



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

April 26, 2026

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. (Acts of the Apostles 2:42-27)

The early church was very radical. The group described in the Acts of the Apostles took life in community to another level with collective ownership of property and distribution of goods based on need. They rejoiced in their common life, worshipping together and joining in fellowship. There are intentional communities who have similar practices today. Certainly, monastic communities have long kept this lifestyle. Recently, a group of parishioners went on retreat at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, New York, an Episcopal monastic community. Yes, that's right: the Episcopal Church actually has monastic orders of women and men who have taken vows to live in community with one another, worshipping and working and eating together every day.

Most of us choose to live differently than monastics or these particular early Christians in Acts. Most of us live in individual households, although certainly many of these households are themselves small communities, whether families or friends or even roommates. Many people also live by themselves, although often in apartment buildings in which neighbors sometimes form communities (whether desired or not by those living alongside them!). But whether we live alone or with many people, those of us who participate in church have chosen to join an intentional community. Most of us do not live together, but we do share part of our life with one another. And like the early Christians, we practice generosity, giving a share of our resources, and we break bread together, both at the communion table and at coffee hours and meals. Speaking of breaking bread together, I give thanks for the Hospitality and Parish Events Committee, which hosted such an enjoyable spaghetti church meal and meatball contest last Sunday.

We follow in the footsteps of Trinity parishioners over the past 150 years, who also shared their lives together. Dell O'Hara, who heads our Archives Committee, has put together a wonderful presentation of the church's history, focusing on individuals and families who served this community and the nation, as part of the annual Weekend in Old Monmouth historic tour on May 2-3. In celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution, participating sites highlight contributions 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. Come by to learn about the individuals who gave of their time, talent, and resources to Trinity, Asbury Park, and our republic on Saturday, May 2 from 10:00 - 5:00 and Sunday, May 3 from 12:00 - 5:00.

Peace, Chase

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

Connect with Us

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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	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 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

4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30	5/1
Vincent Martino	Joan Mason	Robert Mayo	Jeanne McArthur	Nancy McCarthy

News & Notes

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Monthly Meeting ~ Today at 9am

Join us at 9am today 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.

Lights, Camera, Action ~ Trinity's Got Talent 2026! Saturday, May 16 at 6pm

Please join us on Saturday, May 16 at 6pm for an evening of song, laughter, dancing and fellowship!! Members of our community will be sharing their God given talents. Want to participate? Just contact Alan Woodruff (516) 297-3480 or David Clark (732)535-1775 for details.

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

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.

ECS Affordable Housing Zoom ~ Thursday, May 14 at 7pm

Join the Episcopal Community Service Summit's event, Building the Kingdom with Affordable Housing, with Fr. Geoff and Derek Bloom on May 14th at 7PM on zoom. Everyone deserves a place to call home, yet the world continues to treat this fundamental human right as an optional privilege. The Monmouth Housing Coalition realizes that if we want affordable housing, we must be the architects of that change ourselves. ECS-NJ invites you to a session with New Jersey's leading voices in affordable housing. Join the Monmouth Housing Coalition, The Teen Think Tank, and the Asbury Park Affordable Housing Coalition to learn how we can collectively turn the vision of "home for everyone" into a reality.

"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, by phone at (732) 579-8449, or through any NJGMC member. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the door for all performances.

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

The Hebrew Bible was written for the first time in the late 7th Century BCE. The Kingdom of Israel had fallen to the Assyrians. The Kingdom of Judah was a vassal state to the Assyrian Empire. Where do the stories of the Patriarchs, the Exodus, the Wilderness, the Conquest, and the Davidic Monarchy come from and why? What is the cultural memory that the authors are trying to create? There is neither archaeological evidence or nor any historic record of an Exodus event. Most biblical scholars now agree it did not happen. But what is the Exodus really about. Neither can anything be found about David or Solomon except in the memory of a 6th century author writing about supposed 15th, 12th or 10th century events. So what can we know behind this cultural imagination. Join with us Mondays @ 5:00 pm and learn about the recent discoveries that are transforming the Biblical narrative and making it come alive to its real context. To participate, please email 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.

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.