garden Club	1st Fridays, (September–May), 10:00 am
Women’s Circle	2nd Tuesdays starting September 12th <i>check calendar for exceptions</i>



CALENDAR of Sundays & Special Liturgies

JANUARY

- 01 Monday, The Holy Name
- 06 The Epiphany
- 07 The First Sunday After The Epiphany, The Baptism of Our Lord, Baptisms
- 13 Episcopal Way, 10 am – 12 pm
- 14 The Second Sunday After The Epiphany
- 15 Monday, MLK Holiday, Church Closed
- 21 The Third Sunday After The Epiphany
- 28 The Fourth Sunday After The Epiphany, Annual Meeting, 9:15 am in Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY

- 04 The Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany, Vestry Commissioning, Choir Evensong, 5:30 pm
- 11 Last Sunday After The Epiphany, Souper Bowl of Caring
- 13 Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Supper, Burning of the Palms
- 14 Ash Wednesday, Services at 7:00 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm
- 18 The First Sunday in Lent
- 25 The Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH

- 03 The Third Sunday in Lent
- 10 The Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 16 Episcopal Way, 10 am – 12 pm
- 17 The Fifth Sunday in Lent
- 23 Baptism Class, 10 am – 12 pm
- 24 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, come early for Procession
- 25 Monday in Holy week, Noon Holy Eucharist Service in Chapel
- 26 Tuesday in Holy week, Noon Holy Eucharist Service in Chapel
- 27 Wednesday in Holy week, Tenebrae Service 6pm in Chapel

- 28 Maundy Thursday, Service at 7:30 pm, The Watch begins at 9:00 pm
- 29 Good Friday Liturgy at Noon, Stations of the Cross at 1:15 pm
- 30 The Great Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm
- 31 Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Day, 8:30, 10:30, 12:30
Easter Sunday Photo at Noon on Holman St, Easter egg hunt after Photo in Abbot's Garden

APRIL

- 01 Monday after Easter, offices closed
- 07 Second Sunday of Easter
- 14 Third Sunday of Easter
- 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter
- 27 Baptism Class, 10 am – 12 pm
- 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY

- 05 Sixth Sunday of Easter
- 09 Ascension Day, Day of International Prayer
- 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day
- 19 Pentecost Sunday
- 26 First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, Summer Programming, Choral Evenson at 5:30 pm

JUNE

- 02 Second Sunday after Pentecost
- 09 Third Sunday after Pentecost
- 16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Father's Day Ice cream social at Coffee Hour
- 19 Juneteenth, offices closed
- 23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
- 30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org/events
Funerals and Weddings are not listed on the printed calendar.*

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sunday Forum

Most Sundays of the program year (Sept - June) from 9:30-10:15am in Smith Room, this ongoing educational opportunity offers a wide range of subjects and issues central to living a Christ-centered life in the 21st Century. Facilitated by parish clergy, ministry leaders and guest presenters the ultimate aim of this long-standing tradition in Adult Christian Education at Trinity Church is to help parishioners “grow in the knowledge and love of the Triune God.” See website for more details and schedule.

Sunday Meditations

Join us as we meet virtually to reflect on scripture and life, drawing wisdom and strength from each other. Drop in on any Sunday or become a “regular”! It is a great comfort to support each other during this challenging and uncertain time. Group meets via Zoom from 9am–9:30am. Contact Mary Johns at mkjohns@wt.net

Pub Theology

Pub Theology is a space to dive deeply into topics involving faith, meaning, identity, culture, politics and more! Come bring your questions, your curiosity, and pull up a chair. Be ready to engage with people of varying religious ideas, philosophical perspectives, and life experiences. Location: The Mucky Duck
Feb. 28th
Mar. 20th (27th is Holy Week)
Apr. 24th
May 29th



Episcopal Way Classes

In order to become a full member at any Episcopal Church, one needs to be baptized, confirmed or received. Trinity normally has two visits per year from a diocesan bishop, who leads this process. The Episcopal Way is designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and what it means to be a member at Trinity.

While open to everyone, people new to the Episcopal Church are especially encouraged to attend The Episcopal Way, as well as those desiring to be baptized, confirmed, received, or reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church.

Register online or email Reverend Hannah at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

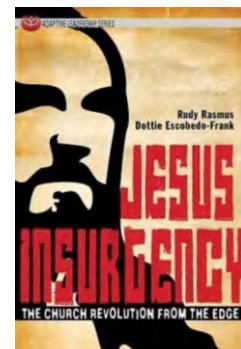
Episcopal Way classes will be offered 10am–Noon. Dates TBD. Additional courses will be provided and announced in the Spring.

Book Study

Jesus Insurgency: The Church

Revolution from the Edge by Rudy Rasmus and Dottie Escobedo-Frank, March 26, 7pm

Rudy Rasmus will join us for this special time in discussion of his book. Crunching more data may be helpful but will not revolutionize, let alone save, a declining church. We need creative thinking done by people who are not afraid to face the institutional church. Indeed, the change we long for is already happening. It is happening on the margins in ministries to the least, the last, and the lost. Written by two creative pastors with different but successful ministries, this breathtaking book will show you how the church can live out its mission and ignite a movement. If we pay attention, we can let this *Jesus Insurgency* create new life.





ADULT EDUCATION CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sunday Morning Forum Topics

9:30am–10:15am in the Smith Room. Adult Forum Schedule check www.trinitymidtown.org for updates.

JANUARY 2024

- 01/07 Community Connection time-no class
- 01/14 The Rev. Dr. MLK, Jr.'s last sermon
- 01/21 The Rt. Rev. Bishop Tutu sermon on reconciliation
- 01/28 The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray sermon on call

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/04 Sunday Lessons Scripture Study
- 02/11 Sunday Lesson Scripture Study
- 02/18 Becoming Beloved Community
- 02/25 Becoming Beloved Community

MARCH 2024

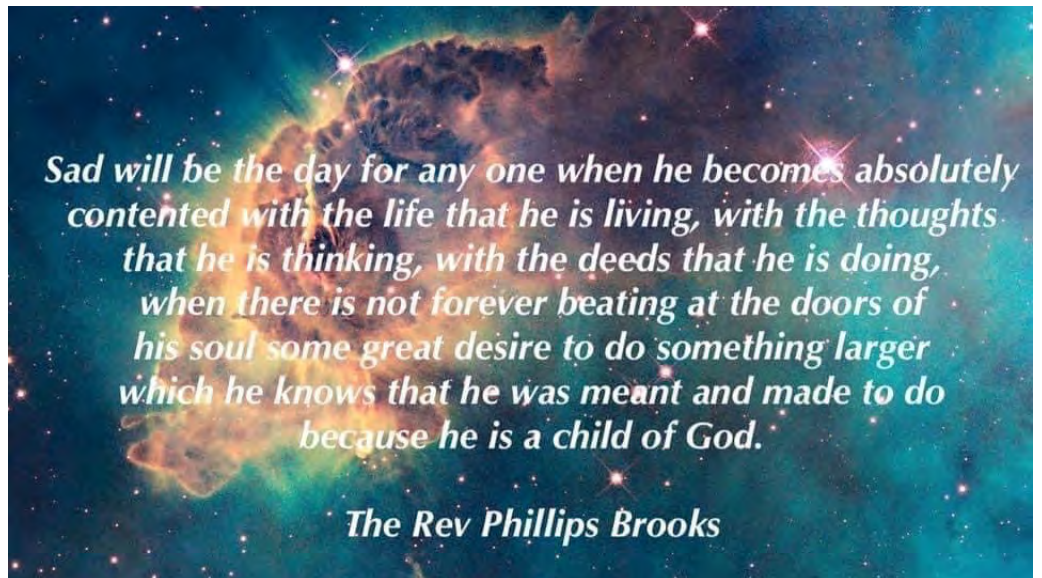
- 03/03 Becoming Beloved Community
- 03/10 Becoming Beloved Community
- 03/17 Becoming Beloved Community
- 03/24 Becoming Beloved Community
- 03/31 Easter-no class

APRIL 2024

- 04/07 Sunday Lessons Scripture Study
- 04/14 Stations of the Resurrection
- 04/21 Resurrection Theology
- 04/28 Resurrection Praxis

MAY 2024

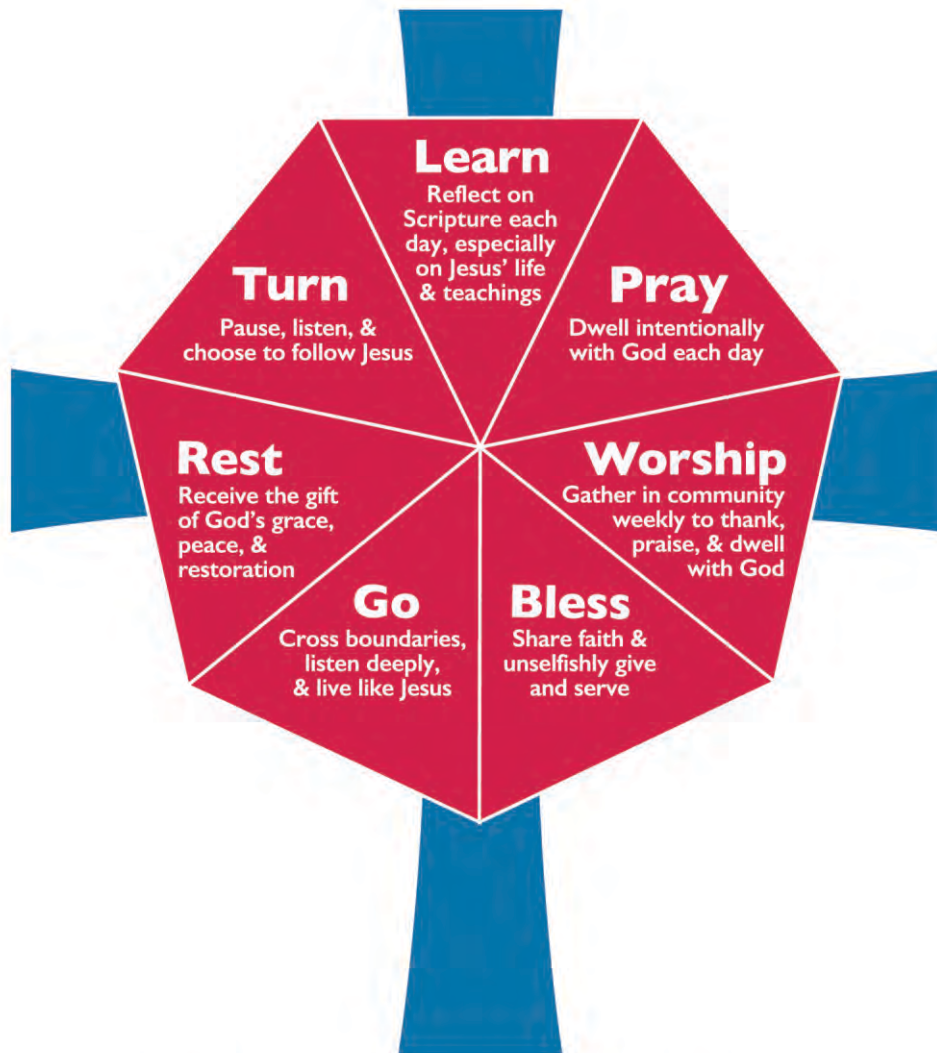
- 05/05 Sunday Lessons Scripture Study
- 05/12 The Last Generation to Save the Planet, p.1
- 05/19 The Last Generation to Save the Planet, p.2
- 05/26 Community Connection Time- no class
- No Sunday morning class through June



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Way of Love

The Way of Love is a way of life. More than a program or curriculum, it is a return to the ancient pathways and Rules of Life that followers of Jesus have observed for centuries. They knew the power of commitment to a core set of practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest – and the power of gathering in a small group where you find love and support for living into these commitments. If we hope to not only worship Jesus but to grow more like him and bear his redeeming love in the world, we can adopt a rule of life like the Way of Love and find a community with which to practice it. For more information or resources please visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>.



