



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Ninth Sunday  
after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Luke 12:34)*

The founder of Asbury Park, James A. Bradley, intended for his resort city by the sea to be a holy place, a fitting neighbor for Ocean Grove and its Methodist camp meetings. That's why he donated land for churches to be constructed. Churches, including Trinity, were given prominent spots along Grand Avenue to highlight their important role in the community. Another early congregation was Holy Spirit Roman Catholic Church, a few blocks to the west of Grand. Today, there must be at least two dozen religious institutions, including one mosque, in Asbury, from grand edifices to storefront churches to congregations meeting in other venues. But despite Bradley's intentions, Asbury didn't exactly live into his wholesome and holy vision. It turns out a lot of visitors and residents wanted to drink, dance, and listen to secular music! Still, the churches flourished. But Asbury fell on hard times. Hotels closed as beachgoers shifted from stays to day trips. Downtown commerce was challenged by new suburban shopping centers. Racial injustice exploded into violence and property destruction. People--and some congregations--moved to surrounding communities. This all coincided with growing secularization. Fewer people attend worship, and fewer identify with organized religion.

In the face of these trends, Holy Spirit Church no longer had enough people to fill the pews of its cathedral-like building. The three Catholic churches in town merged into one parish, based out of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Asbury Avenue. The Diocese of Trenton sold the Holy Spirit property to a developer, who planned to preserve the exterior of the church, while converting the interior to condominiums. That plan stalled (apparently because of the restriction on multi-family development in that zone), and so the developer proceeded with an "as of right" plan to demolish the church and build single family houses on six individual plots. As many of you know, this resulted in a huge community outcry and the city Planning Board's vote this past Monday to deny the developer's plan. What will happen with Holy Spirit remains to be seen. If the board doesn't change its position on the re-zoning of the property, the case will undoubtedly go to court. Whatever happens, I hope that this episode will generate thoughtful conversations about balancing historic preservation, development of housing, and supporting local churches and charitable institutions. Many people have asked, "Why can't Holy Spirit be converted into a performance venue or a community center?" Leaving aside the finances involved in that, those questions interest me because there is a beautiful historic church here in Asbury that is already a worshipping congregation, an arts venue, and a community center: Trinity Church!

In addition to our church programs, we feed our community and help individuals secure housing, we host concerts and art shows, and we open our doors to community groups and events as much as we can. In fact, just this past Monday, the VNA Prevention Resource Network set up a clinic in the church to distribute monkeypox vaccines, bringing 246 people through our bright red doors into our sacred space. In partnership with the Light Brigade Collective, we bring local and regional performing and visual artists into our spaces, including recently hosting an evening show featuring visual works by incarcerated New Jersey artists. On September 3, we'll be hosting a jazz concert in the church to benefit the food program at our sister Episcopal parish here in Asbury, St. Augustine's. Trinity is buzzing with activity, and we want to do even more. Trinity is doing what people in our community are asking for: we are a center of spirituality, social justice, and the arts. Tell your neighbors! September will provide 3 outstanding

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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 M, T, W, F**  
*Resources available at [www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship](http://www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship)*
- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer in the Church**

### Wednesdays:

- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Church**  
*Healing Service first Wednesday of the month*

## Connect with Us

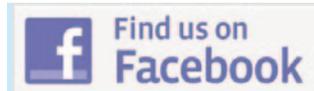
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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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](mailto:Derek@TrinityNJ.com).

**CHOIRS:** Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at [Deborah@TrinityNJ.com](mailto: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](mailto:vestrywardens@trinitynj.com)

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week

Yvonne	Barbara Wagner	James Leone	Evet Loza
Karl Kaufman	MaryLou Leask	Mark	Pastor Jim
Marie Annunziata	Dan	Sara	Lucy
Faye Hudson	Peggy Little Simpkin	Seth	Luke
Hank Neubert	Judy Edelman	Helen Burke	Dan Daley
Tom Deverin	DeDe	Kareem Zaky	

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

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 readed 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:

8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11	8/12
Jesse & Stacy Georgaklis	Kristin, Britt, Greyson, Grant, & Griffin Gill	Tom & Patti Gilmour	Ron Gorsky & Abbie Carthy	Edward Green

## News & Notes

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ways to connect: on September 3, we will reopen the sit-down dining experience at our Saturday Soup Community Meal. Sign up to volunteer along with a friend who might be looking for a spiritual community. Then that very evening, bring another friend to the jazz concert in the church. And on September 10, invite all your friends to cycle for a cause with our Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Trinity is a treasure in so many ways, and one that we want to share with everyone. I know your hearts are in this treasure. Let's invite our friends and neighbors to find their heart here, too.

