



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Thirteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost

September 7, 2025

*Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways...I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well. (Psalm 139:1-2, 13)*

This Sunday we launch a new church program year. Sunday school begins, the choir returns for a new season, adult education classes resume, the Hospitality Committee will host a festive coffee hour, and people will be re-gathering after summer travels and activities. It promises to be a joyous day. Although this is the official start to the program year, last Sunday felt in many ways like a "soft launch:" the blessing of the backpacks for students and educators returning to school, a sermon for all ages geared toward our young parishioners, an ice cream social, and a number of visitors. One of the visitors expressed how wonderful our church is, and I agree! Many thanks to all those who donated backpacks and school supplies. They were also blessed last Sunday, and they will be put to very good use by local students. A big thank you also to all the singers and musicians who contributed to our summer choir offerings.

Last weekend also brought a somber event, with Saturday's funeral for Devin Brown. Trinity really showed up to remember Devin, and I thank you all for your presence. The choir, which Devin loved so dearly, was there in full force, and we had a plentiful group of worship volunteers--so that we could put together a full procession and have all the readings and ushering needs covered. And I want to give a special shout-out to our Hospitality Committee, which hosted a wonderful reception following the service. I know the whole day, from the service to the repast, meant so much to Devin's family. They could definitely see how much Trinity loved Devin, and how much she loved this church.

Another sign of how much Trinity means to all of you is the outpouring of support for the Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice. As I write this, we have exceeded \$60,000 in fundraising, registered around 200 riders, and recruited dozens of volunteers to help make it the great success it always is. Let's all give a big thank you to Dave Osis, who leads this huge undertaking, and to the entire Ride Committee. I also want to recognize Wendy Jaghhab, who leads the picnic committee in preparing a meal for 300.

To paraphrase Sunday's psalm, I give thanks because Trinity is marvelously made; God's works through you are wonderful, and I know it well.

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

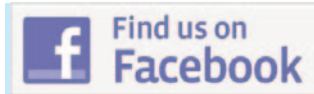
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## Trinity Basics

**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	Sylvia	Barry Braithwaites	Mike Mack
Jackie Campanelli	Greg Manzi	Tina S.	Mike Krutza
Manal Miller	Zoe & Taz	Tom.S	Michael & Nadine
Stephanie	Tom Johnson	Family of Devin Brown	Stutcliffe
Margaret Jones	Chet Szymanski	Janine Audet	Taylor Naudem
Miles	Eric	Kevin Burkitt	Barbara Muzychka
Denzel Donaldson	Carol Joy Jacobson	Michael Issacson	Samantha Robinson
Gregory Curatolo	Bill Koegel	Craig Breiner	Denise & Bill Pearson

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 request-ed 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:

9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12
Prett Musgrave	Barbara Muzychka	Tricia Neary	Lyndell O'Hara	Suzanne O'Hearn

## News & Notes

### Fall Adult Education Classes ~ Sunday at 9 am

This week's session: "Exploring Christian Faith," a conversation about the "basics" of what it means to be a Christian. Meeting in the auditorium/parish hall at 9 am. Adult education classes are offered at 9 am most Sundays during the program year. Classes for Newcomers and Inquirers will be offered in September: Sept 7: "Exploring Christian Faith"; Sept 14: "Introduction to the Bible"; Sept 21: "What is an Episcopalian?"; September 28: "Getting to Know Trinity." In October, we will look at issues of faith and society, including environmental sustainability, human rights, and social justice. In November, we will discuss the Book of Psalms.

### It's Time to Start a New Program Year Today!

Today is the start of a new program year! What does that mean? It means that all of our regular programming that took a break for the summer is back! Here's what's happening:

**Fellowship** - Join us after services for fellowship time and a celebration of the beginning of our program year and the return of our choir, Sunday School, and adult education. The Hospitality Committee will be providing treats and will be passing out our new calendar of events. Come see all of our wonderful plans for the next year!

