



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

...and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." (Revelation 7:11-12)

The above describes how I felt on Sunday, at the Celebration of New Ministry. What an amazing day that was! The liturgy was moving, the music was glorious, the bishop was inspiring, and the party was so much fun! As the bishop said, the institution of a new rector is not just about the priest; it's about the whole congregation. While the occasion formally marked our transition in pastoral leadership, it was a celebration of our ministry together. It's rather like the Holy Eucharist: while the priest leads the prayers at communion, she/he/they do so on behalf of the gathered worshipping community. And yet, as the bishop also said, the institution service is also meant to focus the energy of the community around the leadership of the "new" priest, so that the spiritual leader of the congregation is strengthened by the prayers of all those present. And indeed, I feel very strengthened by your prayers. There was "a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place" on Sunday. I felt surrounded by love, and I hope you did too. People asked me more than once at the reception, "Are you having a good time?" And I was! And I hope you were, too. The Vestry and party planning committee very much intended it to be a celebration for all of us after such a long two plus years of life affected by Covid. The Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras party was our first big social event since the pandemic, and it was really fun. But the institution reception was our first big event with food and with masks optional. Many thanks to everyone who made the day possible! The party planning committee members were Lesley Castellini, David Clark, Lucille Donahue, Wendy Jaghab, Joanie McCoy, Jill Osis, Yvonne Paradiso, Carol Scollay, John Van Guilder, Adrienne Wert, and Alan Woodruff. Russ Boulet, Robin Collins, Gregory Curatolo, Brittany Osis, Michael Parent, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Justin Woodruff, Kiana Boshart and Kelton Boshart also deserve a shout-out for helping to make the party happen. And a big thank you to our vergers, choir and musicians, ushers, greeters, LEMs, acolytes, lectors, wardens and vestry, and clergy for their leadership in the liturgy.

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**
Spanish-language 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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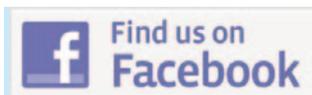
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Trinity Basics

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 at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

PARISH LEADERSHIP (*Vestry*):

Lesley Castellini (warden) Carol Scollay (warden)
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Erika Hogan	Tom Deverin	David Perkins	The people in Ukraine, family members and friends, and all Ukrainians
Yvonne	Barbara Wagner	Nina Frazer	
Karl Kaufman	MaryLou Leask	Carolyn	
Marie Annunziata	Karen Trout	Tom	
Faye Hudson	Pamela Renee		
Hank Neubert	Julia		

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:

5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12	5/13
Catherine Wynne	Sandra, Caitlin, & Brenden Zak	Andrea & Bill Zak	AnneMarie Zauner	Michael & Kathi Abatemarco

News & Notes

Rector Responds to Supreme Court Draft Opinion

This week was very emotional for many in our country in the wake of the leaked draft Supreme Court opinion on abortion. While the Episcopal Church has for many decades advocated a "pro-choice" approach to women's rights over their own bodies and reproductive health (not to be confused with being pro-abortion), our denomination's members and clergy have a wide range of views on abortion. I'm sure that is true at Trinity, too. While the situation in New Jersey is very different than in some other states, it is important for us to grapple with the moral issues of the day. With that in mind, Deacon Carolyn will be leading us in a study of the book *Pro-Choice and Christian: Reconciling Faith, Politics, and Justice* by Kira Schlesinger (who now goes by Kira Austin-Young), an Episcopal priest in Nashville who also happens to be my friend (we overlapped at Rice University, where we were involved in the Canterbury Episcopal Student Ministry, and we were ordained as transitional deacons together in June 2011). Mother Kira's book, while advocating for a pro-choice perspective, is balanced and fair to arguments on either side. Regardless of your position on abortion, you are very welcome in the book study, which will begin on May 24 (details below in the announcement). All I ask is that you bring an open mind to learn from Kira's scholarship ("learn" I said, not be persuaded!) and an open heart to hear from your fellow parishioners' experiences and perspectives.