THE WAY OF LOVE *Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*



ADULT EDUCATION

BECOMING BELOVED COMMUNITY WHERE YOU ARE

An Episcopal Resource for Individuals, Congregations & Communities
Seeking Racial Justice, Healing and Reconciliation



www.episcopalchurch.org/reconciliation
www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community



ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Beloved Community

The Episcopal Church's work toward racial reconciliation, healing and justice is guided by the long-term commitment to Becoming Beloved Community. We organize our ministries around the four quadrants of the labyrinth. Each quadrant represents a commitment that is vital to lasting change within us, our churches, our communities and society at large. Learn more about the four quadrants below and visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/beloved-community/>

Truth-telling:

Telling the Truth about Our Churches and Race

Reconciliation, healing, and new life require telling the truth about The Episcopal Church's racial composition and complicity in systems of racial justice and injustice past and present.

Baptismal Promise: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and whenever we fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Core Questions:

- What racial, cultural and ethnic groups are in our church? Who is in the communities around us? What's the difference?
- What racial, cultural and ethnic groups have historically and predominantly shaped our common life, leadership and worship? Why?
- How has our church excluded or embraced the presence and power of different racial, cultural and ethnic groups throughout history and to this day?

Proclamation:

Proclaiming the Dream of Beloved Community

We gather to publicly reckon and share about the history and reality of race, and to proclaim our dream of Beloved Community through prayer, preaching, conversation and public witness.

Baptismal Promise: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Core Questions:

- How has our town/city/area participated in racial injustice or racial healing over time? What is happening today?
- What do we and our neighbors dream for Beloved Community?
- What behaviors and commitments would foster and proclaim Beloved Community?

Formation:

Practicing Jesus' Way of Healing Love

We are always practicing and being formed in Jesus' way of healing love, especially as he calls us to cross racial, cultural and ethnic lines, to examine structures of oppression and their impact on our own and others' lives, and to grow as ambassadors of reconciliation and healing in the world.

Baptismal Promise: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Core Questions:

- How will we grow as reconcilers, healers, and justice-bearers?
- What activities, practices, learning and experiences would (trans)form us?
- How will we share and receive stories, grow relationship across dividing walls, and seek Christ in each other and in our neighbors?

Justice:

Repairing the Breach in Society and Institutions

We participate in the repair and restoration of communities and institutions that struggle to flourish because of White dominant systems our churches and leaders helped to bless and build.

Baptismal Promise: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Core Questions:

- What social institutions and systems most clearly bear the signs of racial injustice and brokenness?
- How could we participate in the repair, restoration, and healing of people, institutions, and systems?

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Group

Trinity is in the process of forming a men's group that will complement the women's ministry at Trinity. We started this group in Spring of 2023. We are in the early stages of development, so now is a great time to join us! We anticipate gatherings that will include scripture study, prayer, and service to our church and community. The members of the group will inform its direction, so join us and help us develop this new ministry at Trinity!

For more information, please contact Rev. Dale Klitzke at dale.klitzke@gmail.com.



TED (Trinity Episcopal Dads) Chats

TED Chats is a ministry where dads can meet to discuss their concerns about how the world is changing and how those changes affect our families, our mental health, and our spiritual daily life. Does this sound interesting? Then come join us for great conversation and fellowship.

Email John Escoto at jiescotojr@gmail.com for more information.

TED Chats
(Trinity Episcopal Dads)

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**one day only!
Saturday, April 27**

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Infants & Toddlers

The Church Nursery is available from 7:30am to 1:30pm on Sundays.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a children's Sunday school group for ages 3 through third grade. It begins Aloha Sunday (Sunday after Labor Day) through Trinity Sunday (date varies by year) from 9:30-11:15 am. We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach to spiritual formation. The class is led by a certified COGS teacher and additional volunteers as needed and meets in the Atrium. After the lesson, the children process into the church, receive a blessing, and return to their families. Drop-ins are welcome. Please see *Catechesis Calendar* page 22 for additional information.



Episcopal Children's Curriculum

ECC Tweens in a children's Sunday school group for 3-6 grade kids. It begins Aloha Sunday (Sunday after Labor Day) through Trinity Sunday from 9:30-10:15. We learn about the bible using a curriculum tied to the seasons of the church. There is often a craft or game as part of the class. This class will meet in Fellowship Hall with Rev. Luz. Please see tentative schedule on *Children's Education Calendar* page 21.



Safeguarding God's Children

Trinity Episcopal Church does not take the care of your children lightly. To work with children, our clergy, teachers, and anyone who works around children, are required to take a course called "Safeguarding God's Children." This program is focused on preventing the abuse of children and young people.

Children's Chapel

Summer Programming: Children's Chapel meets the Sunday after Trinity Sunday through Sunday before Aloha Sunday. It is for children aged three through fifth grade and begins before the reading of the Gospel during the sequence hymn when the children process out behind the cross for a lesson and return to their parents after the passing of the Peace and before the Blessing of the Children.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Join Trinity Midtown Families Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/390093701917914>



CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Spring 2024 Events by Date

- 01/14 Family Fun Day @ MATCH, 1–5 pm
- 02/13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6–7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- 02/25 Blood Drive, 9–1 pm, Parking Lot
- 03/28 Maundy Thursday Family Service, 5:30 pm, Morrow Chapel
- 03/29 Good Friday Special Lesson, 11:30 am
- 03/31 Annual Parish Photo & Easter Egg Hunt, around 11:45 am
- 04/07 Family Picnic, 3–6 pm, Francis Street Lawn
- 04/12–14 Parish Retreat, Camp Allen
- 05/12 Mother's Day
- 05/26 Senior Recognition, Sunday School ends
- 06/02 Children's Chapel begins
- 06/16 Father's Day



*Start children off on the way they should go,
and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6*



ECC TWEENS CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–11:15am, from September to May
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am, from September to May

JANUARY 2024

- 01/07 First Sunday after Epiphany, *Epiphany*
- 01/14 Second Sunday after Epiphany, *People in Community*
- 01/21 Annual Meeting, No Sunday School
- 01/28 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/04 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
- 02/11 Last Sunday after Epiphany
- 02/18 First Sunday in Lent, *Lent*
- 02/25 Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 2024

- 03/03 Third Sunday in Lent
- 03/10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- 03/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent, *Jesus' Last Week*
- 03/24 Palm Sunday, No Sunday School
- 03/31 Easter, No Sunday School

APRIL 2024

- 04/07 Second Sunday of Easter, *Christ is Risen*
- 04/14 Third Sunday of Easter, *Resurrection*
- 04/21 Fourth Sunday of Easter, *Resurrection*
- 04/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter, *Resurrection*

MAY 2024

- 05/05 Sixth Sunday of Easter, *Ascencion*
- 05/12 Seventh Sunday of Easter
- 05/19 Pentecost Sunday, *Pentecost*
- 05/26 Trinity Sunday, Sunday School ends until Fall

JUNE 2024

- 06/02 No Sunday School, Children's Chapel begins
- 06/09 Third Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel
- 06/16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel
- 06/23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel
- 06/30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Children's Chapel



CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS CALENDAR

For calendar updates, please check the Trinity Church website at www.trinitymidtown.org

Sundays

Nursery (Year-Round)	7:30 am–1:30 pm
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	9:30 am–11:15am, from September to May
ECC Tweens	9:30 am–10:15 am, from September to May

JANUARY 2024

- 01/07 1 Epiphany B, Baptism of Our Lord, Adoration of the Magi
- 01/14 2 Epiphany A, The Presentation in the Temple
- 01/21 3 Epiphany A, No Sunday School
- 01/28 4 Epiphany A, No Sunday School

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/04 5 Epiphany A, The Kingdom of God: Kingdom Parables - The Mustard Seed/Found Treasure
- 02/11 Last Sunday after Epiphany, The Kingdom of God: Kingdom Parables - The Merchant and The Pearl of Great Value
- 02/18 1 Lent, The Kingdom of God-The Yeast
- 02/25 2 Lent, The Kingdom of God-The Hidden Treasure

MARCH 2024

- 03/03 3 Lent, The Kingdom of God-The Growing Seed
- 03/10 4 Lent, The Good Shepherd-The Good Shepherd
- 03/17 5 Lent, The Good Shepherd-The Found Sheep
- 03/24 Palm Sunday, The Good Shepherd:- Psalm 23: Verse I
- 03/31 Easter, No Sunday School

APRIL 2024

- 04/07 2 Easter, No Sunday School
- 04/14 3 Easter, The Good Shepherd: Psalm 23: Verse 1-4
- 04/21 4 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The Mystery of Life and Death, The Grain of Wheat
- 04/28 5 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The Cenacle

MAY 2024

- 05/05 6 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The City of Jerusalem
- 05/12 7 Easter, The Paschal Mystery:-The Empty Tomb
- 05/19 Pentecost, Baptism: -Baptism I: The Light and the White Garment
- 05/26 Trinity Sunday, Baptism:-Baptism II: The Water, The Word, The Oils

JUNE 2024

- 06/02 2 Pentecost, Baptism:-Baptism III: The Gestures

YOUTH MINISTRY

Trinity's Youth Program is for those entering 6th-12th grade. Youth Participate in fellowship events at the church and in the community, have educational events, and share in a service project on a rotating basis. Youth also participate in special events at the church throughout the year. Youth take part in Diocesan mission trips, camps, and other activities. Youth also participate in events that partner with nearby church youth groups. The youth have shared meeting space above the kitchen featuring air hockey, a pool table, Ping-Pong, and comfortable spaces to congregate.

Trinity youth group is always looking for adults to volunteer! Please reach out if this is something that interests you! We would welcome any and all support!





YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Forum

Youth Forum is a youth Sunday school group for grades 6-12. It begins January 7 and runs through May 26. The youth will meet in the Youth Room above the kitchen. Contact The Rev. Luz Montes at associaterector@trinitymidtown.org for more information.

Confirmation Classes

Over the course of a weekend the youth will be prepared to make their own affirmation of faith and be confirmed by one of our bishops at their visitation in the Spring.

Graduating Seniors Recognition

In early May each year we celebrate Trinity's graduating High School Seniors with a blessing, thanks and gifts during the 10:30 a.m. Service.

Community Service Credit Hours

Trinity offers various opportunities throughout the year for community service hours, including monthly Sandwich Makers gatherings. Contact Ryan Mire at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org to coordinate.

Youth Ministry Spring 2024 Calendar

January 20: Work Day in Youth Room, 10 am–1 pm

January 26–28: Happening #179, Camp Allen

February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Fellowship Hall, 6-7:30 pm

April 7: Family Picnic, Francis Street Lawn, 3-6 pm

April 12-14: Parish Retreat, Camp Allen

May 26: Senior Recognition Sunday

Diocesan Events

Happening is a diocesan youth event that helps youth develop and nourish a teen's faith in Christ. Please check epicenter.org for more information.

Happening #179

January 26–28, 2024, at Camp Allen

Save the Date

Missionpalooza 2024

second week of July!

National Acolyte Festival

October 2024

Columbus Day Weekend

Washington, D.C.

Contact The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero at rector@trinitymidtown.org if interested.

Become An Acolyte!

