First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, December 1

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens will preach at all three services

Click here for this week's scripture

8 a.m. Early Eucharist
9 a.m. Mostly Jazz Mass
Children's Chapel - Children in grades Pre-K through 5 are invited to arrive a few minutes early to join the opening procession at the 9 a.m. worship service. We will then gather in the chapel following the opening prayer.
11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist

5:00 p.m. Solemn Sung Eucharist
Celebrant will be The Rt. Rev. Arthur Williams and the preacher will be The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. The Trinity Collegium will offer music by Hans Leo Hassler, Paul Manz and Francisco Guerrero.
10:10 a.m. Advent Wreath Making
All ages are invited to this annual Trinity Cathedral tradition in Conference Room A/B. Enjoy working with folks from all generations to make Advent Wreaths with real greenery and candles. Young children can choose to help their parents and grandparents or there will be a paper advent wreath craft just for them. If you have a wreath form at home from previous years, please bring back to use again. Donations will be accepted for wreath materials.

10:10 a.m. Tai Chi
Join Trinity member George Anderson for an hour of tai chi on the Cathedral Hall stage. All are welcome, no experience necessary.

10:10 a.m. Labyrinth Walk
Come and make a joyful noise to celebrate Advent on Trinity's labyrinth. Together we will experience a harmony walk, ringing hand bells as we walk in community. Finger labyrinths will also be available. Trinity member Cynthia Ries will facilitate.

10:10 a.m. Community Gospel Reflections
The group will meet in Conference Room C/D. Offer your personal reflections on today's Gospel reading. We carefully listen to each other as we engage with the Biblical text from several different translations. No knowledge of Scripture necessary. Bring your coffee, and come join us. Spiritual enrichment guaranteed!
12:45 p.m. Cathedral Tour
Meet in the nave for a docent-led tour of the Cathedral. Learn about the architecture, history, art, music and events that put the cathedral on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and all that's happened since then. Tours are free and no reservation is required.

1:00 p.m. Episcopal Peace Fellowship
Trinity's EPF chapter will meet in Conference Room A/B to discuss their ongoing peace and justice initiatives.

ICYMI: United Thank Offering In-Gathering
Was Last Sunday Nov. 24...
...but don't worry, it's not too late to bring your UTO Blue Box to church this Sunday. We'll make sure it gets to the right place! You can also stop by the UTO table in the Promenade to pick up a blue box for the next ingathering in May. If you've never participated in The Episcopal Church's United Thank Offering (UTO) campaign you can find more information here.

Angel Tree Gift Tags Still Available
Trinity's Angel Tree Project has a few gift tags remaining for needed gifts (due by Dec. 15), as well as some gift card tags. If you would like to help brighten Christmas for a child and their family this year, contact Ginger Bitikofer at 216-774-0407 or gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

2020 Pledge Envelopes
Pledge envelopes can be picked up this Sunday, Dec. 1 and also on Sun., Dec. 8 and Sun., Dec. 15. They will be available on a table in the Promenade.

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**Congregational Life**

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**2020 Stewardship Campaign**

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to the 163 households who have joined in the joyous spiritual practice of pledging to our Stewardship Campaign. You are amazing! The total amount pledged as of this writing is roughly $396,000, a 36% increase over last year.

If you haven’t had a chance, it’s not too late to make your pledge so we can count you in the list of those pledging in the Dec. 22 bulletin. Contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org or pledge online at trinitycleveland.org/make-a-pledge/.

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**Trinity & Diocesan Offices Closed for Thanksgiving**

Please note that these offices will be closed Thurs., Nov. 28 through Sat., Nov. 30 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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**Thank You Anthony!**
Trinity Head Verger Anthony Kastellic has announced his retirement from the position after nine years of meritorious service. As Head Verger, Anthony has ensured that all the worship participants and vessels are in place for each and every service and for making sure the services start on time and flow according to plan. He also worked with the Dean to organize worship.

