

Apostles Striving to Follow the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

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trinityhartford.org • 860-527-8133 • Sunday, November 25, 2018

Sunday, November 25 Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King Sunday

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room and Church
- 10:00 A.M. Mozart's Missa Brevis Choral Eucharist – Church
- 11:30 A.M. Coffee Hour Conversation
- 6:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Monday, November 26

- 10:30 A.M. Trinity Academy Morning Meeting – Library

Tuesday, November 27

- 2:00 P.M. "Women Together" Meeting – Offsite (St. John's EC)
- 5:30 P.M. Choir School Novice Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Chorister Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 P.M. Vestry Meeting – Budget Workshop – Library
- 6:30 P.M. West Hartford Women's Choral Rehearsal – Church

Wednesday, November 28

- 4:30 P.M. Capital Campaign Exec. Comm. – Rector's Office
- 7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Thursday, November 29

- 11:00 A.M. Al-Anon – Outreach Meeting Room
- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 2:00 P.M. Staff Meeting – Rector's Office
- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Chorister Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 P.M. Trinity Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Friday, November 30

- 7:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Saturday, December 1

- 9:00 A.M. Memorial Service: Paul Nelson – Church
- 10:00 A.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 7:30 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous Group – Huntington Hall

Sunday, December 2 First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 11:30 A.M. Christian Formation for All Ages
- 11:30 A.M. Acolyte Leader Meeting – Conference Room
- 6:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 7:30 P.M. Choir Rehearsal for Compline – Choir Room
- 8:00 P.M. Advent Compline – Church (Use Sigourney St. Entrance)

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Today's Christian Formation Programs

NURSERY CARE

For children under age 3 is offered in the nursery (Tower Room – Rear of Church) from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

RESUME DECEMBER 2

COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS

Beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Today: Coffee & Conversation

Next Week: Trinity Academy Update with Glenn Winfree (Interim Head of School) and Jen Scanzano (Asst. Head of School)

Transforming Generosity Annual Appeal Update

One month into our Annual Appeal, we have received **75 pledges totaling \$298,645**.

This total reflects **26 new or increased pledges** and 15 pledges which were reduced.

Fr. Don and the wardens urge all parishioners to prayerfully consider their pledges toward Trinity's operating budget for 2019 and to turn in their pledge cards **prior to December 1** to facilitate drafting a responsible and faithful budget before the end of December. **Extra pledge cards are available at the church entrances**, or by calling Pam Haddad at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204.

Please Make Your Pledge Before December 1

Operating Financial Results

As of October 31, 2018

	Budget to Date	Actual to Date 31-Oct
Parishioner Support	\$350,833	\$366,217
All Other Income	\$172,701	\$220,272
Total Expense	\$526,735	\$526,886
NET	\$-3,201	\$59,604

Thank you for your support!

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Stephen Sirotko; Frances Sloan; The Rt. Rev. Andrew Smith & Kate; and Church School Participants and leaders. In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for St. Paul's, Woodbury; St. John the Evangelist, Yalesville; Grace Church, Yantic; the health and well-being of persons employed by The Episcopal Church; the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies of The Episcopal Church. In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for The Church in Portugal. We also pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; Ian and Laura, our Diocesan Bishops and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for the safety of all those serving in the armed forces and for their families. We pray for the residents and staff of the George Beach Apartments in Hartford. We pray for partner parish Mbugani Holy Trinity church in Tabora, Tanzania, and the mission church of Tumbi.

We pray for Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry; Peg Andrian; Georges Annan-Kingsley; Mavis Bennett; Justice Black; Dianne Bowens-Waller; Walton Brown Foster and family; Edie Brunelle; Ginny Catanzaro; Gloria Cheyney and family; Sandi Cone; Margaret Daniel; Robin D'Oyen; John Doyle; Lori Eckhardt; Althea Francis; Nigel Francis; Kristin Garcia-Williams; Tori Henry; Clyde and JoEllen Jansing; Louise Krippenstapel; Dwight Lee; Carlene Lewis; Fred Margeson; Owen Margeson; Antoinette McCrary; Judy Miller; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Boo Morton; Al Pereira; Jim and Mary Register; Jon Reik; John E. Robinson; Carolyn Rogers; Ruth Rose; Jo-Ann Sadosky; Al Shuckra; Frances Sloan; Hellen Strassner; Lindsey Tengtanga; Joe Troiano; Alice Turcotte; Peter Vreeland; Marshall Weaver; Chris Weber; Trudi White-Campbell; Amy Williams; Deborah Williams; Shakeem Williams; Pam Williams; Xavion Williams; those affected by mental and physical ailments, violence, natural disasters, and immigration and refugee policies, and their families; Bassam Al Bunni (grandson of Huda Gabri); Richard Green (brother of Peter Green); Carmen Bazzano (friend of Pam Haddad); Diane Bodine (Al Shuckra); Johnny, Lena Lee and family (Kitty Peterson); Colleen Kral (friend of Don and Debbie Hamer); Karen Newman; Don Ghostlaw (friends of Jonathan Reik); Jennifer, Dan and Shaylee Sadosky (daughter of Jo-Ann Sadosky and her daughter's family); Joseph Dellapuca (friend of Percy Williamson); Margaret Packe, Charlie Diamond (friends of Gloria Cheyney); David and James Register (son and grandson of Jim & Mary Register); Patricia Patton, John, Debi, and Ben Irby (brother sister in-law and nephew of Mary Register); Jon Larson, the Jean-Babets family, Tony Rivera, Anna Vreeland, Kenneth Vreeland, Shirley Gibson, Tanya Kopec, Doris Jean (family of Peter Vreeland); Albert, Tracy, Ramona, and Adrienne (friends of Fr. Don), and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for the repose of the souls of Hartford's homicide victims. We pray for Grace Rajendram, Kurt Nelson, Mario Bari, and for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for Sarah J. Trafford and Bernard W. Trafford, Jr., in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered. We pray for ourselves and for our departed loved ones, that rejoicing with them in God's kingdom where every tear is wiped away, we may as one family sing praise forever and ever.

