



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The First Sunday after  
the Epiphany

January 10, 2020

Dear People of Trinity Church,

As I write this, I have just concluded a clergy town hall event at which Bishop Stokes said, "We are a nation in grief." Even for those who remember the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 and the bomb drills of the Cold War, the siege of the United States Capitol on Wednesday was a shocking event. We are mourning the loss of the conviction that such a thing could never happen here. We have all seen images from other countries of insurrection, but few of us thought our own government could be so vulnerable. As a Republican Congressperson, Adam Kinzinger, said, "If this happened anywhere else, we would call it a coup." The riot on Wednesday was a physical manifestation of the vulnerability our democratic republic has shown during the last four years. We are a nation of laws, but when the laws are not enforced and when the unwritten rules and norms of good government are not followed, this is what happens. When the nation's president and leaders of his party lie about a stolen election, many people will believe them. In retrospect, it is not so surprising that some of those have believed these lies would want to try to stage a coup. Indeed, it was not just the riot that constituted the coup attempt. It was the actions and words of the President of the United States and his allies who have attempted to overturn the results of a lawful election.

Where do we go from here? When I returned home on Wednesday after our Holy Eucharist in observance of the Feast of the Epiphany, Giuliano and I watched Congress reconvene. We were moved by the speeches of both Republican and Democratic leaders. It was a moment of unity as people on different sides of the aisle said this was too far. The words that have stayed with me the most were from Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, not because of her political affiliation but because she spoke to both the civic and liturgical meaning of January 6: "Today, January 6, is the Feast of the Epiphany. On this day of revelation, let us pray that this instigation to violence will provide an epiphany for our country to heal." She then quoted a version of the prayer of St. Francis of Assisi: 'Lord, make me a channel of thy peace. Where there is darkness, let me bring light. Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.'

In this season of the Epiphany, may we look to the light of Christ to shine upon us and guide us in the way, the truth, and the life. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." That light is God's love. And love is stronger than hate and violence. God's love has been made known to us in the Incarnation, in the person of Jesus Christ. As we go about the work of healing and reconciliation, may Love in Action, the incarnational love of God in Christ, dwell in our hearts and move us to share that love with all.

Peace,  
Father Chase

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/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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## 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.

### 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

## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Faye Hudson	Michael Ammach
Andrew	Barbara Muzychka	Uncle Artie
Yvonne	Barbara Caparn-Nitzberg	Agnes
Karl Kaufman	Amy	Buster
Marie Annunziata	Jamie O'Hara	Gerry Pitchford

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:

1/11 Jaime, Melissa,	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15
Jaelyn, Kameryn, & Parker Compton	Lou Hemko	Erick Henderiks	Nancy Hidges	Erika Hogan

## News & Notes

### Father Chase on Continuing Education study time January 11-15

Monday-Friday, Jan. 11-15, Fr. Chase will be taking one of his two annual weeks of Clergy Continuing Education (Professional Development) time to catch up on theological/spiritual reading at home. He will still lead Tuesday Evening Prayer (via Zoom) and the Wednesday Holy Eucharist (and will be available for emergencies), but will not be taking meetings/calls or responding to emails.

### 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, 2021 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. Advance registration will be required. Please see our weekly email blast for information on registering for the meeting. We will hold a "practice" session at the January 17th coffee hour 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 in the narthex (entrance) of the church.

## News & Notes

### **Color of Compromise Video Study with Ecumenical Partner Saturdays, January 16 – March 27, 2021, 9:30-11am via Zoom**

Grace Christian Church in Tinton Falls, an independent (non-denominational) evangelical congregation partnering with Trinity in our social justice work with New Jersey Together has invited our members to join them in the following study (Trinity members did a book study of the same material in the summer, so this is a great opportunity for those who missed it or who are available on Saturday mornings): In *The Color of Compromise*, an 11-week video-based study, Jemar Tisby takes readers back to the roots of sustained racism and injustice in the American church. Filled with powerful stories and examples of American Christianity's racial past, it details how the American church has helped create and maintain racist ideas and practices. You will be guided in thinking through concrete solutions for improved race relations and a racially inclusive church. Class will include scripture reading, video, discussion and prayer. Purchase of the *Color of Compromise Study Guide* is encouraged (available on christianbook, amazon, B&N, and more). Sign up here: [gracechristianchurch.com/events/the-color-of-compromise/](http://gracechristianchurch.com/events/the-color-of-compromise/)

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

Bible Sharing will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 13th! Everyone is invited to grab your Bible and head over to Trinity on Wednesdays this month at 5:30 to share together! We will be using the study by Sarah Young, "Embracing Jesus Love". Questions? Call Joanie at 908-216-5529.

### **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.

### **Notes of Sympathy**

Parishioner Carol Gorman recently moved to be closer to family. She recently lost 3 close family members in a week's time. Please feel free to reach out to Carol with notes of sympathy at: Carriage House Senior Living Community, 3896 North Elm St., Greensboro, NC 27455. Please keep the Gorman family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May the souls of all the departed, rest in peace with God.