The members of the Acolytes Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity with the 10:30 am service, as well as at many special services such as Christmas Eve, Jazz Fest services, weddings, etc. This ministry provides an exceptionally rewarding opportunity to become a vital part of the service, assisting at the altar. Many describe the experience as literally "AWESome". The ministry is open to both youths and adults (as positions become available). Contact Mary Cloud at cloudmaryh@gmail.com to learn more.

MUSIC MINISTRY

A Message from Alex Jones, Choirmaster and Organist

This year has been an exciting one for music at Trinity! We welcomed several new members of the choir and participated in the first new multi-parish Choral Evensong which was hosted at St. Thomas Church in Meyerland. This amazing event, organized by myself, Bryan Anderson, John Kirk and Renee Rybolt, represented the culmination of many months of careful planning and rehearsal. I, and the other music directors named above, wanted to create a collaborative opportunity for the choirs of our respective churches (St. Andrews, St. Mark's, St. Thomas and Trinity) to come together for a special service designed to push our music-making abilities even further than we do normally as well as to provide an opportunity for socializing and reconnecting with friends old and new. I'm delighted to say that the event was a smashing success and we had an awesome contingent of Trinity folks show up to support us - so a big thanks go to you all! We plan on doing another similar event later on this calendar year at another host church which we are sure will be every bit as successful as the last one!



Trinity Choir, 10:30am

The Trinity Choir is an essential part of Parish Life at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Choir consists of mostly volunteer singers alongside a small group of professional staff singers. The Choir plays a hugely important role in the leading of worship during the 10:30am Sunday Service. The Choir typically

sings for 11 months of the year, with a 4 week break during the summer. We sing a wide variety of music throughout the year ranging from Renaissance polyphony, to newly commissioned works, spirituals and more. The music is carefully tailored to suit each Sunday of the Liturgical Year, and is offered to the Glory of God and as a ministry to the wider Parish community. The

Looking ahead, we have our big Easter services coming up in March and lots of excellent music will be provided for this occasion. We will also be seeing the return of the spectacular Brass Quartet from UH that played for Easter Sunday last year, so you won't want to miss that! Additionally, we have an exciting Choral Conducting workshop presented by Dr. Betsy Weber on behalf of the Houston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Saturday, April 13th from 10am to 12 noon.

Reflecting on some personal accomplishments from the last year, I am delighted to have submitted the first chapter of my Doctoral Dissertation and to have completed my final Doctoral Recital which was graciously hosted by St. John the Divine. A big thanks to all again for showing up to support my work - it really means the world! Our Christmas services were well-attended and our music gratefully received. We will continue to endeavor to provide great music each week for services to enhance our beautiful traditional 10:30am Service and on behalf of the entire choir, I'd like to personally thank you all for your kind words and continued support over the last 12 months. Soli Deo Gloria."

Music Ministry takes great pride in fostering a spirit of welcoming and inclusion, and is pleased to have members who are representative of virtually all ages and walks of life. The Choir also sings for special extra liturgies throughout the year, including Christmas Eve, Holy Week & Easter during which there is a sung liturgy each day, and Choral Evensong on three occasions annually. This is a unique form of evening service devoted primarily to music and is one of the many amazing, special musical traditions of the Episcopal Church. Choir rehearsals occur every Wednesday during the Liturgical Year from 7-9pm, and on Sunday mornings from 9:30am. We are always looking for volunteers who are in search of a friendly group of like-minded singing and music enthusiasts to join us! You would be most welcome! No professional experience is required, but a basic level of musical literacy is helpful. If you would like to consider joining us, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Organist & Choirmaster, Alex Jones alexjonesorganist93@gmail.com.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Alex Jones, Organist and Choirmaster

Alex is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree at the University of Houston where he studies with Prof. Daryl Robinson and holds a Graduate Teaching Fellowship in the Musicology division. He is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY holding a Masters Degree in Organ Performance & Literature from the studios of Edoardo Bellotti & Nathan Laube. He earned his Bachelors Degree in Organ Performance with Honors at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire studying under Henry Fairs & Daniel Moulton.

He is currently the Organist & Choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Houston and has previously served as Director of Music & Organist at St. Louis Catholic Church in Memphis, TN and First United Methodist Church in Florence, AL. He maintains an active career as a touring performing artist and has given performances in numerous venues in the US and Europe including the Hauptkirche St. Petri in Hamburg, St. Paul's Cathedral in London, the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, NY, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and as a theatre organist in venues including the Riviera Theatre, New York, the Tampa Theatre, Florida, the Dickinson Theatre, Delaware and Barnum Hall in Los Angeles. He has also appeared as a featured artist at the 2018 & 2019 American Theatre Organ Society National Conventions and is a published author having contributed to the 2018 Convention Journal of the Organ Historical Society. Alex also has a keen passion and interest in organ design and consultancy and has worked with numerous organ-building firms in Europe and the US.



Wendy Wentland, Volunteer Staff Musician, 8am



Wendy began playing piano at age 5, concurrent organ studies at 13. She played her first church service at 14. Wendy studied college level piano at Hartt College of Music, U. of Hartford, CT. She was a high school music club accompanist and scholarship winner. She double majored as an undergraduate in Church Music/Organ and Education, Concordia University, Chicago; University Accompanist touring and recording choirs, Dir. Madrigal Singers. Her graduate Level Organ Performance and Choral Conducting includes U. of Texas, Austin; Hartt College of Music, U. of Hartford, CT; Wagner College, Staten Island, NY; Rice University, Houston.

She has held positions as Organist/Choirmaster at Hope Lutheran Church, Austin, TX; St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, New Britain, CT; University Lutheran Church, Bloomington, IN; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Conshohocken, PA; St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church and St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Denver, CO; Holy Cross Lutheran Church, The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Emerita, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Houston.

Wendy's professional Choral Positions include Trinity Church on the Green, New Haven, CT; Cathedral Concert Choir, St. John's in the Wilderness Episcopal Cathedral, Denver, Co; Houston Chamber Choir inaugural singer and Assistant Director, and Temple Beth Israel (Reformed), Houston.

Finally, Wendy has held college faculty positions at Concordia College, Austin, TX; Moores School of Music, U. of Houston; University of St. Thomas, Houston.

Music Ministry Calendar

May 26 Festival Evensong, 5:00 pm

MUSIC MINISTRY



Trinity Jazz Ensemble, 12:30pm

The Trinity Jazz Ensemble provides contemporary music for Sunday worship at Trinity Episcopal Church. The music is jazz, gospel, classical and traditional, always in an acoustic, unamplified setting, sensitive, joyous and gentle.

Pictured (left to right): Pelayo Parlade, piano, April Sloan-Hubert, vocals, Ernesto Vega, flute/clarinet, and Alfred Kennedy, bass.



April Sloan-Hubert

Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Grew up in a home filled with classical, jazz, blues, R&B and gospel. The youngest of five children, she soon discovered that she had been blessed with her Grandmother's and Mother's gift of song. Her first musical teeth were cut while a member of the family's singing group. Her love of music began to grow even more with her first trip to the Houston Grand Opera. The beautiful lyric, spinto and dramatic soprano voices and gorgeous costumes were heavily embedded in her being. After graduating from Galena Park High School, she matriculated to Texas Southern University further developing her craft. While at TSU, she would become the student of Ruth Stewart and blossomed as a member of the University Opera Workshop and Concert Choir. Both of the aforementioned organizations highly required hours upon hours of study, rehearsals and travel.

After graduating from Texas Southern University, April began her teaching career in HISD and currently in her home district of Galena Park ISD. She later joined the Houston Ebony Opera Guild, main stage artist at the Ensemble Theatre and currently lead vocalist and director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble. April has toured the United States and Europe sharing her gift of song. April has been blessed to perform with such artist Yolanda Adams, Rev. James Cleveland, Kirk Whalum, Patti Labelle, Kurt Carr, V. Michael McKay, Donnie McClurkin and Kirk Franklin.

April is happiest on stage or in worship singing praises to God. April will tell any and everyone, "I owe all that I am and all that I have to my Mother and Grandmother for raising me in church and instilling in me the love of God and song." SELAH!



Pelayo Parlade

Co-Director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble

Born and raised in Spain, Pelayo came to Houston in 1995 as a music student. In 2001 he graduated from the University of Houston Moores School of Music with a B.A. in music theory. In 2005 he graduated from the University of North Texas with a M.M. in Jazz studies.

Pelayo has been an active pianist in the Houston scene since the late 90s, working solo and with a variety of bands and styles, mostly in the Jazz and the Latin scene.

Since 2005 Pelayo has also been working as an accompanist for dance classes. Currently he is on staff in the University of Houston Dance Department and in the Houston Ballet academy.

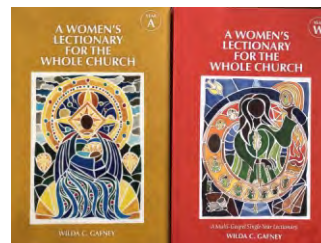
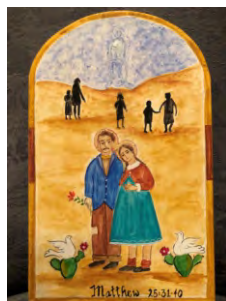
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Trinity Women's Circle

The Trinity Women's Circle has been meeting for over ten years! We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at 11:00 am in the Masterson room. Occasionally we meet on a different Tuesday. We typically take a break during the summer. We begin by quieting and centering ourselves together. Sarah (or another facilitator) leads our centering time and we open with a prayer. Following this, we have the opportunity to share individually with the group. Each woman has the chance to share for a few minutes whatever is on her mind or heart. We usually go around the circle. When we share, the rest of the group listens in silence. We don't interrupt or comment on each other's sharing which helps make our group a brave space and a safe space. The group is confidential. If someone doesn't wish to share, that is totally fine and she can "pass." If time allows we sometimes go around the circle again. We close with prayer. We finish in an hour or a few minutes longer depending on how many women attend. All women are welcome!

Reproductive Freedom Congregation

Dates TBD. Contact Marcy Antiuk at marty301.ma@gmail.com to find out more and help coordinate.



..Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

Proverbs 31:25-26

PASTORAL CARE

...pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” James 5:16

Healing Service

Members of Trinity who cannot attend in-person services for various reasons gather weekly for a virtual healing service. This virtual service consists of a Litany of Healing, special prayers and is open to all. Members gather over Zoom on Wednesdays at 6 pm and occasionally include an in-person option. For Zoom information, please email Ryan at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

Prayer Chain

The Trinity Prayer Chain is open to Trinity members interested in praying when requests are received. These requests for our Trinity family, as an example, could be for the sick, for deaths, families in need, or someone who needs prayers but does not want to give any explanation. There are no meetings to attend; just your time spent in quiet prayer. Prayer requests are passed from the church office or by individuals to Norma Cooper who sends out a request via email to team members who pray individually. Prayer intentions are held in confidence by team members.

