



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday
in Lent

March 1, 2026

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

As you read this, I will be away on vacation, so I thought it might be ok to share a reflection I wrote two years ago:

John 3:16 is one of the most well-known and well-loved verses of scripture. In fact, the Reformation theologian Martin Luther called it “the heart of the Bible--the gospel in miniature.” If it's that important, then we should probably give considerable thought to what it means. To do that we might start by defining “believe” and “eternal life.” To believe is not just to intellectually assent to an abstract proposition. It's not about being persuaded by a proof. To believe is not just an esoteric sense of faith in the supernatural. To believe is to trust. To believe is to give your heart, and to be in deep relationship with that something or someone you've given your heart to. To believe in the Son of God is to be in a relationship in which one has offered oneself to Christ, trusting that the offering is received with love, as much love as was offered to us on the Cross. This kind of belief may come spontaneously, but it is more often cultivated by spiritual practices such as faithfully participating in church, prayer, and the study of scripture.

If we have cultivated this kind of trusting relationship with God, or at least we're in the process of cultivating it, we're told that we will have eternal life. But what is eternal life? Heaven is often thought of as a place where people go to be with God after they die, but the good news of Jesus is that the kingdom of heaven is at hand. The Reign of God may be most fully experienced in the life beyond this life, but the gospel also teaches us that it is here with us, now: God's eternal life is in us and among us. The biblical scholar N.T. Wright, translates eternal life as “the life of God's new age.”

How are we being invited to share the good news of the life of God's new age right here in our lives today? The answer may be different for each of us, but the invitation is there for all.

Peace,
Chase

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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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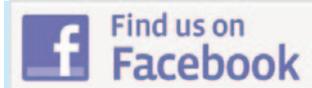
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Trinity Basics

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:

Jackie Campanelli	Denzel Donaldson	Tom
Manal Miller	Gregory Curatolo	Tom S
Stephanie	Denise & Bill Pearson	Sophia
Margaret Jones	Michael Isaccson	Tom Moran
Miles	Tina 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

3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6
Rachel & Jaiden Farrell	Leslie Feingold	Dawn Forgerson	Don Fornwalt	Andrew Forrest

News & Notes

Fr. Chase Away on Vacation February 24 - March 13

Our Rector, Fr. Chase, will be away on vacation through Friday, March 13th. Please contact the church office if you have a matter that needs attention before his return. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can call the office and press #5. Special thanks to The Rev. Geoff Curtiss for taking services while Fr. Chase is away!

Adult Education Today and March 8: Migration with Dignity Bible Study Continues

The conversation we began in February will continue, as we reflect on scripture, our own experiences of migration and safety, and human rights principles. The Episcopal Church's General Convention and the Diocese of New Jersey's Diocesan Convention have affirmed the principles of Migration with Dignity movement, which addresses the challenges of global migration while aligning with the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international laws and agreements. Today and March 8, at 9am in the multipurpose classroom.

Stations of the Cross ~ Wednesdays at 6pm During Lent

Join us at 6pm on Wednesdays in Lent, as we journey the Way of the Cross at our weekly Stations of the Cross service, immediately before our Wednesday Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Trinity EPF met this past Sunday to discuss affordable housing and to discuss future activities. This afternoon we plan to go to Delaney Hall in Newark to join with other Episcopalians. Tomorrow we plan to attend Moral Mondays in Trenton at 12 noon. If you are interested in joining us please contact Geoffrey Curtiss 201-892-2960. In the EPF Information track at the rear of the church, you will find the Trinity EPF's March Calendar of Events; a report from EPF's Annual Meeting and The Diocese of Maryland's Vision: *A Community of Love: Assumptions, Values and Behaviors*. The NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking is preparing for the trafficking that will happen around the World Cup. If anyone is interested in joining in their training contact Geoff Curtiss. Finally material has been prepared to study the Kairos II document *A Moment of Truth: Faith in the Time of Genocide*. Details on a future study here at Trinity will be forthcoming.

Be A Superstar at our Theatre Night Fundraiser for Trinity Center for Community Thursday, March 19 ~ Jesus Christ Superstar



Do you love musicals? Do you have dreams of being a superstar? The Spring Lake Community House & Theatre has generously donated all their tickets for opening night of their production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* to Trinity Center for Community and we want you to join us! The evening begins with an Opening Act Reception at 6:30 PM and follows with the performance at 7:30 PM at Spring Lake Theatre. 100% of the ticket price goes to support the programs of the Trinity Center for Community. Guests are encouraged to dress like a rock star! Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code to the left or at the link in our weekly email blast. If you have any trouble purchasing tickets, please see Wendy Jaghab or Joanie McCoy. Tickets prices are as follows:

\$125 Superstar (includes reception, show, and program recognition; \$80 tax-deductible)

\$45 Patron (includes reception and show)

How Can I Help? ~ Counters Needed!

We need a few more people to join our counting team! Counters come in on Tuesdays at 10am and count the weekly collection from services and prepare the deposit. You will be scheduled approximately once every 3 weeks and it only takes about an hour. Come join this friendly, important ministry! If you are interested or have questions, reach out to Jill at Jill@trinitynj.com.

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

The Monday Bible Study with Geoff Curtiss will be looking at the period of biblical history from 1000 BC forward. Geoff and Linda have recently returned from a trip to Egypt and are sharing experiences from their visit and their connections to both the archeological and historical narrative. This will cover the rise and fall of the Egyptian, Assyrian, Babylonian, Phoenician, and Greco-Roman empires. To join please email lindacurtiss@gmail.com to be included. Our sessions are recorded and can be forwarded to keep you up to date.

Black History and Women's History Event ~ Tuesday, March 17 at The Asbury Park Library

Come celebrate Black History and Women's Herstory month with The Episcopal Peace Fellowship on Tuesday, March 17th at the Asbury Park Library at 6PM. We will listen to local artist and historian Charles Trott of the Diasporic Images of Africa (DIA) speak. We will learn about the African Diaspora and how connected we all are as humans. Please come and support our local artist!

Weekly Bible Sharing for Lent ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Looking for a new lease on Lent? We welcome you to join us Wednesdays at 5pm for "An Unlikely Lent" at Bible Sharing. We will use a multi disciplinary approach as we deepen our Lenten experience. The Resurrection didn't happen in isolation. It unfolded before a crowd. Let's look together at stories of those women and men!

New Jersey FOSNA Meet-up ~ Saturday, March 14th in Montclair

Come with Fr. Geoff and Derek Bloom to an in-person Jersey wide meeting regarding FOSNA (Friends of Sabeel North America) and Palestine, March 14th from 10:30AM till 12:30PM, at the First Congregational Church of Montclair, 40 South Fullerton Ave. Montclair, NJ 07042. We will hear report backs from people recently in Palestine and work to organize a larger solidarity network in New Jersey. Meet in the Trinity parking lot at 9AM to carpool. Email derek@trinitynj.com to RSVP please.

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.