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TO BE CONFIRMED, OR NOT TO BE CONFIRMED?

I can still remember my systematic theology professor quipping in seminary that the sacramental rite of Confirmation was a “sacrament in search of a theology.” I do not totally subscribe to that view. Given our current cultural context, there is an ever increasing question as to the importance of this ancient sacramental rite. After all, in a “free market church economy” where loyalty to any one denomination is a fleeting ideal of the past, what is the importance of Confirmation? I personally don’t think that Confirmation is devoid of a theology or meaning. So briefly let me describe to you what I think are three important aspects of the sacramental rite of Confirmation.

First, Confirmation is the means by which a person “officially” joins the Episcopal Church. This qualifies a person to participate in the leadership of the church; Vestry, Diocesan Council, and Ordained Ministry. It is also a requirement for voting in the parish Annual Meeting which elects Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Council.

Second, Confirmation is an adult affirmation of a childhood faith. For many in the Episcopal Church, baptism occurs as an infant

or small child. Parents and Godparents commit children to a faith without their consent. Confirmation allows a person the opportunity to affirm their commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In it they also commit themselves to the ministry of their local parish. These two commitments, to Christ and his



Church are the reason I don’t encourage young people to prematurely undergo the sacramental rite of Confirmation.

Last, I believe that impartation of the Holy Spirit truly happens as the bishop prays for each and every candidate. Confirmation is empowerment by the Holy Spirit for ministry through God’s Church to the world. The reason we are baptized and confirmed is to participate in the mission of the Church, “to restore

all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.”

Our Presiding Bishop The Most Rev. Michael Curry has encouraged us to see the Church not as an institution but as a Jesus Movement. That Jesus Movement depends on faithful Christians that have committed their lives to Christ, his Church and his mission and ministry. Confirmation is but one step in the journey of commitment at Trinity Church.

On the weekend of March 18-19 we will be having a Confirmation Retreat. We felt that a more compact class offered on Friday evening and Saturday during the day would be more convenient than a weekly class stretched out over eight weeks. This time together will include not only instruction in the faith, but rich times of fellowship as well. It is a great opportunity to learn more about the Episcopal Church in general and Trinity Church specifically. After completion of the class, participants will be invited to receive the sacramental rite of Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church on Wednesday evening, May 4th.

I pray that you will consider being a part of this wonderful Confirmation Class of 2016.

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LONGVIEW, TEXAS

STAFF

VESTRY

The Rev. Kevin Wittmayer	Rector	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2017</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
Gary Whitwell	TST Head of School	Harry Barth	Christy Collins	Spencer Alford
Bill Bane	Director of Music Ministries	John Hall	Karen Frith	Kathy Gray
Tim Baker	Director of Student Ministries	Kim Howard	Robert Maly	Christine Prior
Vacant	Director of Children's Ministries	Ava Welge	Bryan Wilks	Gayland Rushing
Leno Mancilla	Sexton	Senior Warden, John Hall		
George Pliker	Endowment	Junior Warden, Robert Maly		
Billie Padgett	Office Volunteers	Treasurer, Andrew Snell		
		Clerk of the Vestry, Kristin Hoover		

Mission of the month



Meals-on-Wheels

The Meals on Wheels program delivers hot, balanced meals to those who are primarily homebound, unable to cook for themselves and have no one available to help prepare meals.

The Longview Meals on Wheels program delivered its first meals in July 1982 to four recipients. Today, more than 100+ meals are delivered daily by volunteers. Within any month, there are over 300 volunteers who donate their time and transportation to the delivery of these meals. The meals are prepared in the Meals on Wheels Kitchen in Tyler, Texas to meet all FDA food requirements. These meals are transported to First Christian Church in Longview where they are separated into nine routes. The volunteers pick up the meals at 10:00 AM to be delivered to each home by 11:00 AM, in time for lunch.

Service of Compline

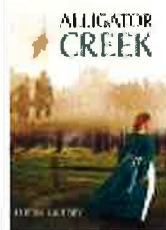
Come and worship with us as we celebrate the ancient monastic service of Compline performed by the men's Compline Choir.

Join us for refreshments in Guild Hall immediately following.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13
8:30 PM

~~ St. Monday's ~~

Monday, March 7th • 11:30 AM



Come and enjoy a wonderful lunch of Jeanette's excellent Chicken Spaghetti, salad and great desserts! Then, stay for a presentation by author Lottie Guttry as she discusses and reviews her book, *Alligator Creek*, the story of her family's settlement in East Texas. Books will be available for purchase and Mrs. Guttry will be on hand to personally sign books!