Contact: Norma Cooper at normajcoop@aol.com

Pastoral Care Team Visits

Pastoral care visits are provided by clergy and lay ministers. Visits include scripture readings, prayer, news from the parish and sometimes Communion. Flowers from the altar are delivered to parishioners who are unable to attend services at Easter and Christmas. Notes and cards are sent at appropriate times as a way of helping homebound parishioners maintain a sense of inclusion with their Trinity family. Team meets second Tuesday every month on Zoom, 5–6pm. Contact: Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero rector@trinitymidtown.org



Hospitality Apartments

The Hospitality Apartments provide free temporary housing in a welcoming and supportive environment for families who are in need while receiving medical treatment in or nearby the Texas Medical Center. Trinity is one of four area Episcopal parishes that take communion to guests at the Hospitality Apartments each Sunday afternoon. Contact: Joanne Starbuck jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net



PASTORAL CARE



Prayer Shawl

Knitters, crocheters, and those wishing to learn these skills are welcomed. Bring needle, hooks, and yarn, or come and make use of what we have on hand and begin creating a prayer shawl that will be given to someone who will benefit from this outward expression of God's love and mercy wrapped around them. This ministry is done individually according to personal schedules. Shawls are turned in to the clergy. For information, contact Linda Klitzke at Klitzke.linda@yahoo.com or Javiera Bravo-Alegría at jbbravoalegria@gmail.com.



Knitting Group at Trinity Episcopal Church

Calling all knitters and crocheters both pros and those eager to learn. There is a renewed group starting at Trinity. We have interest in getting together to knit or crochet prayer shawls or comfort blankets to either be used in church or to be given as needed to those experiencing difficulties. Thanks to those who have done this in the past there is a supply there, and some of us would like to contribute to it. If you have any interest in helping or joining us please contact Linda Klitzke at Klitzke.linda@yahoo.com 715-505-2923 or jbbravoalegria@gmail.com (Javiera) 832-453-8227.

Dates coming soon!

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a sacred practice of journeying with people as they deepen their relationship with the Divine, to learn and grow in their own personal spirituality, or receive additional spiritual support during special times of difficulty. If you are interested, you can inquire with our trained spiritual directors: Sarah Flick sarahflick2009@gmail.com or Bob Flick revbobf@comcast.net

Funeral Ministry

Trained volunteers work with family members of the deceased to ensure that arrangements go smoothly before and during the funeral service. Rather than a traditional funeral service, families sometimes elect to hold a memorial service for their loved one. Arrangements may specify separate services at the Columbarium located on the church property. Contact: Mary Cloud cloudmaryh@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There a wide variety of opportunities- here you can find a list of those we have an immediate relationship with meaning we have a designated Trinity liaison to this organization.



Adopt-a-Bag

This program is an opportunity for parishioners and friends to support and extend the ministry to the homeless by supporting the Sandwich Makers. “Adopt” a specified number of bags and the funds are dedicated to purchasing the items to prepare and distribute the sack meals distributed each weekday evening to the homeless who come to Evening Prayer.



Ashes to Go

If you can't make it to one of our Ash Wednesday services, then you can swing by at your convenience for Ashes to Go! According to the website, “We take ashes to the street corner because that reminder of need, humility, and healing shouldn't be confined to a church building... God meets us not just in worship, but in the midst of life and we offer the opportunity to remember our faith to those whose schedules make it hard to stop and pray with others on a busy Wednesday.” For more information contact Samantha Rainman at srainman919@comcast.net.



Blood Drives

Sometimes, deciding how to best support our immediate communities is hard, so we have teamed up with Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center to provide another meaningful giving opportunity. Trinity is committed to hosting three-yearly blood drives through Gulf Coast Regional Blood Centers. Our Spring Blood Drive is February 25, 9am-1pm. or more information, contact Joanne Starbuck at jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Emergency Aid Coalition Food Pantry

Trinity collects non-perishable food for the Emergency Aid Coalition food pantry on Sundays, and delivers it monthly to the pantry. EAC can use nonperishable foods such as canned tuna, peanut butter, beans, vegetables, pasta and baby food. This ministry is part of the food chain that links our own kitchens to the weekly offering at Trinity to the Food Pantry in our neighborhood to those in need all over Houston, with love and blessings at each step. The EAC is supported by a coalition of neighborhood congregations, primarily serving working families and the elderly. Volunteers help deliver the food to the Food Pantry on Fannin Street and drive groceries to elderly shut-ins. Contact Mary Johns at mkjohns@wt.net



Evening Prayer

At Trinity, we take our Lord's commandment to feed the hungry seriously. Nearly every weeknight throughout the year, at 5:30 pm, we offer the beautiful Daily Office Evening Prayer liturgy, after which bags with sandwiches and other foods are distributed to all who attend. The Evening Prayer services are led by lay members of Trinity who are licensed by the Diocese as Worship Leaders. When the service is over, the officiant distributes the sandwich bags to the members of the congregation, offering each a smile and friendly handshake. Most officiants serve 2 or 3 days per month. For more information, contact Christian Bearup at christianbearup@gmail.com.



Fill the Trailer

During Advent and Lent parishioners bring items to help the disadvantaged endure the different seasons. Blankets, clothing, coats, caps and other items are placed in the Trinity trailer and distributed before Christmas. During Lent, parishioners donate spring and summer items to be distributed before Easter to those in need. For more information contact Linda Davenport at linda82735@yahoo.com.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Gay Pride + Festival

We are a proud LGBTQIA-affirming congregation. For additional information, contact Andy Durham at andy.durham.321@gmail.com.



Houston Canterbury

Houston Canterbury is the Episcopal Diocese of Texas' college campus ministry, serving the public colleges and universities across Houston and throughout Harris County. For additional information, contact Barrett Hess at gentleorbits@gmail.com



Kids' Meals Inc.

Preschool-aged children often fall through the gap of social services addressing food insecurity. Kids' Meals Inc. addresses the hunger and food insecurity for children ages five and under who are not only at a critical developmental stage but cannot access school-based free meal programs. They deliver approximately 4,600 healthy meals each weekday to Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. We have committed to joining their Summer Juice Box Challenge and encourage you to participate by either donating in-person or online during the Summer months.



Lord of the Streets–Cook & Serve Team

Six or seven times a year the Trinity Cook Team prepares and serves the Sunday morning breakfast for 200-240 Houston's homeless and needy. For 3 hours of kitchen labor on a Sunday morning, we enjoy a worthy ministry and share fun and fellowship serving the LOTS parishioners. Anyone can be part of our Team. LOTS is an outreach ministry started by Trinity over 25 years ago. Contact: Ann McCoy ann.mccoy@att.net

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

60 Special Liturgies

Choral Evensong, Holy Week Schedule



Lord of the Streets–Lay Ministers

Every Sunday at 7:00 am the Lord of the Streets lay ministers welcome more than 150 of our homeless and under-served neighbors for Eucharistic worship.

Volunteers from Trinity and other parishes and organizations, as well as members of the LOTS community, assist in all aspects of this unique service, led by LOTS Vicar, Fr. Brad Sullivan. We serve as altar guild, greeters, and ushers; collect the offering; assist in the Eucharist; and hear personal prayers. Volunteers also offer kindness and respect to everyone who attends.

Many parishes support the teams that provide the breakfast that follows worship, but the team of lay ministers is composed of regular weekly or monthly volunteers. For information about volunteering at LOTS Sunday worship, contact:

Fr Brad Sullivan: bsullivan@lordofthestreets.org
or Lindadavenport421@yahoo.com.

You are welcome to visit any Sunday.



Sandwich Makers

Approximately 2 hours a month, at 10:00 am, the first Tuesday of each month and after the 10:30 service, the third Sunday of each month we make sandwiches. These sandwiches are distributed by the Evening Prayer teams following the Evening Prayer service. Your help is needed to maintain an adequate supply of sandwiches, so please join one of the groups and have all the fun with bologna and cheese that one person can handle. Contact Donald Hackler at hackler.donald@yahoo.com.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Join us Sunday, February 11, 2024, as we help tackle hunger by bringing canned goods or funds that benefit Emergency Aid Coalition. 100% of all donations from the Souper Bowl of Caring benefit local charities. Our coffee hour that Sunday will also feature soups!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

There are a wider variety of opportunities. Here you can find a list of organizations that we support and whose missions we support and help on an “as needed basis.” Visit the websites of the organizations listed below to give your time, talents and treasure to.



AMMPARO Migrant Children

Trinity officially became a Welcoming Congregation in Summer 2019.

In obedience to Matthew 25:35, Welcoming Congregations agree to welcome migrant children and families, listen to their stories with respect to receive the divine blessings that they bring, pray for and share the gospel, provide emotional and spiritual support, accompany migrants to access local and institutional services as needed and advocate for justice for and with migrant families and children. For additional information, please visit <https://www.elca.org/ammparo>

We agree to these four commitments:

- spiritually and pastorally accompany migrants in our community congregation;
- physically accompany migrants as needed to medical, legal and pastoral resources;
- pray for the children and families; and
- prayerfully consider participation in ELCA advocacy.



Casa Mateo

Casa Mateo welcomes displaced immigrants and asylum seekers by offering hope, hospitality and support services in an effort to promote self-sufficiency. Their goal is to create a shelter where vulnerable people who lack access to housing and basic necessities can resolve their immediate crises and begin rebuilding their lives.

Upon its opening in early 2024, Casa Mateo will provide shelter to accommodate up to 10 families, or 50 individuals, for up to 90 days. During their stay, Casa Mateo will provide these families the needed help to create a foundation for success and sustainability in a new country. Services will include access to health care, counseling, legal assistance, and ESL classes. Additionally, Casa Mateo will work to help families find permanent housing and assist with school enrollment. Casa Mateo will have the ability to shelter and serve over 200 family members a year with space and plans to grow.

Through generous gifts from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas, Christ Church Cathedral, and other donors, Casa Mateo has a campus and initial funds to begin the development of this much-needed shelter. We are actively seeking partners to help fulfill our mission. Over the course of the next year, our Board of Directors and other volunteers will be working to raise money to complete the space, hire staff and begin operations. For more information, please contact info@casamateo.org.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Center for the Healing of Racism

Learn how to remove racial stereotypes from your life with help from our non-profit organization based in Houston, Texas. The Center for Healing Racism recognizes and acknowledges the essential oneness of the human race. The purpose and goals of our non-profit organization is to see the United States and the world overcome their differences and racial stereotypes and find peace with one another. or additional information, please visit <https://www.centerhealingracism.org/>



CRECEN

CRECEN is a community-based institution that has been responding to the needs and aspirations of Central American and other immigrants in Houston Texas since 1984. Advocating for the rights, economic and social justice for all immigrants, CRECEN is a family-driven force for community empowerment and immigrant leadership in the US and transnationally.



Everytown for Gun Safety

Wear Orange to End Gun Violence Weekend is June 7–9, 2024. Gun violence touches every town in America. For too long, life-saving laws have been thwarted by the gun lobby and by leaders who refuse to take common-sense steps that will save lives. But something is changing. Nearly 10 million mayors, moms, teachers, survivors, gun owners, students, and everyday Americans have come together to make their own communities safer. Everytown starts with you, and it starts in your neighborhood. By introducing evidence-based solutions in every town, we can end gun violence. Learn more by visiting <http://www.Everytown.org>



Foundation Cristosal

Foundation Cristosal is a faith-based human rights and community development organization with Anglican roots that works to strengthen the ability of the poor to act for justice and development as equal citizens in a democratic society. Our professional team works with local leaders to achieve development goals by defending human rights and empowering Salvadorans with the skills and resources to improve the quality of life in their communities. For more information please visit Cristosal.org. Contact Elmer Romero at elmerosalva@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



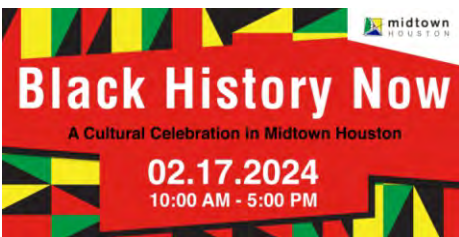
Harris County Public Health

Harris County Public Health's (HCPH) mission is to protect health, prevent disease and injury, and promote well-being for everyone in Harris County by advancing equity, building partnerships, and establishing culturally responsive systems. HCPH's vision is for a Harris County where all people can achieve their full potential for health and well-being. HCPH will be hosting three workshops a year on health-related topics at Trinity. Contact the Epidemiology Program at Epidemiology_Program@phs.hctx.net for additional inquiries.