Compline In Advent

Compline is the last of the four services in the Anglican Daily Office. It is descended from the night prayer said before bedtime at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer.

Compline is a simple office, which includes a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from Scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, Collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle "Nunc Dimittis." A hymn for the evening follows the short passage from Scripture.

Compline will be sung in the church at **8:00 p.m. all four Sundays of Advent (December 2, 9, 16, and 23)**. Please join us for this prayerful and reflective devotion. All are welcome. **Please enter through the Sigourney Street doors, which will be opened at 7:50 p.m.**

Calling Lovers of Flowers

The Flower Guild is looking for new members. Do you love to arrange flowers or want to learn how? If so, we want you!!

Arranging flowers for Sunday services encompasses approximately 3 hours. The process entails purchasing the flowers and coming to the church to arrange them. This can be done either on a Friday when Vinnie is usually present or on a Saturday morning around 9:00 a.m. when the building is open for an AA meeting from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

If you are uncertain about how to arrange flowers or what to do, a member of the Flower Guild will be glad to assist you on your assigned Sunday until you become comfortable with your new ministry.

If you have ANY interest and would like to give this this wonderful ministry a try, please **contact** either **Percy Williamson at 8650-922-6271** or **The Rev. George Chien at 860-690-7024**.

Women's Quiet Day

The Companions of the Holy Cross invite all women of the Parish to an Advent Quiet Day to be held at **St. James's Church, West Hartford from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, December 8**. Charlotte LaForest, assistant to the rector, will be our leader for the morning. We follow up the meditations and reflection time with a Eucharist and optional brown bag lunch. Come join us! Questions: Contact Kate Smith at Kate48smith@comcast.net

Three Holiday Giving Opportunities Including Two Giving Trees

“...good excuses for picking a person’s pocket every December 25th”

[apologies to Ebenezer Scrooge]

(1)

“Trinity Christmas Giving Tree” Lights up on December 2

Our 2018 Giving Tree will make its debut in the Baptistery on **December 2, the first Sunday of Advent**. You are invited to be a part of this annual holiday project and help make this a merry Christmas for one of Hartford’s children – some from **Trinity Academy** and others whose names we receive from a **Covenant to Care Social Worker**– whose Christmas wishes will be listed on the tags hanging on the tree. **To fulfill a wish**, take a tag off the tree, and follow the directions posted near the tree. **Wrapped gifts should be brought to the Baptistery with the tags attached by Sunday, December 16**, so they may be distributed in time for Christmas.

If the cost of providing a gift is more than you can afford, consider joining with another Trinity member to share costs.

Note: Your help is also needed on two Sundays, December 9 and 16 after worship services to assist in “inventorying” the gifts to insure that all gifts are received and tagged for the appropriate child. If you can help with the inventorying, please see or call Debbie Hamer (860-216-3881).

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AFEDJ (Diocese of Jerusalem) “Holy Land Giving Tree”

Outreach will again provide a holiday opportunity during the Advent season with tags from our **AFEDJ (American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem) “Holy Land Giving Tree” on December 2, 9, and 16**. As last year, donations can be made to the Ahli Arab Hospital in any amount, and you will get to **choose a picture ornament to take home**. Consider making this gift in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

All donations will go to the Ahli Hospital in Gaza. Remembering our sisters and brothers of the Holy Land is so important during the Advent and Christmas season. **Checks should be made out to AFEDJ, with Ahli Hospital on the memo line.**

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Trinity Academy Holiday Store

Once again this year, the students of **Trinity Academy (ages 6-9)** will be doing their Christmas *shopping* at their own *holiday store* in the Trinity Church Library, choosing gifts for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and brothers/sisters. Our help is needed to *stock* the holiday store with **gifts for all ages**. **Please note new guidelines for gifts: Donations of new or gently used small gift items in the \$10 or under range are preferred** (games, DVDs, jewelry, scarves, *smelly stuff* etc.) Donations will be collected in Goodwin Hall after each worship service on **Sundays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16**. Empty gift boxes, gift bags, and wrapping paper are also needed.

