

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

Earlier this week, I experienced a number of firsts: first time at the State House in Trenton, first time on the floor of a legislative chamber, and first time offering the invocation for a gathering of elected public servants--specifically, at the opening of Thursday's voting session of the New Jersey General Assembly. It was quite an honor, and one I didn't necessarily feel I had "earned," having only lived in our state for two years! After quizzing the Speaker's office on the protocols for an invocation, I did a bit of homework and watched several others, which usually have a theme or are offered for a particular occasion (for example, Ramadan or St. Patrick's Day). For my theme, I focused on freedom. Here is the text of my prayer:

Holy One, Creator of the universe, Spirit of life, you are known by many names, and seekers look for you on diverse paths. We come before you with gratitude for the abundance of the earth, our nation, and this land we call home, this Garden State of New Jersey. We give thanks for the beautiful diversity of our state, that people from around the country and the world call New Jersey home. As we approach the anniversary of our nation's independence, this is a season of celebration of the possibility of human liberty. Our gratitude calls to mind St. Paul's words from his Letter to the Galatians: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters" (Galatians 5:13).

And yet we also acknowledge before you that this land on which we are gathered today has been a home to Indigenous Peoples before colonists arrived, and we lament the mistreatment and injustices suffered by Indigenous Peoples in this country and in this state. We also lament the brutal and inhuman system of slavery that built much of the wealth of this country and this state, and we lament continued racial injustice in our society. As we prepare to observe Juneteenth this weekend, may we join in solidarity with all who seek emancipation from the slavery of oppression, even in our own day. Give us wisdom and courage to make this a just and equitable society for all.

As we also prepare to observe World Refugee Day next week, open our hearts to those escaping persecution, war, and climate crises. Give us compassion for those who have fled their homes and homelands in search of safety and welcome.

And as we observe Pride Month this June, may the rainbows we see in the sky and the ones we proudly wave always remind us of the beautiful tapestry of humanity. We give thanks that New Jersey is a safe haven for many in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Allied communities. Celebrating the progress we have made in this state, let us not forget those who still suffer legal discrimination elsewhere. Give us the strength, dedication, and passion to strive for human rights for all your beloved children. For we have been called to freedom.

Finally, we pray especially for this gathered assembly. Bless the leaders here in this chamber and bless all public servants. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts and minds, that they may seek the truth, protect the vulnerable, and strive for the well-being of all the citizens and residents of this great state of New Jersey. In your name we pray, Amen.

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

Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship

Wednesdays:

6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church

Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

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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!

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week

Erika Hogan Tom Deverin Carolyn Peggy Little Simpkin

Yvonne Barbara Wagner Tom Judy Edelman Frank & Dee MaryLou Leask Eric Karl Kaufman Marie Annunziata **Iulia** Amy **Iames Leone** Faye Hudson **David Perkins** Agnes Baby Noa

Hank Neubert Nina Frazer Dan

- The people in Ukraine, family members and friends, and all Ukrainians

- Margaret Peterson, for the repose of her soul, and for her son Gary Peterson, daughter-in-law

Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, as well as the rest of Margaret's family.

- Cayden Clark, for getting well soon, as well as Becca and Cindy Clark and their family.

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:

6/20 6/21 6/22 Becca, Cindy, 6/23 6/24

Paul Chiapetta Eve Chico & Maureen Rylan, Landon & David Clark & Robin Collins

Lennon Cayden Clark Richard Shaver

News & Notes

Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Trinity BlueClaws Trip August 5th

Great news Trinity friends, our annual trip to the Jersey Shore BlueClaws baseball game is back! The BlueClaws are the minor league affiliate for the Philadelphia Phillies. Join us on Friday, August 5th for a 7pm game at the BlueClaws' Lakewood stadium. The theme for the night is Star Wars and there will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$12 and they can be reserved and paid for in advance by contacting Jill Osis in the parish office or by emailing her at Jill@trinitynj.com. There is a deadline of July 21st for purchasing tickets. It is always a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship when we gather together to cheer on our local BlueClaws team!

Trinity Summer Choir - Join Us Beginning Sunday, June 26th!

