



December 20, 2020
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer on Zoom 9 am
Followed by a Vestry Discussion
Ministers of the Liturgy

The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Members of the Vestry

Ginny Starkis & Susan Edmondson, Wardens
Steve Ketcham, Gayle Ruscitti, Lisa Ruggiero,
Wayne Stochaj, Peach Warren,

Musicians: Randolph Bloom, Mary Johnson, Jeff Lukas

Comfort, comfort my people, says our God. [Isaiah 43:1]

Stewardship

As of December 14th:

Number of pledges received 81 [77% of total] Amount pledged \$ **150,120.00** [82% of budget]

Gracious God, abundant are the blessings you have freely and joyously given us. Grateful for the opportunities you provide for living generous and compassionate lives of love, prayer, and service, we ask that you help us now and always to offer freely and joyously to you, O God, our gifts of time, talent, and treasure. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

You may mail your pledge to Trinity in the stamped, self-addressed envelope that was included in the Stewardship mailing, or you may pledge on our website:

<https://www.trinitychurchmilford.org/2021-pledge>

This Weekend at Trinity:

Sunday:

9 am Morning Prayer on Zoom with Lighting the Advent Wreath followed by a Vestry Discussion

9:45 am Sunday School on Zoom

10:30-11:30 am Distribution of Holy Communion to individuals in the church

Noon – 3pm Pick up consecrated communion wafer for Communion at home on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. Pick up Jesse Tree gifts.

This Week at Trinity

The Office will be open Monday – Wednesday 10am – 2 pm.

Mother Judith is working remotely and can be reached by phone [716.949.8194]

Monday 7:15am-7:45am Zoom Meditation

Meeting ID: 865 0875 1622 Passcode: 787387

Monday 7 pm Deanery Blue Christmas Service on Zoom –Mother Judith will officiate at Trinity

Wednesday 4 pm Take out Christmas Dinner prepared in Trinity Kitchen

Thursday 4pm Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord: Service of Holy Eucharist on Zoom

Friday 9 am The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord: Service of Holy Eucharist on Zoom



Jesse Tree

Pick up for Jesse Tree will be this Sunday, December 20th from 12pm to 3pm. Recipients who requested gifts should come to the side entrance of the Church to pick up their gifts.

Next Sunday: December 27th – Festival of Lessons and Carols on Zoom @ 9 am

Zoom Meditation: Mondays 7:15am -7:45 am

This is a time for conversation, reflection, and a meditation to begin our week.

Vestry Highlights: December 14th 2020

Resolved:

- ✓ 2021 Letter of Understanding and compensation for Paul de Molino, Sexton
- ✓ 2021 Letter of Understanding and compensation for Magee Lambert, Parish Secretary
- ✓ Approval of Diocesan Licenses for Liturgical Ministers
- ✓ Authorized the Senior Warden to invite Bishop Fisher to address the parish at the Annual Meeting

Discussion:

- ✓ **What we have done well:** adaptation to virtual Christmas Fair & Jess Tree Missions; handling of the Zoom bombing on December 13; participation and leadership in Deanery Blue Christmas service; Grab-n-go Dinners & Thanksgiving Dinner; Profile work; Stewardship Campaign.
- ✓ We want to honor and thank the work of Heidi Moeller in setting up the Christmas Fair website
- ✓ Planning for a virtual Annual meeting
- ✓ Purchase of new equipment for virtual worship, to be reimbursed by a Diocesan Grant
- ✓ Leadership for 2021

Advent and Christmas at Trinity

December 20 **Advent 4** Vestry discussion

December 24th **THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

We will have ONE Service of Holy Communion with carols on Zoom @ 4pm

December 25th **THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

We will have ONE Service of Holy Communion on Zoom @ 9 am

December 27th **The First Sunday after Christmas:** A Festival of Lessons & Carols on Zoom @ 9am

Sunday January 3rd **Epiphany Sunday:** A Christmas Pageant on Zoom @ 9 am



Community Meals Program

We will be preparing takeout meals in Trinity's kitchen on **Wednesdays December 23rd & December 30th**. We plan to include with these meals a gift packet of personal hygiene items and a "meal in a bag" bag of groceries. **We need volunteers to help pack these bags.** Please call or email the Parish Office, Mother Judith, or Glen Peterson

(glenpeterson86@gmail.com) if you are able to help for a couple of hours on either or both days.

