This Sunday, December 22

The Rev. Adrienne Koch 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 Choral Eucharist

10:10 a.m. - Sunday School & Youth Group
Godly Play for Cathedral Kids in grades pre K-grade 3
Quest for Cathedral Kids in grades 4-5
Youth Group for grades 6-12

All classes take place in the
Youth and Family Center on the third floor except for the Pre-K and
Kindergarten class which meets on the first floor by the nursery.

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**10:10 a.m. Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**
Children and adults participating in the Christmas Eve Pageant will rehearse in the nave today.

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**Greening of the Cathedral**
**12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
Join the flower guild as they work with festive greens and decorations, making the church look and smell great for the holidays. Volunteers are needed for various tasks - setting up the creche, decorating Christmas trees and arranging fresh greens and poinsettias. No experience is required, so please stay for a little while following the 11:15 a.m. service to help make it a beautiful Christmas at Trinity.
Becoming Beloved Community
12:30 p.m. (after the 11:15 a.m. service)

The group will meet today in Conference Room A/B to make preparations for a celebration of Kwanzaa.

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Mitten Tree

Our Mitten Tree has been filled up several times during December. But it's not too late to keep the children of nearby Marion Sterling School warm and well-dressed this winter. Bring new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks to hang on the Mitten Tree in the Promenade throughout the month of December. The school’s administrators tell us that these warm winter items are really needed and appreciated by their students. For more information, contact Ginger Bitikofer at gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org.

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Congregational Life

Dean Owens Celebrates One Year at Trinity
Dean Owens’ family celebrates their first year in Cleveland.

Senior Warden Patty Roberts presents The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens with a stole commemorating his first year as Dean of Trinity Cathedral Sun., Dec. 15.

Christmas Flower Remembrances
Although we’re past the deadline for having your information included in the Christmas bulletins, you can still contribute to the Christmas Flower fund. 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/.
Christmas Service Schedule

Tues., Dec. 24 @ 5 p.m. - Christmas Pageant with Eucharist
Tues., Dec. 24 @ 10:30 p.m. - Choral and Instrumental Prelude
Tues., Dec. 24 @ 11 p.m. - Choral Eucharist
Wed., Dec. 25 @ 10 a.m. - Christmas Eucharist with Carols

This year's offering collected at these Christmas services will help support Trinity's Hunger & Outreach ministries. Your gifts will enable us to share your blessings with those Clevelanders who are most in need. You can also donate online at https://trinitycleveland.org/christmas-offering/.

St. Nicholas' Visit

Last Sunday, St. Nicholas stopped by the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services to help collect presents provided by Trinity parishioners for the Angel Tree Project. Angel Tree provides gifts to children on behalf of a parent that is in prison. St. Nick helped to bless the gifts before
they are delivered starting this week. Ole' Saint Nick also passed out gold coins to the youngsters and the young at heart. Trinity exceeded the number of children receiving gifts this year, giving gifts to over 93 recipients.

Join the Boar's Head Festival
Performances on 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.

If you can't be a part of the cast or crew, please join us to watch one of these memorable performances.

There will be two showings of the Boar's Head on Sat., Dec. 28 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m (these are new times for 2019). 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.

Volunteer for the Audit Committee

Cathedral leadership is seeking 2 volunteers to sit on the audit committee. This would involve fixed meetings in January and April with the possibility of a few ad hoc meetings at other times. If interested, please contact Tim Espy at tgespy@gmail.com by January 15.
Trinity Dinner on Christmas Eve

If you would like to join a Trinity group for dinner between Christmas Eve services at Emperor’s Palace (2136 Rockwell Ave, Cleveland), contact Bill DiTirro, bdt8320@sbcglobal.net, 440-494-7335. The meal time will be 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please make your reservation with Bill by Sunday, Dec. 22.

2019 Year End Giving - Appreciated Stock, IRAs

Time is getting short to make an appreciated stock or IRA gift for 2019 tax advantages.

You can increase your gift to Trinity and your 2019 tax deduction by donating long-term appreciated securities (stock, bonds and mutual funds) directly. Compared with donating cash or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction.

The IRA charitable rollover became permanent in 2015, allowing donors to make direct distributions of up to $100,000 per year from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to qualified charities without having to recognize it as income. If you are a donor aged 70-1/2 or older, you may be able to make a tax-deductible charitable donation of your annual minimum required distribution (MRD) from your IRA directly to Trinity Cathedral.

Please consult your financial or tax advisor to see if these charitable giving opportunities are right for you. Please contact Tonya Ryan for gift routing information at tryan@trinitycleveland.org or 216-774-0412.

Vestry Seeking Treasurer Candidates

Tim Espy, our loyal treasurer since 2014, is approaching the end of his term and cannot be re-elected. Therefore, vestry is in need of a treasurer. In order to be treasurer, the candidate must be a member of Vestry. The preferred
candidates should have financial budgeting and planning experience. A CPA would be nice but is not required. If you are interested, please contact Tim Espy (tgespy@gmail.com) or any member of vestry by April 15, 2020.

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**Can You Help Renew Our Wall of Love?**

In the short time it has been up, Trinity's Wall of Love has given away quite a bit of warm weather clothing, including the items listed below. 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 to Trinity or put in the offering plate.

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

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**Save the Dates**

Dec. 26 & January 1 - Trinity Commons and Diocese of Ohio offices closed
Dec. 29 - Service of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist
Jan. 7 - Sacred Space
Jan. 12 - Baptisms Offered
Jan. 14 - Cathedral Council
Feb. 7-8 - Diocese of Ohio Winter Convocation 2020, Sandusky
In the Episcopal Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas Message

To read Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Christmas message, go to bit.ly/PBishopChristmas

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 sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org

Deadline for items to be included in the January Cathedral Connections newsletter is Mon., Dec. 23. 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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