



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Last Sunday after
Pentecost:
Christ the King

November 20, 2022

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King or alternatively termed, the Reign of Christ. This feast has significance for me as it was on this day that I made my First Communion as a child in the Roman Catholic faith. I still recall being taught why this feast was instituted in 1925 by Pius XI in the Roman calendar. In the view of the Church, the people of the world had removed the Christ from their lives and holy law no longer held a place in public affairs or politics. The purpose of Christ the King Sunday was to provide the faithful and all people in the world the opportunity to recognize the power and majesty of God and to re-commit their lives to Jesus. Christ the King Sunday is observed in the Episcopal Church on the last Sunday before Advent (The Episcopal Glossary).

But then why are we listening to a Gospel that tells the crucifixion story? The common image of splendor and grandeur associated with royalty is extinguished by the image of a man who has been tortured and is in the throes of an agonizing death on a cross. Why this Gospel for this Sunday?

Perhaps Jesus' idea of kingdom is different from what we associate with the term. A kingdom here on earth brings to mind geographic boundaries, struggles to maintain power and control, competition. Jesus taught, not the regime change hoped for by the Jewish people of His time, but a different way of being in relationship with each other and with God. Jesus offers us, not a change in who governs us, but in the way we govern our lives with one another. When we proclaim the reign of Christ, accepting the sovereignty of Christ in our lives, we are not giving our allegiance to another ruler but expressing our willingness to live in an entirely different manner, as citizens of this world, who live in the Kingdom of God now made a reality by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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)
- 5 PM Santa Eucaristia/Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Spanish-language service
- 10 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church**
Joyous, sung music

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 Chapel**

Wednesdays:

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

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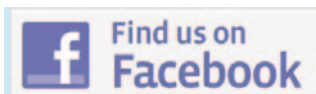
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Trinity Basics

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

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| Yvonne | MaryLou Leask | David Cohen |
| Karl Kaufman | Lyla Henn | Geraldine Sutphen-Hazell |
| Marie Annunziata | Lisa Sweeny | Debbie |
| Faye Hudson | Pop Ratacco | Tracy |
| Hank Neubert | Billy K | Bruce |
| Tom Deverin | Jen Coombs | Art |
| Barbara Wagner | Lucy Tully | |

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f 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:

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| 11/21 | 11/22 | 11/23 | 11/24 | 11/25 |
| Patty Reynolds | Bob Roccia | Craig & Catherine Rothfuss | Yvonne Ruhaut | Barbara Rutan |

News & Notes

Children and Youth at Trinity

Sunday School - Our Sunday School program begins at 9:45am and meets in the office wing. Please join us for a time of spiritual learning and fun! Children will still return to church at the Peace/ Announcements period.

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.

Let Us Break Bread Together!

Join in our 2023 Stewardship Campaign!

Our 2023 Stewardship Campaign is focusing on gathering in community! Last week was our pledge in-gathering and we had a wonderful response! So far we have collected 67 pledge cards for a total of \$223,512. 16 of those pledges are new or returning pledgers! We are thrilled to have so many commit to supporting Trinity Church and the work we do in the community! Please join us by filling out a pledge card. They can be found on the information table at the back of the church or electronically in our email blast. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Thanksgiving Eve Mass/Eucharist ~ Wednesday 11/23, 7PM

Please join us on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 pm as we gather to give thanks for the blessings of our lives at a special Thanksgiving Eve communion service with music from the Trinity Adult Choir. The service will take place in the church and all are welcome! This is a good opportunity to invite friends and neighbors of all faith backgrounds as we celebrate this shared civic holiday in the context of our church's liturgy. *Please note that the usual Wednesday service time has been adjusted for this special Thanksgiving service.*

Transgender Day of Remembrance ~ Today, Sunday, November 20

Trinity parishioners are invited to observe Trans Day of Remembrance today, Sunday, November 20, from 3-6 pm at the Blackbird Commons, 131 Atkins Ave, Asbury Park.

