



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

Happy Labor Day weekend! When I was a child, I had no idea what Labor Day was about. People talked about it as the end of summer, but I had been back in school at least a week or two before the holiday--and I didn't quite understand why we needed a day off so soon after starting (not that I complained!). It mostly seemed to be a time to celebrate shopping and picnics. And eventually when I learned more about the word, "labor," I associated it with physical exertion ("so that's why we have Labor Day, because we just relax!") and with childbirth ("Maybe Labor Day honors expectant mothers!"). In due course, I learned that the holiday gives paid laborers a day off, but it was not until I was an adolescent leftist in rural Texas that I learned that Labor Day is a celebration of the labor movement. The first Labor Day was held in New York City in September 1882. Just as the first Pride march was not so much a celebration as a protest, the first Labor Day was a strike. Workers organized by the city's Central Labor Union took part in a political action by joining the first Labor Day parade. They wanted an eight hour workday and a six day working week. The labor movement succeeded in humanizing work practices so well over the next several decades that its successes became largely invisible to a child growing up in the 1980s and early 90s--interestingly, also a time when unions had lost much of their power in the face of globalization and the deregulatory zeal of the Reagan Revolution's war on big government. While the first Labor Day was a strike and a political protest not at all resembling what most of us do on our "end of summer" holiday, after the workers' parade, everyone went to a massive picnic--so one thing hasn't changed in our celebration. One reporter the first Labor Day opined that the whole day was like "one long political barbecue, with rather dull speeches." So, this year, as I approach Labor Day, I feel that I have joined in spirit with those original strikers, after Monday's Zoom call organized by New Jersey Together. Over 25 Trinity parishioners joined more than 2,000 other New Jersey residents for a call to action with several of the state's top leaders, including U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, State Senate President Stephen Sweeney, and State General Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin. It was not always the most exciting 1.5 hours (although I would hesitate to describe any of the content as "rather dull speeches"), but the gathering accomplished its purpose. In the presence of 2,000 voters, state leaders committed to working with New Jersey Together to seek tangible improvements in racial equity, criminal justice reform, and affordable housing. We should feel proud of our efforts. A big thank you to all of you from Trinity who joined in the call!

Don't worry if you missed the call--we have several special events coming up to learn and act for social justice--starting this Wednesday, with the second installment of our Social Justice Film Discussion Series (this month focuses on economic justice, with Noam Chomsky's *Requiem for the American Dream*), then the Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice next Saturday, a Zoom conference on reparations in partnership with St. Augustine's on Sept. 16, and a Sunday adult education forum on Sept. 27 featuring the author J. Chester Johnson speaking about his book *Damaged Heritage: The Elaine Race Massacre and a Story of Reconciliation*. That's in addition to ongoing, weekly opportunities to serve our community, like the Food Pantry and Saturday Soup. There are so many ways to get involved at Trinity.

Speaking of ways to serve, I've been spotlighting different volunteer opportunities each week, and there are so many ways that I'm still writing about ministries within the setting of the Mass. Today, we're shining the light on LEMs (Lay Eucharistic Ministers). Jerry Spanarkel remarks, "Being a Eucharistic Minister provides me the opportunity to do service for the most important aspect of the church - the people." LEMs at Trinity have two main roles in serving the people of the church: 1) to assist with the administration of communion by passing the chal-

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Providing **healing**, proclaiming **hope** & practicing **God's unconditional love.**

Worship at Trinity

Powerful, joyful and Spirit-filled worship that is reverent, warm and inviting, with uplifting music and preaching!

Sundays:

- 8 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
A gentle, said service (no music)
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Joyous, recorded music
- 5 PM Santa Eucaristia**

Monday-Friday:

7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home

Wednesdays:

6:00 PM Evening Prayer via Zoom

Please see the notes section for information on each service!

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PASTORAL SERVICES AND SACRAMENTS: Contact Jill Osis in the parish office for all non-emergency pastoral needs: Baptisms, the rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (personal confession & counsel), Blessing of Marriage & Unions, communion for the sick and homebound, or visits to the hospital.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact the office for information

PANTRY & SATURDAY SOUP KITCHEN: During this State of Emergency, The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 11 AM-1 PM and On Saturday, a hot meal is served at Noon. Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)
Russell Bennett, Daniella Cundiff, Patty Forbes, Tim Lush,
Bill Presutti, Carol Scollay, Jerry Spanarkel, Denise Surman,
and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestry-wardens@trinitynj.com

Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Marie Annunziata	Oksana Bajko	John Asfour
Andrew	Faye Hudson	Mary Kate Cooper Moses	Emily Katz
Yvonne	Bradley Mott	Ruth Huber	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list or would like to add someone else (*please get their permission first*), please email prayer@trinitynj.com or call Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 by the Tuesday before you would like the name to appear in the bulletin. Names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks, and can be readded upon request.

