



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

The entirety of Mark's Gospel tells the story of a suffering Messiah, often misunderstood by His disciples, scorned by the religious authorities, and ultimately executed as a traitor to Rome. Over the Sundays in September, we have been reading the middle of this Gospel in which the disciples struggle to truly see who Jesus is and to understand His message. As Marcus Borg explains this section of Mark is the center of Mark's story of Jesus and what it means to follow Him. It is an explanation of Jesus is and "the way."

In today's selection, Jesus continues teaching his disciples, who continue to not understand what the Way of Jesus truly is. In spite of time spent with Jesus, all they have heard and witnessed, they appear to remain clueless about what the mission is. They have spent their travel time arguing with each other regarding who is the greatest among them.

Jesus uses this situation as an opportunity to once again try to have the disciples understand His teachings and what actually living into them will mean. To follow Jesus' Way, to enact the reign of God, will reverse the world's ideas of greatness. True greatness will no longer mean to be above others. Rather it will mean to be the least of all and servant of all.

In an attempt to make the meaning of this statement more explicit and concrete, Jesus places a child among them as a symbol of someone vulnerable and without status. In any time or culture, children are dependent on others for their well-being and their very survival. In Jesus' time, children had no legal status, no rights. Jesus tells his disciples that welcoming children is what the mission is about; that such action is what would bring the disciples honor and status because in doing so they would welcome Jesus and the one who sent him.

We don't know what the disciples understand or take away from this explanation by Jesus. We might surmise that they were still confused or even more confused. Spending time with outcasts, sinners, and children would not afford the disciples the status and honor that they apparently felt was befitting them as followers of the Messiah.

But Jesus came to proclaim the radical grace of God. His way of life obliterates the world's notions of greatness. Greatness in the reign of God means humility, vulnerability and the lowliness of a child. Living such a life can be risky. It got Jesus killed. But Jesus teaches that it is the way of true abundant life.

Blessings,  
Deacon Carolyn

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, sung music*
- 5 PM Santa Eucaristia/Holy Eucharist in the Church**  
*Bilingual service*

### Monday-Friday:

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

### Wednesdays:

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

## 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 health 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	Joanne	Geraldine Sutphen-Hazell	Gloria Gilhooly and
Yvonne	Eric	Steve Mandeville	Family
Karl Kaufman	Family of Andrew Herges	Tom Deverin	Gina & family, victims of
Marie Annunziata	Cynthia Gordon	Sandra & Family	flooding
Faye Hudson	Debbie Lee	John Joseph Carroll	
Hank Neubert	Barbara Muzychka	Carolyn Stokes	

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:

9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24
Patty & Tom Deverin	John Devone	Jeri & Joe DiMaggio	Diane DiMaggio	TJ DiMuzio

## News & Notes

### Special Parish Meeting ~ Sunday, September 26 at 12:00PM on Zoom

The Rt. Rev. William "Chip" Stokes, Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey has announced that he will retire in June 2023. We will be holding a special parish meeting over Zoom on Sunday, September 26th at Noon. The sole purpose of this meeting is to elect 6 delegates to attend a special Monmouth Convocation Meeting on October 24th to elect one clergy person and one lay person to be on the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. No other business will be conducted.

**Zoom Information:** Meeting ID: 838 4747 6749 Passcode: 755088 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 3, 11:15am-12:15pm

Bring your furry, scaly, feathery, slithering friends for our annual Blessing of the Animals! We cannot welcome our pets into worship with us this year but we can invite "All creatures of our God and King" to join us outside of the church for a blessing from the Trinity clergy! Blessings will be given on Sunday, October 3 from 11:15am-12:15pm. You may arrive at any time during that hour. All animal friends ought to be brought on a leash or otherwise appropriately controlled.

### It's the Beginning of a New Program Year! Grab Some Treats after Services Today!

Don't forget to join us after services today to celebrate the start of a new program year! Come be a part of the excitement with a muffin, fruit or cool ice cream treat and some great conversation on the lawn after the 8 am & 10am services See you there!

### Fall Book Study with Pastor Katherine Cunningham

Join Pastor Katherine Cunningham via Zoom in an exploration of the application of the way of love in managing the challenges of our current times. Pastor Katherine will lead a 3 session study of Bp. Michael Curry's, *Love is the Way*. Join the discussion at 6:30pm via Zoom on Tuesday, 10/19, Tuesday, 10/26 and Tuesday, 11/9. Please contact Deacon Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com) to register.