While our hard-working choir is on a well-earned summer recess, ALL are invited to experience the joy of singing as a leader in worship! Beginning on Sunday, June 26, each week we will gather at 9:20 in the choir room to warm up our voices, and to sing through the hymns to be sung by the congregation in the 10AM service. Then worship from the choir stalls, leading the congregational singing. Ages 9* through 99 are welcome! Come as you are; no vestments. It's summer! How can we keep from singing!?! Questions in advance? Ask me after church, or drop me a note at Deborah@TrinityNJ.com. I'll see you in church! — Deborah

*Parents are asked to use their discretion with ages. When a child is able to sit through the service, reads fluently (hymn texts), and can follow simple guidance, they are welcome to be part of this summer singing ministry. Age 9 is a guideline, not a rule.

Wednesday Evening Bible Sharing is on Hiatus ~ Restarts June 29th!

On June 29th, we will begin a month-long series on Women in the Bible! The series will last for four weeks. Wendy Jaghab is planning an exciting study so come and join us! Beginners are welcome and we have Bibles available.

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Sunday Morning Bible Study with Father Chase ~ Sundays at 9am in the Chapel and on Zoom Please Note That We Will Be Taking A Break for July and August!

We meet on Sundays from 9 to 9:40am. No advance reading or rsvp required. **On June 19 and 26,** Fr. Chase will lead a two part Bible study centered on the prophet Elijah, looking at 1 Kings 19:1-15 (week 1) and 2 Kings 2:1-14 (week 2). 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

Social Justice Film Discussion: The Janes ~ July 5 at 7pm on Zoom

Our social justice film for July is *The Janes* available on HBO Max. *The Janes* tells the story of a group of unlikely outlaws. Defying the state legislature that outlawed abortion, the Catholic Church that condemned it, and the Chicago Mob that was profiting from it, the members of Jane risked their personal and professional lives to help women in need. In the pre-Roe v. Wade era — a time when abortion was a crime in most states and even circulating information about abortion was a felony in Illinois — the Janes provided low-cost and free abortions to an estimated 11,000 women. Watch the film in your leisure and then gather with us on Zoom on Tuesday, July 5th at 7pm for a discussion. Zoom information below.

Zoom Information: Meeting ID: 814 5228 6155 Passcode: 427144 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 NY

Spring Book Study ~ 7pm on Zoom ~ Last Session 6/21

For our spring book study, we are reading *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. Our last session is this Tuesday, 6/21. **Zoom Information:** Meeting ID: 894 6910 0229 Passcode: 846967 Dial in: +1 646 558 8656 NY

What is General Convention and Why Should I Know? 2nd Session July 17 at 9am

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will be held in early July in Baltimore. It will bring together all the bishops and four clergy and four lay persons from each of the 111 dioceses. For our second session on General Convention, Parishioner Kim Byham and Deacon Gail, who is one of four clergy Deputies from the Diocese of New Jersey, will describe what were the major issues in Baltimore.

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.

This week's Do You Know... was written by warden Carol Scollay

Did you know... there are people all over the area who have a connection to Trinity? Of course you did!

Recently, I reconnected with an old friend from middle school. One of the first things she said to me was how my wedding was the first non Jewish wedding she ever attended. And she smiled at the memory of my wedding at Trinity. I had another recent "blast from the past" on the Pickleball court. A woman looked familiar to me and I asked her if she ever went to Trinity. She said yes and laughed. It turned out I was in choir with her daughters. Their plaques are in the choir pews! The woman said maybe she would stop by some day. She had very happy memories of Trinity. Other stories involve people saying - "Oh, the church with the bright, red doors! Such a beautiful building!" Trinity is a place where many recollections bring smiles. Share your Trinity stories and share our message of radical welcome.

Monday Evening Bible Study with Fr. Geoff: Mondays at 5pm on Zoom

Rev. Geoff Curtiss will be looking at Hebrew texts that explore the nature of the Spirit. 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. We meet on Zoom at 5:00pm on Mondays. To be included please forward your interest to Linda Curtiss lindacurtiss@gmail.com who will send you the contact information. The studies are recorded and forwarded to members of the group.