Ted Andrews has agreed to accept the position of Head Verger. Many of you who attend the 8 a.m. service have already seen Ted in this role. In recognizing this transition last Sunday, Dean Owens expressed gratitude to both Anthony and Ted and indicated that he is very grateful to all of our vergers who serve graciously and with distinction, at every single Cathedral worship service.

Music & Art at Trinity

In recognition of Thanksgiving week, there will be no BrownBag concert or Choral Evensong this Wednesday. BrownBag concerts resume on Wed., Dec. 4, with the Gateway Band's "A Jazzy Christmas." Choral Evensong will start at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 4 with the Rev. Rosalind Hughes as homilist and the Cathedral Choir will sing music by Judith Eckelmeyer and Todd Wilson, with French Hornist Megan Guegold.
The Way of Love Advent Series
The Way of Love Bible Study is taking a one week break this Sunday, but will be back for the second and third Sundays in Advent.

Youth and Family Ministry
Sunday, Dec. 15
Christmas Present Wrap-Up
Bring your Christmas presents! Youth in grades 6-12 will be gift wrapping to raise funds for the Mission Trip to Lotts Creek, Kentucky in the summer of 2020. For more information please contact Allie Heeter at aheeter@trinitycleveland.org.

Christmas Flower Remembrances
Remember a loved one at Christmastime with flowers on the altar. All remembrances received by Wed. Dec. 18 will be listed in an insert in the holiday services’ bulletins. You can put your check in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Please include the name of the person you’re honoring in
the check memo. Contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org for more information or give online at trinitycleveland.org/christmas-flowers/.

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#GivingTuesdayCLE

This year, Trinity is a sponsor of the #GivingTuesdayCLE campaign, Cleveland's local response to the global Giving Tuesday movement. Trinity member Pam Turos is the co-chair of the event. This second-annual celebration began Tues., Nov. 19 and runs through Giving Tuesday, Dec. 3 with the sale of limited-edition DO GOOD hats. By purchasing your hat through Trinity, part of the proceeds will go to Trinity and the rest to a group of 16 nonprofits throughout the city. Hats are made by the Cosmic Bobbins' Cleveland Sews program which gives work opportunities to people with barriers to employment, such as immigrants. Please visit https://dogoodcle.org/nonprofits/trinity-cathedral/ to donate or purchase your hat for $25. If you wish to purchase a hat off-line, please contact Scott Blanchard at sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

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Sacred Space Meeting

Tue., Dec. 3 - 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Spirituality and music will be the theme of the December Sacred Space meeting. Please join us to share how music in all of its wonderful variety supports, sustains and inspires you on your spiritual journey. Newcomers are welcome to attend.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Nichols at cdn216@gmail.com.

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Morning Prayer Services

During Advent

The season of Advent invites us to “take on”
a spiritually enriching practice. Beginning Wednesday December 4th, Trinity will “take on” Morning Prayer, part of the Daily Office found in the Book of Common Prayer. This service is designed to be led by a lay person and includes a lectionary psalm, a reading from either the Old or New Testament and a Gospel reading. Advent Morning Prayer will be held Dec. 4, 11, and 18 with two services, one at 7:30 a.m. and one at 9:00 a.m. The length of the service will be 30 minutes. Please join us in the chapel for this wonderful opportunity for Advent devotions. For more information, contact Dale Murphy at dale.murphy@sbcglobal.net.

Undesign the Redline
Speaker's Panel
Wed., Dec. 4 - 7:30 p.m.

How are Clevelanders Undesigning the Redline? In partnership with Ohio Transformation Fund and Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood, come hear from the Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research, Cleveland State University School of Urban Studies, Environmental Health Watch and the Greater Cleveland Congregations' Cleveland Heights Housing Team about efforts to undesign the effects of redlining in the Greater Cleveland Area.

Gifts to the World:
An Advent Retreat
Sat., Dec. 7
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation. But it is also one of new beginnings. How might we regard Advent as a season of discernment? How can we explore our own spiritual gifts to help us be an incarnate presence to those around us? The world hungers for a taste of divinity. Together let us grow in our capacity to see and share the multifaceted gifts that God has given to
We hope you join Dean Owens for this Advent retreat sponsored by the Adult Formation Committee. For more information, contact the Rev. Adrienne Koch.

