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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m. Waterfront Worship
(Begins 11/29)
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

TUESDAY MORNING PRAYER

8:15 a.m. on Zoom

WEDNESDAY

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
With Healing Prayer & Anointing

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church is to spread the Good News of the Gospel and provide a loving and compassionate environment for the continuing transformation of a life in Christ Jesus. We believe this journey is shaped by God through worship, learning, friendship and service to others.

November at a Glance

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6-7

Christmas Market Weekend

Friday Preview Party • 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Saturday Market • 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Shop the Christmas Market for unique gifts, Golden Mouse treasures, baked goods, and more. Proceeds support the Women of Trinity outreach ministries.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Men of Trinity Breakfast

8:00 a.m. • Parish Hall
All men of the parish are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and conversation. Cost of the catered breakfast is $15.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Women's Evening Bible Group

6:00 p.m. • Parishioner's Home
Gather for refreshments, conversation, and Bible study. All women are welcome. Contact Mthr. Marcella for details.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Solo Friends Afternoon Tea

1:00 p.m. • Brambles Tea Room
Join us for tea and fellowship! Regarded as a "hidden treasure", Brambles offers fine English teas and a gift shop. Last day to sign up is November 6.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Pray. Eat. Grow

5:30 p.m. • Parish Hall
Join us for Choral Evensong, dinner, and we continue with the exploration of Augustine's Confessions with Dr. Gerald Boersma.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Music at Trinity Concert

American Discoveries

4:00 p.m. • Parish Hall
The Astralis Chamber Ensemble celebrates America's 250th with works by Barber, Foote, Beach, Ewazen, and Stephenson.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Thursday Night Out

5:30 p.m. • Parish Hall
Join us for Choral Evensong, dinner, and an evening with Dr. Matthew Schlimm. Come for all or part of the evening.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Solo Friends-Christmas Concert

4:00 p.m. • Moorings Presbyterian Church
Join us for FGCU's Joyful and Triumphant Christmas Concert! Tickets are $30 per person. We'll head to K. Rico for dinner afterwards. Last day to sign up is November 19.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

The First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. • Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m. • Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m. • Waterfront Worship, Children's Courtyard
11:15 a.m. • Advent Lessons & Carols
Begin Advent as Waterfront Worship returns for the season in the Children's Courtyard and our choir leads the 11:15 a.m. service of Advent Lessons & Carols.

Rector's Message

Among the many things for which we give thanks in the Litany of Thanksgiving in the Book of Common Prayer are "the opportunities of leisure and rest." I suspect the Women of Trinity might have something to say about that particular petition, especially as they gear up for *The Holly and the Ivy* Christmas Market.

For weeks, there has been collecting, sorting, pricing, gourmet cooking, organizing, and all the other work that goes into making the Christmas Market possible. By the time the doors open, an extraordinary amount of time and effort will have been given by parishioners who have volunteered to do everything from sorting treasures for the Golden Mouse to baking cookies and helping with the decorations. I imagine there will be a few tired feet and weary hands by Saturday afternoon.

One of the things I enjoy most about the Christmas Market is the Preview Party (glittery jacket aside) on Friday evening. It's an opportunity to gather with friends, enjoy a little food and drink, and wander through the Market looking for something we might give as a Christmas present, or perhaps something we decide to keep for ourselves. There is always the delight of finding something unexpected, and often the greater delight of running into someone we haven't seen in a while. All of this happens while supporting the charitable work of the church and Women of Trinity.

Later in November, when we gather for our Thanksgiving Eve service, we will pray the Litany of Thanksgiving. It is one of those prayers in the Prayer Book that reminds us just how much there is for which to be grateful. We give thanks for the beauty of the earth, for family and friends, for the work we have been given to do, and for the blessings of this life.

I particularly appreciate that the Litany includes thanksgiving for work. We sometimes think of gratitude in terms of what we have received, but there is also something to be said for giving thanks for the opportunity to contribute. Much of our common life at Trinity-by-the-Cove depends upon people who give their time, share their talents, and take pleasure in doing something together. The Christmas Market is one example, but we see it throughout the parish in worship, formation, pastoral care, fellowship, and service.

There is a great deal for which to give thanks, not least the people with whom we share this life of faith. I hope you'll join us for the Christmas Market, and later in the month for our Thanksgiving service.

To the Women of Trinity, thank you for all that you do. Merry Christmas! Well, really, Happy Thanksgiving, a Holy Advent, and then…Merry Christmas! Without jest, I hope that somewhere between the Christmas Market and Thanksgiving you'll find a little of that leisure and rest for which the Prayer Book reminds us to be grateful.

