



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday
of Easter

April 27, 2025

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:26-28)

Happy Easter! The season of Easter, also called Eastertide, is 50 days, so we have an abundance of time to celebrate the Resurrection. I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter Day so wonderful. From Palm Sunday to the Day of Resurrection, each service was meaningful and inspiring. I have heard from several of you how special this Holy Week was for you. I feel similarly. Holy Week is always a special time, but things came together in a powerful way. One of the highlights of the week was Tuesday's Agape meal, which was so beautifully presented by the Hospitality Committee and the Rev. Geoff Curtiss, with the assistance of the Wednesday Bible Sharing Group and others. The Choir, under the leadership of Dr. Deborah Simpkin King, went above and beyond throughout the week. They were majestic for the triumphal services, and powerfully introspective for the more solemn services (this year we turned the instruments off and went a capella for Good Friday's evening service and the liturgy of word portion of the Easter Vigil, until the Easter Acclamation). Thanks also to Michael Parent, who accompanied the choir on organ for some of the services, including Easter Day at 10 am, while Dr. King conducted. Many thanks to all of our worship leaders, greeters, ushers, lectors, audio and livestream technicians, Altar Guild, Coffee Hour hosts, and office volunteers and staff for everything they did to make the services run smoothly and beautifully. And a big big thank you to our Verger team -- Dave Osis, Russ Boulet, Lesley Castellini, John Scherer, and Adrienne Wert -- for their incredible generosity of time and talent. The Vergers take a significant leadership role in preparing and running worship services, and I am so grateful to them.

In this Sunday's gospel reading, the disciples are coming to terms with this strange and wonderful event that has taken place. Thomas needs to see it for himself, and so Jesus appears and shows him his wounds. It is a moving scene, and it makes me think about all the places of woundedness in our lives that become sites of new life. In the early hours of Easter Monday, our brother in the faith, Pope Francis, passed away. In his compassion for the poor and the powerless, he was an inspiration to all of us, not only to the Roman Catholic Church that he led. His legacy is also marked by a willingness to have difficult conversations, even if the outcomes were not always what supporters or opponents hoped. I pray that as the world mourns him, the Catholic College of Cardinals will be moved by the Holy Spirit to elect a worthy successor. May this moment of sadness be transformed into a time of joyful new life.

Peace,
Chase

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)

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

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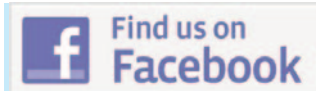
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Trinity Basics

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.

CHOIRS: Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at 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

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Anderson	Kate Wynne	Family of Lauren Lagoeiro
Jackie Campanelli	Isla	Christine Faughnan	Arlene Whalen
Manal Miller	Annette	Cathy Rothfuss	Ariel
Stephanie	Mikey Crescenti	Pat	Diane
Denzel Donaldson	Arlene	Tom	Roxanne Cogan

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:

4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1	5/2
Holly Bradley	Devin & Vivienne Brown	Bruno & Sandra Delzotti	Kevin Burkitt	Kim Byhan & Scott Helsel

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!

Romero Pilgrimage Followup ~ Today at 11:30am

Today at 11:30am, join Fr. Chase, Fr. Geoff, Linda Curtiss, Adrienne Wert and Derek Bloom after coffee hour for a report back on their trip to El Savador with the human rights organization Cristosal. Come learn about the struggles of our siblings in El Salvador for Human, Environmental and LBGTQ rights.

May Ministry Coffee Hour Hosted by Pastoral Care & Prayer Team! Sunday, May 4th

May's Ministry Coffee Hour will be hosted by the Pastoral Care & Prayer Teams! Join us after services next Sunday, May 4th and find out more about these wonderful committees. Come learn more, see how you can help support them, and have some delicious treats too!

Trinity's Got Talent ~ Just Come and See! Saturday, May 10th at 6pm

Prepare to be dazzled! Join us for a complimentary evening of fun, friendship & entertainment! We've got popcorn, drinks and tons of talent from Trinity and the wider community! Join us on Saturday, May 10 at 6pm in the Gym! We've got room for an extra act or two so dust off those magic tricks and those dancin' shoes! Please contact David Clark at dclark921@icloud or (732)535-1775 for details!

Trinity Historic Tours: Life at Trinity in the 60s ~ Sunday, May 11 at 9am & 11:30am

What was your mother doing in the 60's? This Mother's Day, you may want to ask her. If you want to know what Trinity was doing in the 60's come to our talk to hear Gary Layton speak about Trinity's decade of love and peace (which is still our message today!) on May 11th (Mother's Day,) at 9am and 11:30am. Bring your mom! P.S. Gary's mother donated one of Trinity's beautiful windows, so a timely presentation.

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The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus Presents: *Come Out Singing* ~ Saturday, May 17 at 8pm

The New Jersey Gay Men's Chorus invites you to *Come Out Singing* with songs of defiance and hope. From Bob Dylan's classic, *The Times They Are A- Changin'* to Rachel Platten's iconic *Fight Song*, the NJGMC hopes to inspire pride, empowerment, equality, and acceptance! The concert will be held at Trinity on May 17, at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for seniors and students. For tickets, visit njgmc.org, or contact the Chorus at (732)579-8449. Tickets are also available at the door on the night of the concert.

Upcoming Adult Education: May Book Study ~ Thursdays in May

Geoff and Linda Curtiss are interested in hosting a Thursday evening common meal and reflection group in May. We would gather at 6:30pm for a light meal and discuss a reading from Kelly Brown Douglass' book *Resurrection Hope*. If you are interested please contact Geoff Curtiss 201-892-2960 or geoffcurtiss@gmail.com We would begin this Thursday May 1st. Kelly Brown Douglas is an Episcopal Priest and her topic is: Is there a future where black lives matter?

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom ~ Mondays at 5pm on Zoom

This year the Church is reading the Gospel of Luke (Year C). Luke's primary concerns are social disparities and how the Church should address them. Continuing with the ancient scriptural tradition around the year of the Jubilee, the Gospel of Luke provides many scriptural texts that implode our middle class assumptions about wealth and poverty. We will be using Ched Myers' new commentary on the Gospel of Luke. Ched is well known for his radical discipleship in developing "Sabbath Economics" and his commentaries on the Gospel of Mark. We will meet by zoom at 5pm on Mondays. The sessions are recorded and available to interested persons. Please contact lindacurtiss@gmail.com if you are interested.

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Please come join us on Wednesdays at 5pm as we read scripture and discuss how it relates to our lives now! Beginners always welcome! Questions call Joanie @ 908-216-5529

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.

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

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>

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Use

Our 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.