### Ride for Food Justice ~ We Did It!!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that the Third Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice has surpassed our goal of \$50,000! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and donated to fight food insecurity in our community. This event gets bigger and better every year thanks to YOU!!

### Please Join us for a New Season with Bible Sharing! Wednesdays at 5:15pm

We will gather at Trinity at 5:15pm on Wednesdays to study the first chapter of the Gospel of John with study aid, "Full of Grace and Truth," by Wayne Monbleau. We are planning study sessions that will include reading from the Bible, reading from Wayne's amazing book, and writing our own reactions! See you there!

### **Social Justice Film Series: "Disclosure" (Documentary) ~ Tuesday, October 5th at 7pm on Zoom**

For our next film in our Social Justice at Trinity Film Series, we will discuss the documentary "Disclosure". You may watch the film in your leisure time on Netflix. On Tuesday, October 5th from 7-8 PM we will come together for a Zoom discussion led by Deacon Carolyn and Derek Minno Bloom.

About the movie: DISCLOSURE is an unprecedented, eye-opening look at transgender depictions in film and television, revealing how Hollywood simultaneously reflects and manufactures our deepest anxieties about gender. What emerges is a fascinating story of dynamic interplay between trans representation on screen, society's beliefs, and the reality of trans lives. Reframing familiar scenes and iconic characters in a new light, director Sam Feder invites viewers to confront unexamined assumptions, and shows how what once captured the American imagination now elicit new feelings. DISCLOSURE provokes a startling revolution in how we see and understand trans people.

**Zoom Information:** Meeting ID: 823 4586 3258 Passcode: 921852 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### **Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration at Trinity, October 11, 2021, 12 pm**

The Racial Justice Project at Trinity Church, Asbury Park, invites you to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021, now an officially recognized holiday by the City of Asbury Park and the Diocese of New Jersey! The second Monday of October each year is an internationally recognized day of celebration to recognize and honor the resistance, heritage, cultures, and valuable contributions of Indigenous People, the original occupants and stewards of the land of Turtle Island (the United States). It is also a day to work for justice, remembering the great sins of settler colonialism, land theft, and genocide that the United States has and continues to perpetuate towards Indigenous people. Special Guests: Claire Garland, Director of Sand Hill Indian Historical Association and Members of the Ramapough Lenape Nation. Please join us!

### **Coffee Hour Conversations Return October 10th!**

Our Zoom Coffee Hour Conversations will be returning on Sunday, October 10 at Noon. Each week will offer a different host with a unique theme. Schedule with themes will be coming soon. For now, add Coffee Hour Conversations to your calendar and plan to join us for fellowship and lively conversations!

### **Weiland/Posten Scholarship Applications Due October 3rd**

The Weiland/Posten Scholarship, given in memory of former Trinity parishioner Frank Weiland, is available annually to all members of Trinity enrolled in a post-High School program. This includes vocational and professional schools as well as colleges and universities. The applicant should be involved in the life of Trinity Church in some capacity. Applicants are encouraged to submit a letter to the church office detailing educational goals with evidence of acceptance into one of the post-secondary programs as listed above by October 3rd. Details of participation in Trinity should also be noted. The letters will be reviewed by the vestry and the scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be granted by November 1st.

### **Outdoor Service with Children's Homily ~ Every Sunday at 9:15am**

Our Outdoor Family Service will be held every Sunday at 9:15am on the east lawn as long as the weather permits. During each service, Father Chase will be leading an informal and brief service of Holy Communion on the east church lawn adjoining Grand Avenue, with a children's homily, from 9:15 to 9:40 am. Bring a chair or a blanket and come join us!

### **Free Sunrise Community Yoga and Dance Event, Sept 26 ~ 5th Avenue Beach**

Trinity has been invited to share the news of a free community event on Sunday, 26, 2021, starting with meditation at 5:30 am, sunrise yoga at 6:30am and dance at 7:30 am till 9:30 am with special performances and surprises. At the Fifth Avenue Beach next to the Convention Center in Asbury Park, NJ. Limited headphones available for this Free Silent Disco Sunrise Dance Party event. Free Tickets available here: <https://strength123.com/urlovedtix/>