



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Anyone else feel like we recently heard this Gospel? Perhaps it stuck in my head because it is a portion of the Maundy Thursday Gospel that I preached on just a few weeks ago. But don't worry, I didn't recycle that sermon for this week! However, it is interesting, at least to me, that when you take a Gospel passage out of its literary context, the meaning can change for you. As in the Maundy Thursday Gospel, in today's selection we hear the "new commandment" - "that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." You have heard from this pulpit on more than one occasion, and by more than one preacher, that when we speak of Jesus and love, love is not a noun but a verb. For if we see in Jesus an example of how we are to think and be and live, then love calls us to action in the world.

There is much happening in the world today that requires our action: war and conflicts, disease, economic conditions that increasingly create hardship for people living in poverty, and inequity in the distribution of wealth. The list goes on and on. So, if we are to love one another as Jesus loved, how do we respond?

In the Gospel accounts of Jesus' ministry on earth, we hear the range of actions that demonstrate what it means to love as Jesus did. Love means always being of service to others. We hear stories of service born out of compassion in the changing of water to wine at the marriage feast in Cana or displayed in acts of mercy such as curing the ill and the blind. Love may be demonstrated in dialogue with people considered to be outcasts or on the margins such as in the story of the woman at the well. And love may be shown in the lowliest of acts such as washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper.

But if you have ever truly loved someone, you know that love requires risk. In our most loving relationships, we make ourselves vulnerable to the other through our honesty. And in Jesus's actions, we see that love can require acts that encompass great risk, like challenging the state and religious authorities, which may result in torture and execution.

Let's be real, though. Loving as Jesus did is a tough assignment. We have responsibilities that must be fulfilled. We can't walk around telling stories and doing miracles. But we can start small; we can start where we are. We can love those closest to us and move our loving actions from there into the larger community.

Jesus loved his disciples who didn't always get the idea of love as an action correct, either. Judas betrayed him, Peter denied him and John and the women were the only ones present at His death on the cross. In Jesus, we learn that love is not based on merit!

If we are to love one another as Jesus loves, than we perform loving acts in His name...acts of service and sacrifice, acts that demonstrate God's love is still at work in the world through us in the name of Jesus Christ.

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**  
*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*

## Connect with Us

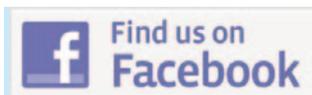
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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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 Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com for information!

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

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

## Parish Staff

The Rev. Chase Danford, Rector  
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Patrick Sizemore, Property Assistant

## 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](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:

5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20
Joane & Eleazer Alexis	Barbara Armbruster	John Asfour	Jennifer & Olivia Bagdanov	Bruce & Ann Barnes

## News & Notes

### 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](mailto: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

### Special Coffee Hour Discussion on May 22: NJ Together

All are invited to a coffee hour discussion with guests from New Jersey Together, Sunday May 22, following the 10 am service. We'll have a bit of unprogrammed fellowship before gathering for the discussion. NJ Together is a community organizing group that helps congregations and institutions to identify problems facing their neighborhoods and city, connect individuals and organizations to multiply their power, and mobilize people to bring about creative and effective change.

### 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

### Trinity Church History

Trinity Church has a rich history dating back almost 150 years! It is a history not only of the many people who chose this place as their spiritual home, but of the Asbury Park community at large. This history can be traced through registers of births, marriages & funerals, through minutes of the various organizations within the church, and in numerous pictures, documents and other artifacts.

Over the summer, we will begin to bring all of these books, documents, and artifacts together in one space and start to sort, organize and categorize all of the items. This will allow us to publically share our story not only with the parish, but with the wider community.

If you are interested in being a part of this project please contact Dell O'Hara @ [lyndell.ohara@gmail.com](mailto:lyndell.ohara@gmail.com)

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

Did you know that in addition to our part-time property staff (Kevin Dyer and Patrick Sizemore), our grounds are lovingly tended by volunteers? We want to give a particular shout out to Mike Nesspoor and David Blackwell, who have given so generously of their time to plant trees, flowers, and plants to beautify our grounds. Thank you also to everyone who signed up to help with this Saturday's Spring Spruce-Up!

Contact Kevin Dyer at [Kevin@trinitynj.com](mailto:Kevin@trinitynj.com) if you are interested in helping to keep our grounds beautiful and inviting.

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.