



# Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Third Sunday  
of Easter

April 19, 2026

*As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. (Luke 24:28-31)*

This Sunday's gospel passage, often called "the Road to Emmaus," is a favorite of mine. I love the evocative language, the tenderness of the interactions, and the sense of mystery. After Jesus' resurrection, he appears to two of his disciples on their walk to the village of Emmaus. They do not recognize him, but they all begin talking. They tell this traveler of the sad and astounding events of the past few days. Their teacher, Jesus of Nazareth, "a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people," had been executed three days earlier, but that very morning women from their group found his tomb empty and had a vision of angels who said Jesus was alive. The Risen Jesus, still a stranger to his friends, begins to teach them about the scriptures. When they approach the village, they ask him to stay with them. At dinner, he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to them, following the same pattern as at the Last Supper. Then they recognize him, for "he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread."

We read the Emmaus story at this week's church staff meeting, and one of the themes of our conversation was hospitality. Jesus was made known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Not in the exposition of scriptures, but in a meal, in fellowship around a table. These two disciples invited a stranger to dinner, showing hospitality to a traveler. In turn, when Jesus breaks the bread, they recognize his own gift of hospitality, how he took bread at their last meal together, and said, "This is my body, given for you."

How might God be calling you to practice hospitality, through sharing a meal, sharing your time, or sharing your gifts through the creative efforts of your mind, body, and heart?

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](http://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

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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](mailto:Derek@TrinityNJ.com).

**CHOIRS:** Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at [Deborah@TrinityNJ.com](mailto:Deborah@TrinityNJ.com) for information!

### **PARISH LEADERSHIP** (*Vestry*):

Bill Presutti (warden) Wendy Jaghab (warden)  
Brice Byham, David Clark, Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Megan Jones, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, and Maria Tassiello. You may contact the vestry at: [vestrywardens@trinitynj.com](mailto:vestrywardens@trinitynj.com)

## Parish Staff

### Clergy Staff:

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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	Wendy Jaghab

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](mailto: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](mailto:PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com).

**Trinity Cycle of Prayer** During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends

4/20	4/21	4/22 Kay LiCausi, Matt	4/23	4/24
Gary Layton	Rise Legato	McDermott, & Lily LiCausi	Ann & Paul MacKenzie	Michael Mariotti

## News & Notes

### Altar Flowers This Week

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in heartfelt remembrance of loved ones of the Parikh and Woodworth families and in joyful thanksgiving for Niam Archer on his baptism.

### Adult Forum Today at 9am

Today at 9am we will be discussing "An Invitation to Get in the Way", from the book "Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism" by Drew J. Strait. We will be gathering in the multi-purpose classroom room for this discussion.

### Spaghetti Supper with a Side of Meatballs! Today 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.

### Episcopal Peace Fellowship Monthly Meeting ~ Sunday April 26 at 9am

Join us at 9am next Sunday for our monthly Episcopal Peace Fellowship meeting. We will be continuing our discussion of how to advocate for Palestinians within our social justice ministries, using a framework from the Palestinian Justice Network of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

### Weekly Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Remember Pastor Rob Bell? Bible Sharing will be showing videos from his Nooma series over the next weeks! Newcomers most welcome. Our discussions are lively. Come and listen or take part, you are sure to feel your faith stimulated! Questions? Call Joanie 908-216-5529

### **“NJGMC Essentials: The Music That Makes Us”**

#### **New Jersey Gay Men’s Chorus Concert ~ Friday, May 15 at 8pm**

The New Jersey Gay Men’s Chorus is proud to announce its 35th Anniversary Spring Concert Series, “NJGMC Essentials: The Music That Makes Us.” These milestone performances serve as a musical mosaic, weaving together the chorus’s most quintessential works. The program features a dynamic blend of traditional choral classics, high-energy pop favorites, and beloved Broadway showpieces that have defined the NJGMC’s three-and-a-half-decade legacy of artistry and advocacy. Ticket Information: General admission tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. Tickets are available for purchase online at [njgmc.org](http://njgmc.org), by phone at (732) 579-8449, or through any NJGMC member. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for all performances.

#### **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](mailto:lyndell.ohara@gmail.com)

#### **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.

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

The Monday Bible Study with Fr. Geoff Curtiss is discussing a wide range of topics and you are invited to join the conversation! To participate, please email [lindacurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:lindacurtiss@gmail.com). Our sessions are recorded and can be forwarded to keep you up to date.

#### **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](mailto: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.