Jazz Education Summer Youth Program

Trinity provides rehearsal and class space for the Summer Jazz Workshop, an exciting five-week intensive youth oriented program that focuses on the fundamentals of music and its associated business aspects for young musicians. Sessions are conducted by experienced faculty musicians and offer Artist-in-Residence, and include classes in theory, composition, improvisation, leadership, public speaking and performances. June 17-July 12, 2024. <http://jazzeducation.org>



Midtown Houston Black History Now Celebration

Join us as we celebrate the legacy of Black history and culture through song, dance, and education! Acknowledging that the geographic location of Midtown Houston was once a part of the historically Black Third Ward and Fourth Ward communities, this event will honor Houston's past and celebrate the pioneering individuals and organizations of today. February 17, 10 am – 5 pm. Learn more: <https://midtownhouston.com/event/black-history-now-celebration/>

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Piano Lessons Midtown

Piano Lessons Midtown is a music academy offering piano lessons to students of all ages. To inquire, please contact Dr. Krume and Ashley Andreevski at pianolessonsmidtown@gmail.com.



Recovery Ministries

We support various organizations that support the ongoing work of addiction, including host site of the Awakening event for Cornerstone Parent driven recovery program. We also offer a Recovery Sunday each September. For additional information, please contact Rev. Hannah Atkins Romero at rector@trinitymidtown.org.



Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) is a broad-based, national, interfaith movement that brings the moral force of religion to protect and advance reproductive health, choice, rights and justice through education, prophetic witness, pastoral presence and advocacy. Learn more at <https://rcrc.org/>.



Tony's Place

Tony's Place has begun a new and important collaboration with The Salvation Army's Young Adult Resource Center (YARC) to serve young people who are experiencing homelessness.

The two organizations are moving from their current locations to begin sharing space at their new campus at 1603 McGowen Street in July. Each will maintain its separate identity, while providing services that complement those of the other. "The Salvation Army's mission is to serve those most in need, without discrimination, and to meet the need of its local community," said Major Kent Davis, Area Commander for The Salvation Army of Greater Houston. "Through this collaboration with Tony's Place, we will be able to provide more services to the young adults who reach out to us for help." For additional information, please visit tonysplace.org.

Trinity Gun Violence Victim Memorial Installation

Vidas Robadas, a campaign of Texas Impact, seeks to connect the various silos of advocacy and violence prevention and unite communities of faith with other advocates to create positive change regarding gun violence. This installation campaign across Texas names and represents victims who lost their lives to gun violence.

As part of the Vidas Robadas campaign, Trinity will create a t-shirt memorial and installing it on June 1, in time for Wear Orange to End Gun Violence Weekend June 7–9, 2024. Learn more at <https://texasimpact.org/our-issues/human-rights/law-enforcement/vidas-robadas/>

ABOUT VIDAS ROBADAS

Vidas Robadas is a state-wide installation campaign, where congregations, universities, and any other interested location display t-shirts that name or represent victims from their community whose lives were stolen by gun violence.

This project seeks to connect the various silos of advocacy and violence prevention and to unite communities of faith with other advocates to create positive change. The project starts with municipal initiatives, connecting city leaders with advocates to enact gun violence reduction measures.

But we can't stop there. Vidas Robadas will be active up until the Texas legislative session in 2025, where all of our partners and allies across the state will head to the capitol to demand legislative change.

Gun reform is hard, especially in Texas. But not impossible. We have seen progress this past session that would have been impossible years prior. We have to capitalize on this moment. Lives depend on it.



★ TEXAS IMPACT
PEOPLE OF FAITH WORKING FOR JUSTICE

MORE THAN 4,100 HARRIS COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE DIED FROM GUN VIOLENCE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS.



**WE OFFER A MEMORIAL TO LIVES STOLEN...
WHILE WE WORK FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES.**

Let's join together to make the reality of gun violence visible and localized.

Vidas Robadas is an installation that honors local victims of gun violence and connects the reality of gun violence to our community's lived experience.

Texas Impact is eager to partner with faith communities and our colleague organizations to bring Vidas Robadas to Houston.

With the Texas Legislature's continued inaction we take to the streets to unite the people of Texas together to demand change. Vidas Robadas seeks to connect Texans together across the state to call for safer communities and demand there be legislative change come 2025.

EVERY COLOR SHIRT NAMES A VICTIM OF GUN HOMICIDE OR ACCIDENTAL DEATH
EVERY WHITE SHIRT REPRESENTS A VICTIM OF GUN SUICIDE

WHILE WE WANT TO ADDRESS AND HONOR ALL VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE, OUT OF RESPECT FOR FAMILIES PRIVACY WE DO NOT EXPLICITLY IDENTIFY VICTIMS OF SUICIDE



★ TEXAS IMPACT

FAITH IN DEMOCRACY SINCE 1973

FACILITIES

Hogan Library

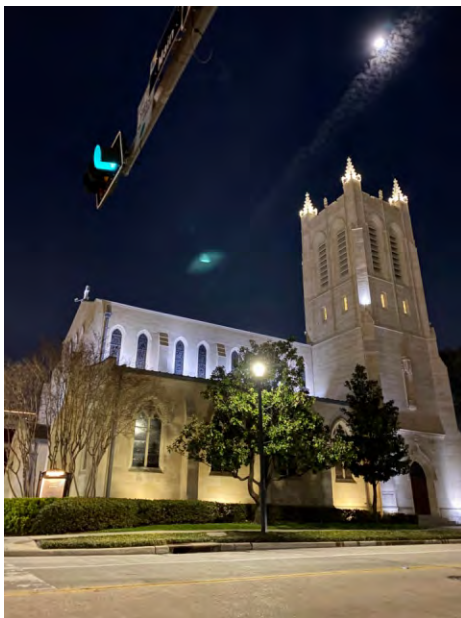
The library, officially named the Hogan Library at Trinity Church, was so named to honor Dr. Patrick G. Hogan and Mrs. Dorothy F. Hogan for their tireless work and support in acquiring books and other resources by Vestry Resolution dated October 6, 2002, and presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 26, 2003. The library is located in the Masterson Room and is a good resource for classes and programs at Trinity and private study.

Property Committee

The Property Committee under the leadership of the Junior Warden, John Escoto, oversees repairs, upkeep (major projects), construction projects and other areas that are crucial to the ongoing maintenance of Trinity property including the Bering House.

Parking

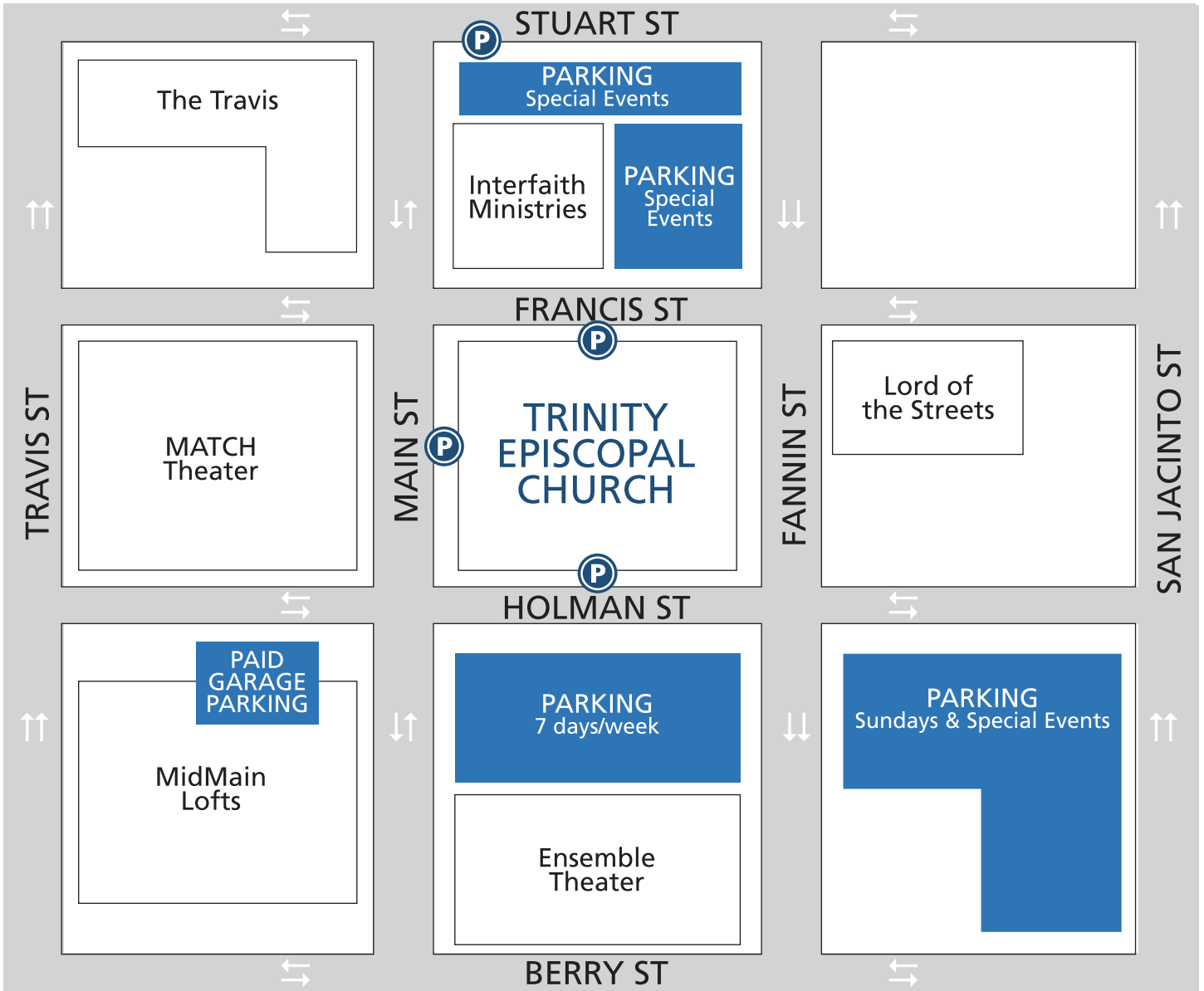
Trinity Parking lot at Holman street: Parking for Trinity Church is directly across the street from the Holman street Chapel Entrance, members and visitors may park along the fence during the work week as those spaces are specifically reserved for Trinity use and does not require payment from the parking meter. Please keep in mind that the parking lot is shared with others during the work week so please do not block anyone in while parking. For any other parking lot questions please contact the parking lot management company at Whitten Stuckey whitten@rhsint.com. Please see following page for parking map.



A History of Trinity Episcopal Church

Founded in 1893 as a mission of Christ Church, Houston's first Episcopal church, Trinity is located southwest of downtown. After a quarter of a century of existence in wooden buildings, Trinity parish built its present imposing structure (1917 - 1921) in Houston's South End, at the corner of Main Street and Holman Avenue. That structure, designed by Ralph Adams Cram of Boston and William Ward Watkin of Houston, became an architectural landmark constructed in the neo-Gothic style with Texas limestone and a 97 foot bell tower.