Peace, Chase+

### Morning Prayer ~ In-person Thursday Mornings at 7:30am

Our Morning Prayer service will again meet in-person at Trinity on Thursdays at 7:30am. Please join us for a quiet, simple service of psalms, scripture readings and prayers that lasts about 30 minutes.

### School Supply Drive and Blessing of the Backpacks ~ August 21st

This year we will be participating in the Asbury Park Back to School Supply Drive! We will collect school supplies for students from our community through Sunday, August 21st. On the 21st, we are inviting all of our Trinity kids, youth and young adults returning to school to bring their backpacks to the 8 or 10am service for a Blessing of the Backpacks and School Supplies for a new year of learning and fun! The school district is looking for backpacks, lunch boxes, folders, notebooks, pencils, pencil cases, crayons, glue sticks, highlighters etc. You may bring your supplies by on Sundays or during the week by appointment. Thank you!

### Bloomin' 4 Good at the Neptune Stop & Shop

For the entire month of August, Trinity's Food Justice program will receive \$1 for every \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet sold at the Neptune City Stop & Shop on Route 35. Support our Food Justice program and spread some joy! Thanks Stop & Shop!

## News & Notes

### Summer Wednesday Evening Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5:15pm

Please come gather with us at Bible Sharing as we Rotate the Topic and Leadership for "Summer Potpourri". Through August we have scheduled something different each week, often accompanied by a craft or song! Think of it as Adult Vacation Bible School! We have lots of fun and everyone is welcome to come join us! Questions? Call Joanie McCoy @ 908-216-5529.

### Weiland/Posten Scholarship Applications Due August 31st

The Weiland/Posten Scholarship, given in memory of former Trinity parishioner Frank Weiland, is available annually to all members of Trinity enrolled in a post-High School program. This includes vocational and professional schools as well as colleges and universities. The applicant should be involved in the life of Trinity Church in some capacity. Applicants are encouraged to submit a letter to the church office detailing educational goals with evidence of acceptance into one of the post-secondary programs as listed above by August 31st. Details of participation in Trinity should also be noted. The letters will be reviewed by the vestry and the scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be granted by October 1st. Please submit letters to [office@trinitynj.com](mailto:office@trinitynj.com).

### Trinity Summer Choir - Join Us on Sundays!

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! 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](mailto: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.*

### Ride for Food Justice ~ September 10

The Fourth Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice is coming up on Saturday, September 10th!! Our annual bike ride supports the Food Justice Programs at Trinity Church. 100% of funds raised will be used to support local Food Justice programs including Saturday Soup, our Food Pantry, Women's Hospitality Network, and our new Radical Well Being Housing Program. The JSRFJ will feature a 15, 30, or 62 mile bike ride along the beautiful Jersey Shore that begins and ends at Trinity and has a celebratory picnic at the finish. Rain date is Saturday, September 24th. To join the ride or donate go to <https://ssl.charityweb.net/trinitynj/justiceride/>

For more Information or questions, contact Dave Osis at: [FoodJusticeRide@gmail.com](mailto:FoodJusticeRide@gmail.com)

### Summer Worship Music

Our Director of Music and Arts, Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, has some wonderful music planned for us this summer! Here's what's coming up in the next few weeks: August 7 James Soviero, Baritone; August 14 Janice Thomas and Ann Lee-MacKenzie, Sopranos;. Thank you to all of the wonderful musicians for sharing your gifts with us this summer!

### Trinity Summer Fellowship Series Is Here!

Our Hospitality Committee, with its new committee chair Adrienne Wert, invites you to participate in our Summer Fellowship Series! We have four events happening and you are welcome to attend as many as you wish!

**Tuesday, August 16, 7-9pm - Nicole and Dash Concert** (free) at the Avon Pavilion in Avon; bring a beach chair or blanket for a night of dancing and fun. Wear your Trinity t-shirt or gear if you have it and meet us on the beach next to the boardwalk on the North side of the Pavilion.

**Tuesday, August 30, 6-8pm - Sensational Soul Cruisers Concert** (free) The Asbury Park Music Foundation Summer Series presents the Sensational Soul Cruisers at Springwood Park in Asbury Park. Wear your Trinity t-shirt or gear if you have it and bring chairs. We'll meet at Springwood park and enjoy music under the stars.

**Sunday, September 11 - Trinity Program Year Kickoff** Join us for worship! After the 10AM mass we will celebrate the beginning of our program year and the return of our choir, Sunday School, and adult education. Come see all of our wonderful plans for the next year!

Questions? Please contact Adrienne at 732-616-1775