

PARISH VISITOR

Trinity Episcopal Church | 1900 Dauphin Street | Mobile Alabama

Our Clergy & Staff

The Reverend Dr Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Rector

The Rev Deacon Terry Goff, Associate for Outreach

Nancy Graham, Guest Organist

Brother Jacob Luke Taylor, Parish Administrator

Susan Palmer, Finance Administrator

Amos Kidd, Sexton

Jasmine Moultrie, Parish Steward

Office Angels

Martha Fuller, Monday

Laurent Cadden, Tuesday

Doris Benson, Wednesday

Bill Howell
and Jessie Beaty,
Thursday

Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9 to 3



Come to the Open House!

All are welcome and invited! Come to the Parish Open House on Sunday, September 12, immediately following the 10 am Instructed Eucharist. Come to see the freshened kitchen, the new Food Pantry, our newly located library, and the Youth Room with a ping-pong table! Visit the Sunday School classrooms—our precious Atriums for our two Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes, the Middle School Class Room, the new High School Classroom, the Music Room, and the Art Room.

Get a cup of coffee or some Famous Amos iced-tea and peruse the Parish Hall for Trinity information. You'll receive a *Way of Love* (see page 5) wallet card to help you remember the seven practices to strengthen your commitment to follow Jesus. You'll be asked to fill out forms to update your contact information, sacramental records, and interests. All this will be used to update our database, to create our next parish directory, and to connect you to your ministry calling. Trinity t-shirts, including Blessing of the Animals, will be available for sale. You will learn more about opportunities to support Operation Reclamation, which helps to pay for our much-needed windows and other campus improvements.



Y'all Come to the Garden Party!

Work Party that is! All are welcome to get their hands dirty on Saturday, September 11. We'll start at 8 am. Bring your garden gloves and garden tools. Wheelbarrows are always helpful. Wear sunscreen and a hat too! We are so grateful for the pretty flowers from the garden that have adorned our altar this summer and for the fresh produce that we share through our Food Pantry. **Other Food Pantry current requests:** granola bars, breakfast bars, cereal, soup, chili, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, instant potatoes, stuffing mix, canned spaghetti sauce, pasta, crystal light (any sugar-free drinks), snacks (graham crackers, popcorn, Cheese-its, jerky meats, chips, nuts, sugar-free jello/pudding, etc.), any cooking items (oil, sugar, sugar-substitute, spices, salad dressing, condiments, etc.)

Support Operation Reclamation: Buy a Window and help with needed repairs

We're almost there! Through your generous gifts since we began Operation Reclamation, we have been able to repair both our church air conditioning and lightning protection systems. (These two projects cost over \$27,000.) Last month we were able to

order 47 new windows for the Parish House by placing a 50% deposit, which was an additional \$25,000. We still need another \$25,000 before install, which is planned for January 2022. The windows are the originals when the Parish



House was build in the 1960s. They are in dire disrepair and some are literally falling out. Your generous gift of \$1000 will buy one window, but you may give any amount you wish to help restore our ministry building. *Operation Reclamation* will eventually become *Operation Maintain-It*, once we've taken care of these deferred projects!



Our Vestry & Officers

Class of 2022

Mike Cadden, Junior Warden

Elizabeth Hill

Bob Howard, Senior Warden

Carolyn Watts-Smith

Class of 2023

Allison Castle

Jill Creel

Kate Flukinger, Clerk

Chris Gill

Class of 2024

Austin Forwood

Marie Lacy

Steve Mussell

David Quittmeyer

Ex Officio

The Reverend Deacon Terry Goff

Ben Harris, Chancellor

The Reverend Dr Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, Rector

Michel Nicrosi, Treasurer

From our Rector

Since I was called as your rector last September, I have not known life with you without covid. In spite of all that this global pandemic claims, it cannot claim our life and ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ together. If I had to share only one word that describes how I feel about being on this journey



with you as your shepherd and spiritual leader, that word is JOY! We indeed have a lot to celebrate, which we shall do in a special service on Monday, November 1 at 6 pm in the Church. This service is called *Celebration of a New Ministry*—our shared ministry together. This will indeed be a joyful time that we can celebrate all that we are together as a parish family, striving to love God with everything we've got and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

From Celebration of a New Ministry

The new rector kneels in the midst of her parishioners, and prays

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer, page 559

I already pray for you daily, and I covet your prayers as well.

To love and lead,
Mary Jayne+

Call for Handbell and Vocal Choristers

This summer we were thrilled to revive our handbells, and many parishioners expressed interest in participating in our handbell choir, as well as in the vocal choir. Once our Director of Music is with us, we will be blessed again with these music ministries. In the meantime, if you are interested, please contact Rita Treutel, ritabtreutel@gmail.com.



Our Guest Organist Nancy Graham

We welcome Nancy L. Graham, who received both a Doctor of Philosophy and Doctor of Sacred Music from Graduate Theological Foundation, and a Master of Music from Westminster Choir College. A church musician and teacher, Dr. Graham moved to Mobile from Memphis in 2020. She joined us in August and will be back at the organ on September 26.

A joyful noise to the Lord!

On September 19 at the 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, we welcome Rebekah Atkinson, with our own Kate Flukinger, flute and Carmen Kearley, clarinet to lift up to the Lord a joyful noise! Ms. Atkinson is one of the most prolific performers on the Gulf Coast, active both as a professional harpist and also as an advocate for making live music more accessible to communities across the Southeastern states. You don't want to miss this special music offering.



