

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Last Pentecost - November, 2017



*Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

Collect for All Saints Day, BCP page 275

We will sing about the saints this coming Sunday, as we honor them at our All Saints Day observance (the first Sunday after November 1, which is the actual day).

But, just who are saints or Saints? We can all name a few of the most famous - Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, Mary, Patrick, Nicholas, Francis, Michael - and depending on which source one uses, the lists can be very long. We share saints in common with the Roman Church until the 16th century when Anglicanism broke from Rome. The Roman church has a rigorous path to sainthood, with specific requirements that must be met. In the Episcopal Church, the approach is different.

In the modern era, we consider those whose lives were models of Christian behavior to be saints. If you have a liturgical calendar, you'll notice that the major Saints have their own days, and colors - white, or red for martyrs. Then you'll notice that most days have names listed at the bottom of the calendar day. These are the ones who have been included by consensus of the Episcopal Church, through a process that happens within the General Convention. These are ordinary people who lived extraordinary lives, who touched others.

The early church called all those who have faith

in Christ and are a part of His Body, the Church, saints. Here and now, we are all called to be saints; we are all saints; we strive to follow Jesus, to be his voice and do his work in this world. And, we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses that help us to run the race set before us (Hebrews 12:1).

When you look around at Trinity, you'll see the names of the saints who came before us. Who hasn't wondered a bit about Sara Saltmarsh, whose name is emblazoned on that large marble slab near the lectern? Or Horatio Bridge, whose name appears not only on one of the stained glass windows, but was also the name of the building where our parish hall is located?

There is an official **Book of Remembrance**, which records "the gifts, contributions, and bequests for the permanent use of the parish of which there is record." It reads:

*God is just; he will not overlook your work and the love which you have showed for his sake in serving the saints, as you still do serve.*  
Hebrews 6:10

The listings begin with the stained glass windows, in the 1840s. These were given in memory of Albert Edward Toulazin, Charles M. Carr, Presbyter, Fountain Thomas Page and Julia Cassandana Page, Horatio Bridge, William Robert Hooper, Presbyter.

In 1895, the Altar Book stand was given in memory of Mabel Davis, as was the Eagle Lectern. Flower vases (not the present ones) were in memory of Lucy Perkins and Sarah James.

In 1898 more flower vases were given in memory of William E. Davis, the lectern Bible in memory of John George Holbrooke, and the brass cross given by Susan W. McCurdy.

In 1904 the building across the street was given as a bequest by Charlotte M. Bridge. The Horatio Bridge Fund was also given in that year. In 1907 the processional cross was given by Marjorie Hill. The

alms basins are given in memory of Lt. Benjamin Van Dyke Maurice. One of the prayer desks was given in memory of Virginia Messner in 1925. An altar service book was given in memory of Charlotte Marshall Maurice and Charlotte Marshall Holbrooke Maurice in 1929.

The large bronze plaque in the narthex tells us that the tower was rebuilt in 1932 in memory of Charles Stewart Maurice and Charlotte Marshall Holbrooke Maurice.

In 1933 a chapel altar was given in memory of Charlotte Davis Tidd. (Note: the chapel was in the office of the rectory during a time the church was dark. The whereabouts of that altar is unknown).

More memorials include altar linens in memory of Harry Gould and Clara Wilber O'Hara, Candlesticks in memory of Alvin Raulerson and Jeanette Page, and the home communion kit in memory of Virginia Jane Gay.

The piano was given in 1968 in memory of Laura Armstrong.

The organ was renovated in 1972 in memory of Albert E. Theetge. The list of contributors is long; you'll find that in the book as well, Albert was Beverly Barton's father so it was fitting that work done on the mechanics of the organ recently were done in Beverly's memory.

The church flags were given in memory of Betty Loveland as was the white funeral pall, also in memory of Isabella Loveland Scheithauer. In 1978 the chancel was painted in memory of Merle Tolbert. A handmade paschal candle holder was given in memory of Robert and Ethel Catlin, Bert Messnew and Isabelle Messner Wass. A white burse and veil were given in memory of Doris Rentschler.

