



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

September 17, 2023

When I first started attending Alanon as a young woman in my 20s, I thought I knew quite a bit about religion and God. After all I had been educated for 19 years in Catholic schools, colleges and in a Jesuit University. Religion was an academic subject for the first 12 years of my education. And I got all As in the subject!

However, 12 Step meetings have nothing to do with organized religion. The Program is a spiritual fellowship that takes you on a journey to form a personal relationship with the God of your understanding. So sitting in Alanon meetings, I came to know a very different God than the God of the Baltimore catechism. I came to know...a God of mercy and love. A God who was willing to forgive...again and again and again. A God who loved me in my imperfection! That was a new experience. Unconditional love! I thought you only received that from your dog.

In today's Gospel we hear a parable about mercy and forgiveness. In it we hear Jesus tell Peter that forgiveness is something given as many times as needed..."seventy-seven times." In Alanon, I learned the process of forgiveness really starts with forgiving yourself, which then frees you up to forgive others. I was always willing to forgive and move on when it came to dealing with others but tended to be a very harsh critic with myself. It was suggested to me that having a higher standard for myself than for others could be considered arrogance, not kindness. That took some time to process and understand!

When I came into The Rooms, my sponsor suggested a book for me to read entitled "The Spirituality of Imperfection." That book started me on the path to understand what forgiveness was really about and why it was essential for recovery. Being assured of God's mercy and forgiveness is essential if we are to complete a daily personal inventory and promptly admit when we are wrong. Being wrong is no longer a source of shame but an opportunity for grace. "We are forgiven only if we are open to forgiving, but we are able to forgive only in being forgiven- we get only by giving and we give only by getting." (Kurtz & Ketcham, 1992). The Spirituality of Imperfection, pg.222.

Forgiveness of self and others is learned through a daily process in which we try to be kind, generous and loving to all we encounter. Humility, acceptance, willingness and gratitude become qualities sought to attain and retain.

Perfection is not expected, but acknowledging our mistakes, promptly admitting them and asking forgiveness when necessary is. By practicing self-forgiveness, it is easier to forgive others. By not comparing and developing resentments, listening and identifying with other's struggles becomes a daily routine. Growth and change is attained with the help of others and sharing experience, hope and strength helps others to do likewise. Forgive, forget, and move on. Let go and let God!

Blessings,
Dcn 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)
- 9 AM 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 - F**
Resources available at www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship
- 7:30 AM Wednesday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**

Wednesdays:

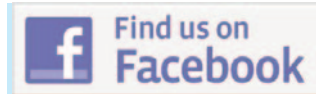
- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

Connect with Us

CONTACT US

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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 & COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN: The Trinity Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 11AM-1PM and on Saturday, a hot, sit-down meal is served from 11:30AM-12:30PM.
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)
Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Charles Hagon, Wendy Jaghab, James Pillar, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Maria Tassiello, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: vestrywardens@trinitynj.com

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Karl Kaufman	Patrick	Agnes Hulse	Gail M
Faye Hudson	Helen Burke	Holly Ohoro	Johnnie Newman
MaryLou Leask	Sue Ingino	Matt Hennessy	Adam
Kevin McDonald	Jackie Campanelli	Toni Dadabo.	Karen Trout
Jerry Fargo	Marinaro Family	Yvonne Paradiso	
Fran	Eileen Whalen	Roy	
Karen	Diane Earley	Antonella	

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:

9/18 Janise, Robert, Braeden, Conor, & Abigail Stout	9/19 Jim Sullivan & Ray Flautt	9/20 Denise Surman	9/21 Diane Surmonte & James Moseman	9/22 Nadine & Michael Sutcliffe
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News & Notes

Coffee Hour Help Needed for 10th Anniversary of Marriage Equality in NJ

Looking for volunteers to help plan a special coffee hour on Sunday, October 22 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of marriage equality in NJ. If you would like to help, please contact Dcn Carolyn (732-768-5781/cbmswphd@gmail.com).

