



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
First Sunday after Christmas

*O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem,  
O come and behold him, born the King of Angels, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Merry Christmas, Trinity Church! It has been a difficult year, and it is a strange and uncomfortable holiday season. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus!" (Revelation 22:20). And he will indeed come, just as he comes every Christmas. Each year, we celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, when the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. "What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:3-5). Our celebration is different, but even so, we celebrate. Even so, we come to Bethlehem, and we come, joyful and triumphant. Why? Because we behold the King of Angels, Christ the Lord, in the form of a human child. The Most High comes among us as a vulnerable newborn, born in a colonized land to a working class family who had no place to sleep. The power of God is at work in the world for all us. It is not a power that comes through might; instead, it comes through vulnerability. It comes through love.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." It has been a difficult year, but hope is on the horizon. And hope will triumph. God so loved the world (John 3:16). And because God so loved the world, we have Christmas.

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. (Luke 2:10-12)*

O come ye to Bethlehem. To us, for us, a Savior is born.

*Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us. (Luke 2:15)*

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

Trinity Church, 503 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712.

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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:

The Rev. Chase Danford

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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 readed upon request.

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

12/28	12/29	12/30 Maria, Charlie,	12/31	1/1
Douglas Grote &	Bryan Gustus &	Ramona, & Amelia	Doug Worthington &	Jane Harkey
Melinda Allen-Grote	Joseph Rosenberg	Hagon	Jim Hall	

## News & Notes



### Shhhhh... the Staff is Sleeping!

The parish office is on reduced hours next week (Dec 26- Jan 4) as the staff catches up on a little post-Christmas rest from all the preparation for and events of Advent & Christmas. As always, if you have an emergency, please call the church office at 732-775-5084 and follow the directions for a pastoral emergency.

### 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.

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

Pledges continue to come in for our 2021 Stewardship Campaign. We have collected 74 pledges with a pledged amount of \$216,718. 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! **PLEASE NOTE: if you mailed in your pledge and did not receive a confirmation email, please check in with the office to make sure we received it. We have had several go "missing" in the mail and want to be sure yours was received!**

## News & Notes

### Note from Father Chase about Covid Safety in the Church

As virus cases continue to increase in New Jersey, we remain confident in the safety protocols the diocese and Trinity have implemented. Our HVAC system has MERV 13 air filters, which means that whether set to heat or cool, it catches 98 percent of airborne particles. Sermons and readings are done without masks, but behind our new plexiglass barriers and at a minimum of 20 feet from anyone else. It is important to reiterate, however, that the confidence we have in these measures is based on continued compliance. We cannot become complacent, particularly during this holiday season. Thank you for helping keep everyone safe and healthy during this crisis.

### 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.