Faithfully,

Spiritual Exercise

You Have Something to Give

As our new church rises, I am inviting you to engage in a spiritual exercise, spending the year asking what God has built, and is still building, in us. Keep a journal nearby for the monthly questions and reflections, and remember that our clergy are always available to join you in the conversation.

Fr. Edward walks the footprint, offering prayers & sprinkling Holy Water

This month, don't begin by asking what you should do. Begin with who God has created you to be.

There was bare earth where our church had stood. Before the pilings went into the ground, we blessed that ground with holy water and offered our prayers for what would rise upon it. The old building gone and the new one not yet begun. Before we build anything, God is already at work.

Scripture gives us a wonderful image at the beginning. In Genesis, God forms the human being from the dust of the earth. God molds and shapes the stuff of creation. But the human being does not come alive until God breathes the breath of life into him. We are formed by God and filled with God's breath.

The Hebrew word for breath, *ruach*, can also mean wind or spirit. It gives us an image worth carrying through this spiritual exercise. God has shaped us, and God's Spirit is at work within us, giving life and continuing to shape who we are becoming. At Baptism, we use water and prayer to celebrate that work of God. We pray that the newly baptized will be "sustained" by the Holy Spirit. We ask God to give an "inquiring and discerning heart," courage to persevere, and "the gift of joy and wonder" in all God's works. That includes God's work in you.

Over the course of this exercise and year, as we consider what God has built and is still building in us, we will explore what the Church calls spiritual gifts. Saint Paul speaks of different gifts given by the same Spirit. They are expressed differently in different people, but their source is God. Some sound wonderfully ordinary: caring for another person, teaching, offering hospitality, giving generously, leading, encouraging, serving, praying, possessing wisdom, or discerning what is needed. Perhaps that ordinariness is important.

We sometimes expect the Holy Spirit to work in extraordinary ways. More often, God's gifts become so much a part of us that we hardly notice them. You may be the person friends call when they need someone to listen. Perhaps you naturally organize things. Maybe you love learning and sharing what you have learned. Perhaps you notice the person standing alone and instinctively walk over.

As we watch the work begin on our new church, consider for a moment the work God has already begun in you. You have been shaped, blessed, and given something to offer. The first step is simply to recognize it.

For Your Journal: What do people regularly ask you to help with? What do you enjoy doing for others? What do others recognize in you that you may simply take for granted?

Raised & Resilient

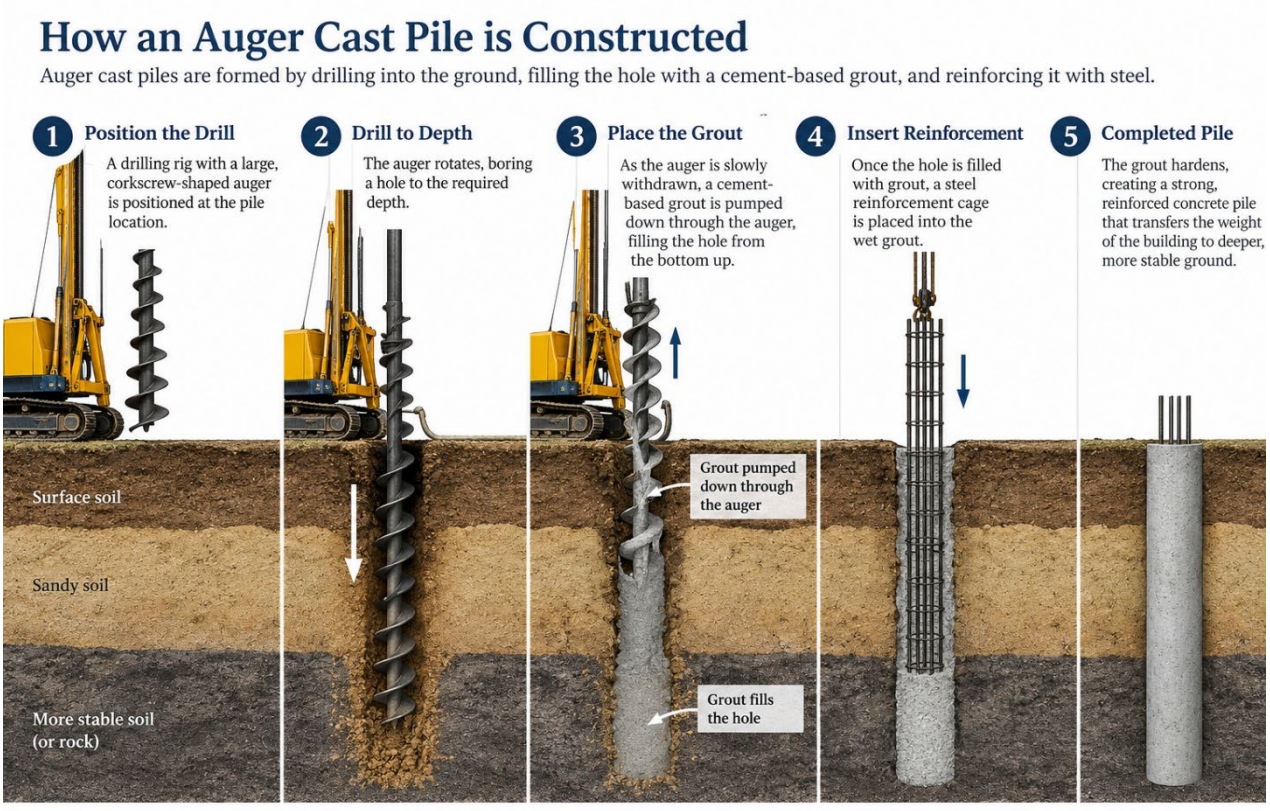
Auger cast piles forming a deep foundation. The taller piles mark the location of the nave.