Book Study at 9am in the Conference Room

Tara K. Soughers (2018) "Beyond a Binary God: A Theology for Trans Allies"

Episcopal priest and parent of a trans young adult, Tara Soughers explores questions from a contextual theology perspective regarding strict gender binary, how to affirm a person who don't adhere to traditional Western cultural stereotypes and how to understand a God who is both one and three. The study will run for 4 Sundays. Please contact Dcn Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com./732-768-5781) with questions and/or to get the Study Outline.

Fall Bible Study with Fr. Chase - Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Beginning Sept. 12

On Tuesday evenings this fall, our rector, Father Chase, will lead a bible study on the Book of Genesis. Beginning Tuesday, September 12, from 6:30-7:30 pm at the church. Sept. 19: The Creation stories in Genesis 1-2. Sept. 26: The Fall/"Original Sin" and Cain and Abel. We will continue in October and November with the biblical patriarchs and matriarchs and conclude with the story of Joseph.

For those unable to attend in person, you are welcome to join by Zoom. Email Fr. Chase for a recording of the first session and a copy of the handout.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86074188222?pwd=RkEvalY4aVgxOXRoRFIKU3lsZDJldz09>

Meeting ID: 860 7418 8222

Passcode: 609967

New Member Sunday - September 24

On Sunday, September 24, we will recognize new members at both the 8 am and 10 am services. For newcomers, people who have been attending for awhile and are ready to make a commitment, and for those who have been here a long time and never had an opportunity to be recognized. Let us recognize and celebrate you! If you are not sure if you are a member, inquire with the church office. New member forms are located on the information table at the back of the church.

Community of Love Small Group Hosts Needed

The Stewardship Committee is looking for hosts for our fall Community of Love small group gatherings! Gatherings will take place during the month of October. You can choose the day, time, and food theme. If you are available to host 4-6 guests in your home during the month of October for conversation and fellowship, please reach out to Wendy Jaghab at 732-616-8568 or wendyjaghab@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals ~ Sunday, October 1 at the 10am Service

Bring your furry, scaly, feathery, slithering friends for our annual Blessing of the Animals! “All creatures of our God and King” are invited to join us in the church during the 10am service for a blessing from the Trinity clergy. All animal friends ought to be brought on a leash or otherwise appropriately controlled for everyone’s safety and enjoyment.. Treats will be available for our pets and their people too!

Drop in Counseling Available ~ Wednesdays 9:30am-11am and 12-2:30pm

On Wednesdays 9:30am - 2:30pm (with a break from 11am-12pm), Dcn Carolyn is available at Trinity for counseling sessions (personal, family, marital and/or substance use issues). This service is free. A maximum of 3 sessions will be offered. You may call ahead (732-768-5781) to schedule a time or just drop by the Deacons Office. If you have questions, contact Dcn Carolyn.

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Weekly at 5pm

Join us every Wednesday at 5pm for our Bible Sharing group! This fall we will be discussing Psalm 23. All are welcome to join us!

Monday Bible Study with Fr. Geoff ~ on Hiatus October 2-23

The Monday Bible Study is will go on a short break from October 2-23rd. They will return on October 30th with a new study topic. Watch for more information!

Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

Sunday School - Join us each week as we explore God’s presence in ourselves, our community, and our world! We will gather in the Sunday School room each week at 9:45am for fun and spiritual exploration and then rejoin our families after The Peace. For questions, contact Jill Osis at Jill@trinitynj.com.

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 4 years. The nursery is located at the end of the hallway in the office wing.

GSE Equality Walk ~ Saturday, October 7

As we mark the 10th anniversary of Marriage Equality in NJ, we would like to support the organization that helped to achieve that goal. Garden State Equality provided advocacy for the bill and effective lobbying to achieve marriage equality. GSE is holding their annual Equality Walk on Saturday, 10/7, in Asbury Park. Please contact Dcn Carolyn if you would like to join the Trinity team for the walk. The walk will start at Springwood Park at 3pm. Contact Dcn Carolyn with questions and to sign up. Information and registration is available at the GSE website <https://garden-stateequality.rallybound.org/>

Volunteers Requested for Rides to Church

Please let the church office know if you are interested in helping out with giving rides to church for people who live in the area.