



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

*Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. (Luke 13:31-32)*

I always loved Jesus' response here to the warning about the threat to his life: "Listen, I've got work to do. Can't you see that I'm busy? It's non-stop here. I'm casting out evil spirits and curing the sick right and left. Just move along. Thank you for your concern, but I'll be just fine. You can tell that scoundrel Herod that I've got better things to do today than worry about plots." Jesus gives us a model of how to best respond to those who seek to harm us or inspire fear in us: We have work to do. As Christians, we are co-workers with Christ in the divine mission of healing the world. We have people to love, people to serve, and people with whom we can be in solidarity. Meals need to be prepared and distributed, the Food Pantry needs stocking, and letters to public officials need writing. Prayers need to be said, the choir needs to rehearse, and parishioners need to be visited at home and the hospital. The best weapon against evil is goodness. Love, kindness, and compassion are stronger than darkness. The nineteenth century English novelist Edward Bulwer-Lytton said that the pen is mightier than the sword. So is the church.

The forces that opposed Jesus eventually won their battle. Jesus was arrested, tried, and executed. But they didn't win the war. Jesus rose to new life, and so did the movement he started. Love was stronger than hate. Life was stronger than death. And that is still true today.

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)*

**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

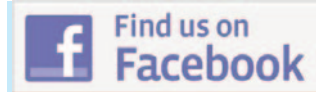
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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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*):

Bill Presutti (warden) Carol Scollay (warden)  
Brice Byham, Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Wendy Jaghab, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, 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	The family of Jim O'Hearn	Carol Joy	Those affected by the
Jackie Campanelli	Tom Marrasso & Family	MJ	California wildfires and
Mary Perez	Avery Osis	Amy	their families, friends and
Manal Miller	Maureen	Amanda Avena	colleagues
Roxanne	Bethany Brown	Denzel Donaldson	
Linda	Trevor Wilson	Anderson	
Stephanie MS	Ariel	Isla	
Fred Tagliarini	Jeff	Annette	

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:

3/17	3/18	3/19	3/20	3/21
MaryAnn Vitiello & Donna Griffin	Mary Volak	Adrienne Wert	Melinda, Skyla, & Maya Willems	Jaclyn, Cyndie, Nathaniel, Broderick, & Braedyn Williams

## News & Notes

### Church Tours - Trinity's 150th Anniversary Recognition Continues Next Sunday March 23rd

Come join long time Church member and ad hoc Trinity Historian Gary Layton for a first hand remembrance of Trinity's "Nifty Fifties". The 1950's were a time of great growth and activity here at Trinity. So break out your bobby socks and "I Like Ike" buttons for this unique first-hand historical presentation. Presentations after both Sunday services, Sunday, March 23rd, at 9am and 11:30am.

### Social Justice Coffee Hour: Oh Those Lakes! Sunday, March 30 at 11:30am

They surround us and provide us with many things, they create town barriers, offer water control management, provide recreation, and are a natural habitat for our shore wildlife; all the while offering a unique aesthetic to our towns. But what do you know about Deal, Wesley, Sunset and Fletcher Lakes? Join the Trinity EARTH project on March 30th after the 10:00 service to find out. We will have speakers who will inform us about the history of these bodies of water, how they serve the community, what is being done to maintain them and things you can do to help. For more information, see Alan Woodruff or Derek Bloom.

### 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](mailto: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>

### Lent at Trinity

#### Adult Education - Sundays at 9am in Lent - "Christianity 101: Your Faith, Your Life"

On Sunday mornings during the Season of Lent, the clergy will lead a series of classes exploring the foundations of Christian faith and life. This class is for anyone, newcomer or longtime member, and it is strongly recommended for adults preparing for baptism and confirmation/reception. To get the most out of the class, please consider reading along with the class textbook, *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church* by Jennifer Gamber. Please reach out to the Rev. Chase Danford if you would like a copy, or you can also buy your own from your preferred bookseller. Classes will meet Sundays, March 9-April 13. The reading for the class on March 23, Week 3: "Ministry" (Ch. 6, p. 122-140) and "Navigating the Church" (Ch. 5, p 99-119).

#### Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesdays at 6pm During Lent

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. Please join us!

#### Lenten Devotional Resources

In addition to classes at Trinity, the Episcopal Church offers Lenten devotional resources online and through your phone. Check out the written reflection and video offerings at Episcopal Relief and Development (you can sign up for daily emails), and you can sign up for daily text messages from United Thank Offering (which also has resources for families with children).

#### Lenten Adult Study: El Salvador and Archbishop Romero Thursdays at 6pm, Feb 27, Mar 6, 13, & 20

Join us for a four week series entitled *The Church's Witness in El Salvador*. We will gather for a light supper at 6pm and hold a discussion until 8pm. We will be meeting at the home of Geoff and Linda Curtiss. **Please let Geoff (geoffcurtiss@gmail.com) know of your interest so we can prepare enough food and you can get the address.** For more information about the program speak with Katherine Cunningham, Derek Bloom or Geoff Curtiss. The class will also use chapters from the book, *Everyone Who Is Gone Is Here: The United States, Central America and the Making of a Crisis*, by Jonathan Blitzer (paperback edition widely available).

#### Lenten Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Looking for something to add to your Spiritual Practice for Lent? Please join us on Ash Wednesday, 3/5, and all Wednesdays in Lent @ 5pm to follow together the weekly program outlined by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey!

#### Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom ~ Taking a Break for March 24th and 31st Bible Study Will Resume on Monday, April 7th

#### Episcopal Church's Public Policy Advocacy

Did you know that the Episcopal Church engages in public policy advocacy, guided by the values of our faith? The Episcopal Public Policy Network offers action alerts for members of our churches to stay informed and participate in the work of democracy. Several action items are available currently, including the Congressional budget process (the Church is concerned about possible budget cuts to Medicaid and other social programs), refugee admissions, foreign humanitarian aid, fighting HIV/AIDS, LGBTQ+ rights, the opioid epidemic, and several other areas. Learn more at the Episcopal Public Policy Network page of the Episcopal Church's website. There, you can also use the online system to contact your elected officials and sign up to receive additional alerts.

As we journey through Lent with Jesus to the Cross, we highlight the need for humanitarian assistance in the land of Christ's birth. In particular, the people of Gaza need humanitarian aid, which this week has been cut off by the government of Israel. We urge you to contact your congressional representatives, which you can do through the EPPN webpage.