



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial." (Luke 11:1-4)

Retired Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams remarked that "If somebody said, give me a summary of Christian faith on the back of an envelope, the best thing to do would be to write Our Lord's Prayer." In a 2009 BBC interview, he explained how in the Lord's Prayer Jesus gave us a model of how to be in relationship with God, who sets us free to be ourselves as individuals and as a human community within the context of a loving cosmic family. In this prayer, Jesus invites us to have the same close family relationship with the divine that he does, having confidence that no matter what happens, we are held in the heart of love. Williams says:

"If you take the Lord's Prayer bit by bit, there's probably not a great deal that you wouldn't find somewhere in the Old Testament or in Jewish prayers. But what's absolutely unique about it is that it begins simply with the address "Our Father", nothing else. Nothing more elaborate, nothing more grand, but just that address as to the father of the family. So the really distinctive thing is that all the bits of the Lord's Prayer are put in that context. This is the prayer of God's family. This is the prayer which you address to God in the most intimate of terms, not telling him how wonderful he is, not grovelling in any way before him, but just coming with complete confidence. And that must have sounded quite strange and quite, quite shocking to some people in Jesus' own day. In fact the one thing that everybody seems to have remembered about Jesus' own prayers is that he called God "Father", "Abba", the familiar, the intimate word in his own language. He doesn't call God "Lord" or "Master" or "Creator" first; he calls God "Father" first. And in the Gospel of John after the Resurrection when he meets Mary Magdalene, Jesus says: "I'm ascending to my father and your father".

When Jesus talks about "fathers" and "children" he gives us quite a resourceful picture of relationships. Think of the story of the prodigal son... The son who stays at home actually never really grows up. The son who goes on adventures away, makes mistakes, learns, says "sorry", comes back, somehow does grow up. He's a grown up child of the father. And Jesus' teaching and the teaching of Saint Paul tell us that to depend on God completely as Father is not to be stuck in a childish helplessness. It's to be able to take risks, knowing that the Father will always be there to forgive and give you new beginnings..And Jesus' own life is the measure of that. He's completely dependent on God, and yet he's as free as anybody could be imagined to be. Free to take risks, to face suffering and death because the Father is there, so "Father" is also what he says on the cross. "Father into your hands I commend my spirit." And when the words "Our Father" are said we ought perhaps to think of that little Resurrection incident where Jesus says to a close friend and follower, the relationship I have with God can be your relationship with God as well. You and I form a We together before God.

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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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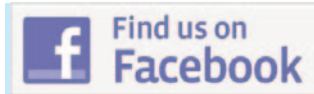
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Trinity Basics

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*):

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Miles	Zoe & Taz	Eric
Jackie Campanelli	Denzel Donaldson	Addison Levenstein	Bill Koegel
Manal Miller	Gregory Curatolo	Tom Johnson	
Stephanie	Sylvia	Chet Szymanski	
Margaret Jones	Greg Manzi	Mark Gordon	

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

News & Notes

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And so as soon as you've said the first words Our Father you've said: I've been given a share in Jesus' relationship with God. I don't have to work out my relationship with God from scratch. I don't have to climb a long long ladder up to heaven, I've been invited into this family relationship and that's the gift that every prayer begins with. So the very words we start with tell us a huge amount about who we are as Christians, about our Christian doctrine and belief."

Peace, Chase

Thank You for a Wonderful Slow Roll & Blessing of the Bikes!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us last Tuesday for our Slow Roll and Blessing of the Bikes in Asbury Park! We couldn't have asked for better weather, and it was truly special to see so many of you there. We had 27 people gather for the blessing, and then 23 riders enjoyed a leisurely roll around Asbury Park. Your presence made the event a fantastic kick-off to our 2025 riding season and the start of the journey towards the 7th Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice. We're already looking forward to seeing you on September 6th for the big Ride!



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.

Children's Sermons This Summer: Today! Next One August 31st

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.

Update on Human Rights Work in El Salvador ~ August 3 at 9am

Come on Sunday August 3rd at 9AM (in the auditorium) to hear an important update concerning Cristosal in El Salvador, where Fr. Chase, Fr. Geoff, Linda Curtiss, Adrienne Wert, and Derek Bloom went on a human rights pilgrimage this past March. Cristosal has relocated staff from El Salvador, after escalating threats made it unsafe to continue work in the country. They continue to protect human rights across the region, with even greater resolve. Cristosal says, "At this moment we are not retreating; we are rising to meet the crisis." We will also be signing a letter to our U.S. senators and representatives at 9am and after the 10AM service to advocate for Cristosal and for the release of Cristosal anti-corruption lawyer Ruth Lopez who has been unjustly imprisoned as a result of her activism.

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

Christian Nationalism Book Discussion at Holy Trinity, Manasquan: Aug 14 and 21

Our friends at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Manasquan invite all to a two-part discussion on "Understanding Christian Nationalism", a political ideology that is much in the news today. Lutheran Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has described Christian Nationalism as a "persistent threat to both our religious communities and our democracy." Amanda Tyler's book, *How to End Christian Nationalism*, will be the basis for the discussion. Thursday evenings, August 14 and August 21, from 7 to 8:30pm in the Holy Trinity Fellowship Hall, 6 Osborn Avenue, Manasquan.

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.