Trinity Cycle of Prayer During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11 Kristina, Bridget,
Barbara Armbruster	Charlotte Artis	John Asfour	Jennifer and Olivia	Jane, Oliver, and
			Bagdanov	Caroline Smith-Bannon

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ices of wine and grape juice and 2) To assist with the pageantry and practicalities of the service, from carrying the cross, torches, and gospel book to receiving the elements and the offering plates and assisting the deacon in setting the table and the priest in ritually washing her/his/their hands before the Eucharistic prayer.

Eucharistic Ministers generally find their service to be highly rewarding and spiritually meaningful. Patty Reynolds writes that "It is such an honor to participate in the intricacies of mass: the processions with candles, the receiving the elements and gifts, the washing of hands, the offering of the Cup. But what I feel most of all is the love of God that we all share in the small moments when our eyes meet during these brief exchanges of giving and receiving. There is a shared knowing of something beyond us and among us that is only present to me in these encounters. It's mystical really! I am so grateful to have had this life enhancing experience."

Charlie Hagon writes, "This scripture seems fitting to me when I consider what a privilege it has been to serve as a LEM:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Peter 4:10-11, ESV)"

I give thanks for LEMs and all of you who serve at Trinity, who share your gifts as good stewards of God's varied grace. May you all enjoy a happy Labor Day, as we remember the gifts and sacrifices of organized labor in this and every land. In closing, I offer the Episcopal Church's Collect for Labor Day (Book of Common Prayer, p. 261):

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Peace, Father Chase

Saturday and Wednesday Holy Eucharist Returns This Month!

We are excited to announce that 2 more of our weekly services will be resuming this month. Our Saturday 5pm "Come as You Are" Holy Eucharist restarts on Saturday, September 12 and our Wednesday evening 6:30pm said Holy Eucharist restarts on Wednesday, September 23. Our Wednesday 6pm Zoom Evening Prayer service will move to Tuesdays beginning Tuesday, September 22nd. All safety protocol in place will be followed for these additional services. Watch for service sign-ups in next week's eblasts!

NEW Wednesday 5pm Outdoor Bible Sharing ~ Begins Sept. 9

Welcome one and all! On Wednesday nights this fall we will undertake Bible Sharing together outside at the church! Come gather at 5pm in the open air. Wearing masks, we will unfold our lawn chairs and we shall sit study and discuss the Fruits of the Spirit for four Wednesdays starting September 9th! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend! Questions? Call Joanie McCoy @908-216-5529

Social Justice Film Series: *Requiem for an American Dream* ~ Wed. Sept 9 from 7-8pm

We are happy to continue a new program of spiritual formation and social justice awareness. Our Social Justice at Trinity Film Series will focus on various social justice issues concerning racial, gender, health, LGBTQIATS+, economic, environmental, and disability justice issues.

For our Second film we will watch and discuss *Requiem for an American Dream*. You may watch the film for free in your leisure time here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZnuc-Fv_Tc On Wednesday, September 9th from 7-8 pm we will come together for a Zoom discussion led by Father Chase, Deacon Carolyn, and Derek Minno Bloom. Sign up by emailing Derek at derek@trinitynj.com. About the *Requiem for an American Dream* Film: Renowned academic and author Noam Chomsky elucidates 10 principles of concentration of wealth and power that have led to unprecedented inequality and the hollowing out of the American middle and lower class.

Zoom Info for the Film Discussion on September 9:

Meeting ID: 813 1123 9085 Passcode: 061191 Dial In: +16465588656 (New York)

Riding for Justice! The Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice is Coming Next Week!

Riding for Justice! The Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice is next week! We have raised almost \$15,000 and are up to 40 riders. Please spread the below info to family and friends! We are so encouraged and thankful for this support for food justice in our community! During this pandemic, the need for Food Justice has been greater than ever as we continue to serve a growing number of individuals and families facing food insecurity. 100% of the funds raised will be used to support our Food Justice programs including Saturday Soup, our Food Pantry, Women's Hospitality Network, and Code Blue. The ride will be held on Saturday, September 12th, with a rain date of Saturday, September 19th. Rides of 15 miles, 30 miles, and 62 miles will be offered and fully supported. The ride will begin and end at Trinity. The ride will head north along the beautiful Jersey Shore coastline. We will be including a virtual ride option as well where you can ride on your own and send pictures! Registration is \$40 which will cover the cost of a t-shirt and ride support. We invite riders of all levels to join as individuals or as a team and to ride any distance that you are comfortable. We also need your financial support at this time, so if you are not able to ride, please consider supporting one of our teams or riders! You may sign up and/or donate by going to www.charityweb.net/trinitynj/justiceride

Thank you for your continued support!

