



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

Dear People of Trinity,

This Sunday we celebrate our Trinity "Community of Love" by sharing our pledges of support for the 2024 year. Throughout the fall we have heard rich reflections from parishioners on a "Word of the Week" taken from the "Community of Love" stewardship hymn, "I Come with Joy:" Love, Joy, Bread, Share, Friendship, and Praise. In her "Share" talk, parish warden Carol Scollay spoke about giving our time, talent, and treasure to this community of love that shares so much back with us. She said one of the ways she shares is by making a pledge, because "pledging helps ensure the church can budget all the great things we do here and keep the building functioning for our parish and the greater community."

The present and future are bright at Trinity. Worship attendance is up by ten more people in church on average in 2023 vs. 2022, we welcomed eight new members in September, our ministries are vibrant, and you cannot help but feel the energy, enthusiasm, and joy in this place. This past summer we launched the Trinity Center for Community to introduce our social justice programs more widely to our neighbors, and we also welcomed our inaugural Artist-in-Residence, whose first show will be in the church next weekend. This fall we opened up the gym/auditorium as a hospitality space for community members to relax and enjoy refreshments as they wait their turn in the Food Pantry, and we will be opening as a Code Blue warming shelter this winter. Trinity is a Community of Love for so many, and I thank you for making our ministry of sharing God's unconditional love possible.

If you've donated in the past, but have never pledged before, you might wonder why we pledge: 1) So that the Finance Committee and Vestry are able to prepare an accurate budget for the upcoming year. But even more importantly, 2) It's an opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice of generosity--not only of giving itself, but of the commitment to give.

Here's what I'm asking you to do:

1) **Pray and think about your pledge.** Pray about it, crunch some numbers, and pray some more! I encourage you to approach your stewardship of the parish as a spiritual exercise.

2) **Name your blessings.** The pledge form has an opportunity for you to give thanks for blessings in your life. We will name these thanksgivings throughout the year during the Prayers of the People (unless you state otherwise). All that we have is a gift. Life itself is a gift. Of those gifts, we give back to God through the Church as an expression of our gratitude. Eucharist, the central act of Christian worship (the mass, Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper) comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." We give thanks through our worship, we give thanks through our gifts, and we give thanks through our prayers. Share your prayer of gratitude with us, your community at Trinity Church. Write down a blessing or two or three so that we can all give thanks together.

3) **Make your pledge proportionate.** Consider your stewardship in proportion to your resources. Try this: take your total giving last year and calculate it as a percentage of your income. Now you know your baseline percentage. Each year, focus on increasing your proportional giving. Christian tradition encourages us to strive for a ten percent tithe

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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)*
- 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](http://www.TrinityNJ.com/Worship)*
- 7:30 AM Wednesday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**  
**\*\*On break**

### Wednesdays:

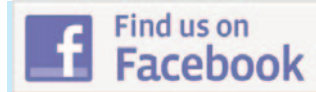
- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**  
*Healing Service first Wednesday of the month*

## Connect with Us

### CONTACT US

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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 & 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](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)  
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](mailto:vestrywardens@trinitynj.com)

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Karl Kaufman	Jackie Campanelli	Johnnie Newman	Nick Papadopoulos
Faye Hudson	Yvonne Paradiso	Adam	John
MaryLou Leask	Roy	Karen Trout	Raymond Stice
Kevin McDonald	Antonella	William	
Jerry Fargo	Gail M	James Pillar Sr.	

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 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](mailto:PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com).

**Trinity Cycle of Prayer** During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

11/13	11/14	11/15	11/16	11/17
Russell Boulet	Lisa & Tom Bovino	Carolyn Bradley & Mickey Medlicott	Holly Bradley	Linda Brady

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of our resources. "Yikes, how can I ever do that with the high cost of living in this area?" you may be thinking. It is an ambitious goal, but just like a long to-do list, it may feel less overwhelming if you take it a step at a time: try increasing your giving percentage a little bit each year.

4) **Offer your pledge on Sunday.** The Vestry, Stewardship Committee, and I invite you to join us in submitting your pledge this Sunday. Pledge cards will be offered on the altar during services.

Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and treasure with this "Community of Love" here at Trinity.

Peace, Chase+

## News & Notes

### **Advent Wreath ~ Sunday, November 19 after the 10am Service**

On November 19th after the 10 am Mass, we will gather in the Trinity gym to create Advent Wreaths for our household use. This activity will help us prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus. We will start with a basic design and add our own personal style to the wreath. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church, please let us know you will be coming so we can put together a kit for you to make your wreath. This is a wonderful community event and we hope that you will join us!

### **Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist ~ Wednesday November 22, 6:30pm**

Please join us on Wednesday, November 22nd at 6:30pm as we gather to give thanks for the blessings of our lives at a special Thanksgiving Eve communion service. 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.

### Trinity Church is a Code Blue Warming Center!

Trinity Church is once again a Code Blue Warming Center for Monmouth County. After taking a break during Covid when the County was housing people in hotels, Trinity Church has contracted with Monmouth County to provide an evening warming center during Code Blue Emergencies. This means that whenever the temperature drops below 32 degrees, Trinity will open its gym from 7pm-6am to anyone in the County who needs a warm, safe space to stay. This is going to take a great deal of work from our parish and our community. With funds provided by the county, we will be hiring a coordinator and a security person. But there is so much more! **How can you help?** We need volunteers to help in many ways: 1) **Sign up to volunteer** to take a 4-hour shift on Code Blue Evenings. Each night will be divided into 3 shifts of 4 hours. Volunteer as much or as little as you like. 2) **Drop off food and supplies:** coffee, cups, sugar packets, packaged snacks and bars, puzzle books, decks of cards etc. (any time); and fresh fruits and food (on nights when Code Blue is in effect). 3) **Donate!** We need to purchase food & supplies, pay staff, run utilities and generally keep the building open for 24 hour days for much of the winter. We also need to buy at least 60 specialty chairs that our guests can relax in and rest while they are warming. To give toward the Code Blue program please visit our new giving site at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z95F/campaign/C-14F8W> or scan the QR Code to the right. To find out more information or to be put on our volunteer list for Code Blue, please email us at [office@trinitynj.com](mailto:office@trinitynj.com). Keeping our unhoused community members warm and safe is a top priority for Trinity and we hope that we can come together to make this a welcoming space for all!



### Social Justice Coffee Hour: Gun Control & Moms Demand Action ~ November 26th at 11:30am

November's Social Justice Coffee Hour will focus on Gun Control in an event hosted by Trinity, Parishioner Mark McDonald, and Moms Demand Action. Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. They work to pass stronger gun laws and close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. They also work in our communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. They believe that gun violence is preventable, and are committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe. Join us on Sunday, November 26th at 11:30am as they discuss their work and lead us into an action for Gun Control.

### Upcoming Adult Education Programs

**November 26 through December 10** ~ Advent Series using meditations on the season from Richard Rohr to be held in the Conference Room at 9 AM with Deacon Carolyn.

**Sunday, December 3** ~ It's a Christmas Cookie Exchange! Join us after all three services in the back of the church. Please bring a dozen (or more) of your favorite Christmas cookies. Homemade or store purchased to exchange with other parishioners. Boxes and gloves will be provided. The Adult Education Committee will host coffee hour on that Sunday.

**Sunday, December 17** ~ Scripture themes and contemporary lessons from our stained glass window of the Nativity with Denzel Donaldson, General Theological Seminary student. To be held in the Conference Room at 9am.

### NJ Gay Men's Chorus Concert ~ Saturday, December 9 at 8pm

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus invites you to join them at Trinity on a "Holiday Road of Carols." Haul out the holly and deck the halls; they're making the Yuletide gay! The 2023 Winter Holiday Concert is a merry musical journey along a holiday road, celebrating winter and its treasured holidays of Christmas and Hanukkah with both traditional and contemporary music. They will also have their annual holiday cookie sale. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. To purchase tickets visit [www.njgmc.org](http://www.njgmc.org) or contact the Chorus at 732-579-8449.