**Choir** - 'Tis the season . . . that choirs brush off the folders and warm up the voices! Our wonderful choir returns to the pews next Sunday. Did you sing (or are you singing) in your high school or college choir? Do you play an instrument, but have been thinking it might be fun to sing in a good choir? Do you like the wide variety of music the choir gets to sing? Want to talk about it? Reach out to Deborah at [Deborah@trinitynj.com](mailto:Deborah@trinitynj.com), or talk with a choir member about their experience.

**Sunday School** - Hey kids, it's time for Sunday School! Let's all gather together at 9:45am to get to know one another and talk about how we can make this a great year! We're so excited to have you back!

**Adult Education** - We have several new and exciting adult education opportunities coming up - check the announcements regularly and stay tuned!

### **Trinity Church Tours Continue with: Why Does Trinity Look This Way?**

**Sunday, September 14 after the 8 & 10am Services**

All church services?? Did you know that for the first 1000 years everyone stood at all church services? Why does Trinity have pews? Have you been to a basilica? Trinity is one. This has been a most popular shape for churches since the 3rd Century CE. Kim Byham will give a tour of our church building's origins after both services on September 14th.

### **Ministry Fair - September 21**

There's always something happening at Trinity and we want you to be a part of the action! Are you looking for a way to make a deeper connection with your Trinity Community? Use one of your skills and talents or find a new one! On Sunday, September 21, representatives of Trinity's ministries will be available at coffee hour to share how to get involved at Trinity, whether assisting with worship & parish life or serving our wider community. Come check it out!

### **New Member Sunday ~ September 28**

New members who have joined the parish in the last year, or who have not been publicly recognized before, are invited to be recognized at both services on Sunday, September 28. Please let Fr. Chase know if you are interested. If you are ready to become a member and haven't already, let us know and we'll make sure you get a membership form. If you're not sure what it means to be a member, talk to Chase and join the Newcomers' classes this month. Joining the church as a member does not require being confirmed or received, although you can choose to do those later.

### **PorchFest is Coming ~ Hospitality Volunteers Needed! Saturday, September 27, 12-5pm**

On Saturday afternoon, September 27, Trinity will be a venue for Asbury Park's much-loved PorchFest. During this fun event, over two dozen addresses will host music acts on their front porches or lawns. All performances are free, and listeners are encouraged to explore our community's neighborhoods on foot or bike as they move from venue to venue. Schedule to be released soon! We would like to showcase our church's beautiful architecture and welcoming atmosphere, so volunteers are requested to provide a hospitable presence. If you would like to help, and be here for some wonderful music, let us know at [office@trinitynj.com](mailto:office@trinitynj.com).

### **Guest Preacher on October 12: Human Rights Advocate Noah Bullock**

Human rights are under siege with the rise of authoritarian governments around the world. Our own administration has walked away from basic international agreements on the protection of human rights and recognition of human equality and dignity. Noah Bullock, executive director of Cristosal and a leading human rights figure in Latin America, will be with us at Trinity on Sunday October 12th. Ruth Lopez, a leading human rights attorney and a member of Cristosal's staff, remains imprisoned under President Bukele's authoritarian "State of Exception." As a result Cristosal has been forced into exile and is currently working out of Guatemala. Please keep Ruth and all human rights workers in your prayers.

### **Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ On Hiatus until September 17**

Bible Sharing is on hiatus until Wednesday September 17th. Ever want to know more about the early church? Here is your opportunity! Beginning on September 17th, we will be studying the Book of Acts! All are welcome to join our friendly group at 5pm! Any questions? Call Joanie 908-216-5529

### **Monday Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom ~ Restarts October 6th!**

Beginning on October 6th, we will be looking at the Moral Teachings of Jesus from the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. The basis of our study will be from the book by David P. Gushee. We will also be using the Jewish Annotated New Testament by Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler. It is critical in our own time for us to understand the moral teachings of the Hebrew tradition as expounded upon by Jesus. In a time when religious narratives no longer provide cultural consensus and spirituality is distorted by many, it is important to root ourselves in the basic tenets of our faith. To receive more information contact [lindacurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:lindacurtiss@gmail.com)