Weiland/Posten Scholarship Applications Due September 15th

The Weiland/Posten Scholarship, given in memory of former Trinity parishioner Frank Weiland, is available annually to all members of Trinity enrolled in a post-secondary education program. This includes vocational and professional schools as well as colleges and universities. The applicant should be involved in the life of Trinity Church in some capacity. Applicants are encouraged to submit a letter to the church office detailing educational goals with evidence of acceptance into one of the post-secondary programs as listed above by September 15th. Details of participation in Trinity should also be noted. The letters will be reviewed by the vestry and the scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be granted by October 1st.

Trinity Morning Prayer: In-Person 2 Days a Week

We will now gather Tuesdays and Thursdays outside on the Trinity Church grounds at 7:30 am for Morning Prayer. Please bring your own chair or mat and a printout of the liturgy (link in our Friday eblast) or pull it up on a device. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, we will continue to pray individually from our homes.

NEW Adult Education Series Begins on Tuesday, September 22

For the fall, our adult education series will be held on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm. We will be using The Foundations of Faith series offered on the Diocesan YouTube channel. The series provides a basic outline of Christian theology through eight, 20 minute video presentations of prominent Christian thinkers, pastors and teachers from the Episcopal Church and other traditions. The series is moderated by Diocesan priests, The Rev. Kije Mugisha-Rwamasirabo and the Rev. Canon Dr. Kara Slade. We invite you to watch the video at your convenience and then join us from 7pm to 8pm for a discussion. For more information or to sign up for the series, please contact Deacon Carolyn at cbmswphd@gmail.com or at 732-768-5781

The Racial Justice Project at Trinity Presents:

Reparations: The What, How and Why AP Now ~ September 16

Join us on September 16th at 7PM for a free Racial Justice Project event: "Reparations: The What, How and Why AP Now", an evening of learning and discussion on the seminal topic of reparations. Speakers include: Aaron Greene, JD, associate counsel at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice in Newark, NJ, and Kerwin Webb, M. Div., Youth and Young Adult Pastor at Second Baptist Church of Asbury Park and also the President of the Greater Red Bank Area NAACP. The event will be followed with community Q&A so you leave with answers and resources to take the next step. The event will open in prayer with the Rev. Dr. William Ndishabandi, Rector of St. Augustine's Church, and close in prayer with our priest-in-charge, the Rev. Chase Danford. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reparations-the-what-how-and-why-ap-now-tickets-116313052471> to register for free! And please spread the word!

Author Talk and Discussion on White Supremacy and Violence: September 27 at Noon

Trinity Church invites you to join us for an online presentation, with Q&A, by J. Chester Johnson, author of *Damaged Heritage: The Elaine Race Massacre and a Story of Reconciliation* on Sunday, September 27 at noon, via Zoom. The Elaine Race Massacre, possibly the most significant racial attack against African-Americans in our country's history, occurred in the early fall of 1919 along the Mississippi River Delta in rural Phillips County, Arkansas. This Massacre serves as the backdrop for Johnson's memoir that recounts the effects of having grown up in southeast Arkansas. A large part of the book reflects Johnson's own views on the causation of generational repetition of American white racism. In addition, the book, as recounted by Johnson, describes a journey of racial reconciliation between himself and Sheila L. Walker, who wrote the Foreword to *Damaged Heritage* and who had several ancestors that were victims of the Massacre. You can order a copy of the book through the Asbury Book Cooperative (10 percent discount for forum participants) or your preferred bookseller.

Here is the Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 837 9724 2780 Passcode: 421642 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (NY)

Zoom Evening Prayer with Father Chase ~ Wednesdays at 6:00pm

You're invited to join us for an interactive online service of Evening Prayer, every Wednesday at 6 pm. The service will be held on Zoom. Please see below for information on how to join the Zoom service. Please contact the church office at office@trinitynj.com for help or with questions.

Here is the Zoom Information: Meeting ID 813 4398 6595 Password is 506730 Dial ins: +16465588656 (NY)

The St. Cecilia Guild nears fund-raising goal for the 2020-21 Program Year

Our beautiful music program at Trinity Episcopal Church is funded largely by the Saint Cecilia Guild. Funds raised by St. Cecilia have enabled us to add key professional section leaders (alto, soprano, bass, and tenor) to the volunteer choir that contributes so much to our worship. Our current fundraising drive for Saint Cecilia has collected 50% of our budget for the coming program year from faithful parishioners and friends of the music program. To help get us to our goal for the coming year, we are asking anyone who enjoys our music and wishes to support those professional singers in our choir to donate any amount—large or small—to the Saint Cecilia Guild as your circumstances may permit. As this is a separate fund and mission from the annual giving that supports the day to day upkeep of the church and its important outreach programs, we would like to remind you that funds paid to St Cecilia are accounted for outside any amounts you may have pledged and do not count towards fulfillment of an annual giving pledge.

Warmest thanks, Linda Stormes