

privilege to be a part of your journey, walking with Christ, using our talents and creativity, and working together to fulfill God's call to be a source of healing to the Lake Region Community; serving and drawing others to the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

Please keep Trinity and her leadership in your prayers and join us as we all work together to keep costs down, provide fresh and vital ministries to the community, be faithful and generous in our giving as we strive to fulfill God's mission to the world around us.

Warmly,
Tony+

CHURCH WEBSITES

Have you taken a look at our Trinity Website? Laurie Alsobrook is our webmaster and is doing a wonderful job. Colossians and the Servers Schedule are always posted there and you will also find announcements of our special events and pictures of some.

The Diocesan website is also full of information not only of diocesan events, but also of happenings at Camp Weed, information about the other churches in our diocese, and some of the classes and seminars that the Bishop's Institute is sponsoring.

It isn't difficult to find the websites, just put in the name and state and the website should come right up for you.

SERVICE SERVERS

Would you like to help with our Sunday Services as a greeter, usher or reader? Or would you like to serve on the altar assisting the priest and at Communion?

Father Tony will be having training for all those who would like to be more involved with serving in any way on Sundays, and as you are learning there will always be another, already experienced person with you.

Serving in these ways can often bring you closer to Christ as you are more intimately involved with the service.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact the office or Father Tony.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper

Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules

7th Sunday After Epiphany, Feb. 24, 2019

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Spaghetti Dinner this month will be this coming Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 6:30pm, and the speaker for the evening will be Joan Vaughn who helped to start Lake Area Ministries. If you haven't had a chance to come to one of the dinners yet, the food is always delicious and the speakers are excellent. There is no charge although love offerings are always appreciated.

CONFIRMATION, RECEPTION AND AFFIRMATION

The Bishop is coming to Trinity on Sunday, June 9th which is Pentecost Sunday. While he is here he will Confirm, Receive or Affirm those who choose to take this opportunity to do so.

Father Tony will be starting a class the Sunday after Easter and those who aren't sure or would simply like to know more about the Episcopal church and about Confirmation, Reception or Affirmation are also welcome to join these classes.

The service for these is included in the Book of Common Prayer if you would like to read more about them.

Please call the office or speak with Fr. Tony if you would like to take part in the class.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 2/24

**Holy Eucharist
Service 8:30 and 11:00am
9:45am Discussion of the Lessons
JC and the Gospel
Refreshments Follow both Services**

Monday 2/25

**9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00 Home Study at Fr. Tony's**

Tuesday 2/26

Noon Betty's and the Bible Lunch
1:30 Study Group Wicker Room
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 2/27

**9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evening Service
6:30 pm Spaghetti Dinner**

Thursday 2/28

Thrift Shop 10am - 4pm

Friday 3/1

Thrift Shop 2-5pm

Saturday 3/2

Thrift Shop 9pm-noon

Sunday 3/3

**First Sunday Holy Eucharist
One Service at 10:00
Lunch Following the Service**

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FUTURE EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Feb. 27 Spaghetti Dinner 6:30

MARCH

Mar. 3 First Sunday

Mar. 5 ECW Meeting
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner

Mar. 6 Ash Wednesday

**HOME FELLOWSHIP AND
BIBLE STUDY**

The Home Fellowship meeting at Fr. Tony's and Ann's starts at 6:00pm every Monday evening. We are currently in Ephesians. Everyone is invited. Please let Fr. Tony know if you would like to come or if you need a map to their house for the meeting.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday Afternoon Study has resumed at 1:30 in the Wicker Room.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Spec. 5 Everett N. Wilsher by his sister, Linda Clance.

If you would like to donate flowers as a memorial, celebration or for a special event, please sign up on the flower chart in the parish hall and call the office.

Dear Trinity Family,

The first official meeting for the 2019 Vestry was this past Wednesday. Huge thanks to Jean Giesel and George Letchford for coming on board as our newest members. And our sincerest gratitude to Joyce Chesnut and Brian McCrea for their faithful service the past three years. Congratulations to Elaine, who continues as our Junior Warden this year, and to John Katterhenry, who has graciously agreed to be the Senior Warden. Trinity is truly blessed by the heart and energy of the servant leaders of this parish.

Sincerest thanks to Wells Hood who served as our Senior Warden the past two years and helped cast a vision to build on our strengths; examining what we do best and looking for ways to expand and improve them. Wells helped us set goals for the present and look to the future, even visiting program-sized Churches to hear their experiences and see how their ministries work. One of the best ideas, *Fresh Expressions Ministries*, came from our visit to Trinity Methodist in Gainesville. This is just one of the takeaways from our visits to Trinity UMC, and Trinity Episcopal in St. Augustine that could boost our efforts to reach out to the wider community.

We are very thankful to begin 2019 with a "balanced budget," however, it can only be balanced, stay balanced, if we all work at it month by month. Your Vestry and Staff are committed to cutting costs and watching spending. George has worked hard with Church Insurance to bring the cost of our property insurance in line. We are also looking at ways to cut costs in the office, on paper and supplies. We are currently reviewing our rental policy for groups that use our buildings, making sure that we are receiving enough to cover the costs of lights, water, and A/C, kitchen supplies, and cleanup.

Trinity's budget is based on your passion and faithfulness. Your time, your tithe, your loyalty and love for this church is what keeps Trinity alive and vital to Melrose and the Lake Area community. We have a beautiful Sanctuary soaked in 133 years of prayer. And we have you, the Church, the Body of Christ. You are the hands and feet of Christ in our neighborhood and beyond.

I am humbled and grateful to be your priest; to be your pastor. It is a