Spring Book Study ~ Begins Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm on Zoom

In light of current civic events, for our spring book study we will read *ProChoice and Christian* (Kira Schlesinger, 2017). *Pro-Choice and Christian* explores the biblical, theological, political, and medical aspects of the debate in order to provide a thoughtful Christian argument for a pro-choice position with regard to abortion issues. Kira Schlesinger, an Episcopal priest, considers relevant Scriptures, the politics of abortion in the United States, and the human realities making abortion a vital issue of justice and compassion. By examining choice from a Christian perspective, Schlesinger provides a common vocabulary for discussing faith and reproductive rights. Please contact Dcn Carolyn with questions and/or to sign up (cbmswphd@gmail.com). We will meet for 4 sessions: 5/24, 5/31, 6/14 and 6/21.

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 894 6910 0229 Passcode: 442258 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 NY

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Sunday Morning Bible Study with Father Chase ~ Sundays at 9am in the Chapel and on Zoom

We meet on Sundays from 9 to 9:40am. No advance reading or rsvp required. On May 8, we'll discuss Ch. 25-31. On May 15, Ch. 32-40. Finally, on May 22 we'll wrap up the series with a discussion about what happens after Exodus. We meet in the Lady Chapel, but the class will also be available over Zoom.

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 840 3705 8202 Passcode: 427144 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 NY

NJ Gay Men's Chorus Concert ~ Saturday, June 4 at 8pm

Celebrate the 30th Anniversary of The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus with live performances on Jersey Pride Weekend. There will be a concert held here at Trinity Church on Saturday, June 4 at 8pm. Their repertoire opens with a set of songs welcoming you to the party, followed by selections of love and loss, and ending with a message of belonging and faith. You'll hear popular favorites like "Thank You for Being a Friend" and "Lean on Me/We Shall Overcome." Don't be surprised if you need a tissue after listening to their rendition of "Danny Boy."

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors and students when purchased in advance. All tickets are \$25 at the door. Advanced tickets are available at www.njgmc.org, by contacting the Chorus at 732-579-8449 or through members of the Chorus directly.

Wednesday Evening Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Come out in May on Wednesdays at 5pm to delve into the Psalms together. We will share a bit of history of the Psalter then read and discuss some of the most beloved Psalms together each week. Everyone is welcome!

Monday Evening Bible Study with Fr. Geoff: Will Resume on Monday, May 23rd!

As we approach the season of Pentecost Rev. Geoff Curtiss will explore some Hebrew texts that explore the nature of the Spirit. These biblical texts would be used the night before Pentecost for a Pentecost Vigil which is similar to the Easter Vigil. We will begin Monday, May 23rd with Genesis 11:1-9 (The Tower of Babel) and Psalm 33:12-22. Over the coming weeks we will review the Theophany at Sinai, Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego in the fire of empire building, Ezekiel's Vision of the Dry Bones and the Day of the Lord from the prophet Joel. The Bible Study meets on Zoom at 5:00 p.m. on Mondays. To be included please forward your interest to Linda Curtiss lindacurtiss@gmail.com who will send you the contact information. Please join us if interested. The studies are recorded and forwarded to members of the group.

Do You Know.....?

"Do You Know" is a new series started by the Vestry to bring fun and interesting information to the parish while also keeping everyone informed of various projects, repairs and building needs and their costs.

Trinity has an amazing Buildings and Grounds (B & G) committee with Jim Pillar, vestry member, as our new chair, along with Kevin Dyer our outstanding building supervisor and other long time members of Trinity with vast knowledge of our facility.

Over the past months there have been ongoing discussions of a roof/chimney leak that is dangerously close to the pipes of our organ. After multiple head-spinning discussions and several estimates from contractors with various solutions, the committee recommended that the Vestry engage Mr. Jim Bills Co. Mr. Bills has long-time expertise in roof/chimney leaks and slate roofs and comes highly recommended from another church in our area. The project will cost around \$40,000. While it is a major expense, it is necessary to prevent potentially catastrophic damage to the organ and to the church building. The cost of deferred maintenance is much higher in the long run than addressing problems soon after they arise.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any vestry member or warden who can guide you to the members for more information. If you'd like to pledge or make a donation please contact the church office.