The pulpit was given in memory of Dr. Henry Rentschler in 1991. The torches, incense burner and boat were given in memory of Ralph Catlin, as was the artist's sketch of the church and the memorial garden.

The detailed record keeping ends in 1994 and it is currently a vestry project to update it. Since that time these memorials have been given:

1998 stained glass window restoration and coverings in memory of Lelia Allen, Robert D. England, Louise Catlin, Helen Barnes, Dennis Cama, Albert and Marian Theetge, The Rev. Augustus Batten, The

Rev. Edward J. Mohr, Irene Beck, Clara V. Tomes, Hazel P. and Harold Weller, Duane Klinko, Frances Langford, Ralph and Elsie Langford, High Langford, Doris Langford, and the deceased members of Trinity Guild, which was the women's group until it disbanded.

The Paschal Candlestick and chalice and paten were given in memory of Ray M. Goldsmith. Sets of cruets were given in memory of Norma Duddie and Janice Beck. The Book of Gospels is in memory of Margaret M. Nichols. The green Supplement to the Hymnal, our copies of *Wonder, Love and Praise*, were given in memory of Sally Ward. The Advent Wreath and the St. Francis in the garden are in memory of The Rev. Canon Edward L. Caum (Ned). The sign on the outside of the tower was given in memory of Ann Zulkosky, and the bench just inside the tower door is in memory of Roy and Mary Sackett. The movable sign is in memory of The Rev. Lyle Scott, and the parish hall was refurbished as an Eagle Scout project and dedicated to Louise Catlin.

There are so many more signs of the saints around us at Trinity ... each time you pick up a prayer book or hymnal, note that most were given in memory and their names are written inside. Each time you mark the next hymn or prayer, the markers were made by Carol Reed, who we also remember each Advent as we fill the mitten tree.

There are many items that were given by individuals, parish groups, the Sunday School, and the Book of Remembrance notes that the front doors were given by "the wives of members of the Vestry" in 1940. There are many donations for the buildings, and endowment funds. You can look through the book, which will be on the back table for the next few months.

As you've read through the names and noted which are familiar and which ones are people you knew and loved, your first thought might be that they were hardly saints. Saints are not perfect, though, even the ones with the capital S before their names. St. Peter is a great example of that ... he failed miserably, three times! Yet, he was a saint, just as those who went before us were and as we are:

*You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.*

The Hymnal 293



# Trinity Episcopal Church - November 2017

Last Pentecost

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Trinity Cycle of Prayer</i> 11/5 Kay Horton, Jake Parshall. 11/12 David, Chela, Brandon and Sean Bubniak. 11/19 Marie Bubniak, Tom and Shannon Bubniak, Rick Bubniak. 11/26 Joe and Laura Cama; Rachel, Daniel, Cole and Dennis Cama-Neimer; Tim, Jennifer and Lily Cama.			<b>1 All Saints' Day</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>2 All Souls' Day</b> AA 5:30 pm AA 8:00 pm  <i>Heather Martin Lake</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 6:30 AA Intergroup  <b>Fall Back DST Ends</b> 
<b>5 All Saints Day (observed)</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II and Renewal of Baptismal Vows 10:00 Coffee Hour ARCC Silent Auction Sunday, 1:30 - 3:30	<b>6</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>7 Election Day</b>	<b>8</b> AA 7:30 pm  <i>Blake Draper Everett Forbes</i>	<b>9</b> AA 5:30 pm AA 8:00 pm <i>Redeemer Fall Fair</i>  <i>Matthew Hollywood</i>	<b>10</b> <i>Redeemer Fall Fair</i>  <i>Jim &amp; Mary Patterson</i>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Pentecost 23 P-27</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour National Donor Sabbath	<b>13</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>16</b> AA 5:30 pm AA 8:00 pm	<b>17</b>  High School Youth Retreat, through Sunday  <i>Kent Stanley</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Pentecost 24 - P28</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>20</b> AA 8:00 pm	<b>21</b> Vestry Meets 6:30 pm	<b>22</b> AA 7:30 pm	<b>23 Thanksgiving Day</b> AA 5:30 pm AA 8:00 pm 	<b>24</b> <b>Bridge Annual 24 hour sleepout</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Last Pentecost - Christ the King</b> 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour	<b>27</b> AA 8:00 pm  <i>Elizabeth Maneval</i>	<b>28</b>  <i>Alex Mentzel</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 Saint Andrew The Apostle</b> AA 5:30 pm AA 8:00 pm	<i>Diocese of Bethlehem:</i> 11/5 St. Luke's, Scranton, The Rev. Rebecca Barnes PIC. ECW. 11/12 St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, The Rev. Dennis Reid, Rector. 11/19 Christ Church, Stroudsburg, The Rev. Douglas Moyer. Standing Committee. 11/26 St. Peter's, Tunkhannock: The Rev. Lou Divis, Rector.	



