



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday
of Easter

April 12, 2026

This Sunday's gospel reading tells the familiar story of so-called "Doubting Thomas," who, when told about the appearances of the Risen Christ, said, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." I don't think any less of Thomas for wanting evidence; I would too! I think it's easier for me to believe in the Risen Christ than it would have been for Thomas, for one simple reason: I wasn't actually there when it all went so wrong. Can you imagine how traumatic the events of Jesus' last week would have been for all of those around him? One minute you're celebrating the Passover with your friends, and the next you're running for your life, trying to evade arrest by the Roman occupiers and the temple police. Then your beloved teacher and friend, your Lord, is executed. So, I'm right there with Thomas.

But when Thomas does finally see, he believes. May we be open to sensing the presence of God when we see divinity in the world around us.

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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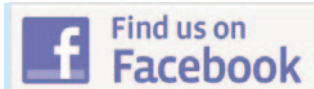
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Trinity Basics

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) Wendy Jaghab (warden)
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Denise & Bill Pearson	Tom Moran	Barbara Quella
Manal Miller	Michael Isaccson	Kevin Burkitt	Anthony Carpinelli
Stephanie	Tina S	Shannon Welch	Yvonne Paradiso
Margaret Jones	Tom	Joe Madigan	Suzanne O'Hearn
Miles	Tom S	Michele Beckerman	Seneca Williams
Denzel Donaldson	Sophia	Carol Moriggia	Trish R
Gregory Curatolo	DJ	Jaime	

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

4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17
Kirby Kennedy	Sherwin Klass & Christopher Vecere	Pam Kovalski	Maggie Krohe	Annette Lanham

News & Notes

Take a Flower Home Today!

Thank you to all who donated to Flowers and Music in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one for our Easter Services! Please take a flower home with you today, plant them, and keep the joy going year after year!

Adult Forum Today at 9am

Today's Adult Forum at 9am will continue to discuss the Kairos II document and the significance of Christian Nationalism.

Volunteers needed for Old Monmouth Weekend, May 2 & 3

For the second year, Trinity Church is on the Old Monmouth Weekend tour, May 2 & 3. In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, we will be highlighting the contributions our church has made to the ongoing establishment of democracy through education, innovation, civic engagement and war. There will be exhibits set up around the church to explain Trinity's part in this quest. We need volunteers to welcome visitors and give a simple overview of the exhibit. The hours are Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 - 5:00 and Sunday, May 3 from 12:00 - 5:00. If you are able to share our beautiful church with others for an hour or two on either of those days, please contact Dell O'Hara at: lyndell.ohara@gmail.com

Spaghetti Supper with a Side of Meatballs! Next Sunday, April 19 at 2pm

Please join us for our first Spaghetti Dinner and Meatball Contest on Sunday, April 19 at 2pm! 10+ contestants will bring their best "meatball" recipe vying for the "MEATBALL WIZARD" crown.....followed by a spaghetti dinner and bragging rights for the winner!!! A free-will offering will be accepted.

Have You Heard the News??

Every Friday, Trinity sends out an email "blast" with a message from Fr. Chase, events happening at Trinity and beyond, pictures from parish gatherings, and all the information you need to know! We also send out a worship email every Sunday with the service bulletin and information insert and occasional other emails when necessary. This is a great way to see what's happening in the Trinity Community and beyond and to stay connected with us! If you don't already receive the email blast and would like to sign up, please visit our website www.TrinityNJ.com, scroll down to the bottom and hit the "Subscribe" button to get started!

EPF Speaking Event: Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30pm at Trinity

Come Join the Trinity's Episcopal Peace Fellowship on May 5th at 6:30PM for a human rights speaking event: *The War with Iran: 20 Years in the Making*, with special guest Dr. Negar Razavi is currently an Associate Research Scholar at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies at Princeton University, where she is working on her first book manuscript on the role of policy experts in shaping U.S. security policies toward the Middle East generally and Iran specifically. In addition, Razavi is a Senior Researcher at Security in Context. Broadly, Razavi's work sits at the intersections of critical security studies, anthropology, gender studies, human rights, and global Middle East studies.

Diocesan Book Study on Anglican Slavery in New Jersey: April 16-May 21

The Reparations Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey invites you to a free, author-led, Zoom book group on the recently released *Anglican Slavery in New Jersey: An Initial Accounting* with author Jolyon Pruszinski. All are welcome. The book group will run on Thursday nights at 7-8 P.M from April 16 to May 21, 2026. Zoom pre-registration is required. For more information, visit the Diocese of New Jersey Racial Justice Review. Books are available for a discount through the publisher, which you can find through the diocesan Racial Justice Review link.

Spaghetti Dinner Meatball Contest

Do you have what it takes to be crowned "Meatball Wizard"? We are seeking 10 contenders for a fun filled cuisine showdown followed by a family friendly spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm. Please see Alan Woodruff (516) 297-3480 or David Clark (732) 535-1775 for details on how to enter!

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

The Monday Bible Study with Geoff Curtiss is looking at the history and archeological evidence behind the Bible narrative from the collapse of the Bronze Age 1177 BCE to the rise of the Persians in 550 BCE. Israel came into existence as a result of this collapse and participated in the changes brought about by the Iron Age. Changes in social structures, administrative relationships, the introduction of new metals and ideas of about being governed are all part of the new age. 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 ~ On Hiatus Until April 22nd

Our Wednesday Bible Sharing group is taking a break for a few weeks. We will restart our weekly gatherings on Wednesday, April 22nd. We are currently developing our next unit - more to come!

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.

Assistive Listening Devices Available for Use

Our sound system includes an Assistive Listening Device Unit. We have listening packs and headphones available for use during services, or bring your own headphones. Please see an usher or Verger if you'd like to use a device during services.