



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twenty-Third Sunday
after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind...
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox...
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord. (Isaiah 65:17, 25)*

This past week has been an eventful one at Trinity, a week that demonstrates this church's commitment to being a community that shares God's unconditional love, both within the parish and in the world. On Saturday morning, parishioner Roberto Rojas was ordained as a deacon of the Episcopal Church in a beautiful service at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton. Our church was well-represented, both among parishioners and clergy who came to support, and also Trinity alums like the Rev. Felipe Huamani (priest at All Saints, Lakewood), the Rev. Carolyn Bradley (deacon at Christ Church, Toms River), and the Rev. Rocco Sherman (deacon at St. Mary's, Point Pleasant Beach).

Later in the day, back here at Trinity, our Sanctuary Committee (co-chaired by Maria Tassiello, Mary Perez, and Gregory Curatolo, and supported by Director of Community Engagement and Organizing, Derek Bloom), hosted a "Know Your Rights" immigration forum, presented by the American Friends Service Committee, in partnership with the Consulate of Mexico, Interfaith RISE, Parker Family Health, Community Affairs and Resource Center, and our own Trinity Center for Community. In a difficult time, this was an important conversation and created many community connections.

Wrapping up Saturday, the Stewardship Committee, chaired by Wendy Jaghab, hosted a wonderful parish-wide potluck dinner. While adults gathered in the auditorium, Jill Osis led a program for children and youth, with a lesson on how they too can be stewards of their resources of time, talent, and treasure, followed by pizza and games. During the potluck feast, the adults discussed their core values and their vision for Trinity in 5, 10, and 20 years. Each table group then presented their vision to the whole room as we collectively created a starfield to represent our hopes and dreams. It was an amazing evening of fellowship and visioning.

On Sunday, we gathered for joyful and meaningful worship, and as part of the sermon time we watched the "I Believe" video in which parishioners of all ages spoke to their most deeply held values. The statements were beautiful and moving, and put together, it was an inspiring and powerful testimony to this congregation's deep faith in God and humanity.

The next day, Monday, Trinity put God's love into action through our first Code Blue night of the 2025-26 season. More than a month before the official start of winter, temperatures dropped below freezing, and when this happens we open up a warming center to make sure that no one who is without a home has to stay out in the cold and risk hypothermia. This mission of Code Blue is simple: to save lives. On the first night of the Code Blue season, we provided hospitality and refuge for 68 overnight guests

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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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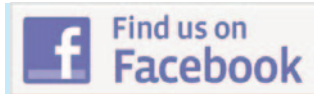
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Trinity Basics

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

Parish Staff

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

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

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

11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21
Denise Surman	Diane Surmonte & James Moseman	Nadine & Michael Sutcliffe	Maria & Jennifer Tassiello	Janice Thomas

News & Notes

Fr. Chase's reflection continued from page 1

In years past, several of our Code Blue guests have had significant mobility challenges. As Trinity works to make our campus more accessible, I'm thrilled to report that, in partnership with Trinity, Mercy Center's future space (the old Walgreens) has opened to host mobility-challenged individuals on Code Blue nights. They also hope to provide a day-time warming space. Many thanks to Mercy Center president Kim Guadagno, her team, and community leaders for making this new Code Blue service possible.

This has been a week in which the love of Christ has been manifest in so many ways here at Trinity and in our community. This Sunday, we offer our stewardship pledges on the altar as a symbol of our commitment to continue this good work. Thank you for all the ways you share time, talent, and treasure in this church and its ministries.

Peace, Chase

Celebrating Stewardship: Ingathering of Pledges This Sunday

Today we are invited to bring forward our 2026 pledge cards as we celebrate the conclusion of the fall stewardship campaign, "I Believe." If you filled out an online pledge card, they will be added to the basket on the altar, but you are welcome to come forward and leave a blank one so that you can physically participate.

If you are a newcomer to Trinity, you may have questions about pledging and financial giving: how, why, when, etc. You can reach out to Father Chase or the Stewardship Committee if you would like to have a conversation. If you have donated to a church in the past, but have never pledged before, you might wonder why we pledge: 1) So that the Finance Committee and Vestry are able to prepare an accurate budget for the upcoming year. But even more importantly, 2) It's an opportunity to engage in a spiritual practice of generosity--not only of giving itself, but of the commitment to give.