FACILITIES



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 1015 Holman St., Houston, TX 77004
 trinitymidtown.org

Street Parking

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Altar Guild

This liturgical ministry is comprised of all who are called to serve God by preparing and tending the sacred spaces in which we worship. This team is responsible for setting up the Eucharist for all services as well as baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, and memorial services. We also prepare the historic church and Morrow Chapel for all high holidays and maintain the collection of vestments and linens used in those services. The Altar Guild is divided into teams with responsibility for one week each month. Contact: Joanne Starbuck jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net or Mark Goza markgoza@gmail.com



Lay Minister

Lay ministers are trained volunteers who assist the clergy by serving as Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), lectors, or reading the Prayers of the People. LEMs assist the priests during communion by administering the sacraments of Holy Communion, specifically the consecrated wine. Lectors read the assigned lessons for the day at a service. A reader leads the congregation in the Prayers of the People in a format from the Book of Common Prayer. All lay ministers are approved by the Rector, then trained and scheduled to serve. Contact Pat Laubach at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org for 8:00am and 10:30am services and David Theis at david.theis@sbcglobal.net for 12:30pm services.



Wedding Ministry

The sacramental ministry of the Trinity Wedding Coordinator is to assist the priest in conducting the rehearsal and the wedding event. The coordinator also guides the wedding party with the appropriate use of church facilities and assures that the established policies are followed for wedding ceremonies taking place at Trinity Church. Contact: Ryan Mire at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org and Pat Laubach at volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Ushers & Greeters

This ministry consists of four teams ranging from 4-5 members per team. The teams serve on a rotating basis and usher at least once a month. We distribute the service bulletins, assist members and guests to their seats when necessary, collect the offering, and assist in the giving of the Eucharist. Another duty is to serve, when called, at funerals and memorial services held at the church. The Greeters Ministry welcomes parishioners and guests to Trinity Midtown. Whether it's Sunday morning services or Ash Wednesday, the greeters are on hand before each service to answer questions and make sure everyone knows how glad we are to worship with them. It's a small commitment with a big impact. Contact Dana Gannon at danamgannon@gmail.com.



Zoom Healing Service

Members of Trinity who cannot attend in-person services for various reasons gather weekly for a virtual healing service. This virtual service consists of a Litany of Healing, special prayers and is open to all. Members gather over *Zoom* on Wednesdays at 6 pm and occasionally include an in-person option. For *Zoom* information, please email parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



Verger

The office of verger has its roots in the earliest days of the Church's history. Generally speaking, vergers were responsible for the order and upkeep of the house of worship. Evidence indicates the existence of vergers as far back as the 16th century. Today, there are over 1,400 vergers serving all across the U.S., Canada, Great Britain and other parts of the world. The verger is a unique lay ministry of the Church largely exercised behind the scenes providing support for all those, ordained and lay, who participate in our worship. Vergers carry out their ministry in a quiet and unobtrusive manner and assist the clergy in the conduct of public worship. At the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday, the verger functions as a master of ceremony working under the direction of the Rector and ensures all assisting liturgical ministers are present and ready to serve by coordinating with the acolytes, choir, ushers, Altar Guild and clergy. The Verger motto is Service in Worship and Worship through Service. Contact: Ron Mailoux, le_vieux_loup@outlook.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Acolyte

The members of the Acolytes Guild serve and assist the clergy of Trinity with the 10:30 am service, as well as at many special services such as Christmas Eve, Jazz Fest services, weddings, etc. This ministry provides an exceptionally rewarding opportunity to become a vital part of the service, assisting at the altar. Many describe the experience as literally “AWESome”. The ministry is open to both youths and adults (as positions become available)..

Contact Mary Cloud at cloudmaryh@gmail.com to learn more.



Audio Visual Operators

This team handles the sound and recording equipment in the main church. This includes the camera, console and microphones, both fixed and carried by individuals. Most services are recorded. At the 12:30 service and for Evening Prayer, volunteers are trained on our MEVO camera. Contact Ryan Mire at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.



Flower Ministry

Each week, Trinity parishioners have the opportunity to contribute to the beauty of worship by dedicating flowers in thanksgiving, in honor of, or in memory of loved ones or to commemorate special occasions such as birthdays, and anniversaries. A dedication will be placed in the bulletin to share the event with the Trinity family. If you are interested in dedicating flowers, you may do so on the Trinity website. Click on the “FLOWERS” tab. You may also contact Joanne Starbuck at jtstarbuck@sbcglobal.net

COMMUNICATION

The Weekly Window

This weekly publication highlights upcoming events, communication from the Clergy and Vestry, and important parish information. For information email plc@trinitymidtown.org.

Social Media

[instagram.com/trinityepiscopalmidtown/](https://www.instagram.com/trinityepiscopalmidtown/)
[facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston](https://www.facebook.com/trinitychurchhouston)
[youtube.com/@TrinityEpiscopalChurch](https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityEpiscopalChurch)
Trinity website: www.trinitymidtown.org
Trinity Calendar: <https://www.trinitymidtown.org/events/>

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality

The Hospitality Committee is called upon during the year to serve refreshments for different functions in the church. There may be times that volunteers are needed to furnish food for a function. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun. COVID-19 protocols in place until further notice ... please see website for current information. Contact: Judith Edgar jedgar1946@yahoo.com

Coffee Hour

Each Sunday between the 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. services, Trinity Church welcomes everyone to Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. Your help is needed in providing the refreshments that we share during this time of fellowship. Sponsoring Coffee Hour is a great way for our ministries to highlight their activities or for individuals to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries or to give thanks for blessings. To host Coffee Hour, visit the website and click on Hospitality Ministries or contact the Administrative Assistant in the Church office. Contact Jamie Chambers at jamielynnchambers@hotmail.com.

Special Receptions: Choral Evensong, Funerals, Bishop Visits, Christmas Eve, Signature Masses, Easter, Trinity Sunday, Compline



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY

Artwork of members and friends of Trinity are featured throughout the year in the Holman Street Gallery. These remarkable works of photography, paintings, wood sculpture, weavings and needlework express our core community value of celebrating diversity in backgrounds through creative and artistic expressions of how The Spirit moves amongst us. Several annual programs are traditions at Trinity such as the Lenten series Stations Of The Cross, in which artists of the parish contribute their experience with one of the fourteen stations through their art. Contact Reverend Hannah at rector@trinitymidtown.org.

Photography

This ministry visually documents and captures the spirit of Trinity through photographs which are utilized in church publications and social media. We need a volunteer to organize and label our existing photo files. Contact: Elmer Romero elmerosalva@hotmail.com

Artists of Trinity

New Mexican Artist John Juanito Jimenez Retablo Art (Holman Gallery)

End of August through October 15th

Stewardship Parish Life Photo Exhibit (Holman Gallery)

Mid October to January

International Nativities Exhibit (Fellowship Hall Stage)

December through the Epiphany

Fritz Eichenberg: A Portfolio of Prints (Holman Gallery)

The Epiphany, January 6th to Ash Wednesday, February 14th

Retrospective Contemporary Stations of the Cross (Holman Gallery)

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th through Good Friday, March 29th

2024 Easter Season Exhibit

Still to be determined

Permanent Rector exhibit, Easter Parish Photo Exhibits, and Chrismon

Exhibits in Fellowship Hall and Connections Hallway up year round. If you are interested in exhibiting your artwork, private collection, or have a friend who is interested, please contact Kerry Ward at kerryward@gmail.com.



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



Labyrinth

We are grateful to Byron Walton for overseeing the Eagle Scout project to paint and seal a permanent Labyrinth on the Fellowship Hall stage. We look forward to creating reflective activities for the congregation using the Labyrinth.

The labyrinth goes back 5,000 years or more. Beginning in the Middle Ages, Christianity adopted the labyrinth as a symbol, changing the design to imbue it with specifically Christian meaning. For almost a thousand years there has been an identifiable Christian labyrinth tradition. This movement reached its peak at Chartres Cathedral, in France, with the installation of an elegant labyrinth into the nave floor in 1201 during the construction of the magnificent new Gothic structure.

The labyrinth incorporates many levels of symbolism within its sacred geometry. Its circularity and concentric circles reflect the cosmos, atoms, and DNA. The geometry comprises the very principles of manifestation utilized by the Divine Hand in its creation of the physical universe. In our modern world we have lost touch with our origins, our roots, even our true identity. The labyrinth is the bridge that connects us to these things, to a long-forgotten part of ourselves. That's why it touches people very deeply, often in a way they can't verbalize, as the context itself is ancient. *Credit: Written as a public service by Robert Ferré. The full article may be downloaded free at <http://www.labyrinth-enterprises.com>*



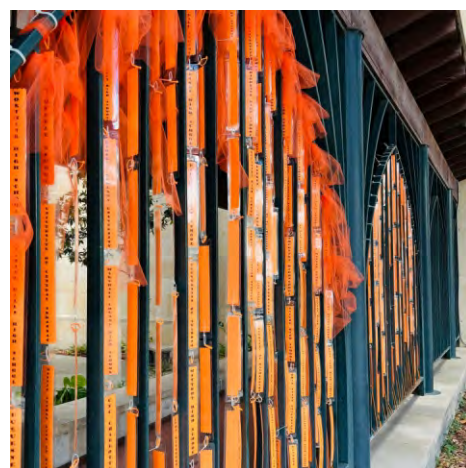
The Trinity Peace Crane Ministry

Several years ago a group of Trinity parishioners began folding origami peace cranes, individually and in groups, as a spiritual practice. Cranes have graced our altars at Easter, been sent to individuals as gifts for healing, and incorporated into prayers for Ukraine. Strings of orange origami cranes hang in Trinity's Gun Violence Memorial, commemorating the over 1,500 children lost to this tragedy in the US in 2022. Folding cranes is conducive to prayer and reflection, and when done in community the conversations we have and connections we make are healing. If you'd like to learn to fold cranes and/or would like more information about this ministry, please contact Libby Tsubai at tsubaie@yahoo.com.

Wear Orange

Trinity participates in Wear Orange annually on the first weekend in June. This year we will explore participating in a national Guns into Garden Tool event.

<https://rawtools.org/>



ARTS & SPIRITUALITY



Trinity Jazz Festival Returns July 2024

There is something spiritual that happens when the note, the chord, the music is so stirring you are moved to bow your head or clap for joy and just let the sounds wash over you. And when that music intertwines with the scriptural message from the Rev. Hannah Atkins, you have experienced the highly anticipated annual Jazz Mass, the culminating event of Trinity's Jazz Festival will be held July 19–21, 2024.

There is something magical that happens when lovers of music, community, and church get together to experience the Trinity Jazz Festival which began in 2002.

Like a great jazz ensemble, it takes many hands and talents to create this weekend. Here is where you could fit in as a future member of the Jazz Festival Committee. Are you a stickler for details? We need your help planning and coordinating the artists' schedules and logistics for the events.

Are you a cheerleader for good music and finding innovative ways to bring more people to Trinity? Help us promote the weekend events and support ticket sale activities. Social media mavens let your fingers do the walking with our team.

Come find your groove with the Jazz Festival Committee. Contact one of the 2024 Trinity Jazz Festival co-chairs: Michele White at michelereenee12@gmail.com or Ann McCoy at ann.mccoy@att.net to get involved.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Pub Theology

Pub Theology, 7pm-8:30pm, last Wednesdays of the month through April, excluding December, gather at Mucky Duck (2425 Norfolk St, Houston, TX 77098) with a rotating guest Trinity author speaking about their book/writing and other many other social and theologically curious Trinitarians and friends. Check website for up-to-date information at trintymidtown.org.

