



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

To say today's Gospel is a difficult text might be considered a bit of an understatement! Where is Jesus going with this parable? How are we to interpret the behavior of the rich man in rewarding the manager's dishonesty? How do we make sense of the manager's dishonesty in betraying the trust of his employer?

In looking at this text, the story is fairly simple but is certainly not what we expect to hear from Jesus. In most parables in the Gospels, the protagonist either represents God, Christ or some other positive character. In this parable, the main characters, the rich man and the manager, are unsavory, almost wicked. So it is pretty clear that we should not emulate their behavior. So we are looking for a larger, more encompassing principle here.

Perhaps the easiest way to make sense of this parable is to start with the last 2 verses and work our way back through the text. Those last 2 verses, for me, are the main theme: "No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Jesus wants us to understand our responsibilities to God and one another by contrasting the behavior of the "sons of the world" (unbelievers) and the "sons of light" (believers). We are being encouraged to be generous with our wealth in this life so that in the life to come, we will be received into "eternal dwellings." However, we are not to commit unrighteous acts to gain wealth. We must put this text in the context of the times in which it was written and acknowledge the Jewish laws regarding lending, hospitality, duty to care for the poor, orphans and widows, etc. The theme of this text also has implications for national and international economic situations today.

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be just, righteous managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon us. We are reminded that everything we are and have comes from the God who loves us unconditionally. As the managers of all those gifts, we are to use our gifts to further the goals of God's reign. We are to be generous with our wealth and use it for the benefit of others.

Blessings,
Deacon Carolyn

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
- 7:30 AM Thursdays - Morning Prayer in the Church**

Wednesdays:

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

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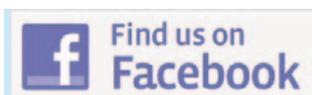
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Trinity Basics

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*):

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week

Yvonne	Barbara Wagner	Kareem Zaky	Tony Lorenzo
Karl Kaufman	MaryLou Leask	Evet Loza	NJ FEMA Corps team
Marie Annunziata	Mark	Pastor Jim	Jack Westendorf
Faye Hudson	Sara	Lucy	
Hank Neubert	Seth	Charlie	
Tom Deverin	Helen Burke	Russ Hubler & Family	

- 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 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 up on 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:

9/19	9/20	9/21	9/22	9/23
Denise & Kevin Mason	Jeanne McArthur	Nancy McCarthy	John, Alicia, Kelly, & Reese McCarthy	Joanie McCoy & Loni Hulse

News & Notes

Children and Youth at Trinity

Sunday School - Kids age 4 through 12 are invited to join us for Sunday School beginning at 10am every Sunday. We have an engaging program that is filled with fun and learning as we develop our spiritual lives!

Nursery - Our Nursery is open every Sunday from 9:45am until the end of the service. The nursery will accept children aged 6 months through 3 years. The nursery is located at the end of the hallway in the office wing.

Dance Like a Star Fundraiser ~ Saturdays in October, 1st - 22nd

Brush off your dance shoes and join us for four (4) weekends in October to learn the most popular social dances: Fox Trot, Cha-Cha, Waltz, Tango, Rumba and Jive/Swing. Have fun while also helping us raise much-needed funding for Trinity's Choir Program. In this four (4) week course, taught by three-time U.S. Amateur International Ballroom Champion Greg Curatolo, you will learn basic steps and techniques as well as secrets to successfully lead or follow. No partner or prior dance experience is necessary. Classes begin October 1st in the Gym and will run for 4 weeks from 7pm to 9pm. Suggested donation is \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. Please see registration form at the back of the church. Space is limited!. Questions? Contact Greg at greg.curatolo@gmail.com.

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER: Looking for Hosts for Small Group Gatherings

This fall Trinity is sponsoring connection gatherings to get to know your fellow Trinity parishioners. We are looking for 20 volunteers to host small groups that will meet one time for light food and conversation about life at Trinity. If interested and you want more information on hosting, please contact Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568.

Affordable Housing Coalition Meeting ~ September 22nd at 7pm

Please join the Racial Justice Project in support of The Asbury Park Affordable Housing Coalition (APAHC) at their Affordable Housing and tenants rights information session on September 22nd at 7pm in Trinity's gym. The Racial Justice Project believes that housing justice is a racial justice issue and that all individuals should have access to safe, affordable homes.

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Palestinian American Community Center Presentation ~ Thursday, September 29 at 6:15pm

A number of members of the Trinity community have expressed an interest in knowing more about the issues in the Holy Land, particularly the experiences of Palestinians. The Racial Justice Project, in partnership with Adult Education, is offering a workshop facilitated by Ms. Abire Sabbagh of the Palestinian American Community Center. Through a mix of a historical and contemporary timeline, this workshop aims to contextualize the Palestinian struggle and lived experience by understanding how key historical moments have shaped the Palestinian reality today. The workshop also aims to tie Palestine into larger, global social justice conversations. We will begin at 6:15pm in the church with light refreshments and the workshop will follow at 7pm.

Fall Book Study ~ Tuesdays in October at 7pm on Zoom beginning 10/4

As our program year starts, please mark your calendars for a 3 session book study on food, culture and sustainability. We will start our study of *THE EARTH KNOWS MY NAME* by Patricia Klindienst on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7pm via Zoom. We will continue our discussion on 10/11 and 10/18. This book will be a starting point for a discussion on possibly starting a Creation Ministry. Klindienst, inspired by her own family's immigration history, traveled and gathered stories of urban, suburban, and rural gardens created by Native Americans and ethnic peoples rarely represented in gardening books. She offers us in this book a model on a sustainable scale of a restorative ecology. Please contact Dcn Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com) to join the group or with any questions.

Newcomer Sunday and Membership Drive: September 25

We're glad you are here! All those who have begun attending Trinity Church in the last year or two are invited to be recognized during the Sunday morning services on September 25. We will invite anyone who identifies as a new member/ attendee to come forward and let us celebrate and welcome you with a liturgical prayer. After the service, we'll all have a chance to check our membership status, to make sure everyone who thinks that they are an official member is actually on the rolls, and to give everyone who would like to be a member the chance to fill out a membership form.

This Week in Social Justice at Trinity

This past Saturday we had the Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice fundraiser. With the amazing and wise humble leadership of Dave Osis, the Social Justice team at Trinity raised \$71,000 for Saturday Soup, the Women's Hospitality Network and our new Radical Well Being Housing Program. We grew the ride from 120 riders last year to over 160 riders this year. I (Derek) am so pleased and blown away by our JSRFJ fundraising team, our volunteers, and wider community for their great work and giving spirit! Thanks to all for believing in the work we do and supporting us!

Fall Wednesday Evening Bible Sharing Book Study ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Please come join us starting on September 14th as we read and discuss, "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World", by Joanna Weaver. Our own Carol Joy Jacobsen has suggested this book for our kick off this Fall. She says, "If your world never stops spinning and you long for a closer relationship with Jesus, come join us - this is the book for you! We will meet on Wednesdays at 5pm and we have the book available for \$5.00. Newcomers are always welcome. Questions? Call Joanie McCoy @ 908-216-5529

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

A voice and tradition that has been suppressed from the early Christian community. Mary and Peter are the only two who make a Christological declaration about who Jesus is in the Gospels. The early church leaders talk about Mary's leadership and her witness but it gets suppressed by the 4th Century. However the Gospel of Mary Magdalene was found recently and has been the source of great interest. Beginning next Monday at 5:00 p.m. we will explore the Mary Magdalene tradition. 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.

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.