

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH PUMPKIN PATCH

The Trinity Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch

With the 2026 Pumpkin Patch fast approaching, we will soon be embarking on our 34th season. We have weathered hurricanes, national crisis, rainy days, sunny hot days, frigid cold ones, and beautiful days and evenings that simply take your breath away while witnessing God's awesome sunsets. We have become a symbol of fall in Pass Christian.

We began in 1992 with ¼ of a truckload and now schedule 2+ full loads. This growth indicates how the community, near and far, appreciate and support our Pumpkin Patch. We know they have other options to purchase a pumpkin that is less expensive. But they continue to come to us because of our Service and Efforts to make it not just a place to buy a pumpkin, but a destination. The funds we earn go back out into the community in the form of many Outreach Programs.

New and return customers are attracted by our site location, decorations, and friendly volunteers and these are what continue to bring them back year after year. We have become part of their tradition, extended families and friends meet to take pictures and choose just the proper pumpkin for their fall celebrations, Cruisers stop by, new parents and grandparents proudly take pictures of babies, others bring their pets for their holiday pictures, and people on vacation or simply out for a drive are drawn in by the sight of thousands of pumpkins on our beautiful green lawn across the highway from the white sand beach and sparkling water.

There are many ways in which others can participate to help make the Pumpkin Patch a continued success.

***First, and foremost,** pray for us to have the volunteers we need to unload, run the day-to-day activities, and that everyone has a safe and wonderful experience.

***Volunteer** to work a shift to welcome our patrons, offer to take pictures, measure pumpkins, write receipts, hand out the free activity sheets and visitor stickers to the children, make change or handle the square credit purchases. Also, visit with the other volunteers and build friendships.

***Help on Delivery Days** to unload the truck, pass out water and Gatorade, handle the sales table, and pass out pizza after the truck is empty.

***Pumpkin Stewardship:** turn the pumpkins, look for and remove bruised ones to pallets behind the pavilion, restock shelves, mark ant hills with flags and move pumpkins away from them.

***Volunteer on Field Trip Days** to write names on pumpkins and enjoy the excitement of the students as they choose their own pumpkin and walk amid the rows of large ones.

If you have a heart to serve, please come join us in this worthy Community Tradition.

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