SPRING FORWARD

Remember to set your clocks ahead
Sunday March 13th at 2:00 AM

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY

March 24th - 7:00 PM

Service of Holy Eucharist and
Stripping of Altar

GOOD FRIDAY

March 25th

8:00 AM Eucharist - Tower Room

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy
Followed by Stations of the Cross
NO EUCHARIST

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 AM RITE I HOLY EUCHARIST

10:30 AM RITE II HOLY EUCHARIST

Easter Egg Hunt
on front lawn
following 10:30 am service

*In the event of inclement weather,
Easter Egg hunt will be held in the
Parish Hall.*

EASTER FLOWERS

Honor Those You Love and Decorate our Nave for Easter

Contributions are now being accepted at the church office by completing this form and returning it to the office or placing it in the alms basin. To contribute by phone, call Tim in the church office at (903) 753-3366 or email tbaker@trinityparish.org. Your gift will glorify God and can be in honor or remembrance of loved ones, and in thanksgiving for blessings. Although \$25 is the suggested amount, no amount is too small or too large.

Please place flowers in church: (Please Check One)

In Memory of

In Thanksgiving for

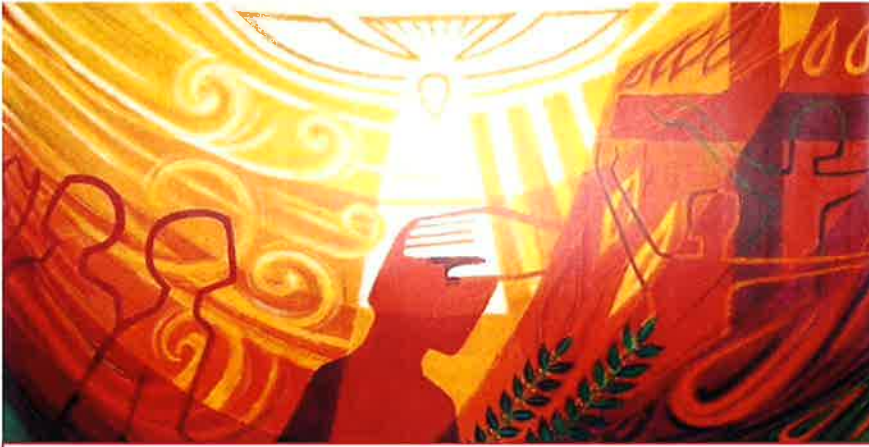
In Honor of

Other _____

Name/Names

Given by

I will contribute the following amount: \$ _____



Confirmation Retreat

March 18th & 19th

If you desire to be confirmed in the Episcopal Church or would simply like to learn more about the Episcopal Church, please join us for this informative time of fellowship. For more information, including times please call Fr. Kevin at (903) 753-3366 or email at frkevin@trinityparish.org



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are needed for the next several weeks. We have many open Sundays and invite you to give in memory or honor of a loved one, or in a spirit of thanksgiving.

To sponsor a Sunday, please call Tim Baker in the church office at (903) 753-3366 or email him at tbaker@trinityparish.org

February Vestry Meeting



Our monthly vestry meeting opened with a welcome to our new members: Spencer Alford, Kathy Gray, Christine Prior, and Gayland Rushing. The vestry oath required by diocesan canons was administered to Gayland as he was not able to be at the Annual Meeting in January. The Vestry then moved, by unanimous consent, the approval of Kristin Hoover as Clerk of the Vestry, Andrew Snell as Treasurer, and Robert Maly as Jr. Warden.

Fr. Kevin reported on the financials for the month of January. Pledge giving was significantly below budget, but Fr. Kevin assured the Vestry that historically giving decreased in January as people paid for Christmas purchases. The cash balances remain healthy and at this time there is no concern for the

church's finances. Sr. Warden John Hall gave a report on the recent Diocesan Council. John reported that diocesan assessments have decreased from approximately 15% to 8.5%. There was also an omnibus resolution passed at Council that reorganized the diocesan canon to match the structure of national canons. The resolution also eliminated the controversial Canon 43 from the diocesan canons.

Fr. Kevin reported on the continuing search for a Director of Children's Ministry. He has interviewed a number of promising candidates, but at this time has not filled the position. Fr. Kevin also spoke with the Vestry and in particular the new vestry members about the culture of the vestry meetings. Fr. Kevin emphasized how important it is that members feel free to express their opinions on issues that the Vestry addresses. He also spoke

with the Vestry about the scope of their responsibilities as a governing body. By canon law, those responsibilities are the building and grounds, finances of the church, and overall policies and direction of the church.

Harry Barth asked about the possible participation of the church in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home. Among the related issues discussed was whether we would finance the building or only provide volunteers to build the home, as well as who would coordinate the effort. Fr. Kevin asked whether this is where we want to put the energy of the church at this time. A final matter under new business was a debriefing of the recent Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the Vestry. The conversation explored what improvements, if any, could be made for next year's event.