Over the past several weeks, we've watched the churchyard change almost daily. The demolition of the former church has been completed, the site cleared, and the work of preparing the foundation begun.

Perhaps the most exciting development has been watching the pilings go into the ground. These will provide the support for our new, elevated church, helping to make it more resilient to the storms and flooding that have caused so much damage over the years.

With the pilings underway, attention is turning to the footings and the foundation that will support the new structure. It is a remarkable transformation, and one that is becoming easier to imagine as we see the work taking place.

Of course, much of what happens at this stage of construction will eventually be hidden from view. Yet it is essential to the strength and stability of the building that will rise above it.



Adult Formation

Sunday Forum: The Gospel according to Mark

Over the past five or six weeks, during the Sunday formation hour, your clergy have been facilitating a study on the Gospel according to Mark. Every year, the church lectionary focuses on one of the three Synoptic Gospels – Matthew in Year A, Mark in Year B, and Luke in Year C. [John gets sprinkled in throughout, and on most of the high holy days.] So, this past summer, as we discussed topics for the coming year, we thought an overview of Mark would be good, since the end of November will usher in Year B, with its focus on that Gospel.

One of the neat things about studying Scripture together is that each participant brings their own life experience to the text, which enriches the study. One recent example bears this out. One participant, who had been going through an unsettling situation, came to a session and shared that her Trinity family has been a source of stability in the midst of her situation – stable and dependable. We all looked out the window to the construction site across the street and laughed – it's not the building, but the people that make the Church!

Then, as we started reviewing where we had been and the chapters we would cover that day in Mark's Gospel, we found the evangelist repeatedly posing a question about Jesus to his readers: *Who then is this? – Who is this* whom even wind and sea obey? *Who is this* who has authority over the forces of evil? *Who is this* who heals the sick? *Who is this* who brings the dead to life?

We came to the text with our own experiences of the storms of life and we found the One who has authority over the wind and the waves – the One who still comes walking to us, in our darkness and uncertainty, and speaking peace.

I hope you'll come with your own experiences and join the conversation! *--Fr. Nicholas*

Storytelling in The Faith-Seeking Journey

"What's your name? Where are you from? What's your religious background (if any)? Any questions? Tell us your story." Story Telling is one of the most important themes in The Faith-Seeking Journey. That's because there are no essays about God or the Church in the Bible. There are no definitions of "Spirit" or "salvation" or any other important terms of our theology and belief. Instead, the Bible speaks about God by telling stories of the people of God — of the people "who call upon His name."

During the Inquiry Period of The Faith-Seeking Journey, Inquirers introduce themselves to one another. Then I introduce the Church — not as an institution; but as *the People of God* living through the centuries in response to Jesus Christ and the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. And so, we become a part of each other's stories; and God continues to reveal Himself to more and more people — and the Good News spreads!

It is always fascinating to me — and uplifting — to see how God continues to reveal Himself to those who call upon His name, right down to our own day, in the events of our everyday lives! Of course many of us have two fears, when it comes to telling our stories: 1) nothing has ever happened to me that anyone else would be interested in; and 2) if I told anybody what has happened to me they'd think I'm crazy.

But the truth is that *God calls us each by name*, which means our relationship to God is *unique* and *personal* — but it's the *same God* who reveals Himself to all of us. So *our* experiences of God are also *like everyone else's*.

That's why we ask, "What's your name? Where are you from? What's your religious background (if any)? What questions do you have? And, it's why I say, "This is *our* story. This is where we've come from; and we still have *so many questions*." *–Fr. Steve*

Prayer & Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Prayer

Tuesdays • 8:15 a.m. • Zoom
Start your morning with prayer and fellowship. Bring your Book of Common Prayer and coffee or tea.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesdays • 10:30 a.m. • Library & Zoom
Explore the book of 1 Samuel with Father Steve.

