

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

What better way to start a new year than by joining in worship with your fellow Trinity parishioners? We will have our regular schedule of services – 8, 9:15, and 11 – while we gather to continue our celebration of the Christmas season. For those who will be staying up to usher in the New Year, which works better for you: staying up for the 8 or grabbing a few hours of sleep before the 11? Either way I look forward to starting the New Year right with you

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Christ is born!

May the joy of Christmas continue
for you, your family, and your friends
throughout this Christmas Season.

The **Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle** have not been given yet for Sunday's Service. If you would like to donate one or both of these in Memory or Thanksgiving please [email Ben](#) or call the office (540) 373-2996.

Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, and Renewal of Confirmation Vows will be offered on Sunday, February 19 during the 11 o'clock service. The Rt. Rev. James Magness will be here at Trinity for that service; he is the Bishop for federal ministries, which include military chaplaincies and federal prison chaplaincies. Those who are interested in being confirmed or received are encouraged to pick up a copy of the booklet "Invitation to Confirmation" which may be found on the table near the church entrance. Classes to help prepare people for the day will be offered at 7 p.m. on the Thursdays from January 12 through February 16. Those who would like to learn more about the Episcopal Church are also encouraged to attend the classes. Please contact the office (540-373-2996), [Kent Rahm](#) or [Brian Turner](#) with any questions or for more information.

Many thanks to the generosity of the people of Trinity Church! So far \$6,914.00 has been donated to our Christmas offering for the support of El Hogar school and home in Honduras. There is still time to add your gifts to this fund; simply use the "Christmas Offering" envelope that came along with the weekly envelopes or drop off a check with "Christmas Offering 2011" in the memo line.

The Fellowship Commission is proud to announce the second "Kiss and Tell" progressive dinner utilizing the Fredericksburg Trolley. This year, we have the entire trolley reserved for 17 couples. The cost is \$55.00/person, payable to Bruce Adkins. The date is February 26th, a Sunday night, beginning at 6:00p.m. Restaurants include the Marriott, Bavarian Chef, Buttermilk and Old Lace, Castiglia's, and the Inn at the Silk Mill. Sign up sheet is on the Narthex door. For questions, contact Bruce at (540) 898-2438.

Please remember to drop off any donations to Trinity for 2011 to the office by Noon on Friday or to mail them so that they are postmarked by December 31, 2011.

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, 2012, 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.

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.

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

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](#).

Calendar of Events

Thursday December 29

7:00 pm Choir
Practice

Monday January 2
Office Closed

Tuesday January 3

10:30 am Book Group
5:30 pm Outreach
7:00 pm Vestry
Orientation

Trinity Trivia:

Did you know that in England the usual greeting is "Happy Christmas" as opposed to the usual American "Merry Christmas?" Some suggest that the move away from Merry (the older of the greetings) may have happened to move away from the drinking and carousing associated with making merry. Whichever you prefer may you and all your loved ones have a blessed 12 days of Christmas.