Jan. 31st, Feb. 28th, Mar. 20th (27th is Holy Week), Apr. 24th, May 29th

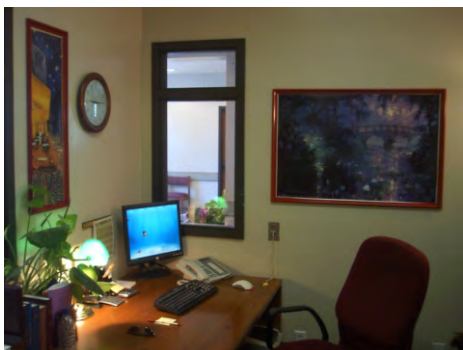


Taste of Trinity

Taste of Trinity is a group that meets for a meal. We currently have a dinner group and a brunch group. Its only goal is to give parishioners an opportunity to connect (or re-connect) and get to know one another better. Participants are assigned by household to a group and take turns hosting a meal.

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PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Volunteer Ministry

Parishioners assist in various functions on a regular basis. Volunteers may help with relieving the administrative assistant during lunch, making and receiving phone calls, the preparation of large mailings and other “odd jobs” that need to be done. If you have time available, try volunteering at Trinity. Contact: Pat Laubach volunteer@trinitymidtown.org



Listening Post

The Listening Post is an opportunity for people in the Midtown neighborhood to talk and be heard. Midtown’s Listening Post was inspired by the Listening Post that was started at Appalachian State in 2009. We welcome new listeners! We are on the Holman Street sidewalk on Tuesdays from Noon to 2pm. If you would like to become a part of the Listening Post Ministry please contact Theresa McCellan at theresamcclellan88@gmail.com.



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PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Archives

The Trinity Church Archives provides a safe place for the parish's historical documents and other artifacts. The archival collection includes service bulletins and newsletters dating to 1918, vestry minutes, registers of sacraments and services, parish meeting records, some financial documents, membership records, legal documents, architectural drawings, photographs, and much more. In 2014 the archives room was remodeled. To help protect the collection, a new HVAC system and dehumidifier were installed to keep the room at an ideal temperature (70°) and relative humidity (40%). Since then, many of the archival materials have been organized and placed in acid-free folders and boxes. Much more needs to be done.

Garden Club

Organized in 1952, the Garden Club is the oldest active parish life ministry. Membership is open to all ages with the sole purpose of this club being the landscaping and beautification of Trinity Church property. Monthly meetings are held from September to May on the 1st Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Smith Room or in members' homes. Workdays are scheduled on Fridays or Saturdays throughout the year. Dues are \$25 per individual or \$30 per couple. TGC has been known to offer special presentations for the enhancement of Church such as Kindness Day in November, a " Garden Party " themed coffee hour on Palm Sunday, and a self-guided tour of Church gardens, including refreshments, the first Sunday in May.

Members of the Garden Club are blessed to be given the chance to do something for others and enjoy contributing to the quality of life in our parish. These activities lead to a strong sense of fellowship and friendship among our members, and to a true appreciation for the beauty of our historic church and grounds. Please consider joining us at any of our activities. For more information and to join, please contact, Sylvia Drew trymahjong@yahoo.com, or Tony Huffman tonyhuffman@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Tree with Chrismon Ornaments

The Garden Club oversees the decoration of the parish's Christmas Tree each year. Decorated with handmade ornaments with Christian symbols, called Crismons, it is lit each year on the fourth Sunday of Advent. The Crismons have been made by generations of Trinity parishioners. The early ones were beaded, and the recent ones have been done in needlepoint in gold, silver and white threads. Any parishioner can make and donate an ornament - you do not have to be a member of the Garden Club.

To encourage those who are novice stitchers, the church has a supply of the tools needed, with a simple design on canvas and a selection of threads, and experienced stitchers are available to assist you. We ask that you pay \$20 when you receive the materials, and the additional costs of finishing are estimated to be between \$10 and \$20. Experienced stitchers who would like to do something more challenging may go to Needle House in Rice Village for canvas, thread, and finishing.

Creating a crismon is a wonderful gift of your time, and creates a lasting heirloom of the many generations who have made Trinity what it is today. For more information on crismons, please contact Catherine Reed at ccread@swbell.net.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



Membership

Discovering Your Membership at Trinity – The Episcopal Way Classes

Seeking membership at Trinity is a very important step. The Episcopal Way is a class designed to give you a deeper understanding of the Episcopal Church and help you find your place in the life of our Church. We will be offering an intensive class weekend and an online course option with an in-person teacher follow-up meeting. These classes are open to everyone; especially those new to the tradition, desiring to be Baptized, Confirmed, or Received into the Episcopal Church. For information on membership at Trinity contact Carol Turley at Membership@trinitymidtown.org.

Books for further reading:

Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers: Exploring Christian Faith

by C.K. Robertson and Ian S. Markham

Unabashedly Episcopalian: Proclaiming the Good News of the Episcopal Church

by C. Andrew Doyle



About the Episcopal Church

For more information and resources to learn about the Episcopal Church please visit the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and The Episcopal Church websites, both of which have amazing information.

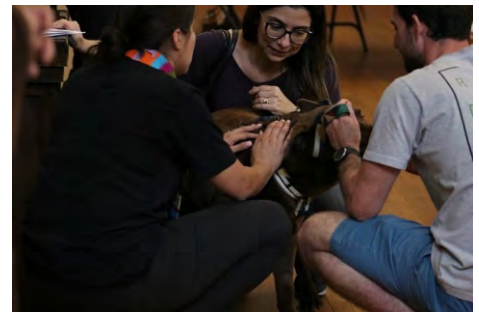
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PARISH LIFE MINISTRY



GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

Endowment

Trinity Church Endowment was established in 1956 by six far-sighted parishioners who saw the need for Trinity to have a financial base. In the over 60 years of its existence, through good times and times of need, it has provided strong support to Trinity. In 2013, Trinity's Endowment provided a significant portion of Trinity's operating budget. In the last six years the Endowment has provided, among other things, \$250,000 towards Trinity's purchase of the Bering House property, provided \$100,000 of the cost of replacing the Fellowship Hall Kitchen, and approximately \$125,000 to refurbish the church's historic stained glass windows. In the Spring/Summer of 2016, the Endowment Fund has helped replace the outdated heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in the historic church.

There are envelopes in the pews for Endowment gifts. They can be taken home for later use or with a gift placed in the alms basins. Gifts can also be mailed to the church office.

Contact: Saba Blanding at benandsaba@hotmail.com

Endowment Board Members:

Saba Blanding, Ken Snell, Mary Cloud, the Reverend Rhonda Rogers, Edgar Marston, Brad Beers, Sarah Frazier, Bob Davenport, Mark Goza, Steve Lee, Jackie Rose, Marilyn Dorries, Larry Dickerson, Alexander Obregon, the Reverend Hannah Atkins Romero, Larry Laubach, Treasurer; the Reverend Luz Cabrera Montes, Associate Rector

Vestry Stewardship Committee:

Andy Durham, Mary Matteucci, Gladys Vallés, Pam Lawson

Stewardship - Growing Spiritually Through Giving

Trinity's mission and ministries run on time and talent, powered by treasure. Christian stewardship calls upon us to faithfully manage all that God gives us so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually. In doing so, we are empowered to extend Christ's unending and transforming love to others. Jesus said "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34), thus summing up the spiritual link between financial giving and God. The theme of our 2024 Annual Giving Campaign is "Grace in Action", in which we'll come together to learn how spiritually-focused financial stewardship can deepen our connection to God. The vestry is acting as stewardship committee this year.

Bishop Sterling Legacy

Established in November, 2004, this society is named in memory of the late Right Reverend William Sterling. It honors all who provide planned support of Trinity through Trinity Church Endowment, Inc. Every person, member, or friend of Trinity who provides for a planned financial contribution to Trinity automatically becomes a member of the Bishop Sterling Legacy Society. Contact: The Reverend Rhonda Rogers at rrogers747@gmail.com



Save the DATE!

**Episcopal Parish Network
39th Annual Conference, Houston
March 6 – 9, 2024**

Westin Galleria and Westin Oaks

GIVING/STEWARDSHIP

Grace in Action

This year we will celebrate God's Grace in Action! We invite you to contribute and return to God that which God has provided to us as we continue to make God's presence real in the heart of Midtown. Our Annual Giving kickoff is October 22nd with a celebration including Bishop Monterroso; Ingathering will take place on Nov. 12th with a Grace in Action Diversity Potluck from 11:45am to 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. The 12:30 service will begin at 1pm that day.

How to Give

You can pledge and make donations online!

Online Giving is available through AccessACS.

Go to www.trinitymidtown.org and click the "Give" button on the top right, or visit:

<https://secure.accessacs.com/access/oglogin.aspx?sn=156477>

Texting. Send the message heartofmidtown to 73256. Be sure to type heartofmidtown with no spaces, or autocorrect may insert information about a different church. The prompt will ask for a credit card number which can be kept on file for future contributions.



ACCESS ACS

Goals Include

1. **Feed the Hungry** (Matthew 25)
2. **Generate Hope** (Romans 5)
3. **Love One Another** (John 13)
4. **Hold Things in Common** (Acts 4:32)
5. **Build** (Ecclesiastes 3)
6. **Be Servants of All** (Mark 10)

Stewardship Update

As of 2/20/24

Total Pledged Amount: \$422,069.00

Total Number of Pledges: 97

Have not pledged yet? It's not too late! Let's reach our \$500,000 goal!



**TRINITY MIDTOWN
ANNUAL GIVING 2024**

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Hebrews 13:16

SPECIAL LITURGIES

Choral Evensong

Join us for an amazing experience of an ancient tradition dating back hundreds of years - the first service of Choral Evensong in 2024, celebrated in Trinity's beautiful historic church. Come Celebrate Trinity Sunday, May 26th at 5:30 pm with Choral Evensong.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Regular Services

8am, 10:30 am and 12:30pm March 24

Procession Proceeding Service

Midday Eucharist at 12pm Noon in the Chapel

Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26

Holy Wednesday Tenebrae Service, 6pm, March 27, Chapel

Maundy Thursday Services March 28

5:30pm, Chapel; 7:30pm in Church

The Watch begins March 28 at 9pm

Good Friday Liturgy March 29, 12pm in Church

Stations of the Cross March 29, 1:15pm

Great Easter Vigil Saturday, March 30 7pm in Church

Easter Sunday March 31

Services at 8:30am, 10:30am and 12:30pm

Easter Egg Hunt in Abbot's Garden after Parish Photo



NEWCOMERS MINISTRY



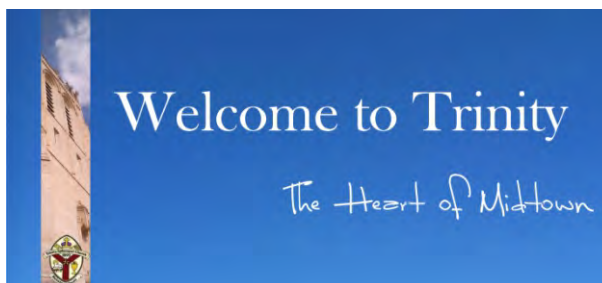
This ministry helps guests and new members become fully assimilated into the Trinity Family. Contact Lauren Santerre at plc@trinitymidtown.org.