News & Notes

Adult Christian Education Committee Forming

We are re-establishing a group of adults interested in designing and carrying out Adult Education at Trinity. We will meet together in December. Interested? Please let Rev. Geoff Curtiss know at geoffcurtiss@gmail.com

Advent Bible Sharing: Birth of the Messiah

Join us for a special Advent Wednesday Bible Sharing on December 3rd and December 10th. We will open up the Gospels of Jesus' birth and leave time for Lectio Divina. It will be a wonderful way to lead us into the season of Advent. You are encouraged to attend both nights but come when you can. (Refreshments and warm welcome served) 12/3 Wednesday 5PM Joseph, Magis, & a star. 12/10 Wednesday 5PM Mary, Angels, & sheep. Followed by our Wednesday evening service at 6:30 PM.

World AIDS Day 2025 ~ Monday, December 1st at 7pm

Join us for our annual World AIDS Day observance program here at Trinity Church on December 1st at 7pm. The theme this year is "Remember-Rethink-Rebuild-Rise". There will be music, poetry, candlelight reading of the names of those who have passed, and more. Also note that the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at Paradise on November 30th from 1-7pm.

Eastertide Retreat to Holy Cross Monastery: Wednesday April 8-Friday, April 10, 2026

Please consider joining fellow Trinity parishioners in our latest retreat to Holy Cross Monastery, a regular favorite event. Enjoy the comfort, peace and tranquility of these Benedictine brother's guesthouse and beautifully kept grounds overlooking the majestic Hudson River. Savor delicious, fresh, professionally prepared community meals, and take advantage of ample opportunities for worship and meditation. Most importantly, relish in a time of fellowship and retreat with friends and members of our Trinity community- sign up today! Space is limited, \$115/night, total \$230, scholarships available, double occupancy also available upon request. Questions? See or contact Andy Place at andyplace33@gmail.com. You can access Holy Cross's website at: www.holycrossmonastery.com

Spiritual Book Reading Group for Advent

For Advent we invite interested members of the congregation to read *The Time is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister. There will be the opportunity for discussion on Sundays 12/7 and 12/21 over coffee beginning at 8:50 a.m. come and join us. Questions? Email Fr. Geoff at geoffcurtiss@gmail.com.

GLOW Holiday Concert ~ December 14 at Trinity

Trinity Choir and Ember team up again this December for a light-themed concert, again branded as GLOW. Many will remember a similar joyful event this time last year. This year's holiday program, called "GLOW - Light and Miracles," shines with music inspired by both spiritual and earthly light: the miracle of Hanukkah, the quiet awe of Christmas, and the universal spark that binds us together. This year the Trinity Choir will be featured with several selections of their own, in addition to joining with Ember on two pieces. Come, enjoy and support your Trinity Choir - and consider showing them off to a neighbor you'll bring along. December 14, 5 pm, at Trinity Church. Tickets are available through EmberArts.org

DIY Advent Craft Kits Available ~ November 30th

This year, the Hospitality Committee will be offering Advent Kits To-Go. Kits will be available at the back of the church after each Mass on November 30. Candles, weekly devotional prayers, scripture readings and some fun tasks will be included as we prepare spiritually for this Christmas season.

NJ Gay Men's Chorus Sings! Saturday, December 13 at 8pm

Sleigh bells ring and the gay men sing! This holiday season, NJGMC brings you Fa La La with a fabulous twist. From traditional choral classics to a pop culture diva, this concert is filled with heartfelt harmonies, queer cheer, and joyful surprises. As always, our annual holiday cookie sale will sweeten the night. Join us Saturday evening, December 13, 8:00 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church, 503 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ. Tickets are \$25 for adults, and \$20 for seniors and students. Visit njgmc.org, or contact the Chorus at (732)579-8449, or purchase your tickets through your favorite NJGMC member! Tickets are also available at the door on the night of the concert.

Social Justice Coffee Hour: Plastics Project
Sunday, November 30th after the 8 & 10am Services

Please
Listen to
Alan
Speaking
To
Invite the
Congregation to
Save the EARTH

Every year 340 million tons of plastic is dumped into our environment. The U.S. contributes the largest share of any nation with 17-20% of this waste, even though we are only 4% of the world's population. This is 335 lbs. of plastic waste, per person, per year in this country. Worldwide only 9% of plastic is recycled, in the U.S. it's even less, at 5%.