Brown Bag Bible

Tuesdays • Noon–1:00 p.m. • Zoom
Study Psalms and Revelation with Lorraine & Cliff Thurber. No prior experience needed. For the Zoom link: lthurber1@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays • 1:30–2:30 p.m. • Library & Zoom
Draw near to God through silent prayer and reflection on a spiritual reading.

Women's Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays • 9:00–10:00 a.m. • Library & Zoom
Join Mother Marcella to study *This Strange and Sacred Scripture* by Matthew Schlimm. Reading schedules are available at the Parish Hall Information Center. mdrawdy@trinitybythecove.com

Men's Thursday Bible Study

Thursdays • 9:00 a.m. • Conference Room & Zoom
Join Father Nicholas for friendship and discussion of Matthew Schlimm's *This Strange and Sacred Scripture*, exploring the Old Testament as a friend in faith. ncaccese@trinitybythecove.com

Women's Evening Bible Group

November 10 • 6:00 p.m. • Parishioner's home
Refreshments and conversation, followed by a study of the Psalms from 6:30–7:30 p.m. Contact Julie Pedretti: jpedretti29@gmail.com.

Children & Young Families

Children's Sunday Formation
Sundays in November
10:15 a.m.
Atria

Over the past two months, I have been amazed by what I am seeing children, parents, youth, and volunteers experience in our parish. These moments feel like much more than participation in programs; they feel like people discovering faith, belonging, and their place in the life of the parish.

Adam recently told me how excited he was to be back this year. As I watched, I was struck by the three-year-olds who once raced around the nursery and are now doing their slow atrium walks, becoming thoughtful and contemplative as they share what they are thankful for in the Level 1 Atrium. In October, I watched a young girl crying to her parent after dismissal, asking her if she could stay in formation. I am constantly amazed at the giggles and laughter I find as I enter the nursery! Seeing these transformations reminds me how much children can grow spiritually when they are given space to wonder, listen, and encounter God.

Children & Young Families

I love hearing Hannah read from the Bible and then hearing the knowledge and thoughtfulness that emerge when she is asked a question about the passage. She is not simply learning Bible stories; she is engaging with Scripture and discovering that her thoughts and questions matter. I see Jesus in these atria every Sunday.

Barbara's first tour of our sacred spaces also stayed with me. She commented that she wished her own children had had a space like this when they were growing up. Her response reminded me that these spaces are more than classrooms. They create an environment where children can experience faith in a way that is peaceful, beautiful, and intentional.

I have also loved watching our young people become part of parish life. It was wonderful to see Claire helping Sam explain how to prepare for acolyte service to new servers. Another is asking pointed questions as he contemplates his first opportunity to acolyte in service. Watching one of our youngest youths and another high school student faithfully serve several weeks this fall showed me that our young people are not simply receiving ministry—they are becoming ministers themselves.

Perhaps what has surprised me most is seeing parishioners from their early twenties through their mid-90s show up to help children they have never met. Parents have stepped forward even when teaching is not necessarily their forte, and I see their gifts making a difference.

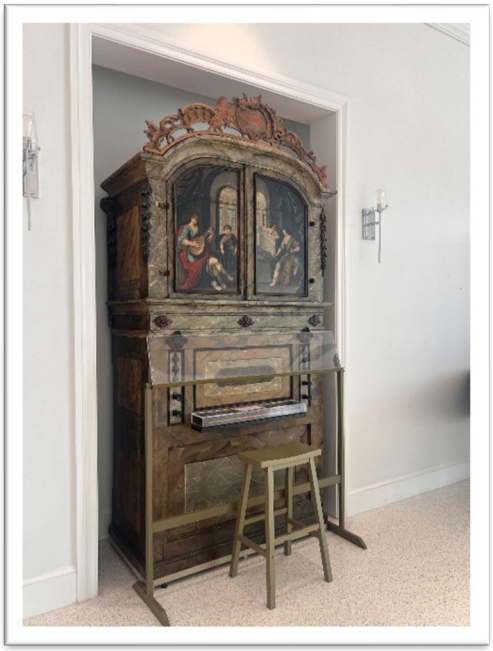
It is a privilege and an honor to serve these young families and to witness children discovering that they belong here—and that they belong to God.

--Julia Cizek

Music at Trinity

Having now experienced several weeks worshipping in the Parish Hall and establishing habits, Fr. Edward asked me to share some thoughts about the experience of our music in the context of our new worship space. Everyone has learned much in these initial weeks – clergy, congregation, and musicians alike!

