



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday  
after Christmas

January 3, 2020

*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." (Luke 2:52)*

As we continue our journey through the Twelve Days of Christmas, you might notice something a bit curious: by Sunday, the tenth day of Christmas, Jesus is an adolescent, but three days later, on the Epiphany, he's back to an infant, being showered with gifts by the Magi. The seasons of the church year are not like our regular calendar. Instead, they cycle back and around and back again. I like to think of this as Kairos, God's time, breaking up the Chronos, our sequential human history.

This Sunday, our gospel reading tells the story of the twelve year old Jesus getting left behind in the Temple during his family's annual Passover trip to Jerusalem. When Mary and Joseph realize he is missing, they rush back to Jerusalem, but it takes them three days to find their son, in the Temple, having theological conversations with the teachers. Mary is understandably upset, but Jesus replies, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" We could read into his words and actions a bit of adolescent egoism and rebellion, but after he went back to Nazareth, the picture of obedience to his parents, his mother "treasured all these things in her heart." She knows he is a very special child. After all, the angel Gabriel had announced to her that he would be the Son of God.

The gospels tell us little of Jesus' formative years. This is the only story between his infancy and his adult ministry. I love this story because Jesus is depicted as both very human, with a smart-aleck retort, and other-worldly in his mysterious, precocious wisdom. Fully human and fully divine, as our Creeds say.

"Come, let us adore him." When we see the divine in the human, we are more likely to find our full humanity in our encounter with the Divine.

Peace,  
Father Chase

## 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/Holy Eucharist in the Church**  
*Bilingual service*

### Monday-Friday:

**7:30 AM Morning Prayer said in the home**

### Tuesdays:

**6:00 PM Evening Prayer via Zoom**

### Wednesdays:

**6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church**

*Please see the notes section for information on each service!*

## Connect with Us

### CONTACT US

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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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## Trinity Basics

### PARISH STAFF:

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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](mailto:Derek@TrinityNJ.com).

### PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)  
Russell Bennett, Patty Forbes, Charles Hagon, Bill Presutti,  
Carol Scollay, Jerry Spanarkel, Denise Surman, and Adrienne Wert  
You may contact the vestry at: [vestrywardens@trinitynj.com](mailto:vestrywardens@trinitynj.com)

## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Faye Hudson	Michelle Porter	Michael Ammach
Andrew	Barbara Muzychka	Fred Briard	Uncle Artie
Yvonne	Joanne	Tim Donahue	Dave Van Buskirk
Karl Kaufman	Mia Deverin	Amy	John
Marie Annunziata	Barbara Caparn-Nitzberg	Jamie O'Hara	Doreen Birdsall

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](mailto: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:

1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8
Melody & Robert Hartsgrove	Rose Hassan & Judy Piserchia	Andy, Nora, Otis, & Mae Place	Bill Haston & Ed Letizia	Eleanor Hayes

## News & Notes

### Celebrate the Epiphany on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30pm

The Feast of the Epiphany always falls on January 6, and this year, we will observe it at our weekly Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist. This year, we will celebrate the Visitation of the Magi with a bilingual mass in English and Spanish. Three Kings Day is an important occasion in many Spanish-speaking cultures, and this is an opportunity to build connections between our English-speaking and Spanish-speaking parishioners. We will also livestream the service on our YouTube page at [www.YouTube.com/trinityasburypark](http://www.YouTube.com/trinityasburypark).

### Adult Education Series: Epiphany Book Study ~ Begins January 12

For the Epiphany season, please join us in reading and discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. An Episcopal priest, Professor of Religion and author of 13 books, in this book Taylor is our guide through the spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find God even in darkness and giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know. We will meet via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm beginning on January 12 and concluding on Feb. 9. Please contact Deacon Carolyn at [cbmswphd@gmail.com](mailto:cbmswphd@gmail.com) to register or with any questions.

### Trinity's (Virtual) Annual Parish Meeting ~ Sunday, January 24, 2020 at Noon

Every year, in compliance with our parish by-laws, Trinity holds a parish meeting. At this meeting, the election of vestry members, warden, and convocation/convention delegates takes place. A review of the parish's ministry is provided in written form. The vestry will share the 2021 budget. The meeting will be a virtual one this year, using the Zoom platform. Information on pre-registering for the annual meeting will be sent out in the next week. On a date before the actual meeting, we will hold a "practice" session for those who would like to be familiarized with the controls that will be used in the meeting.