### An Afternoon of Conversation and Holiday Cheer ~ Wednesday, December 6 at 4pm

The Trinity Center for Community invites you to an afternoon of conversation & holiday treats. This year has been one of positive, hope-filled change for The Trinity Center for Community and we want to share our stories, vision, and gratitude with you! Join us on Wednesday, December 6th at 4pm in the Trinity Gym to hear an update on the year's accomplishments, have time for conversation and questions, and enjoy some holiday-themed refreshments. To attend, please RSVP to [Siobhan@trinitynj.com](mailto:Siobhan@trinitynj.com).



### Fall Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Weekly at 5pm

**Note: Bible Sharing will Take a Break for November 22nd**

Come join us on Wednesdays at 5pm through November 15th to explore the stories of our Bible Matriarchs and Patriarchs! Beginning November 29th, we invite you to join us with "Expectancy" for an Advent series at 5pm on Wednesdays before mass. We will be exploring the Season of Advent together using "Journey the Way of Love" from the Gospel of Luke provided by our Episcopal Diocese. It is sure to add to your prayerful Advent experience! All are welcome each Wednesday! Any Questions? Call Joanie @732-780-3111

### Fall Bible Study with Fr. Chase - Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Father Chase is leading a Bible study on the Book of Genesis on November 7, 14, and 21, and Dec 5, 12, and 19 from 6:30-7:30. We are reading and discussing the story of the patriarchs and matriarchs of the People of Israel and then following Joseph to Egypt. For those unable to attend in person, you are welcome to join by Zoom. Email Fr. Chase for recordings of previous sessions and copies of class handouts.

Zoom Link: [us02web.zoom.us/j/86074188222?pwd=RkEvalY4aVgxOXRoRFIKU3lsZDJJdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86074188222?pwd=RkEvalY4aVgxOXRoRFIKU3lsZDJJdz09)

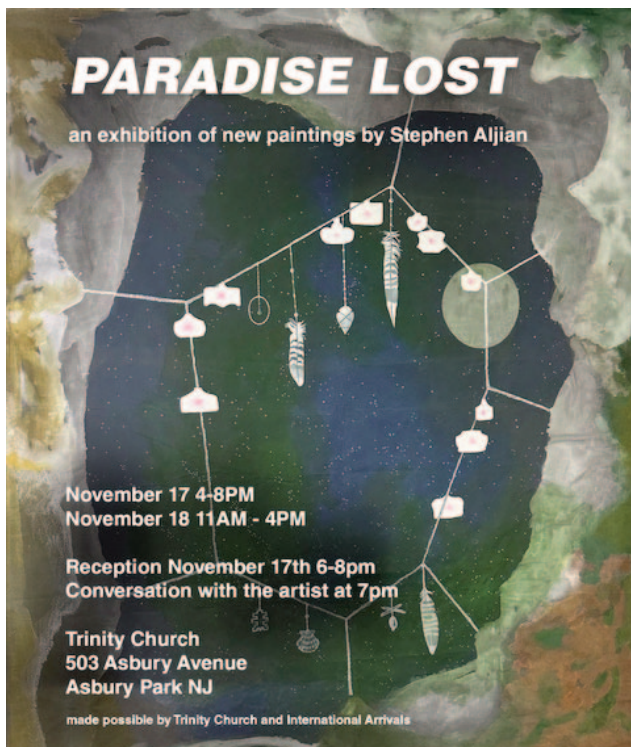
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### Introducing... Vanco ~ Trinity's New Giving Site!

Trinity has decided to move our giving platform from EasyTithe to Vanco. We feel that this move will benefit everyone due to the lower cost, greater flexibility, and ease of use. The URL for this new giving platform is: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z95F> If you are currently using EasyTithe for your giving, we ask that you please move over to the Vanco platform by the end of the year as we will be closing down the EasyTithe site as soon as we can. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or need help with the new site!

