



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Nineteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

October 3, 2021

*Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. (Mark 10:14)*

This is definitely the highlight of this week's sometimes troubling lectionary readings. Amid accounts of Job's suffering, gender binaries, and prohibitions on divorce, we can sigh with relief at these comforting words from Jesus. The Reign of God belongs to the children. Of course, Jesus' next line can be troubling if read literally: "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." Does that mean adult converts will not share in the heavenly banquet? That cannot be right because one of Jesus' central themes is bringing more people to the table, and expanding the notion of who is "in." Indeed, in this same reading, when Jesus condemns divorce and emphasizes heterosexual gender binaries by speaking of the joining of male and female as one flesh from the beginning of creation, we have to read it from his cultural context. Jesus is not speaking to the culture wars of the 20th and 21st centuries. In first century Palestine, his words were actually empowering and liberating for women. He reminded his listeners that God "made them male and female" because that means that women are made in the image of God just as much as men are. He criticized divorce in part because men were abusing it, leaving women in a vulnerable situation where they faced impoverishment and social stigma.

So, when Jesus says we need to receive the Kingdom as little children, he is not being exclusive. He's inviting us into a metaphor: Be as children. See the world through the eyes of a child, and you will experience the Reign of God. How do children see the world? With awe and wonder. Faith, then, is the commitment to strive to see the world with awe and wonder even when we find ourselves surrounded by sadness, fear, pain, anxiety, or injustice. Faith is looking for the light in the darkness, the light that is not overcome. When we can't see it ourselves, faith cries out, "Christ be our light!" Faith is choosing church even when we're not feeling it ourselves, knowing that our fellow Christians will shine the light of Christ for us to find our way. And sometimes, when nothing else will do, pets and wild animals show us the light of Christ. So, in thanksgiving for our furry, feathery, and scaly friends, in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi who loved all of Creation, we will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals this Sunday. Invite your neighbors: there will be drop-by blessings offered on the front lawn from 11:15 am to 12:15 pm (you may bring your pet with you to the 10 am service if you're staying for the blessings--we just ask that you sit in the pews where we have removed the cushions to minimize cleanup from shedding and, umm, accidents). Let the little children come unto Jesus--and the pets, too!

Peace,  
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, 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**  
*Healing Service first Wednesday of the month*

## 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

**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.

**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.

**CHOIRS:** Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact the office for information

### **PARISH LEADERSHIP** (*Vestry*):

Dell O'Hara (warden) Lesley Castellini (warden)  
Russell Bennett, Gregory Curatolo, Charles Hagon, Wendy Jaghab, James Pillar, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Carol Scollay, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestry-wardens@trinitynj.com

## Parish Staff

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Patrick Sizemore, Property Assistant

## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Joanne	Tom Deverin
Yvonne	Eric	Gina & family, victims of
Karl Kaufman	Family of Andrew Herges	flooding
Marie Annunziata	Cynthia Gordon	Nicko
Faye Hudson	Debbie Lee	Ava
Hank Neubert	Barbara Muzychka	

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.

 **Prayer Team Ministry.** During communion, those who would like someone to pray with them are invited to come to one of the prayer stations located in the back of the church. A member of the Trinity Prayer Team will say a prayer with you for yourself or someone else. You are welcome to sit or stand during the prayer. What is said at the prayer station is held in confidence by the person who prays with you. They cannot talk with you or anyone else about your requested prayer without your permission. The only exception is a person intending to harm themselves or someone else. Questions about this ministry? Contact Joanie McCoy, leader of the Prayer Team at 908-216-5529 or 732-780-3111 or [PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com](mailto:PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com).

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

10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8
Stanley Ellison	Eleanor Falcicchio	Ann Fallon	Jerry Fargo & Karl Kaufman	Rachel, Shekira, Malakai, Zykieme, & Jaiden Farrell

## News & Notes

### Blessing of the Animals ~ TODAY! 11:15am-12:15pm

Bring your furry, scaly, feathery, slithering friends for our annual Blessing of the Animals! "All creatures of our God and King" are invited to join us outside of the church for a blessing from the Trinity clergy today 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.

### 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.

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

### Celebrate National Coming Out Day, Sunday, October 10

Join us on Sunday, October 10 at the 10am service as we celebrate National Coming Out Day. National Coming Out Day raises awareness for individuals within the LGBTQ+ community and their allies that homophobia thrives in silence. On this day, many people who identify as LGBTQ+ will "come out" (a term stemming from the phrase "come out of the closet") to friends or family about their sexual orientation. Trinity will recognize this day with a special liturgy, shirts, give aways and refreshments. "Come Out" and join us on Oct 10 at 10 am!

### New Vestry Member

Congratulations to Jim Pillar who has been appointed by the Vestry to fill the unexpired term vacated by Patty Forbes. Jim will serve until the Annual Meeting in January. Thank you, Jim, for serving!

### Take a Piece of Trinity Home with You!

Our hope is that everyone who walks through our doors takes a piece of Trinity home in their hearts. Now you can also bring a beautiful piece of Trinity stained glass home with you! We are delighted to introduce an exciting fundraising opportunity ~ The Trinity Historical Glass Project. The 1909 original stained glass window, located behind the altar in the Chapel, was replaced in 2008 with a window given by the Henderiks Family. Now glass from the original window, in place for 100 years, is being repurposed to create exquisite Trinity-themed pieces of stained glass artwork. Samples of each of the eleven pieces will be on view starting this Sunday after the 8:00am and 10:00am services.

Local artist, Rafael Da Silva of Happy Bear Glassworks, combines a portion of the amber glass from the original window with other vibrant, colorful glass to form a meaningful, tangible symbol of Trinity Church. Each piece you order will be handcrafted, making this gift for yourself or a loved one a unique way to own a historic part of Trinity while supporting our building and window conservation and renovation. Projects supported by this fundraiser include: window restoration, ADA access, building renovation and conservation.