Plastic waste is harmful in many ways:

- As a substance, it has the longest decomposing time frame- even more than metal or glass!
- Plastic is the #1 factor harming and diminishing our sea life.
- Plastic is highly energy intensive to produce, creating a large carbon footprint.
- Plastic has a base of limited fossil fuels
- Plastic in the air / water / food has been linked to human health concerns; respiratory, brain functioning and cancer.

As stewards of this earth, God has entrusted us to take care of it. You may say, but what can I, one person, really do to impact this problem?

On November 30th, after both the 8 and 10 services, the EARTH project will have a table at coffee hour. Available to you will be a list of recyclable and non recyclable plastics. Come learn more about increasing your personal plastic re-use and reducing your personal plastic waste. While learning about this, we challenge you to take the "Plastic Pledge". The Plastic Pledge is an action you can take each time you go grocery shopping. Each week when do your usual shopping, right before check out, challenge yourself to make one "non plastic" decision, this may be switching a shrink wrapped item for an item not in shirk wrapped, this may be buying something is a glass jar instead of a plastic jar, maybe it's entirely not getting the saran wrap and deciding to use Tupperware instead. There is strength in numbers, if all Trinty members took the pledge, we'd eliminate 18 tons of plastic in a year.....18 tons! Amen! So come by the EARTH table on Sunday November 30th after both services, learn more about plastics, take the pledge and help the EARTH.

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Book Study

Some of us in the Episcopal Peace Fellowship are reading the book *A Genocide Foretold: reporting on survival and resistance in occupied Palestine* by Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist Chris Hedges, who is also an ordained Presbyterian minister. We plan to hold a Zoom discussion on Monday night November 17th at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to join the group please email Geoff Curtiss geoffcurtiss@gmail.com or text him at 201-892-2960 with your email address. Many members of EPF chapters across the country are reading this book.

Cristosal Update

On our 25th Anniversary this week we released an 81 page report detailing the violence going on in El Salvadoran prisons and the abuses of Human Rights. Please consider a financial contribution to our work this year. You may go to Cristosal.org for more information or speak with Geoff Curtiss about supporting this significant effort.

Christmas Board Game Drive for Bradley Pantry

The Bradley Food Pantry is doing a board game drive to distribute to the families who come to them for assistance. They are looking for 4 specific games: Connect Four, Candy Land, Clue, or Sorry. If you wish to donate a game, scan the QR code to the right.



Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship Group

We will meet on Sunday 12/14 from 8:50 to 9:50 for discussion on what we are interested in PRAY=READ=ACT together at Trinity. You can visit the Episcopal Peace Fellowship for ideas. There are also a number of local issues we will present for us to consider. Visit episcopalpeacefellowship.net for more information.

Vestry Nomination Forms Available ~ Due by Sunday, November 30th

At our Annual Meeting in January, we will hold elections for Vestry and Delegates & Alternates to Diocesan Convention. Open positions are: Vestrypersons (3 positions for three-year terms), Warden (1 position for a two-year term), and Delegates & Alternate Delegates (3 each) to Diocesan Convention and convocation meetings. Read a description of each position and qualifications on the nomination forms located on the info table at the back of the church. Interested in nominating yourself or someone else? Pick up a form and turn it in by Nov. 30th.

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

We continue our exploration on the Moral Teachings of Jesus. We are currently looking at materials from the Gospel of Matthew. To join please email lindacurtiss@gmail.com to be included. Our sessions are recorded and can be forwarded to keep you up to date.

Transgender Day of Remembrance: Wednesday, November 20

All are invited to attend the annual Asbury Park Transgender Day of Remembrance, Thursday, November 20, 7-9 pm, at Blackbird Commons Community Center, 131 Atkins Avenue, Asbury Park.

Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm!

Ever want to know more about the early church? Here is your opportunity! Join us on Wednesdays 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

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestinian Justice Network

The Episcopal Peace Fellowship Palestinian Justice Network endorses Kairos Palestine call to name genocide. This Monday evening we will be discussing on Zoom Chris Hedges new book A Genocide Foretold. If you are interested in being included please email geoffcurtiss@gmail.com to be included. The link will be sent to those interested.