



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twentieth Sunday
after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. (Joel 2:28)

This is a favorite passage of mine. This Old Testament prophetic vision of God's spirit descending on all the people is later quoted by the apostle Peter in the Acts of the Apostles on the Day of Pentecost. In the context of the Book of Joel, the prophecy is a proclamation of restoration: the people would suffer calamity, but God's favor would be restored, and God's spirit would be with them. In Acts, Peter connects Joel's prophecy with the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church. God's spirit manifested that day in the ability to speak and understand diverse languages, as well as tongues of fire and the rush of a violent wind.

My key takeaway is that this is a gift (and responsibility) for all people, not just some. Not just the people of Israel or the early followers of Jesus. And, in fact, the Hebrew word, basar, is rendered accurately in our NRSV version as "flesh." "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh." Not just people, but all creatures. How will we listen and watch for God's spirit in all of creation?

Our fellow humans and fellow creatures have wisdom to share with us. Let us listen closely to visions, dreams and prophecies in unexpected forms. In my experience, most of those who claim to have a religious prophecy to share are not to be trusted. But the Spirit speaks in many languages, both actual and metaphorical. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream was no doubt a revelation of the Spirit. People in our own community might be articulating hopes and dreams, too, stated in a more local framework. Prophecies are not so much predictions of the future as an assessment of the needs and concerns of the world in which we live--and a vision for how to address the situation. To hear these dreams, we need to make sure to pay attention. That starts with listening and getting to know our human and animal neighbors.

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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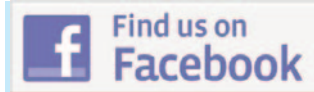
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Trinity Basics

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	Gregory Curatolo	Bruno	John Asfour
Jackie Campanelli	Samantha Robinson	Tom Dempsey	Tina S
Manal Miller	Denise & Bill Pearson	Tom	Tom S
Stephanie	Dr. William F. Taylor	Hunter	Liz DeJesus
Margaret Jones	Susanne Anderson	Michael Issacson	Barbara Muzychka
Miles	Suzanne O'Hearn	Adam Rymer	
Denzel Donaldson	Peggy	Jackie	

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

10/27	10/28 Corey, Kathleen,	10/29	10/30	10/31
Joseph Sappio	Adelind, & Theodore	Deirdre Scher	John Scherer	Polli Schildge &
	Schade			Michael Kushner

News & Notes

Our Halloween Celebration is TODAY! ~ Join us after the 10am service! I

Join us after the 10am service today for some not-so-spooky fun! It's a celebration of All Souls' Day and Halloween! Everyone is invited to come join the fun in the gym and to wear a costume for the after-church celebration! We'll have holiday-related contests, treats, and activities! Fun for kids of all ages!

"I Believe..." Video Project – Be Part of It!

We're creating a short video featuring members of our church starting with the words "I believe..." — and we'd love for you to be part of it! We'll be filming brief, 5–10 second clips after services over the next few Sundays. Just come ready to share one sentence about what you believe. No pressure — just your voice, your heart, and a few seconds that could inspire many. Want to join in? Stop by the back of the church after mass or talk to Megan Jones for details!

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm!

Ever want to know more about the early church? Here is your opportunity! Join us on Wednsdays at 5pm as we study the Book of Acts! All are welcome to join our friendly group at 5pm! Questions? Call Joanie 908-216-5529

Code Blue Regional Training ~ Tuesday, October 28 at 6pm

Want to learn more about Code Blue? Join us at Trinity on Tuesday, October 28th from 6-8pm as we join with the Hope & Comfort Center and Heartwarming Center (both located in Red Bank) for a training to learn how we can serve our community and better meet the needs of those who come to us for warmth and care. We will hear from local service providers and get some practical information, trainings and resources. There will also be a break out session that will have site-specific information. Join us!

News & Notes

Christian Nationalism Discussion Sessions ~ October 30 & November 6 at 7pm

Due to the rise of nationalism around the world, we will be holding two sessions on resisting christian nationalism. The sessions will be held in person and on zoom on October 30th and November 6th at 7PM. These sessions will be led by Fr. Geoff Curtius. If you are interested in attending please email Derek at derek@trinitynj.com. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89586989423pwd=daRefK4gQkxYah0wkKRNk8HKWTr3bt.1>

Remembering All Our Saints! ~ Sunday, November 2

This year, All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 2. You are encouraged to bring a picture of loved ones gone from sight but remembered in your heart. The pictures will be placed around our altar as a reminder of the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us, joining in when we lift our voice to pray or sing God's praise. Our Book of Remembrance will be available where you can list the names of those loved ones that we would like to remember during the services. If you are unable to attend the service that day, you are welcome to submit names of loved ones to the church office at office@trinitynj.com. All names will be placed on the altar to be included in the prayers. Please have all emailed names into the office by October 31st.

Trinity's Stewardship Potluck Gathering ~ Saturday, November 8, 5-7pm



Trinity's Stewardship Potluck Gathering will take place on Saturday, November 8th from 5-7 pm in the Auditorium. All are invited! There will be a children's program during the gathering so bring the whole family! Stewardship Committee members will be around after the 8 am and 10 am services the next few Sundays with clipboards for those interested in signing up to bring a covered main dish, side dish or dessert. You can also reach out to Wendy Jaghab at wendy-jaghab@gmail.com to sign up or ask questions. Come join your fellow Trinity members to learn about Stewardship and share your gratitude for what Trinity Church means to you and how you can contribute!

Cristosal Update: The Urgency of Now

Across Central America, civic space is shrinking. In El Salvador, tens of thousands have been arbitrarily detained. In Guatemala, Indigenous leaders and communities are mobilizing against entrenched corruption. In Honduras, defenders face threats as the country approaches tense elections. Despite these challenges, Cristosal remains strong, independent, and regionally rooted. We are rebuilding, expanding victim support across borders, and investing in new leadership—youth, women, LGBTQIA+ advocates, and grassroots organizers. In November we celebrate 25 years of accompanying victims of human rights abuses.

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

We will look 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. For information regarding the Zoom, contact lindacurtiss@gmail.com

Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) Update

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church addressed the Executive Council saying the Church is "facing a choice between the demands of the federal government and the teachings of Jesus, and that is no choice at all." He went on to say, "God calls us to the places of the most vulnerable and marginalized." Trinity Church is establishing a local EPF (Episcopal Peace Fellowship Chapter) if you are interested in receiving regular communication about our activities please email geoffcurtiss@gmail.com or text (201-892-2960) to be added to the list.

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.