

Mission Statement

Guided by Holy Scripture and the Holy Spirit, we the congregation of Holy Trinity pledge our lives to Christ. Through worship, love, and service to one another, we will bring witness and encouragement to the community.

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Service Times for January 31 – February 7

Sunday, January 31	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
Epiphany 4	Baptism/Eucharist (BAS)	10:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 4	Holy Eucharist (BCP)	9:30 a.m.
Sunday, February 7	Holy Communion (BCP)	8:30 a.m.
Last after Epiphany	Morning Prayer (BAS)	10:30 a.m.
Food Bank Sunday	Prayer & Healing/Eucharist	7:00 p.m.
Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10	1 Cor. 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
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Welcome Everyone. A special welcome to anyone who is visiting with us this morning. Please introduce yourself to our Greeters and Clergy, and sign our guest book located in the foyer.

Baptism Today. At the 10:30 a.m. service, we will welcome into the Church and into God's family at Holy Trinity *Jackson Walter Frank Strowbridge*, infant son of Catherine & James Strowbridge. A special welcome to any of their family and friends who may be attending the baptism from out of town.

Festival of Praise. Holy Trinity Church Choir will be singing at the Festival of Praise on Tuesday, February 2 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Please plan to attend and show your support for our choir. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Sidesmen Association Meeting. There will be a meeting this Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Vestry Room.

Eucharistic Assistants in Training. Thank you to Hubert Griffin, Ann Shears, David Mercer and Fred Pafford for their interest in this very important ministry. They will now be scheduled to take part in services of Holy Eucharist/Communion. It is our hope to have Bishop David issue their licenses when he comes for Confirmation in May.

Takeout Chili Lunch. The Vestry is holding a Chili Lunch on Friday, February 26, from 11:30 – 1:30 in the E.M. Bishop Hall. This is a fundraiser in support of the Diocesan Syrian Refugee project. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any member of Vestry. We are looking for a few volunteers to cook a pot of chili. If you are interested, please contact Dolly (489-9364) for the recipe.

Youth Alpha/Confirmation Group. Please keep the young people in prayer as they continue to learn about their Christian faith. This week's topic is **How Can We Have Faith?** The young people participating in Youth Alpha this year are *Amber Barnes, Adrian Brown, Shauna Fisce, Page Hennesey, Samuel Hulan, Jacob Lambert, Andrea Lewis, Benjamin Oldford, Alexandra Poole, Andrew Sheehan. Alpha leaders and helpers are Linda and Fred Pafford, Barbara Leyte, Tracey Hulan, Jessica Hulan, and Robert Lambert.* Most of the young people doing the course will continue with further Confirmation preparation to be confirmed in May.

Diocesan Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat. The Retreat will be taking place at St. Catherine's Renewal Centre this week, February 2 – 4. Please keep Bishop David and all the clergy in your prayers as they meet together in fellowship, reflection and meditation. The Retreat Leader is Bishop Ron Cutler, Bishop of Nova Scotia & P.E.I. He also served in our Diocese in the past as Rector of Twillingate Parish.

Altar Guild Members. There will be a Corporate Communion and Breakfast next Sunday, February 7 at 8:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Also, if any Altar Guild members have purificators at home, please return them to the church as soon as possible

The Youth Group from Evangel Pentecostal Church. The Youth Group (which includes youth from all dominations) will be attending the Ash Wednesday Service, February 10 at Holy Trinity at 7:30 p.m. We encourage all our young people to come to this service and have a time of fellowship with the Youth Group downstairs after the service. Refreshments will be served.

Valentine's Banquet. A banquet will be held Saturday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the E.M. Bishop Hall. Cost is \$12.50 per dinner. Following the dinner, there will be a short session on *Healthy Eating Healthy Aging* by a health professional sponsored by Food First NL. Freeman Piercey will entertain us with music and song. Contact Hubert Griffin or Randell Hulan or sign your name on the signup sheet available at the back and side entrances to reserve your dinner. **Only 100 dinners.**

Rev. Randy is interested in talking to anyone that would be interested in being part of a possible refugee committee. As you can see from the enclosed bulletin insert, Gander is now ready to welcome three Syrian Refugee families very soon. This is something our entire diocese has been a big part of. Rev. Randy would like to see more initiative coming from our own town and is in the process of gauging potential support to get further involved to the point of being able to be possibly bring a refugee family to Grand Falls–Windsor. We have been involved in this kind of work in the past, and with a group of dedicated volunteers, we can help make a better life for a family. If Gander can bring three families, surely our larger town can do more than we have been doing thus far. This is something that goes further than denominational borders--it should be a community effort. If this is something you are interested in, please speak to Rev. Randy.

Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

We have some very exciting news. The Gander Refugee Committee, of which our Diocese is a part, has applied for three Syrian refugee families. Our Diocesan Funding along with funding from residents and other organizations in the town of Gander will support these families financially, as well as through friendship and encouragement.

While our families will be settled in Gander, each and every one of you, throughout the Diocese, who have supported them with your prayers and financial resources are a very big part of this effort. I know there continues to be fundraisers as well as prayer. I encourage your continuing prayerful support. May God continue to bless you and all those involved in this ministry.

The Gander Refugee Outreach Committee has a website which you may like to visit from time to time <http://www.refugeeoutreach.ca>. The site outlines a selection of stories around fundraising efforts, and I expect as we get closer to receiving our families this will be a site to check.

Improving Health. *My Way* is a chronic disease Self-Management Program offered by Central Health and supported by our Holistic Health Team at Holy Trinity. This program is offered through workshops taught by two trained leaders, one or both of whom have a chronic condition. The workshops complement other programs such as diabetes education or cardiac rehab. Please register by calling 884-4282. Registration is required as each workshop size is limited.

Parish Website. The website is under construction. Stephen Lewis, member of our congregation is redesigning the site and will maintain it on a regular basis. He will have the website up and running in a couple of weeks. We encourage you to regularly forward to Stephen any pictures or items that may be helpful to put on the site.

Season of Lent Is Fast Approaching. Lent is a period of fasting leading up to Easter. It recalls Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness. As always, we will be holding our midweek services each Wednesday in Lent at 7:30 p.m. This year we will be using a series titled *Living Lent!* Each service will focus on a word to consider while living Lent as Easter people. It will highlight the ways in which the passion narratives of Christ take on more significant meaning for us when we see them through the lens of the empty tomb. Each service helps us see that we are always alive in Christ, who died and was raised. We hope that many parishioners will make this Lenten journey with us each week of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10. At that time, there will be the blessing and distribution of ashes for those who would like to participate, a short talk, and a communion service in which you are invited to partake.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The supper will be held on Tuesday, February 9 starting at 5 p.m. We are looking for donations of items, such as pancake mix, syrup, sausages, etc. We will need volunteers to help with the setting up, cooking, serving of food and cleaning up. Tickets for the supper are now available from Rev. Randy or Eunice March.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation. The meeting will be on Sunday, February 28 in the E.M. Bishop Hall. All members of the parish are invited to attend. There will be a brief worship time at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

Annual Reports. Anyone who is submitting a report must give it to Rev. Randy by Sunday, February 14. The reports need to be printed in preparation for the meeting.

Greeters Today. Fred & Linda Pafford, Hubert Griffin, Margaret Pomeroy, Heather Howse

Notices for the Messenger. All articles are due by Thursday evening unless otherwise stated. Please send them to Linda at linda.pafford@nl.rogers.com or call 489-9801.