MARCH 2016
Birthdays & Anniversaries



Happy Birthday

3/01	Kathy Gray	3/12	Steven Harkrider	3/17	Keely Barbe
3/01	Jim Heinz	3/12	Cliff Phoenix	3/17	Patsy Charles
3/04	Jerry Harris	3/12	Christopher Wilks	3/17	Gayland Rushing
3/05	Hal Willoughby	3/13	Jacob Baker	3/19	Betty Hurst
3/05	Rachel Rowe	3/13	Alan Robertson	3/20	Claire Foster
3/08	Ron Fadal	3/14	Glenda Mann	3/21	Christy Collins
3/08	Selma Naifeh	3/15	Ann Rhodes	3/26	Harper White
3/08	Charles Thomas	3/15	Elizabeth Stroup	3/27	Wyatt Scott
3/10	Ted Skeans	3/16	Janet Brown	3/28	Beverly Paschall
3/10	Jan Stanley	3/16	Russell Rowe		
3/11	John Martin	3/16	Emily Sparks		

Happy Anniversary

3/07	Jim & Nancy Sawyer
3/08	Chris & Tisha Grotemat
3/08	Cliff & Terry Phoenix
3/11	Joe & Lori Weatherford
3/12	Michael & Linda Leath
3/13	Joe & Ellen Hendrix

Trinity Service Calendar

Month of March – Lectionary Year C

Date	March 6 The Fourth Sunday of Lent	March 13 The Fifth Sunday of Lent	March 20 Palm Sunday	March 27 Easter Sunday
First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14 - 23:56	Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 I Cor. 15:19-26 John 20:1-18
Altar Team	Baker Team	Collins Team	Campbell Team	Crittenden Team
Verger	J. Barbe	C. Collins	M. Wilks	S. Alford
Coffee Hour	D. Skeans	D. Fricks	L. Leath	C. Sikes
Flower Delivery	C. Wilks C. Prior	M. Arnold J. Barth	B. Crittenden D. Fricks	J. Walters M. Harkrider
Early Service				
Ushers	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier	E. Campbell M. Pliier
Greeters	Charles Team	Maly Team	Charles Team	McWhorter Team
Acolyte	G. Rushing	T. Gignilliat	N. Collins	T. Gignilliat
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	L. Snider G. Rushing	J. Hall J. Welge	G. Rushing N. Collins	G. Hoover J. Welge
L. E. M.	L. Snider G. Rushing	J. Hall J. Welge	G. Rushing N. Collins	G. Hoover J. Welge
Late Service				
Ushers	Crittenden Team	Jones Team	Kirkindoll Team	Thorson Team
Greeters	Gray Team	Skeans Team	Barbe Team	Skeans Team
Acolytes	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 1
Lay Readers 1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	W. Scott C. Collins	K. Sparks J. Fowler	Z. Brown S. York	S. Thomas N. Collins
L. E. M.	G. Hoover C. Collins	J. Sloan J. Fowler	J. Sawyer S. York	J. Fowler N. Collins
L. E. V.		L. Leath J. and K. Hall		B. Charles C. Collins

March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	2 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Book Study 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Practice 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	3 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	4 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	5
6 Regular Sunday Schedule	7 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 11:30 AM St. Monday's 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	8 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Senior Men's Group	9 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Book Study 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Practice 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	10 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	11 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	12
13 Regular Sunday Schedule 5:30 PM Young Adult/ Young Family Fellowship Coffee Café 8:30 PM Compline  SPRING FORWARD AT 2:00 AM	14 9:00 AM Spiritual Growth Study Group 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Daughters of the King	15 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM Vestry	16 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Book Study 5:30 PM Evening Prayer 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Practice 6:00 PM Soup, Salad & Small Groups 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	17 5:30 PM Evening Prayer	Confirmation Retreat	
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27  8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Easter Egg Hunt on Front Lawn following 10:30 AM Service	28 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED	29	30 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist 5:30 PM Handbell Ensemble Practice 7:00 PM Chancel Choir	31		
REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE: 8:00 AM Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM Coffee Hour 9:15 AM Adult Christian Education 10:30 AM Rite II Holy Eucharist						

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March Special Events

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| 7th | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 13th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave |
| 18th & 19th | Confirmation Retreat |
| 20th | Palm Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30 PM - Procession of Palms at 10:30 AM Service |
| 24th | Maundy Thursday Service with Footwashing and Stripping of Altar, 7:00 PM, Nave |
| 25th | Good Friday Services, 8:00 AM with Eucharist, 12:00 Noon (No Eucharist)
Followed by Stations of the Cross |
| 27th | Easter Sunday, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM, Easter Egg Hunt following 10:30 AM Service |

April Special Events

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| 4th | St. Monday's, 11:30 AM, Parish Hall |
| 6th | Eucharistic Praise Service, 5:00 PM Dinner, 6:00 PM Worship, St. Michael's Church |
| 10th | Compline, 8:30 PM, Nave |
| 13th | Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill |
| 23rd | Trinity School of Texas Spring Gala, 6:00 PM |
| 26th | Music at Trinity Masterworks Concert, 7:30 PM, Nave |
| 27th | Jesus in Hollywood, 6:00 PM, Bootlegger Grill |