

from every imaginable background.

We were/are the Class of 2008 and would spend the next three years together – in classes, in study groups, in daily prayer and worship. We were ordinary people shaped and molded into an extraordinary family; friends and colleagues, in spite of our many differences. We often agreed to disagree in love, and as I look back, the grace of God worked miracles in our lives. After Seminary, we returned to our Dioceses, were ordained, and eventually answered calls to churches and ministries all across the nation.

A priest only works one hour (maybe two) a week. In many churches, that's the only time a member sees their pastor. I mean, really, what does a priest do all week? Our lives are full of prayer and preparation, meetings and one-on-ones; visitations to homes and hospitals, and much time spent with those in desperate need, both inside and outside of the church. My door is always open and I welcome your calls. Your priest is on-call, 24/7/365, and will have a back-up when on holiday or vacation. I often feel guilty that I cannot be everywhere every time. There are only so many hours in the day!

Your priest is blessed! I am blessed to have Ann and my family. I am blessed to do what God has called me to do, to live the dream of doing what I love best. I am blessed to have you – I cannot do it by myself. Trinity is blessed to have so many who are willing to chip in and share in the ministry. Without you, much of it wouldn't happen. I am blessed to be called to Trinity and be a part of this wonderful family. May God continue to work in us and through us to grow as we advance his Kingdom in Melrose and the Lake Area Region.

Warmly, Tony+

PASTORAL CARE

If you, someone in your family, or one of our parishioners is in the hospital, or becomes homebound, please call the office and let us know as soon as possible so that Father Tony is able to call or visit. Our pastoral care team is also available to bring meals to the home, do small chores, and help with many other needs that we may be able to meet.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper
Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 14, 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!

SONGFARMERS GATHERING

Songfarmers will be in the Parish Hall on Saturday evening, July 20th at 7:00pm. This event is free and everyone is welcome. Whether you are a new or seasoned musician, singer or just love good music, we welcome you to join us. Bring your guitar, fiddle, ukulele, banjo, dulcimer, or upright bass...or just come to sing along with the musicians. You are welcome to bring your friends, neighbors and even those who are tone deaf! Just come and enjoy an evening of merriment and delight.

GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME CHICKEN DINNER AND BASKET AUCTION JULY 13th

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Dinner and Basket Auction once again a great success and lots of fun for everyone. The ideas and fun baskets you create are wonders of imagination and your donations are very much appreciated. There are a great many helping hands which go into the designing, wrapping, arranging and getting everything set up for the Auction and the dinner. We would thank each one of you individually but we are so fortunate to have so many helpers that it would take into the next year to thank each one so here's a BIG HUG and a thank you from the Fellowship Committee. !

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 7/14
Holy Eucharist
Service 10:00am
9:00 am Discussion of the Lessons
9:30 am JC and the Gospel
Refreshments Follow the Services

Monday 7/15
9:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7/16
10:00am Sister’s Circle Wicker Room
Noon Betty’s and the Bible Lunch
5:30pm AA in PH
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 7/17
9:00am Morning Prayer
12:00 AA in Wicker Room
6:00 Eucharist and Healing Service

Thursday 7/18
Thrift Shop 10am - 4pm open
7:00pm AA in Wicker Room

Friday 7/19
Thrift Shop

Saturday 7/20
9:00am AA in Wicker Room
9:00am—noon Thrift Shop
7:00pm Song Farmers

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Holy Eucharist
Service 10:00
9:00 am Discussion of the Lessons
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Refreshments follow the service

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FUTURE EVENTS

JULY

- July 18 Men’s Grill and Chill
- July 20 SongFarmers
- July 27 Men’s Breakfast

AUGUST

- Aug. 4 First Sunday**
- Aug. 8 Movie Night
- Aug. 17 Songfarmers
- Aug. 31 Men’s Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 1 First Sunday**
- Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday**
Office Closed

HOME STUDY GROUP AND TUESDAY STUDY GROUPS

Both the Home Study Group at Fr. Tony and Ann’s and the Tuesday afternoon study group will be taking a break during the summer and will be back again on the second week of September.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

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,

What is a priest?

A priest, a pastor, is someone who answers a call, who raises their hand, who says “Yes” to an inner voice they cannot ignore. I first heard that voice calling in my late teens and began the discernment process with the United Methodist Church.

A priest is a human being. During college, I became active in the Episcopal Church, at Christ Church, Valdosta. I met Ann on campus, and we began a love and friendship that has lasted 45 years.

After Confirmation, I took new steps towards ordination within the Diocese of Georgia. There were some bumps along the way, including a major bicycle accident, and a year of discernment at St. Paul’s in Augusta. There I worked at Murray Biscuit Company (cookies!), Castleberry’s Food Company (famous for their Beef Stew!), and took night classes at August College.

We serve a very patient God. After graduation, Ann and I married, settled in Valdosta, and eventually moved to Orlando, where I worked several jobs, including fast food management, car sales, advertising sales, and eventually became a carpenters’ helper and worked up the ladder to construction management in Central Florida’s booming housing industry. Ann and I raised our two boys and were very active in Church, Scouts and Little League. We were a normal, happy family, yet that gentle voice was still there, in the back of my mind, reminding me God was not through.

We serve a very gracious God. As the housing industry became more and more erratic, I realized it was time to make a career move. While there were several choices I could have made, that still, small voice kept calling. The boys were both in college. Ann told me to go for it, believing if it was meant to be, then the doors would open. If not, they would be shut. We began the process anew: in our church, and with the Diocese of Central Florida. God is gracious, and we eventually found ourselves packing up and moving to the mountains of Tennessee, to Sewanee, The University of the South, The School of Theology.

A priest is a very ordinary person! My first day at Sewanee, I found myself seated in the “Pit,” an amphitheater and classroom where thirty of us sat a semi-circle, looking up, down, and all around, wondering how God could have called any of us!” We were a odd-looking bunch