



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

April 25, 2021

A few weeks ago, I preached that being honest about doubt in our faith can create room for the Spirit of truth to enter our minds and bodies. I also mentioned that when we struggle to feel G-d's presence, that G-d collaborates with us to show Their (gender queering G-d) love and presence.

Today at 11:30am, we will have a Social Justice Coffee Hour. During this hour you will hear from Fr. Chase, Fr. Tom, Deacon Gail, Deacon Carolyn, Adrienne Wert, Katherine Cunningham, Jimmy Ceres, Deborah Randolph, Kris Hlatky, Dave Osis, and Derek Minno Bloom as we inform our beloved Trinity community about the good work we are doing in the world. I purposely named all who will speak on Sunday because they are people who G-d actively collaborates with on a daily basis to show G-d's love to Asbury Park, Monmouth County and New Jersey.

If you didn't see your name above that is only because I didn't want to have a Zoom meeting that lasts several hours, but G-d also collaborates with you to show Their love. For eight years, I searched for a church community in the Southwest, but never really found a home that I felt welcomed in until I came to Trinity six years ago. I believe we all collectively collaborate with G-d to bring Their love to all people. Some people would call Trinity progressive, which is true, but I believe that Trinity is a special place that fosters active listening to G-d and loving all our neighbors as ourselves.

I am reminded of a Phillip Yancy Story in which he runs in to a sex worker on the way to church; after listening to her story and letting her cry on his shoulder he felt called to ask her to go to church. She stopped crying immediately and said, "Why would I go there, I already feel bad enough about myself?" After hearing that story, I have always said that a church should be a place where sex workers can feel welcome, feel like we care about them and know that we want to fight for justice with them. About two months ago at Saturday Soup, one of our volunteers who is a black trans sex worker pulled me aside and said, "Derek, I wanted to let you know that this church is the only church I feel welcomed in."

I believe that with G-d's solidarity, Trinity is a place where all are not only welcomed but loved, not just accepted, but taught that they are wonderful as they are regardless of their gender, sexuality, ethnicity, class, ability, or belief. So come to the Social Justice at Trinity Coffee Hour and hear about the great work that is happening at and rippling out from Trinity.

Derek Minno Bloom

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

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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 to-go from 11 am-12:30 pm. Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@TrinityNJ.com.

PARISH LEADERSHIP (Vestry):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)
Russell Bennett, Gregory Curatolo, Patty Forbes, Charles Hagon, Wendy Jaghab, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Carol Scollay, 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	Barbara Muzychka	Grace Mary Woodruff	John R
Andrew	Barbara Caparn-Nitzberg	Bill Mulready	Elena Labella
Yvonne	Amy	Carol Moriggia	Tom Deverin
Karl Kaufman	Finn	Sal Cavallo	Charli
Marie Annunziata	Linda	Michael Rulbewsky	
Faye Hudson	Rosalia Tassiello	Missie	

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:

4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30
Mark & Maria Rocktashel	Josef Romanski & Patrick Pentland	Craig & Catherine Rothfuss	Yvonne Ruhaut	Barbara Rutan

News & Notes

Coffee Hour Conversations ~ Sundays at 11:30

Join us at our weekly coffee hour for meaningful, guided conversations about faith and life:

For April 25, Trinity Social Justice Director Derek Minnno-Bloom will lead a presentation on our church's recent efforts to reduce hunger and homelessness and to build the Beloved Community in Asbury and Monmouth County.

May 2: In today's gospel, Jesus says, "I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5). Let's share what is inspiring us to grow in love and action.

May 9: Psalm 98, which we heard today in church, calls us to "Sing to the Lord a new song." What music are you listening to these days? What music inspires you? If it has lyrics, write some of them down and share them with the group. You may also email Fr. Chase by Saturday, May 8 with a link to a piece of music so that he can share his screen and audio over the Zoom call for the group to listen to an excerpt.

May 16: Psalm 1 says of those who delight in the way of God that "They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither." You are invited to share life practices that have particularly nourished you.

May 23: Today is the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the early church and the followers of the Way spoke and understood many different languages. Today you are invited to share how diversity has been a gift to you.

May 30: On Trinity Sunday, coffee hour will be devoted to sharing our favorite memories from our time at Trinity. Zoom Link will be our regular weekly coffee hour link. If you do not have it, please let us know at office@trinitynj.com

Adult Education Easter Series ~ Tuesdays on Zoom at 7PM, Last Week!

Our three session discussion series for the Easter Season will conclude this Tuesday. Join Fr. Chase and Deacon Carolyn as we look at the Sunday Gospels and the Resurrection message that is provided for the Easter season. Please contact Deacon Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com) to sign up or if you have any questions.

May Adult Education Series ~ May 11 - May 25 Exploring Spirituality in the Poetry of Mary Oliver

Join Fr. Chase and Deacon Carolyn for the May Adult Education Series on Tuesdays at 7pm on Zoom beginning on May 11 and ending on May 25. In this 3 session series we will explore the spirituality of this American poet whose "work is inspired by nature, rather than the human world, stemming from her lifelong passion for solitary walks in the wild (Wikipedia)." Contact Deacon Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com) to sign up or with questions.

Bloomin' 4 Good at the Neptune Stop & Shop

For the entire month of April, Trinity's Food Justice program will receive \$1 for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the Neptune City Stop & Shop on Route 35. Support our Food Justice program and spread some joy! Thanks Stop & Shop!

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ In the Gym on Wednesdays at 5:15pm

Each week, Bible Sharing will be delving into God's Abundant Grace. We will provide materials. Each week will be a separate unit so all are welcome to join us any week at 5:15pm! See you there!

Zoom Evening Prayer ~ Tuesdays at 6pm

You're invited to join us for an interactive online service of Evening Prayer, every Tuesday at 6 pm. The service is held on Zoom and streamed to Facebook. 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 (New York)

Social Justice Film Series: "Do the Right Thing" ~ Tuesday, May 4th from 7-8 PM

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 eighth film we will discuss *Do the Right Thing*, directed by Spike Lee. You may watch the film in your leisure time at: www.amazon.com/Do-Right-Thing-Ossie-Davis/dp/B000I9VOGW. Please let us know if cost is an impediment to viewing. On Tuesday, May 4th from 7-8 PM we will come together for a Zoom discussion led by Father Chase, Deacon Carolyn, and Derek Minno Bloom.

Do the Right Thing is a 1989 American comedy-drama film produced, written, and directed by Spike Lee. It stars Lee, Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Richard Edson, Giancarlo Esposito, Bill Nunn, John Turturro, and Samuel L. Jackson, and is the feature film debut of Martin Lawrence and Rosie Perez. The story explores a Brooklyn neighborhood's simmering racial tension, which culminates in tragedy and violence on a hot summer day.

The film was a critical and commercial success and received numerous accolades, including Academy Award nominations for Best Original Screenplay and Best Supporting Actor for Aiello's portrayal of Sal the pizzeria owner. It is often listed among the greatest films of all time. In 1999, the film was deemed "culturally, historically, and aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress, in its first year of eligibility, and was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry.

Diocesan Covid-19 Vaccine Helpline Available

A new Task Force from the Diocese of New Jersey is assisting at-risk people in the community to get access to Covid-19 vaccines. They have been very successful at helping those reaching out to them. For help in finding and scheduling a vaccine, please go to: <https://dioceseofnj.org/vaccinehelp/>

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.