I must confess that the adjustment from the church to the Parish Hall has been more challenging than we had anticipated, but the church staff have been as diligent as possible in working towards making everything as optimal as possible. Did you know that we have trialed a total of 4 different organ volume settings on Sundays across these initial 6 weeks of Parish Hall worship? In the smaller setting of the Parish Hall, it has taken some tweaking to find the ideal balance between an organ volume that doesn't overpower the choir and congregation, yet at the same time gives adequate support to lead the assembly. I think we're in a good spot now, and hope that we don't have to trial volume setting #5 anytime soon! We've also noticed that the chatter before and after the service makes more of a distracting impact in the smaller Parish Hall setting than it did in the church, and the church staff has been brainstorming ways to mark that the Waterfront side of the Parish Hall as a place of sanctuary and prayerfulness. One enjoyable change is that I've been able to incorporate the Antique Organ into our liturgies – even though it is small, nothing beats playing a real pipe organ!



I must also commend our choir for the way in which they have adapted to the new space. Based on the quality of their wonderful offerings each week you'd never guess they were experiencing difficulty, but the truth of the matter is that it is extremely difficult for them to hear one another as well as the organ in the space. It's simply a unique phenomenon of the acoustical properties of the Parish Hall – it sounds wonderful out in the room but at the source of the sound it is a challenging environment to sing. Their professionalism and preparation is truly paying dividends and blessing all of us with an uninterrupted standard of music making during this interim worship time.

The music program is now running at full speed once again, with our next Music at Trinity Concert taking place on November 15th. Our artist for the afternoon is the Astralis Chamber Ensemble, presenting another program to help celebrate our nation's 250th birthday. Then on November 29th – and I can hardly believe I'm typing this – Advent begins! We will mark the seasonal change with our wonderful service of Advent Lessons and Carols at the 11:15 service. If you've never experienced this service before and love music, I would ask that you consider sleeping that morning and coming to the 11:15 service to be a part of this wonderful holiday tradition.

--Tripp Kennedy

Fellowship and Welcome

Solo Friends

November 10 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Afternoon Tea at Brambles English Tea Room, 5th Ave. Wear your favorite fascinator for afternoon tea and conversation. Please sign up by November 6.

November 22 • 4:00 p.m.

FGCU's Joyful and Triumphant Christmas Concert. Moorings Presbyterian Church. Links to purchase tickets and information are found online. After the concert we will meet at K-Rico Mexican Grill, Bayfront of Naples for dinner.

New this season! Website addresses featuring dates and times of interesting local events for Solos to plan excursions and activities beyond our scheduled events may now be found on the Trinity-by-the-Cove website.

Arts Fellowship

November 14 • 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

Be with friends, share stories, and spark creativity! Bring whatever tabletop project you have - artistic, crafty, or mundane - it doesn't even have to be art! Get it done while enjoying conversation, and some treats with a cup of coffee or tea in the Parish Hall. No sign-up necessary.

Bring a Friend This November

A simple invitation can open the door to friendship and faith. Bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to worship, a meal, a concert, or a parish gathering—and help them experience the warmth and welcome of Trinity-by-the-Cove.

Advent Quiet Morning

An Invitation to an Advent Quiet Morning

As we approach the busy season of Advent and Christmas, the Daughters of the King invite you to set aside a few hours for prayer, reflection, and quiet preparation for the coming of Christ.

On Saturday, December 5, our chapter will host an Advent Quiet Morning led by Brother Lain of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE). We will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by our program from 9:00 a.m. until noon, concluding with Holy Eucharist.

If you've never attended a Quiet Morning, you may wonder what to expect. It is simply an opportunity to step away from the busyness of everyday life and spend time in prayer and reflection. There is no special preparation or experience needed. Through spiritual reflections and periods of quiet, we are invited to slow down, listen, and make room for God's presence in our lives.

Advent is a particularly meaningful time for this kind of gathering. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, a morning of quiet reflection can help us focus on the true meaning of the season.

In preparation for Advent, our chapter sisters have been reading *Living in Rhythm: Following Nature's Rule* by Brother James Koester, SSJE. Part of the *Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Living* series, this book offers reflections on finding a more thoughtful and prayerful rhythm in our daily lives.

