



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Third Sunday
after the Epiphany

January 25, 2026

"Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." (Matthew 4:19)

In Sunday's gospel, we hear the evangelist Matthew's account of the calling of the first disciples: two pairs of brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew, and James and John. They were fishermen, and as they were casting their nets into the sea, he spoke to them and invited them into a new journey: to follow him, and they would "fish for people."

Jesus had other work for them to do, and so he invited them to follow him, using language familiar to them: fish, yes, but for people. Jesus calls us all to be fishers of people: to find those who are lost, to heal those who experience brokenness, to release those imprisoned by injustice, to be peacemakers. This is the work of ministry, and all of us are called to ministry.

The symbolism of being fishers of people is meaningful, but we do need to be careful not to fall into a way of thinking that makes "us" as members of the church always the fisherpeople and "them" as people in the world the fish that need to be caught and brought into the church. We are all both fishers and fish. We are all in need of being found, of being healed, of being free to live without injustice, to live in peace. And so, sometimes we are the fish, and sometimes we are the fishers. Together, we fish for one another.

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

Connect with Us

CONTACT US

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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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:

Jackie Campanelli	Michael Isaccson	Kevin Burkitt	Tom
Manal Miller	Stacey	Shannon Welch	Tom S
Stephanie	Annette Owens	Robert & Nancy Burkitt	Sophia
Margaret Jones	Susan W.	Agnes Hulse	The Osis, Stam and
Miles	Claire Sullivan	Christian Fuscarino and his family	Johnson Families and the repose of the soul
Denzel Donaldson	Bill K	Barbara Muzychka	of Kasey
Gregory Curatolo	Lillianna Paci	Tina S	
Denise & Bill Pearson	Sylvia Credle		

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

1/26	1/27	1/28	Rebecca, Cynthia, Rylan, Landon, & Kayden	1/29	1/30
Stephanie, Tina, Lucas, & Leo Cesario	Paul Chiapetta			David Clark & Richard Shaver	James Clements & Craighton Bransfield

News & Notes

Book Study: *The Bible Makes Sense* ~ Last Session Next Sunday, February 1st at 9am

The Spiritual Reading is discussing *The Bible Makes Sense* by Walter Brueggemann for the season of Epiphany. The last session will be held next Sunday, February 1 at 9:00 am. Please join us in the multipurpose classroom. Anyone who needs a copy of the book should let Geoff Curtiss know.

Shrove Pancake Breakfast ~ Sunday, February 15 after the 10am Service

Please join us on February 15 after the 10am Mass for our Annual "Mardi Gras" themed Parish Breakfast! It's our Last Hurrah before the Lenten Season fasting practice. Sweet pancake toppings and our famous sausages will be available. Come join us for fun, fellowship, and lots of food!

Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship Chapter January Meeting is Cancelled

Due to the snow storm, today's monthly EPF meeting has been cancelled. Watch this space for the announcement of the next scheduled meeting!

Trinity's Code Blue Program Featured in Episcopal News Service

Episcopal News Service, the international church-wide communications ministry that covers stories throughout the Episcopal Church, recently featured Trinity's Code Blue winter warming center. Our church has already received inquiries from other Episcopal congregations seeking to learn about how they can get involved in similar ministries in their communities. You can find the full story at www.episcopalnewsservice.org

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.

Weekly Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Please join us at Bible Sharing Wednesdays at 5pm! We will be talking about "Faith in Action", by watching Corrie Ten Boom's , "The Hiding Place". Over several weeks we will watch and discuss this amazing true story of a young woman's growing faith standing up to the challenges of Nazi invasion around World War II. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Reach out to Joanie at 908-217-5529.

Trinity Church's Annual Parish Meeting Postponed Until Next Sunday, February 1st at 11:30am

Due to the likelihood of a severe snow storm this weekend, the Vestry has voted to move Trinity's 2026 Annual Meeting to next Sunday, February 1st.

Please join us next Sunday as we gather for coffee and small bites after the 10am service with our Annual Parish Meeting beginning at 11:30am. At this meeting, the election of vestry members, warden, and convocation/convention delegates will take place. A review of the parish's ministries will be provided in written form. The vestry will share the 2026 budget. The meeting will be in-person in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. In order to vote, you must be a Qualified Voter. If you have any questions about whether or not you are enrolled in Trinity as a member or if you are a Qualified voter, please speak to Jill Osis in the parish office.

Those putting their names forward for election this year are: Warden (1 position for a 2-year term): Wendy Jaghab; Vestrymember (3 positions for a 3-year term): Donna Griffin, Megan Jones, and Maria Tassiello; Convention/Convocation Delegates (3 positions for a 1-year term): Penny Allen, Mary Jane Carlin, and Alan Woodruff ; Alternate Convention/Convocation Delegates (3 positions for a 1-year term): Eva Sipos, Suzanne O'Hearn, and Dell O'Hara Candidate Bios are located at the back of the church.

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 Ayanna Adams at Ayanna@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.

Notes of Sympathy

It is with sadness that we announce the death of two Trinity parishioners this week:

Phyllis Koch was a Trinity member for 14 years and was also the mother of our Director of Operations, Jill Osis. She regularly attended the 8am Sunday service at Trinity and volunteered weekly in the food pantry and the parish office while she was able . A service to celebrate Phyllis's life will be held at Trinity on Saturday, January 31st at 11am. You may reach out to the Osis Family with Notes of Sympathy at 206 Green Grove Rd. Neptune, NJ 07753. Donations honoring Phyllis's life and love for the community may be made to Trinity's Code Blue Warming Center.

Faye Hudson was a long-time member of Trinity Church and long-time resident of Asbury Park. She was active at both the church and in the community before illness kept her at home. Several years ago the Coaster interviewed her and asked what she likes to do on snow days. She responded, "Crafts, physical therapy, healthcare bingo" and that she stays busy. Fr. Chase writes, "During my first summer here at Trinity, when we were still in the midst of COVID-19 and worshipping together was difficult, I remember Faye rolling up to the church in her motorized wheelchair to celebrate her 90th birthday with a blessing." In more recent years, Faye stayed connected to the church through home communion visits by clergy and Lay Eucharistic Visitors, notes written by the Trinity Cares team, and Christmas caroling with a group of Trinity folks who visit nearby care facilities during holiday seasons.

Please keep the Hudson, Koch, and Osis Families in your prayers during this difficult time. May Faye and Phyllis's souls, with the souls of all the departed, rest in peace with God.