Absentee ballots are also available for qualified voters who, due to special circumstances, can not attend the annual meeting. These ballots will contain only the formal nominations and not nominations made from the floor. **PLEASE NOTE** when considering requesting an absentee ballot this year that there are currently NO contested elections. Persons requiring an absentee ballot must request same from the Wardens no later than ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting date. No absentee ballot received after the annual meeting will be counted. Please call the church office if you would like to receive an absentee ballot.

This year we will be electing 1 warden for a two-year term, 3 vestry members for a three-year term, 1 vestry member for a one-year term, and 3 delegates/3 alternates to Diocesan Convention and Convocation. Candidate bios are available as an insert and/or in the narthex (entrance) of the church.

## News & Notes

### **We are the Branches: Growing Together in Love and Action**

Pledges continue to come in for our 2021 Stewardship Campaign. We have collected 72 pledges with a pledged amount of \$214,698. We are 2/3 of the way to our goal of \$300,000. We invite everyone to join with your siblings in Christ and make a commitment to Trinity for the coming year and support our call to love and serve the world! You can fill out the pledge card located at the back of the church and drop it in the plate or mail it to the church office. Come Grow with Us in Love and Action!

### **Advent Bible Sharing ~ In the Gym on Wednesdays at 5:30pm**

**Please Note:** Bible Sharing will take a two-week break from meeting on 12/30 and 1/6. We will return to regular meeting on 1/13/21!

### **Zoom Evening Prayer with Father Chase ~ Tuesdays at 6:00pm**

You're invited to join us for an interactive online service of Evening Prayer, every Tuesday 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](mailto:office@trinitynj.com) for help or with questions.

#### **Here is the Zoom Information:**

Meeting ID 813 4398 6595      Password is 506730      Dial ins: +16465588656 (New York)

### **Zoom in for Coffee Hour ~ Every Sunday at 11:30am**

We miss seeing you! Grab a cup of coffee or tea and some treats and meet us for coffee hour! We gather each week via Zoom to catch up and see what's happening in everyone's lives. Email our Parish Administrator, Jill Osis, to receive the Zoom code at [Jill@trinitynj.com](mailto:Jill@trinitynj.com). If you need help setting up Zoom on your computer or electronic device, let us know that too. Please join us ~ we have a great time together!

### **Parish Celebrations and Thanksgivings**

Do you have a celebration or thanksgiving in your life that you'd like to share with the congregation? Send them in whether you are worshipping with us in-person or virtually and Fr. Chase will read all submissions at the appointed time during the service and give a blessing to all. Please email the office at [Office@trinitynj.com](mailto:Office@trinitynj.com) with your Celebration or Thanksgiving. The deadline each week for the coming Sunday's service is Thursday.

### **Sunday School Meets Weekly ~ In Person and Online**

Sunday school is being held in person and virtually at the 10am service. To ensure the highest health and safety standards, we will be meeting in the gym. All children over the age of 2 must wear a mask. Drop-off and pick-up (at the peace) will be at the outside main door to the gym (marked "Trinity Church School"). **At this time, nursery care is not provided for younger children**, but parents/caregivers are welcome to stay in the gym with their younger children and participate in Sunday school. Parents/caregivers need to remain on the church premises during Sunday school for safety reasons.

### **Mobile Giving at Trinity ~ Support Your Parish**

We have many ways to continue your giving at Trinity whether you are worshipping with us online or in person! Of course, you can always still mail a check into the office, but if you would like to use mobile giving, we have several options:

**Donate Online** by going to the Trinity website, [TrinityNJ.com](http://TrinityNJ.com), and clicking on the "Giving" button in the upper right hand corner of the home page. You can do a one-time gift or set up a recurring pledge.

**Use an App** With Trinity's Online Giving Portal you can also use an App that allows you to donate on the go - even right from your pew! Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the EasyTithe App and give it a try!

**Text to Give.** Simply text GIVE to 732-313-2332 and follow the instructions!

Thank you for your continued support of Trinity Church and our work in the community both now and in the future.