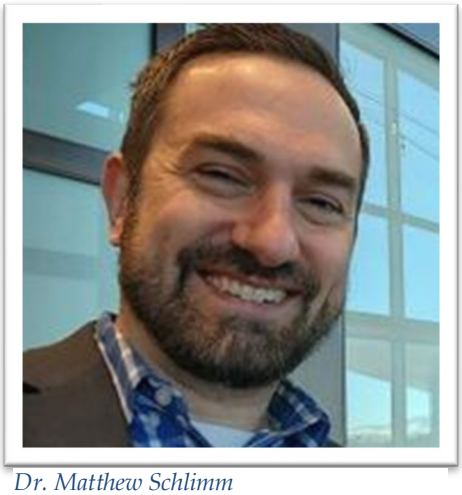
We hope you will join us on December 5th. Whether this is your first Quiet Morning or one of many, all are welcome to share in this time of fellowship, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

Our next Daughters of the King chapter meeting will be Monday, November 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Library. If you would like to learn more about our chapter, please contact Marilyn Tiburski at (239) 207-0161 or mtiburski@icloud.com.

The Order of the Daughters of the King

Thursday Speaker Series

An Evening with Dr. Mathew Schlimm
Thursday, November 19 • 5:30 p.m. • Parish Hall



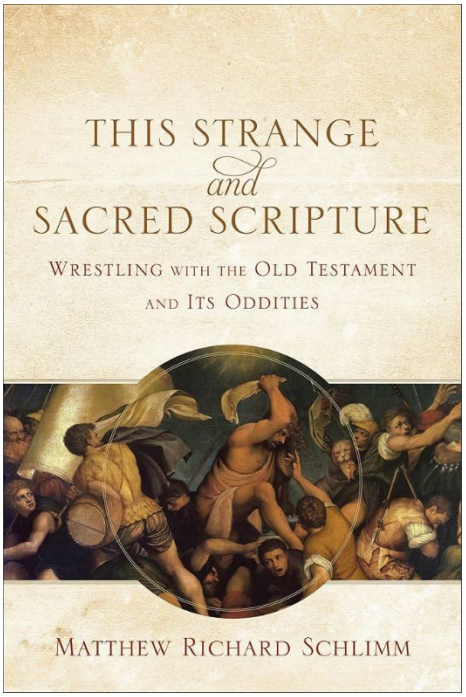
Dr. Matthew Schlimm

Our Thursday Night Out Speaker Series continues on November 19 as we welcome Dr. Matthew Schlimm for an evening of fellowship, dinner, and conversation about faith and Christian living.

Dr. Schlimm is a biblical scholar and author of *This Strange and Sacred Scripture: Wrestling with the Old Testament and Its Oddities*. His book invites readers to approach the Old Testament not as a collection of difficult passages to be explained away, but as Scripture worth engaging with thoughtfully, even when it challenges our assumptions or raises uncomfortable questions.

Those participating in our Thursday morning men's and women's Bible studies may already be familiar with his work. Both groups have been reading and discussing *This Strange and Sacred Scripture* this fall, exploring how the Old Testament continues to speak to Christians today.

The Thursday Night Out Speaker Series provides an opportunity to hear from scholars and other thoughtful voices who help us explore questions of faith and Christian living. Whether you've been participating in the Bible studies or are simply interested in learning more about Scripture, we hope you'll join us.



The evening begins with Choral Evensong at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. and Dr. Schlimm's presentation at 6:30 p.m. Come for the entire evening or join us for whichever part fits your schedule.

Thursday Night Out: Pray. Eat. Grow.

5:30 p.m. — Choral Evensong
6:00 p.m. — Community Dinner
6:30 p.m. — Dr. Matthew Schlimm

"Since childhood, I have been passionate about the Bible. It's quite remarkable: for centuries, the church has claimed it's the very word of God. Yet, when we read its texts carefully, it's not at all what we expect. From creation to scandals to violence, the Bible surprises us."
–Matthew Schlimm

Serving Together

Serve with Habitat

Saturday, November 14 • 8:00 a.m.

Help build a brighter future for a local family while getting to know fellow parishioners. All experience levels are welcome!

Register online or sign up in the Parish Hall. Questions? Contact Fr. Nicholas at ncaccese@trinitybythecove.com.

Sharing Warmth and Love This Christmas

Pathways Early Learning Giving Tree

This Christmas season, Trinity-by-the-Cove will once again partner with Pathways Early Learning Coalition to share a little extra warmth and joy with children enrolled in their preschool programs in Immokalee.

Beginning Sunday, November 8, our Pathways Giving Tree will be in the Parish Hall, offering parishioners a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the life of a young child. Simply select a gift tag from the tree, purchase a children's blanket for that student, and return the blanket with its original tag attached. Gifts may be placed beneath the tree through **Sunday, December 6**.

A simple gift of a blanket can bring comfort, warmth, and a reminder that someone cares. Through the generosity of our Trinity family, we hope to make this Christmas season a little brighter for these young children.