### Holmdel Community UCC Zoom Book Study Invitation: Wednesdays at 7:30pm, November 29-December 27

Holmdel Community UCC has invited Trinity Church to join them in a Zoom Book Study focusing on "The First Advent in Palestine: Reversal, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope" by Kelley Nikondeha. Meetings will begin at 7:30pm and end at 9pm. Two chapters will be read each week. To register for the Book Study, please email [administrator@holmdelucc.org](mailto:administrator@holmdelucc.org).



### Artist-in-Residence Exhibition and Artist Talk

Stephen Aljian, Trinity's inaugural artist-in-residence, will be holding an art show inside of the Church on November 17th and 18th. The November 17th date will include a reception from 6-8pm and a conversation with the artist at 7pm. Please join us and support the arts at Trinity and in our community!

### **Presiding Bishop of Episcopal Church Calls for Peace in Palestine, Israel**

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, issued a letter this week calling for an end to the violence in Gaza and Israel and for full access to humanitarian aid. In his letter, which you can read on the Episcopal News Service website, Bishop Curry urges all Episcopalians to contact President Biden and Congress. If you missed Trinity's letter-writing opportunity at coffee hour on Oct 22, you can contact your representatives through the website of the Episcopal Public Policy Network. Trinity reiterates our support for the people of Israel and Palestine, as well as our opposition to all anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, and anti-Arab hateful speech and actions.

### **Vestry Nomination Forms Available ~ Due by Thursday, November 30th**

At our Annual Meeting in January, we will hold elections for Vestry and Delegates & Alternates for Diocesan Convention. The positions open are: Vestrypersons (3 positions for three-year terms; note that 2 current Vestry members are seeking re-election: Gregory Curatolo and Wendy Jaghab), Warden (1 position for a two-year term; note that current Warden Carol Scollay is seeking re-election), and Delegates & Alternate Delegates (3 each) to Diocesan Convention and area convocation meetings. Read a description of each position and qualifications on the nomination forms located on the info table at the back of the church. Interested in nominating yourself or someone else to a position? Just pick up a form and turn it in by Thursday, November 30th.

### **Stewardship Spotlight: Sharing With Our Community**

Trinity is a Community of Love, and as the children's folk song "Magic Penny" goes, "Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more." Our church supports many ministries for our wider Asbury Park/Jersey Shore community, including our Trinity Center for Community; which offers the Saturday Community Meal, Food Pantry, holistic housing program (with resources for recovery, mental health, financial skills, and job/leadership training); the new Artist-in-Residence program and the partnership with the Light Brigade Collective, which hosts concerts and art shows; the Racial Justice Project; and advocacy for affordable housing, LGBTQ+ equality, food justice, and more. While our Trinity Center budget is funded separately from the parish, Trinity Church fundraises for community programs through events like the Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice. The Church provides space and invaluable support to programs of the Trinity Center and our other community ministries. In addition, all the hours our Rector devotes to the Trinity Center as its Executive Director constitute a gift from the Church to the Trinity Center, and Trinity clergy and staff also support collaborative advocacy efforts like the Monmouth Housing Coalition. On top of the parish's support of the Trinity Center and other community programs, we share our resources with the Diocese of New Jersey. This year, we will give over \$58,000 to support the work of the wider Church, which, in addition to the bishop's staff, funds mission churches in under-resourced areas that would not be served by an Episcopal church were these congregations to close. As we ask for your support of our annual Stewardship campaign, know that Trinity is committed to sharing our blessings. "Love is something if you give it away, you end up having more."

### **You're Invited! Conversations about Racial Justice at Trinity**

Trinity is committed to being an anti-racist church, and WE NEED YOUR INPUT to evaluate how we've been doing! 1) Copies of a 10 question survey developed by the Racial Justice Project Audit Team will be available on upcoming Sundays at the information area at the rear of the church. Please fill them out and give them to one of our team who will be standing there after worship. In November and December there will be opportunities to join a focus group about your perspectives on racial justice at Trinity. **Details will follow soon on how to join one of those focus groups. The first focus group will be over Zoom on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 PM.** You are also invited to join an in-person discussion over Christmas cookies and coffee on Wednesday, December 6 at 1:30 PM at the Church. Thank you for your time and wisdom and feedback.