



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday  
of Easter

April 7, 2024

*We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life...(1 John 1:1)*

This Sunday our readings point to the physicality of the Resurrection. The gospel tells the familiar story of so-called "Doubting Thomas," who, when told about the appearances of the Risen Christ, said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." I don't think any less of Thomas for wanting evidence; I would too! I think it's easier for me to believe in the Risen Christ than it would have been for Thomas, for one simple reason: I wasn't actually there when it all went so wrong. Can you imagine how traumatic the events of Jesus' last week would have been for all of those around him? One minute you're celebrating the Passover with your friends, and the next you're running for your life, trying to evade arrest by the Roman occupiers and the temple police. Then your beloved teacher and friend, your Lord, is executed. So, I'm right there with Thomas.

The other three readings are also very physical. I love the words of the epistle I quoted at the top, "We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life." These words point us to the story of creation in Genesis, in the beginning, when God created the universe through the word of life. And then the apostles experienced this Word of Life directly: they saw him with their own eyes and touched him with their own hands. The psalm is also highly sensory, with its description of community life in the spirit being like receiving an anointing of oil upon one's head, running down onto one's face and beard. Or like the morning dew. In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the materiality takes a different form. Instead of a sensory experience, we hear about how the early church shared all of their resources so that none lacked anything they needed for their physical survival and thriving.

Christianity, like the Jewish tradition from which it emerged, is a physical, flesh and blood religion. It is concerned with the spirit, but things heavenly are never truly divided from things earthly. The gospel, the good news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, brings new life spiritually and physically, as we share God's love in word and deed.

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

### Wednesdays:

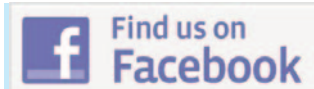
- 6:30 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel**  
*Healing Service first Wednesday of the month*

## Connect with Us

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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 10:30AM-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, Wendy Jaghab, Mary Perez, 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:

|                   |                   |                |                    |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Faye Hudson       | Gene Perfetto     | Malcolm Navais | Terrie Voiceberger |
| MaryLou Leask     | Louise            | Charlie        | Helen Grace        |
| Kevin McDonald    | Sandra Johnson    | Dave Berkey    |                    |
| Jerry Fargo       | Ava U             | Anita Kotz     |                    |
| Jackie Campanelli | Glenda Levenstein | Ed Kowaski     |                    |
| Tim Higgins       | Christian Breiner | Carol          |                    |

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 readed 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:

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|----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 4/1            | 4/2            | 4/3             | 4/4          | 4/5               |
| Mickey O'Hagan | Lyndell O'Hara | Suzanne O'Hearn | Holly O'Horo | Patricia O'Rourke |

## News & Notes

### Take a Flower Home Today!

Thank you to all who donated to Flowers and Music in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one for our Easter Services! Please take a flower or two home with you today, plant them, and keep the joy going year after year!

### April Ministry Coffee Hour Hosted by Pastoral Care & Prayer Team Today

April's Ministry Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Pastoral Care & Prayer Teams! Join us after services next Sunday, April 7th and find out more about these wonderful committese. Come learn more, see how you can help support them, and have some delicious treats too!

### Trinity Cares: Love in Action for Our Fellow Parishioners

Would you like to volunteer to share God's unconditional love in action with fellow parishioners who are sick or who have difficulty leaving home? This is part of the ministry of pastoral care -- caring with compassion for God's people. Are you interested in visiting with people at home or in the hospital? In making a phone call during the week? In writing notes and cards? In giving the occasional ride to the doctor or hospital visit? In making an occasional meal or baked treat to share with someone at their home? In being trained to take Holy Communion from church to share in a home, facility, or hospital? There's something for everyone, depending on your interests, gifts, and availability. Stop by this week's ministry-hosted coffee hour to learn more about Trinity Cares, our newly expanded pastoral care ministry. You can also reach out to Father Chase ([frchase@trinitynj.com](mailto:frchase@trinitynj.com)) to inquire.

### Pride Planning Meeting ~ Sunday, April 14 at 11:15am

NJ Pride will be celebrated in Asbury Park on Sunday, June 2 and Trinity will be there, as always! We are looking for volunteers to help plan our presence, march in the parade and staff the parish table. There will be a start up planning meeting on Sunday, April 14 at 11:15 AM in the Conference Room. Please contact Deacon Carolyn ([cbm-swphd@gmail.com](mailto:cbm-swphd@gmail.com) / 732-768-5781) with any questions.

## News & Notes

### **Trinity's Got Talent! ~ April 13 at 6pm ~ An Evening of Fun and Entertainment!**

The second annual "Trinity's Got Talent" show is right around the corner! Come join the fun on April 13th at 6pm, ~ it is not to be missed! This event will showcase the wonderful talent in our community. Join us for entertainment, fellowship ~ and popcorn. Questions? Contact David Clark (dclark921@icloud.com). See you there!

### **Episcopal 101: Introduction to the History, Polity and Worship of the Episcopal Church Sundays at 9am Beginning April 7**

Join us beginning on Sunday, April 7 at 9 AM in the Conference Room to explore what we mean when we say we are an Episcopalian. Using the text, "Walk in Love" (available from Forward Movement or Amazon), we will examine the origins of the Episcopal Church, how the Church is structured and governed and how praying shapes what we believe. The last session will be on May 12. If you wish to be confirmed or received as an Episcopalian, this class will prepare you. Contact Dcn Carolyn (cbmswphd@gmail.com/732-768-5781) with any questions.

### **Volunteer Opportunities in our Feeding Programs!**

**On Tuesdays, our Food Pantry** is looking for people to sign up to be here from 9:30am-1pm to provide hospitality and help with pantry flow. Pantry guests wait in our gym as a place for people to gather and receive hospitality while they waiting for their turn to be served. Questions? Contact Derek at Derek@trinitynj.com. Sign up to volunteer here: [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-45101754-pantry](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-45101754-pantry)

**Saturday Soup Community Meal** On the first Saturday of every month, we invite you to volunteer on Trinity Saturdays from 10am till 1:30pm. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-trinity1>

### **Light Brigade Collective Concert ~ Parvathy Baul Tuesday, April 16th at 5:30pm**

On Tuesday, April 16th, Parvathy Baul will be returning to Asbury Park for a one off concert Here at Trinity. Parvathy Baul is a practitioner, performer and teacher of the Baul tradition from Bengal, India. She is also an instrumentalist, storyteller and painter. The show begins at 5:30pm, and will feature an opening set of music from Asbury Park locals SOMA. The event is a \$20 cash donation at the door, benefitting Trinity Center for Community's Radical Well Being Program. A portion of proceeds will also benefit Parvathy's own Sanatan Baul Organization.

### **Assistive Listening Devices Now Available for Use**

Our new sound system includes an Assistive Listening Device Unit. We have listening packs and headphones available for use during services, or bring your own headphones. Please see an usher or Verger if you'd like to use a device during services.

### **Wednesday Bible Sharing On Hiatus ~ Returns April 10th**

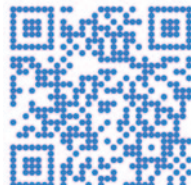
Please come out this Spring and join with us on Wednesdays at 5pm as we explore our faith through a film series called, "Nooma" with Rob Bell. Each week is a separate segment so come as you are able! Any questions? Call Joanie @ 908-216-5529.

### **Monday Bible Study with Fr. Geoff On Hiatus ~ Returns April 22nd**

### **Mobile Giving at Trinity**



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