



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The First Sunday after
the Epiphany

January 9, 2022

Thus says the Lord, he who created you...Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)

Are you exhausted? Feeling sad, depleted, impatient, angry? Many people are struggling right now. It's the beginning of 2022, yet it feels like we're stuck back in 2020. We've been dealing with Covid-19 and its impact on society for two years, and we're entering the third year of this pandemic. On top of that, we are struggling with so many issues as a nation and a planet. Last week over breakfast, I sat staring at my computer screen, looking over the homepage of the New York Times for signs of hope. It seemed like every single headline I saw was depressing and overwhelming! I closed my laptop and decided that while I have to stay informed, it doesn't need to be over breakfast.

This week, during our Social Justice Film Discussion, we began our conversation by sharing activities that bring us joy. You see, the film this month (*The Other Guys*, 2010) had been selected because it's fun and light-hearted, but also has clever critiques of crony capitalism, abuse of police power, racism, sexism, and homophobia (trigger warning: it's also quite crude, even at a PG-13 rating). As people who seek to bring positive change into the world, how do we stay joyful? I mentioned my recent New York Times breakfast experience: making (and eating) a warm breakfast is one of my (almost) daily rituals that brings me joy. So I decided to set it apart from the "business" of beginning the day: no news, no work emails, just the meal and perhaps a book.

When you are passing through the waters and they feel overwhelming, God will be with you, as the prophet Isaiah declares. But sometimes we don't always feel that comforting presence. Consider developing daily spiritual practices that help center you, help manage your stress, and help cultivate joy. You probably already have some of these practices already, even if you wouldn't describe them as "spiritual:" like my breakfast ritual. Daily exercise, meditation, reading for pleasure, a phone call with friends or family are all practices that might bring you closer to the Holy One, in addition to overtly religious activities like prayer and scripture-reading. Activities that make you feel good--truly good--remind you that God has called you by name and that you are God's beloved child.

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, 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

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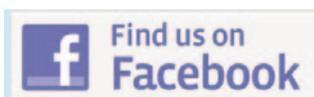
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Trinity Basics

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 Dr. Deborah Simpkin King in 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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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Faye Hudson	Tom Deverin	Kim & Norah
Yvonne	Hank Neubert	Nicko	
Karl Kaufman	Cynthia Gordon	Ava	
Marie Annunziata	Debbie Lee	Marilyn Adams	

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.

 **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.

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

1/10	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14
Barbara Muzychka	Larry & Chris Myers	Barbara Nitzberg	Mickey O'Hagan	Lyndell O'Hara

News & Notes

Christ Be Our Light!

Join in our 2022 Stewardship Campaign!

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign has been focused on bringing the light of Christ into our hearts, our community, and the world! So far we have collected 80 pledge cards for a total of \$251,168. We are thrilled to have so many in our community commit to supporting Trinity Church as we let our lights shine! Please join us by filling out a pledge card. They can be found in the narthex (entrance of the church) or electronically in our email blast. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Today We Welcome our New Director of Music and Arts to the 10am Service!

Today we welcome our new Director of Music and Arts, Dr. Deborah Simpkin King to the 10am worship service! As Director of Music and Arts, Deborah will play the church's historic Aeolian-Skinner organ, conduct the Trinity Choir, oversee the parish's music programs, and build musical and artistic connections between the church and its creative, Jersey Shore community. We welcome Dr. King and look forward to building and expanding our music and arts programs!

Trinity's (Virtual) Annual Parish Meeting ~ Sunday, January 23, 2022 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 2022 budget. The meeting will be a virtual one again this year, using the Zoom platform. Advance registration will be required. Please see our weekly email blast for information on registering for the meeting. If you have any questions about how to register or how to use Zoom to attend the meeting, please reach out to Jill Osis in the parish offices at Jill@trinitynj.com

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/alternates to Diocesan Convention and Convocation. Candidate bios are available in the narthex (entrance) of the church.

Sunday School for Children Resumes January 16

We're pleased to announce that hybrid in-person and online Sunday school will resume for children 4-12 on Sundays during the 10 am service. Class will end in time for children to come back to church for Communion. Class will be held in the gym to allow for distancing (masks are also required at this time). Please come to the main doors of the church and walk to the gym through the parish office wing to drop off your children. Stay tuned for the Zoom link. Please email Father Chase at FrChase@trinitynj.com if you are interested in Sunday school and are not already receiving Trinity Families emails. **Please note that Zoom Sunday school is on recess now until January 16.**

Bible Sharing on Hiatus

Our Bible Sharing group is on hiatus until March 9th when we will begin a Lenten Study. More details will follow when we get closer to that date!

Sunday Morning Bible Study with Father Chase In-Person and on Zoom ~ Begins January 9 at 9 am

Father Chase looks forward to sharing one of his favorite books of the Bible with you: We will study the Book of Exodus on Sundays during the Epiphany season from 9 to 9:40 am, beginning January 9. This is an exciting opportunity to be part of an Episcopal Church-wide initiative, the Good Book Club. No advance reading or rsvp required. We'll meet in the Lady Chapel, but the class will also be available over Zoom. Please join us in-person or on Zoom here::

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 840 3705 8202 Passcode: 427144 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

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.

How Can I Help? ~ Volunteer and Worship Opportunities at Trinity

We have many opportunities to volunteer during worship here at Trinity! Here are a few of the ministries that we are recruiting volunteers for at this time:

Greeters: It feels great to be greeted by a friendly, welcoming face whether its your first time or your 100th time attending! Greeters at the 8 & 10am service welcome those attending, answer questions, and hand out name tags.

Readers and Ushers: Readers are scheduled at the 8 and 10am services. You will read either the assigned readings for the day or the Prayers of the People; or both! Ushers are scheduled at the 10am service and help to seat people, hand out bulletins, answer questions, and help with Communion flow.

LEMs: Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist in worship. They may carry the torches, cross, or Gospel Book. They assist at the altar by acting as acolytes, and distribute the wine and grape juice at communion.

Sound Board: Run the sound board during services. No experience necessary~you will get training from our vergers! Interested? Email us at office@trinitynj.com

Sending Notes of Care • Reaching Out to Fellow Parishioners

Parishioner and Prayer Team member Barbara Armbruster is recovering in Meridian at Wall and would love to receive some cards and notes from her Trinity Family! You can reach out to Barbara at: Barbara Armbruster, Meridian at Wall, 1726 Meridian Trail Room 129, Wall, NJ