



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Fifth Sunday  
of Easter

May 2, 2021

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love...God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (1 John 4:7-8, 16b)*

This is one of my favorite passages of scripture, and it guides my life and ministry. God is love! It is one of the lectionary readings appointed for this Sunday. But we are not going to hear it at the 10 am service! Why? Well, because of our efforts to reduce the length of the service during the coronavirus health crisis, we only read one of the two lessons before the Gospel. And I made a decision several weeks ago to follow the Acts sequence throughout the Easter season. Nevertheless, I'm sure I'll find a way to work it into my sermon, as I did with last week's epistle reading (also from 1 John). This is one of those choices we are faced with during the Covid crisis, and as Bishop Stokes often reminds the diocesan clergy during our biweekly town halls, these are choices we make because we love one another.

With recent guidance from the CDC, we have loosened some of our restrictions around touching surfaces during worship. That has allowed the deacons to resume one of their traditional roles, in setting the table for the Eucharist. One other change you might have noticed is that last week, a choir soloist sang inside the nave, behind the plexiglass barrier on the lectern. One soloist sharing the same indoor space with worshippers has actually been allowed by the diocese all along, but this was the first time we have done this at the 10 am service since we reopened last July. As long as distance is maintained and everyone else is masked, an in-person soloist should pose no risk to worshippers. I know of many other churches who have successfully reintroduced a live soloist or small ensemble. And I want to remind you that because of the size of our space and the high quality of our air filtration system, attending indoor in-person worship at Trinity is a fairly safe, low-risk activity as long as protocols are followed.

Some have asked, but when does everyone get to sing again? Unfortunately, I do not know the answer. We have to wait for additional guidance. As more and more people in our congregation get vaccinated, and as life begins to return closer to normal, some might wonder why we are still leaving in place so many protocols. Well, because there are many who are still not vaccinated. Children are not yet eligible. And so we must maintain equal access to safe worship for everyone. That is how we will show our love for one another. That means we need everyone to have patience and follow the protocols. Please continue to stay in your seat once you enter the church. You can fellowship with your friends after the service. Even if you and all your friends are vaccinated, there are others in the church who are not, and we all need to do our part to keep everyone safe.

We also need to give one another time to readjust. Yes, overall, cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are down dramatically from the peak, but cases are still higher than the national average in Monmouth County and in New Jersey. Many are wary of letting their guard down right now, and even after cases eventually plunge in our area, many will retain a sense that they must remain vigilant. We all need to be prepared to face a great deal of social anxiety from our friends, family, fellow parishioners, and within ourselves. Be gentle, kind, and understanding to yourself and others.

Let's love one another by continuing to follow safe practices when in large social situations like church whether we are vaccinated or not, but also understanding that various protocols will be relaxed in the coming weeks and months. That may mean that as we re-introduce aspects of our worship and fellowship life, some may feel a bit uncomfortable and want to worship online through our livestream for a time. That's understandable and ok. We've all been through a collective trauma, and we need time to process and heal. In the meantime, I encourage you all to join me in getting vaccinated. Each vaccine available in the U.S. has been shown to be highly effective both in preventing infection and in reducing severe cases, and each vaccine is highly safe (while the recent pause in the Johnson and Johnson vaccine has given many second thoughts, it's important to reiterate that the chances of developing a blood clot are extremely small). If you have not yet had the chance to get vaccinated, Trinity will be having a pop-up vaccine clinic with the Visiting Nurse Association on Tuesday, May 18. The VNA will be administering the one-shot J&J shot. This clinic is especially geared for the guests of our food programs, but parishioners who have not yet been vaccinated are also highly encouraged to come. Let's all do our part to overcome this crisis!

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God."

Peace, 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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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 to-go from 11 am-12:30 pm. Questions? Contact Derek at [Derek@TrinityNJ.com](mailto: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](mailto: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	Keith Green
Faye Hudson	Rosalia Tassiello	Missie	Mike Dangler

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:

5/3	5/4 Corey, Kathleen,	5/5	5/6	5/7
Anna Sawszak	Adelind, & Theodore Schade	John Scherer	Polli Schildge & Michael Kushner	Gregg Schon

## News & Notes

### Coffee Hour Conversations ~ Sundays at 11:30

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

**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 is our regular weekly coffee hour link. **Here is the Zoom Information:**

Meeting ID 827 5373 0744      Password is 455566      Dial ins: +16465588656 (New York)

### 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](mailto:cbmswphd@gmail.com)) to sign up or with questions.

### Share Your Photos and Stories of Growing in Love and Action

We are the Branches : Growing Together in Love and Action! Remember that November visit from the stewardship team? We brought you a branch from the Trinity Zebra Plant. Now we would like you to share a sentence with a picture of your growing branch. How have you grown with Trinity over this winter and spring? Send your pictures and sentence to [Office@trinitynj.com](mailto:Office@trinitynj.com) so that we can share in our email blast and on social media!

### Vaccine Clinic ~ May 18th Beginning at 10am

On May 18th, The VNA will be holding a vaccine clinic here at Trinity beginning at 10am. They will be offering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine which is only 1 shot. If you are interested in receiving the vaccine here at Trinity, please call the office or email us at [office@trinitynj.com](mailto:office@trinitynj.com)

### 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](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)

### 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!

### 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](http://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.

### 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.