Shopping for a Cause

The Holly and the Ivy Christmas Market at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church in Port Royal has been a Naples holiday tradition for seventy years. This year's Preview Party for parishioners only will be held on Friday, November 6 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (tickets are still available) and the Christmas Market for the public will be open on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall at 553 Galleon Drive. More than twenty carefully curated vendors will offer unique and beautiful gifts for everyone on your holiday list, including hand-made jewelry, accessories, clothing and delicious holiday food items.

Be sure to visit the Golden Mouse, which will be filled with antique and luxury items and stop by the Trinity Gourmet Canners and Trinity's bakers who will stock the Gingerbread House with cakes, cookies and breads to enjoy and gift.

To double your enjoyment of this special event, consider being a participant!

Donate beautiful items to the Golden Mouse...bake one of your favorite breads or cookies...volunteer to staff one of the Trinity booths. Help with set up on Thursday afternoon or tear down on Saturday at 1 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit a group of deserving charities, many of which are locally based. Please join us to enjoy this festive and merry shopping experience!

P.S. *The Mouse will be open again for donations beginning on November 11 and there will not be a Women of Trinity Lunch in November because of the Christmas Market.*

Pastoral Care

Continuing with my series, Pastoral Care in Everyday Life, November, the month when we gather in thanksgiving for the bounty of our lives and the people in our lives, is certainly an appropriate time to write about gratitude as pastoral care.

My mother used to tell me that she would rather give flowers to friends now, rather than at their funeral. To give flowers at their funeral made no sense if you really wanted to show someone you loved and cared for them. While I think flowers help ease the pain of loss for those who remain on this side of the eternal horizon, I can understand her point. The same thing can be said about gratitude.

Thanksgiving gatherings are opportunities to share our gratitude for the people in our lives. Often, we thank people for what they do for us, or what role they play. Perhaps this Thanksgiving we can tell each other we are grateful for who they are - that they are a beautiful soul who God has placed on our journey…that we are grateful to know them…that we value their friendship and love. What a beautiful gift of affirmation to one another! Expressing our gratitude is pastoral care to the people who reflect the love of God to us.

We must offer this expressed gratitude at this time, while we still can. My mother gave flowers; some people write notes; others simply take a moment while looking in their eyes and say, "Thank you for being in my life." Don't wait for later; that opportunity might not come.

Paul told his friends he was grateful for them. He wrote this message to the church in Philippi while in prison, "I thank God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you." (Philippians 1:3-4).

Gratitude reminds us that much of God's goodness comes to us through our relationships with other people. When we recognize that goodness, give thanks for it and express that thanks, we are giving our loved ones a precious gift. And we honor the love of God made visible in the lives of those around us. –*Mthr. Marcella*

Invite. Welcome. Connect.

Why Fellowship Matters

Sometimes fellowship begins with something as simple as a pot of coffee, a pitcher of iced tea, or a platter of goodies. After worship, people linger for a few minutes, introduce themselves, and start a conversation they never expected to have. In those ordinary moments, a visitor can feel noticed, a newcomer can feel welcomed, and a stranger can begin to feel at home.

We have already seen beautiful examples of this. Several new members who had experienced loss found one another and discovered comfort in talking with people who understood. Their shared conversation did not erase the sadness, but it made the burden feel a little less lonely. On another occasion, two guests were delighted to discover that they came from the same area of a country halfway around the world. What were the chances? Yet they showed up, began talking, and found an unexpected connection.

That is why fellowship matters. It gives us room to listen, laugh, share stories, and recognize something of ourselves in another person. It changes a church from a place we attend into a community where we are known, supported, and invited to belong.

This November brings many chances to gather and connect. Shop at our festive Christmas Market, and bring a friend or neighbor. Help with Habitat for Humanity and serve alongside others. Come to a Thursday evening Pray Eat Grow gathering for a meaningful midweek connection to church and friendship. Enjoy the November concert, or join a Solo Friends outing.

Each opportunity is more than an event on the calendar. It is a chance to show up, meet someone new, and make space for the conversation that may bring comfort, friendship, or joy. Come as you are—and consider inviting someone to come with you. You never know what connection may be waiting over a cup of coffee.

