THE
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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Longview, Texas

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Loving God and others, we invite, welcome and embrace all people through worship, fellowship, and service.

Regathering God's Church for Mission:
Important policy changes at Trinity

Fr. Bill Carroll, Rector

I am writing to you on the Day of Pentecost to share with you some important updates about our policies governing the use of our buildings for worship, as well as all other ministries at Trinity. The policies (effective next Sunday, May 30) are found **on the insert page of the newsletter.** Pentecost is always an occasion for the renewal of God's Church and of the share we all have in the one ministry of Jesus. This is the spiritual context of the vital work of regathering for mission.

In response to recent updates from the CDC, Bishop Doyle has issued updated guidelines for the Diocese of Texas. In light of these guidelines, Fr. Bill and the Wardens met and crafted a set of proposals for feedback from our Vestry. As a result of this conversation, we believe these policies better meet the various needs of people at Trinity. We believe that God is calling us to regather Trinity to the greatest extent possible, insofar as this is consistent with our love for the most vulnerable members of Christ's Body.

The policies are designed (1) to allow members who are ready to do so to **do away with facemasks and social distancing** requirements for Sunday morning worship and for many other parish events, and (2) **to provide for the needs of those who need or want[1] to continue to wear masks and maintain social distancing.** We anticipate more changes throughout the summer. We expect that, for the next few months, we will devote time in each Vestry meeting to consider what further updates may be warranted. Provided that we do not experience significant setbacks, we hope to be back to the new normal by the beginning of the school year.

For many, these changes may seem overdue; for others, we may seem to be moving too fast. I am conscious that vaccines are not yet available for children under 12. As you consider the implications of these policies for you and your families, I would draw your attention to provisions 2, 3, and 4 of the policies. I am eager to hear from any of you about additional ways that we can accommodate the needs of those who need or want to continue to worship and serve with more restrictive protocols in place.

Lastly, let me encourage those who have not yet been vaccinated to do so as soon as possible. Not only does it help protect you, it also helps protect the people around you. Those who have concerns should consult with their personal physician(s). You may also wish to visit www.vaccines.gov

In Christ,

Fr. Bill+

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[1]For example, due to a compromised immune system, unvaccinated status, or personal preference.

POLICIES EFFECTIVE TRINITY SUNDAY (5/30/21)

1. On Sunday mornings and other occasions (except as provided in #4), those who are ready to do so may refrain from wearing a mask or observing social distancing.

2. Out of courtesy, we expect that everyone will respect the personal space and social distancing needs of others at all times.

3. For Sunday mornings, we will clearly mark a seating area where it will be possible to maintain social distancing. Within this area, we will continue to use only every other pew, and no one will be required to share a pew within it. Masks will be required in this area but may also be worn outside it.

4. In order to provide for the needs of those who desire more restrictive protocols during worship, the Wednesday Eucharist at 12:15 will continue to require masks and social distancing as we have been doing since before the current policies were adopted. We may establish other services and events with similar protocols as needed.

5. Effective immediately, the consecrated wine will be shared with the people who desire it. For the present, this will be by intinction only, with the priest or other person serving the bread dipping it into a chalice held by a Eucharistic Minister. Parishioners may opt to receive the bread only. At this time, the clergy and all other Eucharistic ministers will remain masked while distributing communion.

6. We expect the common cup to be restored later this summer, when the risk of transmission in Gregg County is consistently listed as "low" on the CDC website. Intinction or receiving bread only will continue to be options when that occurs.

7. Use of the altar rail to receive communion will be delayed until the whole congregation is able to receive together as one Body without compromising the need or desire of some of our members to preserve social distancing.

8. On a date TBA working with the Fellowship and Adult Christian Formation Committees, we will restart our weekly 6 pm Wednesday fellowship and formation gathering without masks or social distancing requirements. Zoom will continue to be available for those who need or want an alternative.

9. Effective June 1, the 7 am Tuesday Bible study will resume in person at the Silver Grizzly. Zoom will continue to be available for those who need or want an alternative.

10. With the prior written approval of the Rector, parish ministries and outside groups may also use our facilities in accordance with these new, less restrictive guidelines. At the discretion of leadership, parish ministries should provide alternative ways to participate, which could involve either online access or special seating arrangements (or both) for those who need or want them.