World AIDS Day ~ Thursday, December 1st at 7pm

We will continue our tradition of partnering with The Center to host an observance of World AIDS Day here at Trinity on Thursday, December 1. You are welcome to gather at The Center at 6pm for hot chocolate and cookies and then take the candlelight walk to Trinity at 6:30pm where we will hold a service of remembrance at 7:00pm. If you would like to join the walk before the service, The Center's address is 806 3rd Avenue in Asbury Park. Special guests this year will be The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus and the Rev. Canon Professor Gideon Byamugisha.

Make An Advent Wreath to Take Home! Sunday, November 27 after the 10am Service

Advent is coming! It is the time to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We at Trinity would like to share the tradition of the Advent wreath where we light a candle each week of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas as a community and in each household. On Sunday November 27 we will gather after the 10am service to make Advent Wreaths to bring home and follow the tradition with your family and friends. When you take them home, be sure to send us pictures and videos to share on social media and in our email blast! Did we mention that there will be hot chocolate and fall treats??

Christmas Cookies?! Cookie Exchange After Services on Sunday, December 4

Baking for Christmas is a tradition in many cultures. We invite you to share your recipes and your cookie creations with your parish family at the Trinity Cookie Exchange. The exchange will be held after each service on Sunday, December 4th. Tables will be set up in the rear of the church. Boxes and gloves will be provided. Bring your cookies (12-18 items), share your recipes and chat with other Trinity members about the tradition of baking for Christmas in your family.

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus Presents: "Merry Everything" ~ Saturday, Dec. 10 at 8pm

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus presents their 2022 Winter Holiday Concert "Merry Everything" live at Trinity Church on Saturday, December 10 at 8pm. Kick off the season with the chorus and enjoy all kinds of seasonal music, including sublime and whimsical choices, ranging from Tallis to Tchaikovsky to tango. Following tradition, there will be a holiday cookie sale. 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.

Vestry Nomination Forms Available ~ Due by Tuesday, November 30th

The vestry is seeking nominations of parishioners to serve in representing our parish family. These positions will be voted on at our Annual meeting in January. The positions open are: Vestrypersons (3 positions for three-year terms), Warden (1 position for a two-year term), and Delegates & Alternate Delegates (3 each) to Diocesan Convention and area convocation meetings. You may read a description of each position and their qualifications on the nomination forms located on the information table at the back of the church. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else to any of these positions, just pick up a form and turn it in by Wednesday, November 30th.

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

Please come join us 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. 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

For the next several weeks we will focus on the coming season of Advent. Advent, the coming of a new heaven and a new earth. Advent, the calling for repentance... a call to action. Advent, stirring our imaginations, changing our minds moving out of complacency and boredom into expecting and waiting. Our focus will be on both scriptural and contemporary themes of Advent. Our reading will begin with two classic texts Isaiah 40:1-11 and Mark 1:1-8. To join us please contact Linda Curtiss at lindacurtiss@gmail.com

Fr. Chase's Weekly Reflection

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. (Colossians 1:15-16)

This Sunday we observe the Feast of Christ the King, or in more gender expansive terms, the Reign of Christ. This is one of the newest major feast days, having been added to the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church in 1925, three years after Benito Mussolini, a fascist, rose to power in Italy. The concept of Reign of Christ Sunday is that we join with the church throughout the ages in affirming that Jesus Christ is Lord--and that affirmation has from the very beginning of the Jesus Movement meant that Caesar is not Lord, that no human ruler is our Lord. Instead, we follow a different Monarch: the King of Love and Prince of Peace. Was fascism on the mind of the Pope in declaring the Feast of Christ the King? Scholars debate this, but the Reign of Christ stands in stark contrast to totalitarianism.