--Ann Hudon

Financial Statement

Trinity by the Cove
Financial Statement

	Actual September	Budget September	YTD Actual 2026	Annual Budget 2026	% Budget Used YTD
Revenues					
Operating Receipts					
Regular Giving	$181,254	$171,928	$1,765,450	$2,317,316	76.19%
Investments Used for Operation	$78	$80	$419	$251,000	0.17%
Other Operating Receipts	$1,623	$425	$14,837	$13,600	109.10%
Total Operating Receipts	$182,955	$172,433	$1,780,706	$2,581,916	68.97%
Non-Operating Receipts					
Outreach Receipts	$411	$0	$33,899	$0	0.00%
Other Non-Operating Receipts	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00%
Total Non-Operating Receipts	$411	$0	$33,899	$0	0.00%
Total Revenues	$183,366	$172,433	$1,814,605	$2,581,916	70.28%
Expenses					
Operating Expenses					
Clergy, Office and Sunday Staff	$108,001	$98,920	$808,025	$1,048,908	77.03%
Operations Support	$15,046	$13,896	$216,284	$364,763	59.29%
Buildings & Grounds Support	$36,919	$27,799	$300,565	$394,423	76.20%
Christian Education Support	$586	$4,566	$17,698	$66,700	26.53%
Music Support	$24,642	$28,515	$255,886	$401,517	63.73%
Worship Support	$1,480	$1,335	$24,563	$42,479	57.82%
Fellowship Support	$3,942	$4,073	$20,025	$34,355	58.29%
Pastoral Care Support	$93	$167	$531	$2,000	26.55%
Diocesan Assessment	$18,481	$18,481	$166,328	$221,771	75.00%
Total Operating Expenses	$209,190	$197,752	$1,809,905	$2,576,916	70.24%
Non-Operating Expenses					
Outreach Expenses	$0	$0	$0	$5,000	0.00%
Parochial Fees	($410)	$0	$0	$0	0.00%
Other Non-Operating Expenses	$0	$0	$0	$0	0.00%
Total Non-Operating Expenses	($410)	$0	$0	$5,000	0.00%
Total Expenses	$208,780	$197,752	$1,809,905	$2,581,916	70.10%
Net Total	($25,414)	($25,319)	$4,700	$0	0.00%

Save the Dates

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

Advent Quiet Morning

8:30 a.m.-Noon • Parish Hall
Begin Advent with a quiet morning led by Br. Lain Wilson of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, with time for reflection, prayer, and Holy Eucharist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

Cookie Sunday

10:00 a.m. • Parish Hall
Gather across the generations to decorate Christmas cookies and share in the joy and expectation of Advent.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 & 13

Music at Trinity Christmas Concerts

Saturday 5:00 p.m. • Parish Hall
Sunday 4:00 p.m. • Parish Hall
The Trinity-by-the-Cove Choir joins musicians from Artis-Naples for our annual celebration of cherished Christmas music and carols.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. • Waterfront
7:30 & 10:00 p.m. • Parish Hall
Celebrate the Nativity with the Blessing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist on the waterfront, or with sacred music and Holy Eucharist in the Parish Hall.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. • Parish Hall
Celebrate Christmas Day with Holy Eucharist, organ music, and traditional Christmas hymns.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Epiphany Pageant & Dinner

4:30 p.m. • Trinity-by-the-Cove
Mark Epiphany with an intergenerational pageant and dinner as we begin our seasonal Saturday Vigil Service.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Music at Trinity Concert Valencia Baryton Project

4:00 p.m. • Parish Hall
Music at Trinity welcomes the Valencia Baryton Project, bringing new life to the distinctive sound and repertoire of this rarely heard instrument.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

Annual Meeting

5:00 p.m. • Parish Hall
Join us for an evening of fellowship, good food, and a shared vision for Trinity's future. We'll gather as a parish community for our annual business meeting and hear the latest updates on the progress of our church replication project. Childcare will be available upon request.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

The Art of Giving

5:00 p.m. • Parish Hall, Courtyard & Waterfront
Save the date for an evening of fellowship and music supporting Community Grants, featuring musicians from the Naples Philharmonic and the Ben Allen Band.

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Standing Notices

- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated at the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). Baptisms are reserved for these occasions or when the Bishop is present.

- The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is offered to members of the parish, in good standing, and members of their immediate family. Lent is not a suitable season.

- It is expected for the parish office to be informed when a member of the parish is hospitalized in order to secure the ministrations of the church.

Vestry

Jeanne Feight, *Senior Warden*
Sam Sked, *Junior Warden*
Charlie Chesebrough
Christine Dickemper
Pat Fordyce
Anne Foster
Mark Goebel
Paul Hauser
Ed Hyer
Kathryn Morgan
Paul Perry
Fran Piscitelli
Helene McGill, *Treasurer*

October Visitors, Guests, New Members

Libby Peacock
Carole Stine
John Chapin
Eunice Murray
Diane Stout
Cara Gore
Carol McEntee
Elisa Sullivan
Lisa & Chris Hughes
Miriam Abreu

October Baptisms

Olavine Margaret Godfrey, October 4, 2026

October Weddings

Catherine Franklin & Brian Schultz, October 2, 2026