11. Choir and Compline services will resume in the Fall.

TRINITY CHURCH STAFF

The Reverend Dr. Bill Carroll, Rector
Dr. James Douglas "Doug" Stump, TST Head of School
Tim Baker, Parish Administrator
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Class of 2022
Kathy Gray, John Hall, Robert Maly, Alan Robertson

Class of 2023
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MISSION OF THE MONTH

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www.episcopalrelief.org

Trinity Episcopal Church
Children's ministry
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ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.! If you want to be a part of this fantastic group, let Jacqui know and she'll send you a link.

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At Home Sports VBS

AT HOME VBS

There will be a great VBS program posted to the Children's Ministry Facebook page and the Children's Ministry page on Trinity's website. It is easily adaptable for home or neighborhood.

Christian Formation

Weekly materials are emailed to parents to assist them in leading their families in Christian Formation. If you would like to receive the weekly emails, let Jacqui know at jbaker@trinityparish.org

"Kids' Bible Activity Bags" are at the back of the Nave. Please take the bag and contents home with you each week as a gift.

Is posted weekly to the Children's Ministry Facebook page and the Trinity website. You can find it here: Facebook.com/TrinityEpiscopalChildren or trinityparish.org/childrens-ministry

HAPPENINGS IN JUNE

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY
Resuming In-Person
and continuing each Tuesday Morning
Tuesday, June, 7 • 7:00 AM • Silver Grizzly

MEETING OF THE VESTRY
Tuesday, June 8 • 6:00 PM • Parish Hall

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING
Monday, June 14 • 5:30 PM • Parish Hall

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Mornings at 7:00 AM
Silvery Grizzly and Zoom Meeting
To join the study, please email Fr. Bill at frbill@trinityparish.org for info about how to log in.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
To join the study, please email Fr. Bill at frbill@trinityparish.org for info about how to log in.

WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST

12:15 PM Wednesdays

Pastoral Care Needs?

Please call Fr. Bill Carroll with any Pastoral Care needs. As well, please keep him informed of any pastoral issues that he may need to know about. You can reach him at any time:
Cell Phone - call or text (903) 399-1190 - Email: frbill@trinityparish.org

He will be glad to receive phone calls up to 10 p.m. for general issues and at any time for an emergency. Please use your discretion for items that can wait until normal business hours. But, please err on the side of calling or texting for any issues you feel need his urgent attention.

June

Birthdays and Anniversaries

John Martin (6/01)
Terry Todd (6/01)
Gabriel Hart (6/02)
Barney Jones (6/03)
Steffani Jones (6/03)
Ava Collins (6/10)
Mary Jane Faries (6/11)
John Sloan (6/14)
Leo Butter (6/15)
Terri Gish (6/17)
Marilyn Hampton (6/18)
Zach White (6/19)
Carolyn Russell (6/21)
Jeffrey Thorpe (6/24)
Clay Abernathy (6/26)
Martha Joseph (6/26)

Michael and Lynne Abernathey (6/01)
Terry and Michelle Gish (6/01)
Daryell and Melissa Crawford (6/03)
Rolin and Lisa McPhee (6/03)
William and Heather Bane (6/08)
Dee and Patty Shappell (6/08)
John and Shirley Griffin (6/09)
Joel and Louise Johnson (6/09)
John and Courtney Thorson (6/10)
Tim and Jacqui Baker (6/14)

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DID YOU KNOW

You can give to Trinity Episcopal Church online? You can give to your pledge, altar flowers, or any other regularly used Trinity Episcopal Church fund. To give now, go to Trinityparish.org and click the giving tab at the top of the page.

Altar Flowers Needed

There are several Sundays available in May/June. If you would like to donate altar flowers, please contact Tim Baker in the Church Office at **(903) 753-3366.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

What is a prayer shawl? Throughout the ages, shawls have come to symbolize shelter, peace and spiritual sustenance. Since the inception of the prayer Shawl Ministry in 1998, the members of the ecumenical organization have lovingly donated their time and talents by creating hand-knitted and crocheted shawls for those in need. What started as a grass roots movement has quickly grown into an international cause, with countless numbers of shawls being given to grateful recipients around the globe. The ministry's message of caring is simple, universal and enduring. And we have seen time and again that the creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient. We are restarting the Prayer Shawl Ministry at Trinity Church.

If you have the gift of knitting or crocheting and would like to be part of the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Patsy Charles at (903) 297-4430.

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