



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Last Sunday
after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them...Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. (Mark 9:2-3, 7-8)

The Transfiguration is one of my favorite stories because Jesus' closest disciples come to see him in a new light. Peter, James, and John experienced a vision of Jesus' divinity. When the dazzling light, heavenly voice, and prophetic visitors went away, "they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus." They saw only Jesus, and they could never forget that they had seen the inner truth that was always there. They had seen the Beloved. The Transfiguration gives us a glimpse of the divine in a human. The challenge of the Transfiguration is for us to see transfiguration at work in all humanity -- to see the light of God shining inside all of us.

The upcoming season of Lent is intended as a spiritual practice to help us see ourselves, one another, and God more clearly, and I hope that as we journey toward the Cross, we will also hold fast to the vision and promise of the Transfiguration. Ash Wednesday (this coming week) and our Lenten disciplines are meaningless if they instill in us a despair at our faults rather than inspire us to strive to show forth the possibilities for goodness, beauty, and love that God created within us.

One of the ways we search for God and experience God is through human creativity. I'm thrilled to share with you that our Artist-in-Residence, Stephen Aljian, has gifted Trinity Church with a set of original Stations of the Cross he made especially for our parish. In thanksgiving for this generous gift, we will install this new set of stations and put them in rotation (perhaps on an annual basis) with the ones currently in the church, also created by local artists. As we walk the Way of the Cross this Lent, may our eyes be open to finding God in prayer, in the world around us, and in human creativity.

Peace,
Chase+

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 Chapel**
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 Friday - Morning Prayer in the Chapel**

Wednesdays:

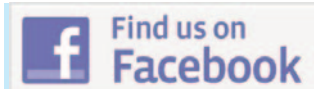
- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**
Healing Service first Wednesday of the month

Connect with 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)
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Karl Kaufman	Michael Shaw	Linda	Louise
Faye Hudson	Gina Perfetto	Rebecca	Sandra Johnson
MaryLou Leask	Gene Perfetto	Adam	Ava Ulrich
Kevin McDonald	Gwyn	Michael & Rosemary	Glenda Levenstein
Jerry Fargo	Gary M.	Shaw	Christian Breiner
Jackie Campanelli	Mike Hansen	Phil DiRoma	Malcolm Navias
Tim Higgins	Greg	Bruno	Charlie
Danna Rivera	Ann Marie	Devin	Carol Joy Jacobson

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:

2/12 Kurt Kaboth & Katherine Cunningham	2/13 Barbara Kane	2/14 Jeffrey Kerlin	2/15 Phyllis Koch	2/16 Pam Kovalski
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News & Notes

Newcomer Sunday ~ Today!

Today we recognize new members at both the 8 am & 10 am services. For newcomers, people who have been attending for awhile and are ready to make a commitment, and those who have been here a long time and never had an opportunity to be recognized. Let us celebrate you! New member forms are located at the back of the church.

Mardi Gras Celebration ~ With Pancakes! Today after the 10am Service

Do you love pancakes, music, and fun? Join us after the 10am service today in the gym for a celebration before Lent begins. We'll have pancakes and sausage, games, music and fun! Special activities for the kids!

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

Our Monday Bible Study focus will be the "Deuteronomic Reform." Consider the context: Israel is facing an identity crisis in its political and economic situation as a result of the Assyrian Empire over-running the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Judah is attempting to consolidate Israel's identity amidst competing proposals. 'Surprise!' a new scroll is found inside the Temple that re-visions Israel's history. King Josiah must choose between competing options. To join the conversation for materials and information please email Lindacurtiss@gmail.com.

Shop Local, Support Code Blue!

During the month of February, the Asbury Book Cooperative will be donating 10 percent of new fiction book sales to support the Trinity Code Blue winter warming center. If you're in the market for a new book this month, consider stopping by the store at 644A Cookman Ave or shopping on their website, <https://www.asburybookcoop.org>. Thank you to the Board, staff, and readers of the Asbury Book Cooperative for helping to protect our most vulnerable neighbors on freezing nights this winter.

Planting the Alleluias! After the 10am Service Today

As we prepare our Trinity Kids (and ourselves) for the season of Lent, our Sunday School will be discussing the ways in which we can deepen our spiritual connections. Today in Sunday School, our children will be preparing and decorating Alleluia posters as a symbol of our joyful praise to God. During Lent, the "alleluias" are removed from our worship in both word and song. After the 10am service, we will have a ceremony during which we will plant the alleluias in the ground where they will remain throughout Lent. Our alleluias will "grow" and strengthen with us until we harvest them on Holy Saturday and set them free for our Easter celebration! You are invited to join us after today's postlude to encourage our kids in their spiritual journey through Lent!

Ash Wednesday Services ~ Wednesday, February 14

On Wednesday, February 14th, we will gather together for Ash Wednesday services. Please join us as we begin our journey through Lent. Services are as follows:

7:30am - Said service with Imposition of Ashes

12:00pm - Said service with Imposition of Ashes

7pm - Choral service featuring the Trinity Choir with Imposition of Ashes



Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesdays at 6pm Beginning 2/21

Join us at 6pm on Wednesdays in Lent, as we journey the Way of the Cross at our weekly Stations of the Cross service, immediately before our Wednesday Holy Eucharist. This year, we are pleased to announce that our Artist-in-Residence, Stephen Aljian, has gifted Trinity Church with a set of original Stations of the Cross he made especially for our parish. We will use these Stations to guide us on our weekly journey. Please join us!

Lenten Sunday Adult Formation Class ~ Sundays at 9am ~ Begins Next Week, 2/18

On Sunday, 2/18, we will begin our Lenten study series using a text from Forward Movement, "Will you: A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises." This book provides a 5 week Lenten study which offers daily reflections, examples of evangelism in action and an invitation to think in new ways about the promises we make to God, to each other, and to ourselves in baptism. Sessions will be held in the Conference Room and start at 9AM. For more information or questions, contact Dcn Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com/732-768-5781).

Interested in Confirmation or Reception (aka "Becoming Episcopalian")?

Please let Father Chase know if you are an adult or teenager interested in confirmation, reception into the Episcopal Church (for those confirmed in another tradition), or a reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. The upcoming five-session Lenten class (Sundays at 9 am, beginning Feb 18, see above announcement "Lenten Adult Formation Class") on baptismal promises would be good preparation for confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation. If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, we will request a place on the bishop's calendar for a service of Confirmation, or you may also choose to attend a confirmation service at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton (not scheduled yet, but usually on a Saturday afternoon in late May or early June).

Episcopal Classes on Christian Anti-Judaism (Online)

From the Rector: The Diocese of New York is presenting a series of online classes on Anti-Judaism in Christianity, including in the texts and liturgies we use in the Episcopal Church. The first session, an introduction, took place in January, but the recording is available online. The next session is February 15, with a focus on the lectionary. The following sessions, in March and April, will look at sacred music, preaching the Gospel of John, and a proposal for peace. Trinity is also working on a series of live classes on anti-Judaism and Islamophobia with local speakers, but this is a great resource in addition to our planned program. Register for upcoming sessions and watch the first recording here: <https://dioceseny.org/24forums/>

Wednesday Epiphany Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Jesus has many Names! Join us on Wednesdays at Bible Sharing! We will meet at 5pm as we explore through Bible references the many names for Jesus. All are encouraged to join us! Questions? Call Joanie @ 908-216-5529