Holy Communion on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Christmas Eve 4 PM on Zoom: Zoom link will be sent by email

Christmas Day 9 AM on Zoom: Zoom link will be sent by email

**Sunday December 27th: 9 AM Festival of Lessons and Carols on Zoom
Zoom link will be sent by email**

Holy Communion: We will have a service of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Families may share Holy Communion at home with a pre-consecrated hosts. As an unusual accommodation during covid, we are allowed to store some of the Reserve Sacrament at home to be consumed during the livestreamed service of Holy Eucharist.

Consecrated wafers at home: Because the communion wafers have been consecrated, they should be set aside in a protected place. Some people create a small shrine on a table, set with a clean cloth and a candle. The usual practice for worship is to set a table with a white cloth, the wafers on a nice plate, and a candle. Before the service, it is recommended that you open the bag and put the wafer on the plate, and washing your hands before touching the wafer itself.

You may pick up consecrated wafers in biodegradable plastic bags to keep at home. The wafers have been touched only by Mary-Ellen Yaroshefski (wearing gloves); only she and Mother Judith will have touched the bags themselves. There are 2 ways to arrange to have these wafers.

1. At church: Sunday 10am and 3 pm;
Monday 10am-2pm & 5:30-6:30 pm;
Tuesday & Wednesday, 10am-2pm (contact the office)
Thursday (Christmas Eve 3-3:30 pm)
2. Mother Judith will deliver them to your home, leaving them on your front porch. Please contact Mother Judith by phone (716.949.8194) or email (jlee.trinitychurchmilford@gmail.com).

NOTICE:

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF TRINITY PARISH

SUNDAY JANUARY 31ST

9 AM ON ZOOM

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

– Proverbs 3:5-6

Our Prayers Are Offered For:

Parish Members & Friends: Rachel Martin; Sharon Manoogian; Sal & Vas Ferreira; Laura Uretsky; Brad Gustavesen; Barbara; Michelle; Stephanie; Maureen Colvin; Rita & Dick Cronan; Kim Liquori & Family; Mark Mattioli; Karen Carig-O'Neill; Ray & Enid; Elleana Shearer; Marco Weiss; Al Price; Robert; Mary Torian, Beth & Terry; Esther McKenzie; Lisa Wilson; Sandra Arbogast; Len Baird; Judy Shea; Robin Rowe; Skye Bayleigh Plaisted; Alex; Alisha Starkis Weddeke; Chrissy & Mark; Thomas Scano; the Canali Family; Sherel & Lou Frere; Craig Silverman; Justin Perkin; Dr. Stephen Janko; Tom Childs; Nancy Sharoogian; Bob Mezzadri; all those serving in the military and the Peace Corps, especially Avary DeRagon; Dan Consigli; Drew Beauchamp; Charles; Laura; Elena; Brendan Wood; Danielle & Joel Marsh; Tom Bento; Joel Joudrey; Justin Woessner; Chris Ketcham and their families.

Homebound Parishioners: Verna Parente, and Wayne Morey.

Our Partner Dioceses: Kumasi and Asante-Mampong in Ghana

Those celebrating birthdays this week: Amy Neves; Sheri Keeler-Phillips; Nathan Jeffers; Emma Tredeau; David Haddad; Henry Leverock; Gregory Palmer; Stephanie McCallum; Rob Gallerane; Janice Ford; Paula Correia; Luke Alley; Gabriella Gutierrez; Carol Brutsch; Linda Scott; Jeffrey Varteresian; Rob Jewett, Jr.; Mary Frances Best; and Carole Foley.

The Ministers of Trinity Episcopal Church

are

THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH

led by

The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Priest

Randy Bloom, Minister of Music, Rachel Carpenter, Sunday School Coordinator

Magee Lambert, Church Secretary, Paul Del Molino, Sexton

Ginny Starkis, Senior Warden; Susan Edmondson, Junior Warden

and the Treasurers, Clerk and Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church.

We serve our Lord as a part of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts

led by The Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher, Bishop of Western Massachusetts

Our Mission Statement:

Sharing the Grace of God, the Light of Christ

and the Power of the Holy Spirit,

through worship, ministry and fellowship.

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