

Apostles Striving to Follow the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

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Sunday, December 9 Second Sunday of Advent

Three Giving Opportunities: Two Giving Trees -- Baptistery; Goodwin Hall; TA "Holiday Store" Donations Accepted in Goodwin Hall

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

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

- 11:00 A.M. Red Hatters Luncheon – Kitchen; Library
- 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. Steering Committee Meeting
- 6:30 P.M. George Beach Holy Eucharist – Offsite (Cathedral)
- 6:30 P.M. West Hartford Women's Chorale Rehearsal -- Church

Wednesday, December 12

- 7:00 P.M. Property Team Meeting – Conference Room
- 7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Thursday, December 13

- 11:00 A.M. Al-Anon – Outreach Meeting Room
- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
- 2:00 P.M. Staff Meeting – Rector's Office
- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Chorister Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:30 P.M. Trinity Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:30 P.M. Ordination & Reception – Benjamin Wyatt – Church/Goodwin Hall (See separate article)
- 8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Friday, December 14

- 7:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 7:30 P.M. West Hartford Women's Chorale Winter Concert & Reception – Church/Goodwin Hall

Saturday, December 15

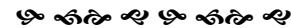
- 10:00 A.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 12:30 P.M. Church by the Pond Lunch Prep – Kitchen/Goodwin Hall
- 7:30 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous Group – Huntington Hall

Sunday, December 16 Third 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
- 6:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
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Today's Schedule of Christian Formation Programs

CHILDCARE for children under age 3 is offered
childcare in the nursery (Tower Room, rear of Church)
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.



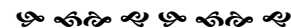
CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Godly Play (Ages 3 years – Grade 3)
– Classroom 3, 2nd floor

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

All children and youth are preparing for the
Trinity Christmas Pageant scheduled for 5 p.m. on
Christmas Eve, December 24. Location will be
announced by the coordinators, Kate Rousseau and
Amity Gage, at the 10 a.m. service.



COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS

Following the 10:00 a.m. Service

TODAY: "Conversation with Preacher Drew"

The Rt. Rev. Drew Smith will lead an informal
discussion of the topics raised during his sermon.

Next Week: Intercessory Prayer: A Ministry of
Compassion with Anne Rapkin

Compline In Advent Tonight – 8 PM

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.**

LET US PRAY

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Kate Steven; Hellen Strassner; Sheldon and Riley Sutton & Shannon Lee. In our Diocesan Cycle we pray for Christ Church, Bethany; St. Thomas', Bethel; Christ Church, Bethlehem; Old St. Andrew's, Bloomfield. We pray for Trinity Academy's Board of Trustees, Teachers, Principal, Head of School and Students. In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for The Church of the Falkland Islands.

We pray for 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); Donald L. Bowens, Tanie Smith (Dianne Bowens-Waller); Richard Green (brother of Peter Green); 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 Paul Cooper, Grace Rajendram, and for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for Lillian Sandford 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.

Curate Ben Wyatt To Be Ordained To The Priesthood Thursday, December 13 Here At Trinity Church

You are invited to attend the ordination of Trinity's curate, the **Reverend Benjamin Wyatt**, to the Sacred Order of Priests. The service of ordination will be held at Trinity Church **THIS Thursday, December 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m.** Ben's bishop, the Rt. Reverend John Bauerschmidt, will be traveling from Tennessee to ordain Ben. Retired Bishop Drew Smith will be the preacher. **Don Cook is organizing the reception to follow – please contact Don at yobskreb@gmail.com if you are able to contribute something or help out.** 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.

Church by the Pond Saturday December 15

Saturday, December 15, is Trinity Church's opportunity to participate in this ministry -- a part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, and 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 p.m., we will assemble gift bags in Goodwin Hall, while we also prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library. **At 1:45 p.m.** we will bring the lunches and gifts to Bushnell Park, where we will participate in the **Eucharist by the Pond at 2:00 p.m.** We will distribute our lunches and gifts following the Eucharist, and should **finish by 3:15 p.m.**

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

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). Please provide any information as to cultural origins, materials used to create it, and other information of interest.

Three Holiday Giving Opportunities

A bulging sackful of thanks to those who have already begun participating in these three giving opportunities. Donations for all three of these causes will continue today through next Sunday, December 16

“Trinity Christmas Giving Tree”

Our 2018 Giving Tree is now present in the Baptistery. You are invited to be a part of Trinity's 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 blessed and 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).

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

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 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.**

Trinity Academy “Holiday Store”

The students of **Trinity Academy (ages 6-9, 1st - 4th grade)** 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 on **Thursday, Dec. 20.** Our help is needed to fill the *holiday store shelves* 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. 9, and 16.** Empty gift boxes, gift bags, and wrapping paper are also needed.

Note: Two or three volunteers are STILL needed to arrange and *stock* the store on Wednesday, December 19, between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. Five or six volunteers are needed to *staff* the store to help students make their selections on Thursday, December 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 email Richard Syracuse at rgs1028@gmail.com to volunteer.

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.

2018 Christmas Memorials

If you would like to contribute to Trinity's 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: _____