Trinity searches for a Director of Music

After five months of prayerful discernment, the Music Ministry Discernment Team, turned Search Committee, will soon release nationally the job description for our new Director of Music. We plan to begin interviewing candidates in October. We ask your prayers during this exciting time, that a joyful musician will answer God's call to be with us.

A Prayer for the Search for our Director of Music

Dear God, you give us the wonderful blessing of music, so that we might have an amazing music ministry. We pray that you bless us with a talented music director who can lead our parish to a closer connection with you. *Amen.*

- William Gill, Music Ministry Discernment Team

We give great thanks for the work and ministry of the discernment team: William Gill, Carmen Kearley, Janet Nodar, Rita and Bill Treutel, and David Quittmeyer. They engaged us in ongoing conversations about how God is calling us to expand our music offerings on Sundays as well as other times. They have helped us identify musical talent in our midst as we continue to dream of concerts, youth choirs, and more! Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

A pastoral word from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on the 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001

As followers of Jesus, and with our siblings in other faith traditions, we place great value on the act of remembrance. As we reflect on the solemn anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, we remember many loved ones lost and first responders who put their lives at risk, modeling the sacrificial love of Jesus. ...

I also want us to pause and remember the days that followed these tragic events. ... [P]eople came together. We were praying, grieving, and also working together. ... [W]e knew with immediacy and vulnerability that we need God, and we need each other.

Memories of that tender cooperation ... serve as guiding lights for the present. Amidst the ongoing pandemic and natural disasters ... we are called to become the Beloved Community whose way of life is the way of Jesus and his way of love.

Trinity parishioners together walk the Way of Love

The Way of Love is a way of life. This fall through the Season of Advent, together we will explore this as a parish family during our Christian Education and Formation hour in between the 8 o'clock and 10:30 services. More than a program or curriculum, it is an intentional commitment on the journey to follow Jesus, using these seven practices:



THE WAY OF LOVE
Practices for Jesus-Centered Life

Turn Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

Learn Reflect on Scripture each day, especially on Jesus' life and teachings

Pray Dwell intentionally with God each day

Worship Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and dwell with God

Bless Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

Go Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

Rest Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

Visit: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love/>

Advent Art Show & Auction in December

Mark your calendar for this fun event and *fun-raiser* that opens in the Parish Hall with art and auction items on 1st Advent, Sunday, November 28 and closes the next Sunday evening on December 5. If you would like to donate an auction item contact chairs Allison allisoncastle@me.com or Julie jvcastle@bellsouth.net.

Trinity Parish Lenten Retreat at Beckwith 25 March 2022

Exciting plans are underway for a parish wide overnight retreat during Lent in 2022. We will spend a Friday night at Beckwith where we will share meals, worship, pray, and play together. We are still working out the details, but the cost should be somewhere between \$150 to \$200 per person and family. Right now we are trying to get a sense of those who are interested, as this is the first parish wide retreat in recent memory. If you are interested, contact maryjayne@trinitymobile.org



Sunday, September 12

**10 am Instructed Holy Eucharist in the Church
11 am Parish Open House**

Wednesday Noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Sunday, September 19

**Nursery reopens
8 am and 10:30 Holy Eucharist
9:15 Christian Formation: Way of Love**

**Sunday, September 19 at 10:30 service
Special Music: Harp, Rebekah Atkinson;
Flute, Kate Flukinger; Clarinet Carmen Kearley**

September 19 Talent Show is postponed TFN

Sunday, October 3

**Blessing of the Animals
5 pm in The Meadow ***

Sunday, October 31

**All Hallow's Eve brief service
before all go out for Tricking or Treating ***

Monday, November 1

**Celebration of a New Ministry
6 pm in the Church
*Invite our friends and neighbors!***

Sunday, November 7 Time Change

**Sunday, November 7 and 14
Youth Neighborhood Food Drive ***

Friday, December 17

**Ember Day Fire for Youth
5 pm in the Meadow ***

*** Note these special youth events.**

Communications update

We are currently updating our database and our website. Please contact the Parish Office when you need to update or change any of your information, like phone numbers and email addresses, etc.

Make sure you have this information for Trinity.

Our URL
www.trinitymobile.org

All clergy and staff emails end this way:
 @trinitymobile.org

Our rector
 maryjayne@

Our deacon
 terry@

Our parish administrator
 brotherjacob@

Our finance administrator
 susan@

Our general mailbox is
trinity@trinitymobile.org.

Mailing address:
 1900 Dauphin Street
 Mobile, Alabama 36606
 No PO Box!



How do you walk the labyrinth? You pray it!

Many of you have known parishioner Roger Vance for a long time, but I wonder how many of you realize what an extraordinary artist he is! Roger, using a lawn mower as his ‘paint brush’ has created for us and for our community a most inviting labyrinth in our Meadow. All are welcome to experience this prayerful tool. The labyrinth is not a maze in that it never cuts you off or frustrates you. Simply enter (see the entrance above) and follow the path at your own pace to the center. As you do so,

you can release all your worries and concerns—give them up to God. When you reach the center, called the illumination, you will be open to how God is calling you, guiding you.



Then as you depart the same way you entered, you are now one with all of God’s Creation. It’s that simple, yet powerful and life-changing. Now you can incorporate the labyrinth into your prayer life.

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