

**CHURCH OF THE TRINITY**  
**323 East Lincoln Highway**  
**Coatesville, PA 19320**



**November 2025**

# Trinity Topics

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In the Middle Ages, long before Catholics and Protestants separated into different traditions, Nov. 11 was a big deal: It was the feast of St. Martin, a soldier in the 4th century, who, legend has it, cut up his red cloak of the Roman army to share with a beggar who was cold. This beggar turned out to be Jesus. For Christians in the Middle Ages, this date marked an enormous feast - people would celebrate and indulge - because these earlier Christians would start their quiet period of Advent earlier than we do, right after this feast.

I think St. Martin of Tours' story is a perfect one for us to reflect on as we move from fall into winter. As I write this, we are looking to another election. Food programs have halted due to the government shutdown and threaten to leave many of our neighbors hungry. International uncertainties are too numerous to count, but a massive storm in the Caribbean is ravaging Jamaica.

What is a faithful response to this? How can we, united in our diversity, answer the call as St. Martin did when a poor beggar came to him in need? How can we serve Jesus by serving our neighbors when they are in need?

Trinity is always faithful to the faithful God who calls us to God's work. This month, however, we have several specific ways we can live into our baptismal covenant, including:

-Honoring veterans and first responders at our special service on Nov. 9 at 9:30 a.m.: Look for details to contribute to the brunch coffee hour. And most importantly: Invite someone! You probably know a vet or first responder - show your appreciation by sharing our appreciation for them!

-We have bags of donated clothing ready to be laundered so we can get them into the hands of those who need them. Can you do a load or two?

-We will travel to the VA nursing home on Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. to celebrate November birthdays of the residents. Want to join the party? Come along for the fun!

-We continue to sit on our steps to talk with and pray with our neighbors. We are bringing food items that can be taken home and prepared with little to no effort, since some of our neighbors live in substandard housing without a proper working kitchen or utilities. Join Kristen for these fun afternoons to connect with those who stroll by.

-We will begin the official time of Advent on Nov. 30 when we gather to not only make Advent wreaths to take home, but also we open our doors to anyone who wants to join us for dinner.

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This is another great opportunity to bring a friend so they can experience how warm our beautiful community is!

We have such a special place at Trinity: it's a place where everyone belongs, no matter how they vote, what they think about what's blasting on the news or social media, where they are from, or their background. This is what a church should be: Let's show the world who we are!

## Community News November 2025

### From Liz Hulse

A thought I wanted to share: I have been listening to an audiobook called *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. There is a scene where a particular horse, dearly loved by a young man, needs to take a boat ride. The young man insists on sleeping with the horse rather than taking more comfortable quarters. In explanation he says, the horse doesn't know anything about riding on boats but he knows me. This morning that story has spiritual meaning for me. I may not know anything about what life is dishing out to me today but I know the Spirit who looks after me and comforts me.

**Veterans:** Movie: *The Journey Home*-“a powerful film that shares the deeply personal stories of Veterans from the Veterans Brotherhood as they navigate healing, recovery, and connection after service.” Date: Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Time: 5:30 PM  
Location: VFW Post 845 at 4601 Lincoln Highway, Downingtown, PA 19335 If you'd like to learn more or register to attend you can go to:  
<https://tinyurl.com/TJH11-13> You can also contact Kayla Shaffer at [kayoshaff@gmail.com](mailto:kayoshaff@gmail.com)

**Health:** Free Blood Pressure screenings every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 1:00-2:30 at BVAA (the Coatesville Senior Center) 250 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Coatesville

Nov. 6 1:00pm Cardiac Support Group: Speaker on Artificial Intelligence and Cardiology. Virtual or in-person through Penn Medicine. You can register at 610-738-2300 If you have questions, contact the Nurse Navigator Line at 610-220-0432 or Cardiac Rehab at 610-738-2410. You may also email [cch@uphs.upenn.edu](mailto:cch@uphs.upenn.edu).