This Sunday, our wider community observes two more somber occasions: Transgender Day of Remembrance and World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. Both observances call us to remember those whose lives have been cut short, on the one hand by transphobia and, on the other, reckless driving, bad road conditions, and public policies that privilege driving over walking and cycling. You may remember that last year Trinity hosted Asbury Park's Trans Day of Remembrance observance. A member of our Vestry spoke movingly of his experience on Sunday morning and at the later community event. This is an occasion very important to Trinity in our effort to make sure everyone in our community knows that they are beloved children of God. You can learn more about this year's observance in the announcement below. On the theme of road safety, I also want to call attention to the good work of our parishioner Polli Schildge, who has been a tireless advocate for pedestrian and cyclist safety through the Asbury Park Complete Streets Coalition.

Whether advocating for trans awareness, road safety, or many other good causes, Trinity is a church committed to making the Reign of Christ manifest in our community and our world.

Peace,
Chase+

News & Notes from Social Justice

Nonviolent De-Escalation Training: Dec. 4 at Noon

On Sunday, December 4 at noon, Social Justice Director Derek Minno-Bloom will train individuals how to de-escalate hard situations with family members, romantic partners, those with mental health issues, and other situations and will equip you with tools to do this great work. This hour-long training will kick off a new series of monthly social justice actions that we will be doing together as a congregation in 2023. *Friends and community members are warmly invited to this free training!*

Light Brigade Collective Ambient Light Show ~ Saturday, December 3 at 6pm

The Light Brigade Collective is hosting a night of immersive visuals projected on the church walls and live ambient music inside the sanctuary. The show will be held on Saturday, December 3 at 6pm and is \$10 at the door. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Proceeds benefit the VNA of Asbury Park's Harm Reduction Wing.

Second Annual Social Justice Book Fair ~ December 11, 1-6pm

We are very excited to host our second annual book fair with the Light Brigade Collective, Trinity Church and the Asbury Book Cooperative, the Social Justice Book Fair for Collective Liberation. We have done our best to invite as many independent publishers, book sellers, writers, and zines with progressive ideologies that are within a reasonable travel distance to share this space. Those setting up tables include Asbury Park Book Cooperative, Bluestockings, PM Press, House of Trash, Cats Luck Vegan and more. We will also have some local social initiatives such as Project REAL, Jersey Shore Food Not Bombs, Social Justice at Trinity, West Side Citizens United and the Transformative Justice Project on site sharing information and ways to get involved. We hope you will join us December 11th from 1-6 in Trinity Church's gym.

This Week in Social Justice

The sit-down dining experience of our Saturday Soup Community meal reopened seven weeks ago. We started slow with a few guests coming in to sit down and eat, but by the seventh week we have doubled the community members coming for food and fellowship. We have also started our food justice trainings again, where after preparing the meal we talk about Trinity's intersectional social justice programs and do some popular education around why people are hungry and experiencing homelessness in the wealthiest country in the world. It feels really good to be back open again!

Clue: On Stage ~ Food Justice Community Meal Fundraiser ~ February 3rd at 6:30pm

Our Spring Lake Theater Community Meal Fundraiser is back! That's right, Spring Lake Theater is once again donating all of their tickets to the opening night of Clue: On Stage. We are selling the tickets for \$30 which includes a yummy dessert and coffee reception and the Spring Lake Theater production of *Clue: On Stage*. It's a dark and stormy night, and every guest at this dinner party has an alias, the butler is well-stocked with weapons, and the host is dead! The body count at Boddy Manor is stacking up, and every one of the iconic oddballs of the cult classic film and popular board game are here to solve the murder before it's too late! Join us on Friday, February 3rd at 6:30pm for a wonderful evening out in support of our social justice program! Contact Derek@trinitynj.com for tickets.

We need volunteers to sell tickets: We are seeking volunteers to sell tickets after Sunday services. If you can spare some time after the 8am or 10am service in the remaining weeks of November or in December, please reach out to either Derek (derek@trinitynj.com) or Siobhan (siobhan@trinitynj.com). Thank you!