

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2025

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:15-17)

Our celebration of Trinity's 150th anniversary is a months-long--or perhaps really a two-year long--commemoration, with numerous milestones along the way. Trinity Sunday was the focal point of the celebration because our church is named after the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and so Trinity Sunday is what is referred to as our parish's patronal (or titular) festival. Next week is another important date in our history. On June 23, 1875, the original wooden church was dedicated, marking the official beginning of the ministry of Trinity Church in Asbury Park.

This Sunday's reading from Colossians (quoted above) makes me think about Trinity's anniversary. It is a beautiful text, with poetic wording, and I find the theological concepts conveyed very moving. Christ shows us the image of God, who is invisible not because the divine is less than what is visible, but because God is in and beyond (surpassing) all of creation. And Christ was there at the beginning of creation. Indeed, all things were created through and for Christ. It is a very Trinitarian text (since it names Christ as part of the act of divine Creation), but it also makes me think about Trinity Church, our identity, and our anniversary in another way: Just as we know the "invisible God" through Christ, today--2,000 years after Jesus walked the earth--we know Christ (and God in Christ) through the image of his followers. We know Christ through the love we show one another. And more than any other congregation I have been associated with in my life, Trinity truly embodies and shares God's unconditional love--the love of Christ. This unconditional love holds all things together, at Trinity and in all of Creation.

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 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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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:

Gregory Curatolo	Mark Gordon
Sylvia	Eric
Greg Manzi	Bill Koegel
Zoe & Taz	
Addison Levenstein	
Tom Johnson	
Chet Szymanski	
	Sylvia Greg Manzi Zoe & Taz Addison Levenstein Tom Johnson



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:

7/21 Judy & Bob Junnier	7/22 Kurt Kaboth & Katherine Cunningham	7/23 Barbara Kane	7/24 Kirby Kennedy	7/25 Sherwin Klass & Chris Vecere			
News & Notes							

RESCHEDULED! Slow Roll Blessing of the Bikes ~ July 22nd, 6:30pm at the Asbury Carousel

The summer weather can't keep us from rolling! Join us for our Rescheduled Slow Roll Blessing of the Bikes on July 22nd at 6:30pm. You can bike directly to the Carousel (at the boardwalk and Asbury Ave.) or park at Trinity at 6pm and we'll ride over to the Carousel in Asbury Park together to kick off the riding season. Enjoy a special blessing from Fr. Chase, followed by a leisurely ride through Asbury Park. All riders and ages are welcome (helmets required for under 17). You'll also learn about the 7th Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice, supporting vital programs at the Trinity Center for Community!

Children's Sermons This Summer: Next Sunday, July 27th

The last Sunday each month this summer--July 27 and August 31--will feature a sermon for all ages by our rector, the Rev. Chase Danford. These Sundays would be good occasions to invite families to visit Trinity.

Trinity Summer Fellowship Series Is Here!

Our Hospitality Committee invites you to participate in our Summer Fellowship Series! We have several events happening and you are welcome to attend as many as you wish!

Tuesday, August 5 at 7:30pm - N&D Electric Duo Concert (free) Bring a beach chair or blanket for a night of dancing and fun at the Avon Pavilion in Avon. Wear your Trinity t-shirt or gear if you have it and meet us on the beach next to the boardwalk on the North side of the Pavilion.

Tuesday, August 26 at 6pm - Sensational Soul Cruisers Concert (free) The Asbury Park Music Foundation Summer Series presents the Sensational Soul Cruisers at Springwood Park in Asbury Park. Wear your Trinity t-shirt or gear if you have it and bring chairs or blankets. We'll meet at Springwood Park and enjoy music under the stars.

News & Notes

Poor People's Campaign Witness Wednesdays on August 6

Trinity parishioners are invited to join the The Poor People's Campaign for Witness Wednesdays on Aug 6th at Noon at World War II Memorial Park, 125 West State Street, Trenton NJ 08608. The Poor People's Campaign rallies each first Wednesday of the month to pray and hear testimonies from those most affected by federal funding cuts to social services. The campaign encourages our state legislators to prioritize the needs of the poor and low-income working people of our state – your friends, your family and your neighbors - so that every person can live in dignity and thrive. If you would like to join us or need a ride please email Derek at Derek@trinitynj.com.

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Please come out to Bible Sharing on Wednesdays @ 5pm for "Summer Potpourri"! Each week there will be presented a new Faith topic which we will explore interactively. We will have fun as we grow so please join us! Beginners welcome. Questions? Call Joanie 908-216-5529

Letter from Episcopal Church's Leader on Gaza Crisis

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe issued a powerful letter this week calling on Episcopalians to pray for and advocate for peace and justice in Palestine and Israel. We encourage all to read it on the Episcopal News Service website.

Former Rector's Church in Hawaii Feeding Hundreds of People

This week Episcopal News Service profiled St. James' Episcopal Church in Waimea, Hawaii (Big Island) and their Community Meals Ministry, serving up to 700 people dinner on Thursdays. Forty percent of Big Island residents are food insecure, while around a third of Hawaii's population in general is food insecure. St. James is led by the Rev. David Stout, Trinity's rector from 2004-2011. The article is available on the Episcopal News Service website.

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

Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

Summer Sundays - Join us on Sundays as we have some summer fun each week beginning at 9:45am. We will read stories, make crafts, play games 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.

How Can I Help? ~ Volunteer and Worship Opportunities at Trinity

We have many opportunities to volunteer during worship here at Trinity! Here are a few of the ministries that we are recruiting volunteers for at this time:

Greeters: It feels great to be greeted by a friendly, welcoming face whether its your first time or your 100th time attending! Greeters at the 8 & 10am service welcome those attending, answer questions, and hand out name tags. **Ushers:** Ushers are scheduled at the 10am service and help to seat people, hand out bulletins, answer questions, and help with Communion flow.

LEMs: Lay Eucharistic Ministers assist in worship. They may carry the torches, cross, or Gospel Book. They assist at the altar by acting as acolytes, and distribute the wine and grape juice at communion.

Gardens & Grounds: Do you like to dig in the dirt? Come spend some time weeding and caring for our gardens and grounds. You can come whenever you like for as long as you like!

Interested? Email us at office@trinitynj.com