**Transportation & Youth Programs:** Coatesville Youth Initiative is able to offer free transportation on Link or Septa to human services. You can contact Samantha Carter at 610-380-0200 ext 207 or [samantha@coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org](mailto:samantha@coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org) CYI also has programs such as Game Changers, Tuesdays 4-5:30 for youth grades (I think) 6-12<sup>th</sup>. There is a Parent's Café on Mondays from 11:30-1:00 Contact Samantha to double check details for each week. CYI is located at 545 E. Lincoln Hwy, Coatesville. [www.coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org](http://www.coatesvilleyouthinitiative.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Coatesville Youth and Women's Association (CYWA): [cywa.org/volunteer/](http://cywa.org/volunteer/) and Volunteer English Program [volunteerenglish.org](http://volunteerenglish.org)

**If you have questions, corrections or comments about anything in this article feel free to email Liz Hulse at [liztrinity323@gmail.com](mailto:liztrinity323@gmail.com)**



**Brendan McWilliams 1-Nov**  
**Sarah Heston 1-Nov**  
**McKinley White 1-Nov**  
**Nya Lewis 3-Nov**  
**Donna Fleck 4-Nov**  
**Eugene Mulholland 8-Nov**  
**Dennis Dantzler 10-Nov**  
**Patricia Kirkner 15-Nov**  
**Stuart Deets 18-Nov**  
**Michael Lemodetis 19-Nov**  
**Sarina Baynard 22-Nov**  
**Nora Bush 29-Nov**  
**Caroline Kirwin 29-Nov**

**Kenneth & Caitlyn Hanna 5-Nov**  
**Robin & Bill McWilliams 17-Nov**  
**Alfred Sr & Evelyn Carey 25-Nov**

### Readers, Servers and Greeters for November 2025

Date	Readers	Psalm	Prayers
11/2	Vic Shanley	Bill Terry	Chris Haak
11/9	Minnie Kirwin	Pat Bush	Deborah Murray
11/16	James Gaddy	Kent Nation	Paul Shidlowksi
11/23	Pat Bush	Greg Bentley	Erika Haak
11/30	Vic Shanley	Deborah Murray	Bill Terry

		<b>NOVEMBER</b>				<b>2025</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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						<b>NA 10AM</b> <b>SH Rented</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study in Stone Hall 1130AM-1PM</b>	<b>AA 7PM</b>	<b>Kitchen Rented</b>	<b>Healing Service Zoom 12PM</b>		<b>NA 10AM</b> <b>SH Rented</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Heroes Service</b>	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study in Stone Hall 1130AM-1PM</b>	<b>AA 7PM</b>	<b>Deanery Meeting Stone Hall 1130Am-3PM</b>	<b>Healing Service Zoom 12PM</b>		<b>NA 10AM</b> <b>SH Rented</b>	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	
<b>Kitchen Rented</b>	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study in Stone Hall 1130AM-1PM</b>	<b>AA 7PM</b>		<b>Healing Service Zoom 12PM</b>		<b>NA 10AM</b> <b>SH Rented</b>	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	
	<b>Brown Bag Bible Study in Stone Hall 1130AM-1PM</b>	<b>AA 7PM</b>		<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>		<b>NA 10AM</b> <b>SH Rented</b>	
<b>30</b>							
<b>SH Rented</b>							

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**Mission Statement**

**Church of the Trinity is a congregation rooted in the faith and love of Christ, unified in diversity, seeking to grow and nourish the Trinity family and our Coatesville community.**

**Service Schedule:**

**Holy Eucharist:  
Sundays: 9:30 AM**

**Church School  
Sundays: 9:15 AM**

**Healing Service  
Thursdays via Zoom:  
12:00 PM**

**Jamoca Harkins,  
Parish Administrator  
*Parish Office Hours:*  
Monday - Thursday: 4-7 PM**