See the display at the back of the church or in your email blast for details on ordering one or more Trinity Historical Glass gifts. Order soon and have them in plenty of time for Christmas. We hope you will take advantage of this special opportunity to honor Trinity's history and build toward our future!

### 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 on Zoom 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. Add Coffee Hour Conversations to your calendar and plan to join us for fellowship and lively conversations! Here are the upcoming themes:

**Oct. 10 A conversation on Indigenous concepts of gender and sexuality** ~ Derek Minno-Bloom will facilitate for pride month in NJ, National Coming Out Day and Indigenous Peoples Day. We will also discuss the origins of Indigenous Peoples Day in preparation for The Racial Justice Project at Trinity's celebration of Indigenous peoples Day on October 11th at Trinity.

**Oct. 17 A Poetry Reading** ~ Deacon Gail will lead us in reading and discussing the poem "Audience" by Rachel Levitsky. We'll talk about how it might speak to this time and place in our lives or in the past.

**Oct. 24 "What are Your Pronouns?" An Introduction to Gender for Today's Church and World** ~ An interactive workshop on gender. What is gender? Is it different than sex? Is gender biological? What is the importance of pronouns? We will explore these questions and more in an affirming, respectful, fun, and participatory space facilitated by Liza Minno, a former Gender Studies professor.

**Oct. 31 Celtic Spirituality** ~ Deacon Carolyn will share some of the basic tenets of how within the Celtic tradition God speaks to the people and the importance of nature as a place to find God. Material for this discussion comes primarily from J. Philip Newell's text, *The Book of Creation*.

**Zoom Information:** Meeting ID: 858 5328 1723 Passcode: 425711 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

### **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!

### **Bishop Calls for State Reparations Task Force, Invites to Rally**

Bishop Stokes has called on the congregations of the Diocese of New Jersey to rally for the establishment of a state-wide Task Force for Reparations to examine New Jersey's role in perpetuating slavery (at one point, over 2/3 of enslaved persons in the North were held in our state) and white supremacy (NJ was a major Northern hub for the KKK in the early 20th century). The task force would then issue public policy recommendations. The bishop invites us to attend a Zoom rally on Monday, October 11 at 7 pm and an in-person rally on Saturday, October 30 at St. Peter's, Perth Amboy (the burial site of parishioner Thomas Mundy Peterson, the first Black person to vote under the auspices of the 15th Amendment). For more information and to obtain the Zoom link, please go to:

<https://dioceseofnj.org/event/say-reparations-now-virtual-rally/>

You can contact Derek Minno Bloom, Social Justice Director, for information on joining the conversation on reparations in Monmouth County.

### **Afghan Refugee Response: Items and Volunteers Requested**

The Diocesan Afghan Refugee Response Task Force has drafted a plan of action for immediate, short-term, and long-term assistance to families who are being resettled in New Jersey. Three needs are immediate: 1) New or gently used (very clean) strollers and baby boxes for families still housed at the Joint Base, 2) Volunteers with project management experience who can work remotely, and 3) Pro-bono immigration attorney assistance (remote, for now). If you can donate a stroller or baby box, bring it to church this Sunday, October 3 or next Sunday, October 10 or have it shipped directly to Christ Church in Bordentown (please let us know if you ship an item so that we can record it). If you would like to learn more about volunteering or want to refer an acquaintance, email Fr. Chase.

### **Delegates to Special Monmouth Convocation Elected**

At last Sunday's Special Parish meeting, we elected six delegates to represent Trinity Church at a special meeting of the Monmouth Convocation for the election of convocation members of the Bishop Search and Nomination Committee. Those elected are: Lesley Castellini, Connor Crafton-Tempel, Bob Junnier, Peggy McGinn, Dell O'Hara, and Alan Woodruff. Thanks to them for serving!

### **Safe Church Training ~ Saturday, October 23, 9am-3pm**

On Saturday, October 23rd, we will offer the Diocesan Safe Church Training program. The training is intended to prevent sexual exploitation and harassment of both children and adults. This training is required every five years for clergy, wardens, employees, church personnel, lay Eucharistic visitors, and anyone regularly working with or around children or youth. It is recommended for all vestry members and ministry leaders. This is a great opportunity to take this training while it is being offered here at Trinity. The training begins at 9am and ends by 3pm. Our own Deacon Carolyn will be facilitating the training. You must sign up in advance. Please do so as soon as possible as the link will be opened up to the entire Diocese after this week. The link to sign up (through the Diocese) is

<https://tinyurl.com/SafeChurch10232021>

Once the slots are filled, no registrations will be accepted.

## **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.

## **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!

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## **Save the Date! Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 21**

Trinity will have a special liturgy on Sunday, November 21 in recognition of The Transgender Day of Remembrance. This annual day of remembrance raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people and publicly mourns and honors the lives of transgender people who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the Day of Remembrance, transgender people and their allies express love and respect in the face of national indifference and hatred. We are looking for parishioners to help plan and participate in this special liturgy. If you wish to help, please contact Deacon Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com; 732-768-5781).

## **Don't forget to Smile if You Love Trinity! Support Us by Shopping!! It's Easy & Doesn't Cost You Anything!**

If you are an Amazon Shopper, you can help raise funds for Trinity by using the Amazon Smile Program! Go to smile.amazon.com to sign up to support "Trinity Episcopal Church Asbury Park". Every time you shop, just start at smile.amazon.com and Trinity will receive 0.5% of your purchase! Prices are exactly the same and there is no extra cost to you. It is easy and simple and a lot to Smile about!!

## **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, 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.