Fill the Carol Reed Memorial Mitten Tree! December 3 through 17. And socks, too!

*Anglicans Around the World:* 11/5 Toungoo (Myanmar) Bishop Saw Wilme. 11/12 Ughelli (Bendel, Nigeria) Bishop Cyril Odutemu. 11/19 Uyo (Niger Delta, Nigeria) Bishop Prince Asukwo Antai. 11/26 Wad Medani (Northern, Sudan) Bishop Saman Farajalla Mahdi.

*Kajo Keji:* 11/5 St. John Mondri Parish. 11/12 Jondale Parish. 11/19 St. Mathew Lori Parish. Romogi-Richard Earl High School. 11/26 St. Mark Rodo Parish.

**December 3 is Stewardship Sunday. You'll receive a mailing this month which will include a pledge card which you can mail or place in the offering plate on that day.**



**11/4 In the wee hours of Sunday morning - Fall Back - Daylight Saving Time ends.**

**November Highlights**



**November 5 - All Saints' Day Observance.** All our favorite hymns and renewal of our baptismal vows. 9 a.m.

1:30-3:30 ARCC Silent Auction

**November 9-10 - Church of the Redeemer Fall Fair.**



**November 12 - National Donor Sabbath:**

Awareness of the value of organ donation to consider becoming an organ donor;

or, as the organization says, "don't take your organs to heaven ... heaven knows we need them here."

**November 21, Tuesday, Vestry meets, 6:30 pm. (subject to change)**

**November 26 - Last Sunday of Pentecost - Christ the King.**



**Looking Ahead:**

**December 3 - Advent begins.** Our beautiful Advent wreath, given in memory of Fr. Ned, will once again grace the sanctuary.

This is also the beginning of the church year. We move from Year A in the lectionary cycle to year B. A reminder: you can find all the readings on line in several places, [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com) is an excellent resource.

**Stewardship Sunday, December 3.**

Please begin now to prayerfully consider your monetary pledge to Trinity for 2018. The vestry will be working on next year's budget in December. Your next newsletter will contain a pledge card with

your promise to be a faithful steward of God's bounty.



**The Carol Reed Memorial Mitten Tree** will also return December 3. Carol was a big supporter of this Outreach project. Decorate the tree with

scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves, and socks, during the four Sundays of Advent. We've learned that socks are often very much needed. Donations are used locally

**Hospital Visits:** Because of the privacy regulations now in effect, the church has no way of knowing if someone is in the hospital. Please, make arrangements now with a friend or family member to call the church if you are admitted.

**Prayer List, Birthday Anniversary Calendar:** We keep a copy of the prayer list on the back table for you to add or subtract names each week. Please take a look and make sure it's up to date. Also, look over the **birthday/anniversary** calendar and make sure you and your family are included.

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Celebrating the Saints

*To seek and serve Christ in all people*