

Worship Times:

Sunday

8:00 AM

Rite I Eucharist

9:15 AM

Family Eucharist

11:00 AM

Rite II Eucharist

First Saturday of Every Month

5:00 PM

1st Saturday
Eucharist

Rector's Thoughts

I love it that we have four very different ways of celebrating Christmas here at Trinity. On Christmas Eve at 4 we begin with the Children's Eucharist; the pageant is an important part of this simple service that is particularly appropriate for families with young children. At 6 o'clock we have the Family Eucharist that will begin with the procession to the crèche. Some special Christmas music begins at 10:30 p.m. in preparation for the Midnight Mass that begins at 11; this service is always one of the most beautiful and moving of the year. [Cont.](#)

Links

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Christmas Worship Schedule- Please [click here](#) to view.

As in past years, our Christmas Offering will go to [El Hogar's Boys Home](#), a children's home and school in Honduras that we have been supporting for over 30 years. The gifts from Trinity enable two children to attend school and to receive training that will enable them to find good jobs upon their graduation. Your support will help to change several children's lives. Please use the Christmas Special Offering Envelope for gifts that are to go to El Hogar and a regular Sunday Offering Envelope for gifts that are intended for use here at Trinity Church. In anticipation of Trinity's generous support Murray Van Lear has offered some photos of his recent trip to El Hogar in November. You can find the photos by [clicking this link](#). Along with the great photos, Murray, who is on the Board of Directors, has also has written an article reaching out to Trinitarians which you can find [by clicking here](#). In addition please [click here](#) to read a message from Julio Adalio Flores, Trinity's adopted Godson.

The Fellowship Commission is proud to announce the second "Kiss and Tell" progressive dinner utilizing the Fredericksburg Trolley. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Knit / Crochet group meets tomorrow, 10:00-Noon in the Lounge.

Final Donations - Please have your final donations to Trinity Church for 2011 into the parish office by Noon on Friday, December 30, to be included in your giving statement for this year. Donations that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, in order to be counted in this tax year. Gifts to the parish budget or to the capital campaign will further the work of God through Trinity Episcopal Church.

Canterbury Club Message- Thank you to all those who helped provide lunch for the Canterbury students on Sundays during the fall semester. As the students are on break for a month, and I gear up for the spring semester that starts in mid-January, I wanted to put out another call for volunteers to prepare and bring lunch for Canterbury during the spring semester. Canterbury students eat lunch on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the Canterbury House after Trinity's 11 a.m. service. I have 10 slots for the spring starting January 22. Look for more information and a sign-up sheet on the door to my office in the main hallway at Trinity. Thanks! -Fr. Brian

CHILI COOK OFF Event - January 7, 2012 following the 5:00pm Saturday service. Anyone can enter - just bring your chili to Barber Hall before the service. All else, please bring your savory taste-buds and partake in the taste testing festivities - even if you don't have a chili to enter. There will be TROPHIES for Best All-Around Chili and Junior Chili Champion (18 and under)! Side dishes are welcome! The Fellowship Commission will provide dessert and beverages [adults and alternatives] to cleanse the pallet and quench your appetites.

Epiphany Dinner and Celebration, January 6, 2011, 6:30-8:00 pm! Pizza Dinner and Ice Cream Sundaes for Everyone! Epiphany is traditionally a time to ask for blessings on our homes and on all who live, work and visit them. After dinner, we'll begin the service in Barber Hall with a blessing for the space; we'll process to church singing "We Three Kings" where our service will continue with the blessing of the church. Participants will be encouraged to bless their own homes with the candles which represent bringing the light of Christ into the world using the same prayers used at the service. Please look for the sign up sheet on the church doors.

Christian Education for All—There is no Christian Education for All, December 25 and January 1. We look forward to seeing everyone again on Sunday, January 8!

Club 45 Lock-In has been rescheduled for Friday, January 13. Drop off at 7:00 p.m. and pick up at 8:00 a.m. Saturday. For more information, contact Vicky Koch at the office or [by email](#).

Women's Spirituality Group, Come Watch, Henry Poole Is Here! You're invited to come and watch [Henry Poole is Here](#) with The Women's Spirituality Group on Saturday, January 7 from 10:00-Noon! If you are able, please plan to go out to lunch with the group at a nearby restaurant. For more information, please contact Vicky at (540) 373-2996 or [by email](#).

Looking ahead: Bishop James Magness will visit Trinity Church on Sunday, February 19 for a visitation and for confirmations. Please [click here](#) to find out more!

[Please click here](#) for Holiday greetings from Ron and Vivian Dobey.

Calendar of Events

Thursday December 22

10:00 am Knit/Crochet Group

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Saturday December 24- Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Children's Eucharist

6:00 pm Family Eucharist

10:30 pm Christmas Music

11:00 pm Midnight Mass

Sunday December 25- Christmas!!

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist of the Incarnation

Monday December 26

Office Closed

Tuesday December 27

10:30 am Book Group

7:00 pm Worship and Liturgy Committee

Trinity Trivia:

Did you know that in the Middle Ages there was a belief that animals could speak at Midnight on Christmas Eve?

It was also considered to be a bad thing to hear what they had to say. You can avoid the problem completely by joining us at the Midnight Mass that begins at 11 o'clock on Saturday Night.