Note: Two or three volunteers are needed to arrange and stock the store on Weds., Dec. 19 between 11am and 3pm; Five or six volunteers are needed to staff the store to help the students make their selections on Thurs., Dec. 20 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Come for as long as you are able on either (or both) of these days. Please contact **Richard Syracuse at rgs1028@gmail.com** to volunteer.

Share Your Nativity Set

Continuing an annual Trinity Church tradition, we are again asking you to share one of your Nativity sets for display in the window ledges of the church during Advent and on through Christmastide. If you are interested in sharing your crèche, please contact Fr. Don or Pam Haddad in the church office (860-527-8133, or dhamer@trinityhartford.org).

We would like to have all the crèches at the church in time to display them on the First Sunday of Advent, December 2.

Please include your name and any information you have about the artist or medium when you bring in your crèche.

“Women Together” Meetings

From November through January, “Women Together” will focus on the stories of Jesus’s birth, found in Matthew and Luke. WT will meet **Tuesdays, Nov. 27, Dec 4 and 11, and Jan. 8 from 2:00-3:15 pm at St. John’s Episcopal Church in West Hartford**. Women from Trinity and St. John’s currently participate in WT, and women from any church are welcome to come and share in this time of study, reflection and fellowship. For more information, contact Linda MacGougan (macgougans@gmail.com; 860-561-1588).

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Church by the Pond Set for December 15

Trinity's next opportunity to participate in this ministry is **Saturday, December 15**. This is part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the "Church Street Eats" programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

December is a special time for this ministry, as in addition to lunches, we provide holiday gift bags with hats, gloves and toiletries. Volunteers are needed both for the preparation time at Trinity, and to come to Bushnell Park to be present with our guests.

Beginning at 12:30, we will assemble gift bags in Goodwin Hall, while we also prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library. At 1:45 we will bring the lunches and gifts to Bushnell Park, where we will participate in the Eucharist by the Pond at 2:00. We will distribute our lunches and gifts following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15.

Please plan to come for as much of this time as you can - friends and families are welcome!

Penny Pearson for the Outreach Ministry.

2018 Christmas Memorials For Trinity's Flowers/Music

If you would like to contribute to the 2018 Christmas flowers and/or music in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office, or drop it in the Sunday collection plate along with your check, by **December 17**.

Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked "Christmas Memorials." Names of those in whose memory contributions have been made will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.

Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____ for the Trinity Church Christmas flowers and music.

Designate my contribution for (check one):

Flowers; Music; 50/50 Flowers & Music

In memory of _____
contributed by _____.

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Camp Washington

Family Advent Day, December 2

As the family awaits the coming of Christmas, spend an afternoon together at Camp Washington, **Sunday, December 2, from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Make an Advent wreath (one per family), dip Advent candles, participate in crafts, & more. The afternoon ends with worship and dinner together. Register at: campwashington.org

Curate Ben Wyatt to Be Ordained To The Priesthood December 13

You are invited to attend the ordination of Trinity's curate, the **Reverend Ben Wyatt**, to the Sacred Order of Priests. The service of ordination will be held at Trinity Church on **Thursday, December 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Ben's bishop, the Right Reverend John Bauerschmidt, will be traveling from Tennessee to ordain Ben. Retired Bishop Drew Smith will be the preacher. A light reception with homemade cookies will follow. Come be a part of this very special evening in Ben's life, in the life of our parish and that of the wider Church.

West Hartford Women's Chorale

The West Hartford Women's Chorale will perform their 2018 Winter Concert, "**Celestial Voices**," at **Trinity Church on Friday, December 14, beginning at 7:30p.m.** Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy an evening of festive music sung by the chorale under the direction of Dr. Ethan Nash. Fee: \$10.00 at the door

Trinity Book Group Starts the New Year with *Dorian Gray*

Trinity Book Group starts off the new year with Oscar Wilde's only novel: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. It's a philosophical story of a man who "sells his soul" to be young forever and to live purely for his own pleasure. Meanwhile, his portrait records his aging self and the sinful nature of his decadent life. This intriguing concept is sure to provoke a lively discussion! **Book Group will meet on Friday, January 4th, 7:00-9:00 pm at the home of Mark and Linda MacGougan.** (macgougans@gmail.com; 860-561-1588) All are welcome to attend - for refreshments, socializing, and book discussion - whether as a one-time event or regularly!

2018 & 2019 Aumbry Candle Requests

The Aumbry candle which burns continuously in the Trinity Church chapel can be donated as a memorial to a loved one or as a thank offering for an anniversary, birthday, or other milestone event for a nominal donation of \$5 per week. If you would like to offer the candle as a thank offering or memorial, please contact Pam Haddad at 860-527-8133 Ext. 204 or at phaddad@trinityhartford.org.