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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Advent!

We are about to enter a new year in our Church Calendar – Year C, which is the third year of our three-year lectionary rotation of readings.

On Sunday, November 28th, we begin the season of Advent. Advent coming from the Latin “ad venire” meaning to “come near”. This is the season where we celebrate that God comes near to us in the person of Jesus, being fully human and fully divine, born of the Virgin Mary.

God is not in some far away heaven or place that is distant and removed from us as human beings. God is ever-present, near to us – even as close as breath – through the Holy Spirit. Yet, in this time of year, in this season of Advent, God is all the more present to us as we prepare for God’s

coming to us in the person of Jesus, the Christ, our King who reveals God’s love, mercy, and grace to us with a human face and in a human body.

May we make time this Advent to remember all that God has done for us through Jesus and prepare for Jesus to come to us again as a vulnerable child born in a stable. May we humbly prepare for Christ’s birth through prayer and reflection so that we can celebrate Christmas with joy in this world and in our lives.

God be with you all this Advent Season, and take care.

Yours in Christ,
Mother Lisa



Church News

Advent Conversation Program

The Rev. Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs will be facilitating an Advent conversation on small sections of James Cone's The Cross and The Lynching Tree. We will meet on November 28, December 5, 12 and 19 from 9:15am-9:50am in the Parish Hall.

Staying Connected, Staying Church

(from Mother Lisa)

COVID restrictions continue. This is how we are continuing to love our neighbors and ourselves.

What can you do in the midst of this uncertainty?

1. Read the email updates that keep you in touch with what's happening at Holy Trinity.
2. Worship regularly, whether in person or on line.
3. Keep up your pledge. Our mailbox is locked, so your mail-in contributions are safe.
4. Stay in touch. Call or email each other. Call or email Mother Lisa. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity, for the Vestry, and for Mother Lisa.

If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!*

When sending contributions, please be sure to distinguish between your pledge and any other donations, such as for outreach. Use separate checks. If you send only one check, it will be recorded as pledge.

Again thank you to all who continue to support Holy Trinity. Your pledges and other contributions are essential for ministry at Holy Trinity.

COVID Vaccine Information

The Maryland Department of Health has launched a phone line where seniors can call for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. It is designed for people without Internet access. The telephone number for this new COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center is 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

If you do have Internet access, you can go to the following website for more information as well:

<https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Departments-of-Health-and-Aging-collaborate-on-vaccine-outreach-for-vulnerable-populations.aspx>

Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study continues on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Diocese of Maryland Youth Events

Join diocesan Youth Missioner, Kate Riley, for the Sunday Brunch Bunch, Sundays from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. This time of fun, fellowship and formation is open to all students and youth workers with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play.

Sign up for a weekly reminder here:
<https://www.remind.com/join/cd96b2>

Use this link to join:

<http://bit.ly/sundaybrunchmd>

Use the following link for the Calendar of Diocesan events:

<https://episcopalmaryland.org/events/>

Outreach Ministries

OUTREACH MINISTRY. - “The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth.

The purpose of this world is not to have and to hold but to give and serve.

There can be no other meaning.”

Sir Wilfred. T. Greenfell

As the year comes to an end, we want to thank everyone for your contributions to outreach events during 2021.

Thank you for sending in items for the **backpacks for Sandalwood**, and thanks to all who helped stuff the bags and deliver them to the school. Last December the guidance counselor, Karen Knauer, told me the parents value the foods more than any Christmas present that we could give them.

The weekend food that comes from Holy Trinity is very important to each family, more than we will ever know. Thanks to Chris for keeping the shelves stocked and organizing the deliveries.

On November 14, 2021, the Rev. Mary Davission+ picked up the twenty Christmas presents that were put together through your donations for the **Baltimore International Seafarer’s Ministry**. Thanks to all who brought in soap, shampoo, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes, playing cards, Christian reading materials, combs, work gloves, hand cream and blistex. Mary+ said that due to COVID and security issues, many crew

members are not allowed to get off their ships. Can you imagine not having toothpaste, or being able to brush your teeth, or wash, simply because you have run out of toiletries? Thank you to Ruth and Wes for stuffing the “presents” so they were ready to be picked up by Mary+.

Thanks to Lynn for chairing the **Thanksgiving “Basket”** event this year.

Though we could not collect foods and paper products as in past years, we were able to use funds from the Outreach budget to purchase Food Lion gift cards for the 11 families with students at Sandalwood, three families of students at Eastern Tech, and some families at Holy Trinity.

We have decided to move our **SPCA Giving Tree** to the spring this year with the hope that we will be able to ask that supplies be brought into the church. More information will follow in the January newsletter.

Last week we were asked to work with St. John’s Lutheran Church in Essex on a new ministry to assist **victims of Hurricane Ida in New Orleans**. SJLC will be driving a truck of supplies to New Orleans on Dec. 12th. They have asked for new or gently used towels, sheets, kitchenware, and donations/gas cards to cover expenses for those who are making the delivery. Our last day for this ingathering will be Dec. 5th. If

you have anything you would like to offer to those in New Orleans who have lost everything, please bring in your donation by Dec. 5th.