Meet and Greet

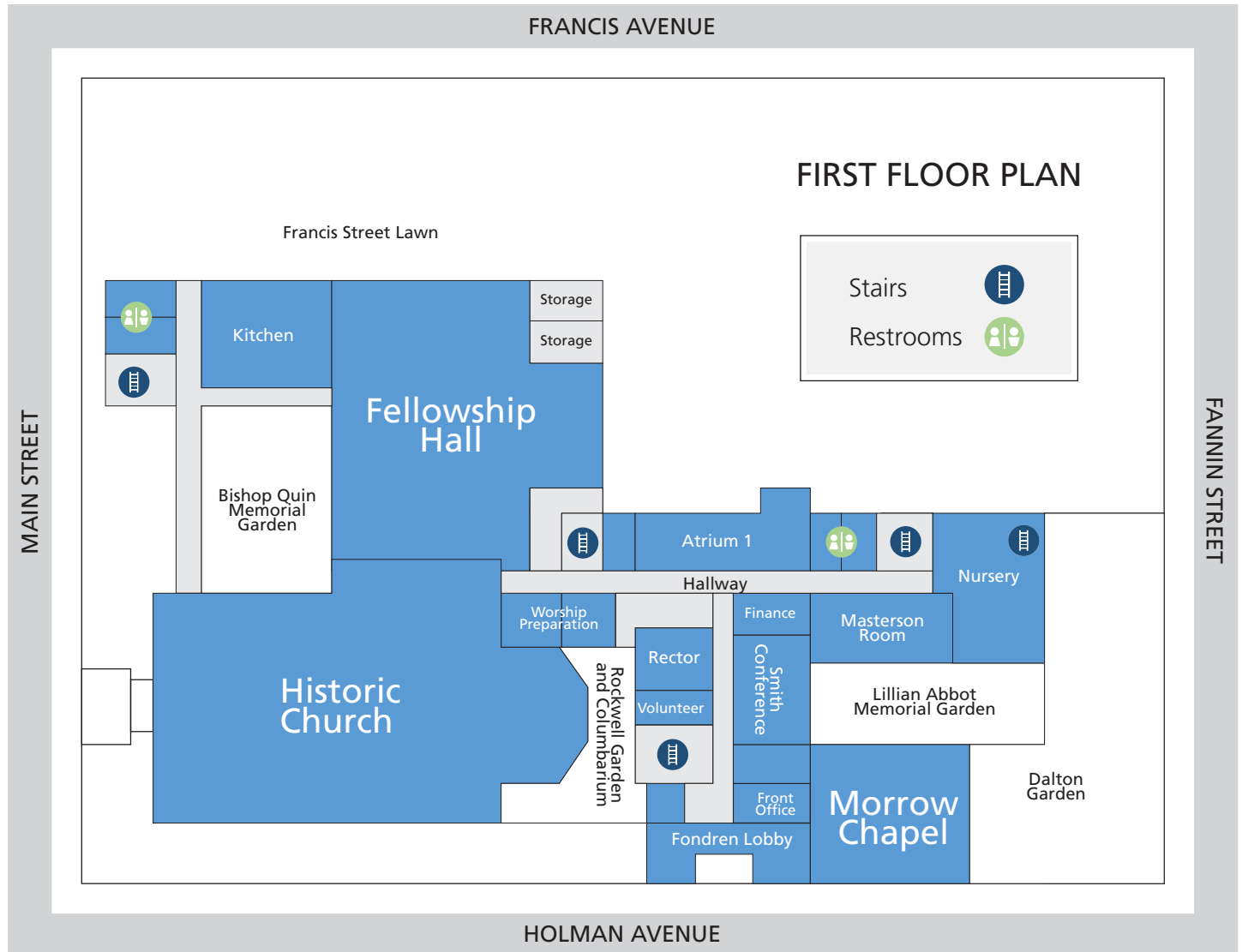
The monthly Meet and Greet gatherings are held in the Rector's office and give guests and newcomers to Trinity an opportunity to enjoy casual conversation with the Rector in an informal setting.

All meetings are at 11:45 am following the 10:30 am service:

- January 21
- February 25
- March 17
- April 21
- May 19
- June 16



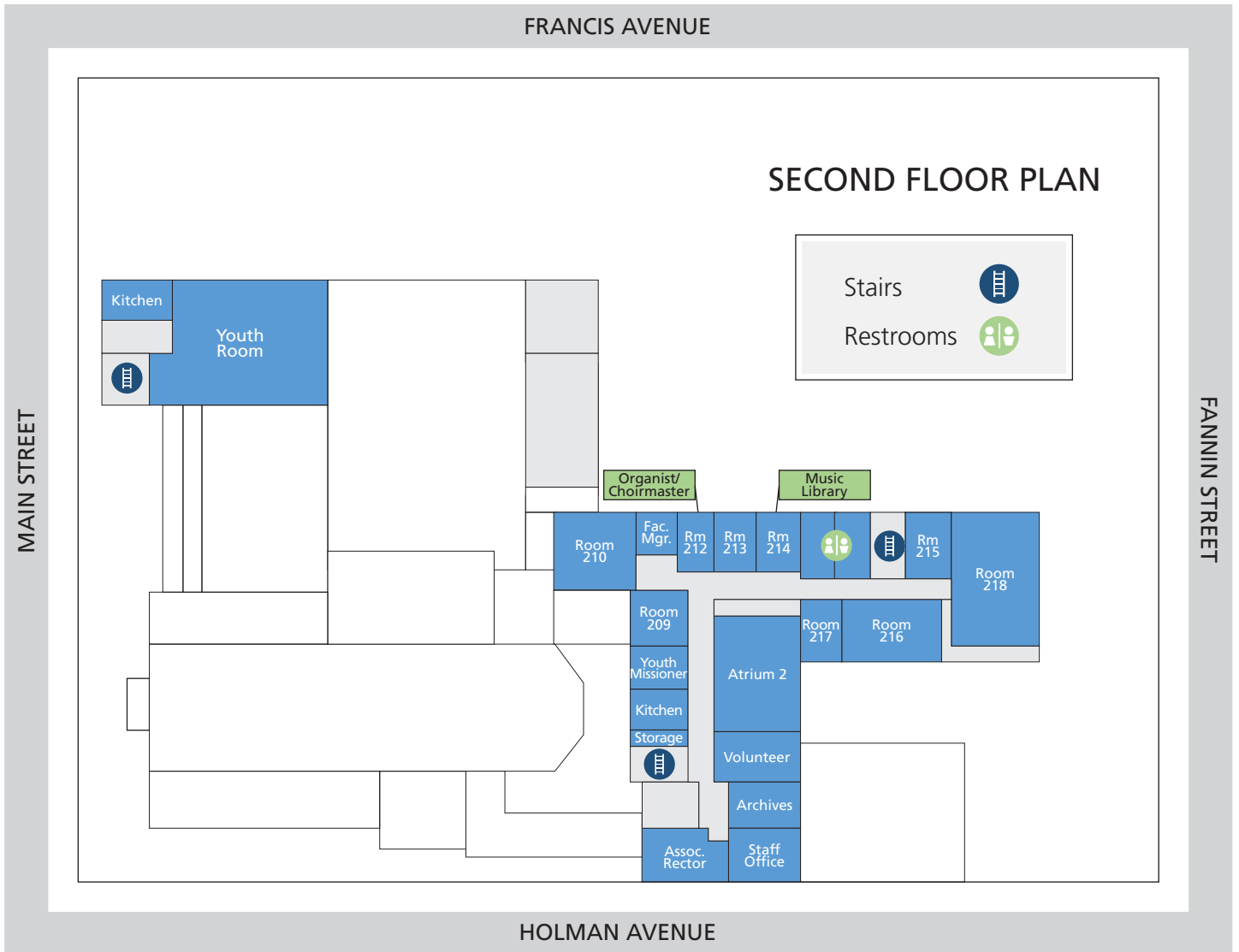
FACILITIES MAP



Facilities Use Requests

Trinity is a busy parish and there are many requests to use our facilities. If you or your ministry need to use space at Trinity, please complete a Facilities Use Request and submit it to Parish Administrator Ryan Mire. Ryan will help you with the details of the use of rooms at Trinity. You may also email him directly at parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org.

FACILITIES MAP



MISSION & VALUES



CORE VALUE 1

WORSHIP

We offer traditional and eclectic worship authentically celebrated through music, art, and ritual.



CORE VALUE 3



RESPONSIVENESS TO GOD'S CALL

We are open to the Holy Spirit to bring people together into relationship to God and one another in a changing urban context.

CORE VALUE 2

COMMUNITY

We are an inclusive, caring community where people of diverse backgrounds are embraced and valued. We strive to embody humility, acceptance, forgiveness and respect for all.



2024 TRINITY JAZZ FESTIVAL

JULY 18-21

Set your summer calendar to sizzle in July for a four-day weekend of smooth jazz, Latin jazz, and big-band jazz featuring the Sinatra-style crooner from New York, **Benny Benack III**.

After a four-year hiatus following Covid, Trinity's annual jazz festival is back and hotter than ever, moving from January to July 18-21.

The time change is not the only big news.

With a theme of “**Resurrection**,” we have taken on the energy of the Phoenix rising from the ashes, and you will see our branding logo to that effect. This new energy allowed us to re-imagine and expand our venues, collaborate with broader communities, and express the power of the Beloved Community through music and connection.

Starting with our **Thursday night VIP dinner** once held in a hotel, under the magic hands of Bob Davenport, our Trinity fellowship hall will be transformed, featuring a Louisiana-style catered meal from the Ragin Cajun, a live band, and a silent auction. So put on your dancing shoes, get your grub on, and open your wallets to the silent auction featuring fantastic packages for your bidding.

We are collaborating with St. John's United Methodist Church Downtown to produce the Friday night concert featuring smooth jazz saxophonist **Kim Waters at the WeServ Theatre** inside the church at 2019 Crawford Street.

On Saturday afternoon, let your inner creativity loose and learn from the masters in masterclass jazz workshops at Trinity Midtown. The workshops are public and open to everyone.

Saturday night, prepare to be wowed by the magic fingers of trumpeter and velvet-voiced headliner Benny Benack III. But

not before Latin music local favorite Ermelinda Cuellar sets the stage with her sultry sounds.

On Sunday, our signature annual jazz Mass returns featuring the music of Count Basie under the musical direction of master trumpeter James Williams III and the spiritual leadership of our rector, the Rev. Hannah Elizabeth Atkins Romero.

Organizers and Trinity members leading the planning of this four-day festival are co-chairs Michele White and Ann McCoy.

Here are ways you can help: Of course, buy tickets. We have more than a dozen committee members for this massive undertaking and plenty of room for your help on committees such as fundraising and hospitality. Consider making donations for our silent auction or contacting your friends in business, entertainment, or service to donate packages for bidding, including timeshares, season tickets, artwork, massages, etc. If you have a business, consider buying an ad in our program guide featuring information on the four-day festival and the artists. For more information, contact **Theresa D. McClellan at 616-389-7142** or Theresa@theresawriter.com





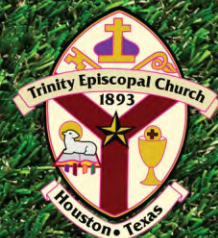
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TRINITY MIDTOWN

All Parish Retreat

**APRIL 12TH - 14TH
AT CAMP ALLEN**



Join us for a Weekend of Fellowship

Bunkhouse Accommodations 12 bunks per room. 24 to a cabin. Linens are not included so bring your Pillows and sleeping bags! The cost for the entire weekend is \$60.00 for an adult and \$30 for a child. \$15 for Saturday night meal, additional meals will be organized by volunteers.



Things to Do

Natural Trails for Hiking and Biking.
Playgrounds.
Pavillion Games.
Fishing -All fishing at Camp Allen is Catch and Release.
Disc Golf



Register Now

Please Register for the Retreat by April 2nd, 2024. Scholarships and Special needs requests are available. Contact parishadministrator@trinitymidtown.org for any questions or concerns.

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