

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS - DECEMBER 8, 2024

### Trinity Greeting Cards for Sale

Trinity window cards for sale after the 10:30 service on Sundays. \$15 for five cards, \$5 for one. They make great Christmas cards, hostess gifts, sympathy cards, etc. All proceeds benefit the restoration of our treasured windows.

### Christmas Flower Donations

Many parishioners wish to donate to the decorating of the church at Christmas. This is gratefully accepted. To facilitate this, you can use the flower envelope found in the church pews or donate electronically <https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopa93948/give/flowers>. Donations made by **December 16** will be included in the Christmas worship guide. Thank you for helping make Trinity the beautiful inviting place that it is with both the gifts of your presence and the gifts you donate.



### Angel Tree - Opportunities to Share Your Blessings

As you prepare for the holiday season, please consider sharing your blessings with Compass House, Hamlin Park Academy, and Justice for Migrant Families.

In the 1970s, Trinity helped establish Compass House, which provides a safe space for runaway and homeless youth and teens. Justice for Migrant Families is not just another tenant at Trinity. As a sanctuary church, Trinity embraces the mission of this organization as our own. We support their important work by providing office space for them and participating as volunteers in some of their activities. Through Say Yes Buffalo, Trinity has had a partnership with Hamlin Park Academy since the fall of 2016. Trinity has provided school supplies, clothing, books, and volunteers to assist the students in the school.

Trinity is collecting \$25 gift cards for these organizations now through **Sunday, December 15**. Hamlin Park prefers Tops gift cards but any gift cards would be appreciated. If you want to donate cash we would be happy to purchase gift cards for you. There will be envelopes in the back of the church if you want to make a donation during our Sunday offerings or mail in a donation. Thank you for your generosity.

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### Greening of the Church and Lessons & Carols

'Tis the Season to be... decorating and eating!

On **Sunday, December 22 @10:30** our Lessons & Carols service will be combined with the Greening of the Church. Join in for the transformation of the church as we light the trees and spread the greens. The cleaning of the church, such as brass polishing and window decorating, wreath hanging and more will be held on this day too. All hands are needed; the more the merrier and the lighter the load!

### Darkness into Light: When the Christmas Spirit Eludes You

On **Sunday, December 22 @7 pm**, Trinity will hold a special evening service for persons who are struggling with Christmas this year. You may be experiencing grief or loss, sadness or depression. For any reason, if you can't quite conjure up Christmas joy, Trinity would like to meet you where you are, give you some empathy, and share this evening of readings, Krista's music, and a communion service. Simple reception to follow. Service also available on Zoom.

### Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

Our Christmas Eve Pageant and Communion service will be offered **@3:00**. If you have a child or grandchild you would like to see in the pageant, please arrive **by 2:30pm** to get into costume. See Colleen O'Neill with any questions. All children will be included! No rehearsal needed!

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## Christmas Week Worship Schedule

Please join:

Sunday, December 22 10:30am service - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Lessons and Carols and Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 22 7:00pm service - Darkness into Light Service

Tuesday, December 24 3:00pm service - Christmas Eve Service and Children's Pageant

As usual, there will be no services held on Christmas Day, including the weekly Wednesday noon service.

Thursday, December 26 7:00pm service - 12 Steps@Trinity based on 12-step spirituality

Sunday, December 29 10:30 service

Thursday, January 2 7:00pm service - 12 Steps@Trinity based on 12-step spirituality

Please note that on Sunday, December 29, there will be no nursery services or Creator Quest during the 10:30 service.

Sunday, Dec 29: NO Trinity @7

There is no Wednesday at noon service on December 25 or January 1.

## Visiting Trinity

The church is open by appointment for private prayer or meditation. Contact our parish administrator, Colleen O'Neill, at [coneill@trinitybuffalo.org](mailto:coneill@trinitybuffalo.org) to schedule an appointment.

## Explore Buffalo

Learn more about Trinity's windows and the impact they have had on American art history. Share this Buffalo treasure with your friends! Explore Buffalo leads tours of Trinity's windows as part of its Sacred Spaces series. Check the website listed below or scan the QR code for the schedule. <https://explorebuffalo.org/sacred-spaces/trinity-episcopal-church/>



## Comfort and Care Team

The Comfort and Care Team is here to help and support you or someone you know experiencing health or other life challenges. Email any one of us to request prayers, a caring phone call, notes, information on resources, a friendly visit, or arranging meals.

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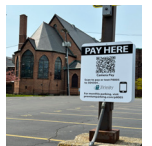
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## Volunteer Opportunities With One of our Partners

Creative Restorations is seeking dedicated volunteers to assist with the operation of our food pantry, which serves those in need in our community. We are looking for help on **Mondays** from **9am-Noon**, **Wednesdays** from **12-3pm**, and **Fridays** from **3-6pm**. If you are interested in lending a hand and making a difference, please reach out to Chris Harzynski at 716-553-4886. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

## Parking at Trinity's Franklin Street Lot

When you come to a church service, you can park in Trinity's Franklin Street lot for free. Neither will the parking fees be enforced during Trinity events. But you can use the lot any other time you are in the neighborhood, too! Park in your church's lot any time you would have to pay for parking in the neighborhood so that Trinity gets the parking fee! Use your smartphone to pay.



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