Though the pandemic changed the ways we were able to carry out many of our outreach events, it did not alter the giving spirit the is alive at Holy Trinity. Thank you all for your donations, assistance, and prayers for our

little outreach group. We hope that many new members will join us in this work in 2022.

Merry Christmas,
Denise Thatcher
Outreach Committee, Chairperson
410-780-4150

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) is still operating. Please see details below under the “Local Food Pantries” section.



Local Food Pantries

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 410-406-2288 OR 211

Physical Address:

Piney Grove United Methodist Church
201 Bowleys Quarters Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-406-2288

By Appointment Only! Call first!

Donations: Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:
Eastern Interfaith Outreach
P.O. Box 18122
Middle River, MD 21220

Please note: EIO expects to have to move to another location toward the end of 2021. If you know of a location that may be suitable, please contact EIO at the telephone number listed above or call the Holy Trinity church office.

Special Monthly Food Distribution:

Dates: Thursday, December 2, 9 and 16, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. (or until the food supplies run out!)

Location: 99 Stemmers Run Road (parking lot)

St. Clare Catholic Church Food Pantry

Location: 714 Myrth Avenue in Essex

Hours: Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon



Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland offers nutritious, fresh, prepared meals delivered to your home. Eat better with Meals on Wheels!

For those unable to cook or grocery shop for themselves – due to age, disability or illness - look to Meals on Wheels for dependable, friendly service.

To learn more, call 410-558-0923 or apply online at:
mealsonwheelsmd.org/client-application

Meals on Wheels also needs volunteers to help deliver these meals. If you have any time to donate to this worthy cause, please call the telephone number listed above.



ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



December Birthdays

- Heather Jackson – 12/2
- Betty Ann Metz – 12/6
- Joanne Piper – 12/9
- Earl Peters – 12/11
- Barb Benson – 12/13
- Jackie Spence – 12/14
- Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs – 12/14
- Mary Wise – 12/15
- Frank Riggio-Preston – 12/17
- Laura Nielson – 12/20
- Sam Seay – 12/23
- Ellen Wallace – 12/27
- Sharon Goslin – 12/28
- Mikey Pomraning – 12/29
- Susan Huber – 12/30
- Alexis Balderson – 12/31
- Alyssa Balderson – 12/31

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- Mary Bogert
- Alice Martin
- Roseanna Sheridan (Alice’s daughter)
- Shanan Gelver (Alice’s family)
- Athena Gelver (Alice’s family)
- Ellen Wallace
- Joan Anderson
- Bill and Diane Anderson (Joan’s son and daughter-in-law)
- Bunky and Pam Anderson (Joan’s son and daughter-in-law)
- Chris and Patty Anderson (Joan’s son and daughter-in-law)
- Ruth Anthony
- Joanne Piper
- Margaret Oduor
- Gladys Agandi
- Valerie Mehl
- John Morris
- Jeannie Morris
- Judy Harle
- Bob Metz
- David Metz (Bob’s son)
- Ratajczak family
- Jesse Fields (Tim’s son)



December Anniversaries

- Dan and Janice Barber – 12/1
- Bob and Betty Metz – 12/17

Deb Pirog
Julianne Salamone (Teresa's granddaughter)
Somo Bishop
Jackie Spence
Maranda Powell
Patty and Rich Rubin (Mary Anne's family)
Crosby family (Lynne Clementoni)
Collin Crosby (Lynne Clementoni's grandson)
Wally Hossbach
Dina Munford
John O'Donnell (Mary Anne's cousin)
Derek Schavelin (Alice's nephew)
James Rice (Arlene's grandson)
Sharon Goslin
Larry Eastman
Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
Lorraine Pick
Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)
Donna Wrightson (Millie's niece)
Kelly Auber (friend of the Seay family)
Carol Carrolla (friend of Mary Anne's family)
Jason Borkowicz (friend of Jaylen)
Mary Lessner
Glen Scanlon (Mary Anne's friend)
Sylvia Gray
Grace Waddell
Kaiden Adelung (Millie's family)
Kenny Pomraning
Frank Riggio-Preston
Gary Riggio-Preston
Glenn Scanlon
Jason Kamrath
Denise Thatcher
Douglas Campbell (Ron's cousin)
Peter Taylor (friend of Alice Martin)
Randy Robledo (friend of Clementoni family)

Roger and Kathy Keene (friends of Mary Anne)
Patty Rubin (Mary Anne's sister)

PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

Pray for our Healthcare Workers

Please pray for members of our congregation who work in health care settings:
Laura Nielsen, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert.