Register Today

Thanks for Thanksgiving!

Thanks to many generous donations of food and funds, Trinity was able to provide Thanksgiving baskets and Dave’s Supermarket gift cards to families with children at neighboring Marion-Sterling School. 147 baskets were delivered on Monday with all the fixings for a fine Thanksgiving meal. A big "Thank You!" goes out to St. Hubert’s Episcopal Church in Kirtland for contributing 50 baskets of food and gift cards.

Walls of Love

Come to Trinity

You may have seen Walls of Love projects around the Cleveland area. Organized by founder Holly Jackson, these “walls” are stocked with necessities and cold-weather items for people to take when they are in need.

Soon, Trinity will have its own Wall of Love, on the Prospect Ave. fence in front of Mather Hall. The sponsors of our Wall of Love are members of the Becoming Beloved Community group and Trinity’s Daughters of the King — they will install and maintain the wall, with the help of Holly Jackson. This winter, they will concentrate on providing items that people need in cold weather.
Donations are requested: specific winter items (see list below), and monetary contributions, to purchase additional items. Clothing items can be new or gently worn (clean). Donated items can be left at the front desk, labeled for Wall of Love.

- Hats/earmuffs
- Gloves/hand warmers
- Chapstick
- T-shirts/sweatshirts (adult & child sizes)
- Socks
- Emergency blankets/small tarps
- Scarves
- Cleansing wipes
- Undershirts/thermal underwear
- Sunglasses (eye protection)

Monetary donations should be payable to Trinity Cathedral, with “Wall of Love” in the memo line—these can be mailed, paid online or put in the offering plate.

Contact Janet Morrison jlmorrison611@gmail.com with any questions.

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Pray Throughout Advent with Mandalas Books

Did you know that coloring can be a form of prayer? The spiritual practices of coloring mandalas (circular designs) will help you focus on God, hope, love, joy and peace. Just in time for advent, two books, Mandalas, Candles and Prayer and Praying with Mandalas are available for $10 each. If you're interested contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

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Boar's Head Festival
Set for Dec. 28

Have you ever thought about participating in the Boar's Head
Festival? This one-of-a-kind Elizabethan-inspired Christmas pageant is seeking costumed participants ages 4 and up to fill one of the 120 performer positions. Behind the scenes personnel such as make-up artists, decorators, ushers and kitchen help are also needed.

There will be two performances of the Boar's Head on Sat., Dec. 28 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The dress rehearsal is held Fri., Dec. 27. Please contact Nancy Baxter at nanlyn@prodigy.net to participate or for questions. You can also visit www.boarsheadcleveland.org for more details.

Save the Dates

Dec. 11 - Last Choral Evensong of 2019
Dec. 15 - Local Artists' Holiday Sale
Dec. 15 - Youth Group Gift Wrapping Fundraiser
Dec. 19 - Messiah Sing
Dec. 19 - Anna Sutterisch Ordination
Dec. 22 - Greening of the Church
Dec. 24 - Christmas Pageant Eucharist
Dec. 24 - Christmas Choral Eucharist
Dec. 29 - Service of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist
Jan. 12 - Baptisms Offered

In the Community

Waterloo Arts in Cleveland's Collinwood neighborhood, located at 15605 Waterloo Road, is presenting *Live Bodies for Sale*, a play about human trafficking. Dates
are scheduled through Dec. 15. The play examines the current human trafficking crisis in Ohio and explores the lives of several women from Cleveland who are recent survivors. For more information visit http://www.playwrightslocal.org/livebodiesforsale/

Submit Your News for Publication

The deadline to submit program updates or events for the weekly e-news, This Week @ Trinity, is the Tuesday before each Thursday publication date. Please send news to news@trinitycleveland.org

You can read the current issue of Cathedral Connections online, or pick up your printed copy throughout the Cathedral during all church services. Please contact Doreen Hughes at dhughes@trinitycleveland.org to receive a printed copy at home.

The mission of Trinity Cathedral is to proclaim in word and action God's justice, love and mercy for all creation.

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