



# Trinity Episcopal Church of West Pittston

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**The Rev. John Major, RECTOR**

Sunday Holy Eucharist | **11 AM**

Weekdays and Holy Days | **As Announced**

Healing and Prayer Services | **As Announced**

Days of Prayer | **Every Monday**

## *The Sacrament of Holy Eucharist*

*WE BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC,  
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH*

Worship is the central act of our life together and the Holy Eucharist is the heart of that life. Our Baptismal Vows continuously call us to be faithful to the apostle's teachings, the breaking of the bread, fellowship and the prayers.

## *Parish Mission Statement*

"To live and build holy community."

## *Parish Vision Statement*

"We are named after the Holy Trinity, a community of holy relationship. Our parish celebrates by lifestyle and deeds the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Father has breathed into His people through Jesus Christ."

## *Intended Outcome of Mutual Ministry Efforts*

"A parish rescued from a casual relationship with Christ"

# "To live and build holy community"

*-Parish Mission*

## ■ **Sacrament of Holy Eucharist**

The Holy Eucharist, also known as The Mass and The Great Thanksgiving, brings both the past and the future to present reality as we remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection and await his coming again. In the first part of The Mass, The Liturgy of the Word, God's mighty acts in history are recalled through scripture and applied to our lives in the sermon. In the second part of The Mass the gathered community of faith remembers and celebrates Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Nourished and blessed by God's generous giving of love we go into the world to love and serve.

## ■ **Sacrament of Baptism**

Pre-baptismal arrangements should be made through the Parish Office well in advance of the desired date for the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Those celebrating Baptism must be fully engaged in the life of the faith community for at least six months.

## ■ **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Celebrating God's gift of grace and strength for the living out of our Baptism Vows is available at the time of the Bishop's Visitation or by special arrangements.

## ■ **Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrange for a date at least six months prior to desired date of Marriage. Parishioners must be fully engaged in the life of the faith community.

## ■ **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

The assurance of God's love, mercy and forgiveness is celebrated by request or appointment.

## ■ **Sacrament of Ministration to the Sick and Pastoral Visitation**

Notify the pastor at any time as needed for the visitation and pastoral care of the ill, hospitalized and homebound.

## ■ **Sacrament of Holy Orders**

Those called to the Order of Diaconate or Priesthood may contact the pastor or Bishop to discuss the discernment process.

## ■ **Rite of Christian Initiation / Reception into the Church**

Details on a simple process of exploring, preparing for and celebrating entrance into the Church are available at the parish office.

## ■ **New Parishioners**

New parishioners are always welcome. All those who are Christian or those seeking the Celebration of Baptism may request registration information and an orientation packet by completing and submitting a "welcome card" or by making contact with the pastor.

## ■ **Liturgy and Worship**

The Commission on Liturgy and Worship assists with the ongoing assessment and enhancement of Trinity's worship experience. Opportunities for liturgical ministry include: Ministry of Reader, Chalice Bearer, Acolyte, Ministry of Greeter, Altar Guild, Crucifer, Y.E.S. Ensembles, Trinity Adult Ensemble, Musician, Usher and People's Gift Bearer.

## ■ **Y.E.S. [Youth Episcopal Singers] | Ensemble Junior Section and Senior Section | By Audition**

## ■ **Trinity Ensemble | By Audition**

## ■ **Every Voice Choir | Area Eccumenical Group**

## ■ **Christian Education and Faith Formation**

The Commission on Church School and Faith Formation assists with the ongoing assessment of Christian education needs and the provision of faith enrichment opportunities for both youth and adults. **Faith Formation For Youth:** Church School for youth of all ages is available each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and includes Youth Ministry Sunday on the last Sunday of each month. Creative faith enrichment and social opportunities for youth are scheduled regularly throughout the year including an annual family picnic, an Autumn Family Hayride, Saint Nicholas Visitation and Y.E.S. [Youth Episcopal Service] Projects that engage young people in service to their neighbors locally and around the world. **Faith Formation For Adults:** Continuing Christian education opportunities for adults are offered throughout the year including "The Journey," an at-home bible study, seasonal faith forums and a variety of faith enrichment courses available through the Diocese of Bethlehem and the Luzerne County Episcopal Churches.

## ■ **Good Neighbor Outreach**

Trinity's Good Neighbor Outreach involves the ongoing assessment of needs and the launching of outreach ministries designed to help meet people's needs both within and outside the parish. Current Ministry Areas: "Neighborcare," "Provide-A-Ride" Services, "Prayernetwork," Food Bank Sunday, Emergency Meals and Referral, "Higher Level" Grant Project, Prescription Help, Referral Services, Youth Episcopal Services [Y.E.S.] Project Kajo-Keji, Youth Episcopal Services [Y.E.S.] Project: Pastoral Pal, and The Children's MUSICare Project featuring Music Together.

## ■ **Stewardship Statement**

Our vocation to be stewards is at the very heart of the biblical revelation, which acknowledges God as the "Gracious Giver" of all things. One task of the Church is to become as fully as it can actually be what God has already made us to be, namely, "givers" like God Himself. Time, talent and treasure giving opportunities include: Parishioner's Annual Pledge [Estimate of Giving] with a regular weekly sacrifice, Annual "Giving Ourselves" Renewal, Capital Fund Campaign, Planned Giving to Trinity's Investment Fund, Matching Parish Needs With Parishioner's Resources Project and various ministry opportunities geared to caring for our neighbor and building holy community.

## ■ **Women of Trinity Organization**

Women of Trinity united for social and ministerial purposes in support of the mission and ministry of the parish and the larger Church.

## ■ **Parish Life Events Team**

For all parishioners interested in the discussion, creation and implementation of an annual calendar of parish sponsored community building and social events.