Vestry Officers and Members

Officers (elected by the vestry for one-year terms; can be re-elected; do not have to be an elected vestry member to be elected as an officer):

Senior Warden – Chris Kinard
Junior Warden – Wes Thatcher
Treasurer – Ellen Reilley
Financial Secretary – Jean Bowen
Registrar – Valerie Mehl
Ombudsman – Ron Mardaga

Elected vestry members and date their terms end (initially elected by the congregation; if a position becomes vacant, the vestry elects a replacement to fill the rest of the term):

John Morris	2022
Laura Nielsen	2022
Ruth Anthony	2022
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	2023
Barbara Benson	2023
Loretta Gischel	2023
Sam Seay	2024
Tyler Schultz	2024
Mary Anne Quinn	2024

The parish clergy are also ex officio members of the vestry and the rector is the presiding officer.

How do I contact Mother Lisa?

Please see below for contact information for Mother Lisa:

Cell phone number: 443-605-6398
(available by call or text 8am-8pm, and for pastoral emergencies 24hrs a day). If no answer, please leave a message for a return call.

E-mail address: hsexsex.lector@gmail.com

Please note that Mondays are Mother Lisa's sabbath rest/day off. Please no calls on Mondays unless for pastoral emergencies - thank you for your consideration!

Our regular church office hours will still be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. Mother Lisa encourages you to call the church phone - 410-687-5531 - during those hours.



Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are still using a computer program to assist us with keeping track of who signs up for each church service. This is necessary because we can only have a limited occupancy in the church at any one time. **Currently, this sign-up is for Sundays when we have services indoors.** No sign up is required for outdoor services.

Please note that, going forward, sign-ups will be weekly. **Please plan to sign up each week no later than Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday.**

To sign up by computer:

1. Type the following address into your Internet browser:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
2. Under “Search for a sign up” type the following email address:
HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com
3. Click the “Search” button
4. Click on the “HT Church Services _____ 2021” item (choose correct date)
5. Choose either the 8:00 or 10:00 service by clicking on the appropriate blue “Sign Up” button.
6. Click the blue “Submit and Sign Up” button at the bottom of the page.
7. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want (**be sure to include full names and telephone numbers for those attending a church service**).

Please note: The software will not let you sign up if all of the spaces have been taken at that time. If this happens, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to notify Leah. We want to know if there are any parishioners who have not been able to sign up so we know if we need to consider adding a third service.

If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call Leah during church office hours only! The church office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The church telephone number is 410-687-5531. You must speak to Leah directly. Messages left on the answering machine will not get you signed up for the service. Please do not call Leah at home; she cannot sign you up from her house.

REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Coffee hour has resumed with food and beverage. Masks must be worn as folks move around the building. Please only remove your mask while you are seated to enjoy this fellowship meal.

Parish Hall Rental

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Flower Memorials/ Thanksgivings

We have plenty of Sundays still available in 2021 if you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings! If you are interested, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Register in person or mail them to the church address listed on the form.

The 2021 forms are available from Leah in the church office. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

Housekeeping Notes

Please continue to follow the COVID instructions for sanitizing required areas.

Mailing List Updates

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



Messages

Anne Knott maintains the primary list of e-mail information. However, if you change your email address and you don't give the change to Anne, it is not possible for her to notify you of situations impacting the parish. Anne can be reached at anneews@verizon.net.



Final Word from the Editor

Items for the January Newsletter are due by December 15.

DECEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

December 5, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Valerie Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

** Please note: Until further notice, those scheduled to read the Lessons will read the First Lesson, lead the Psalm, and then read the Second Lesson. Thank you!

December 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

December 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

December 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Denise Thatcher and Lynn French
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

December 19, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Valerie Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

December 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Denise Thatcher
Prayers: Mary Anne Quinn

December 26, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

December 24, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

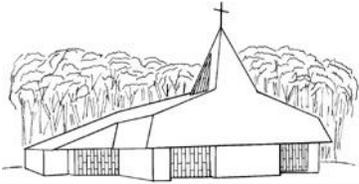
Ushers: Chris Kinard
Lessons: Val Mehl
Prayers: Chris Kinard

December 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Lynn French
Lessons: Richard Glendenning
Prayers: Denise Thatcher

December 24, 2021, 8:00 p.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and John Morris
Lessons: Lynn French
Prayers: Richard Glendenning



December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	3	4
5 <i>Bishop Visitation-Bishop Ihloff</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 9:15 Advent Program-Parish Hall	6	7 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	8	9 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	10	11
12 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 9:15 Advent Program-Parish Hall	13	14 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 7pm Vestry meeting</i>	15	16 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	17	18
19 <i>Diocesan Youth Missioner, Kate Riley</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 9:15 Advent Program-Parish Hall	20	21 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	22	23 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>4:00 PM Holy Eucharist</i> <i>8:00 PM Holy Eucharist</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> <i>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist</i>
26 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	27 <i>Lisa on Vacation</i>	28 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	29	30 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	January 1, 2022 12:00 noon Holy Eucharist

