



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost

July 26, 2026

"Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal." (excerpt from The Collect for Proper 12, found in our BCP p.231)

It is summer season here at Trinity, the temperature is hotter, parking is harder to find, many meetings have been paused, and it also seems to be parable season in our lectionary. Our readings this week find us once again reflecting on The Book of Genesis, Paul's letter to the Romans, and a whopping five parables in the reading from Matthew's Gospel. Summer vacation season may be in full swing, but apparently the challenging scripture readings never got the memo. Scripture readings are sometimes familiar, comforting, and clear, yet at other times it can be harder to grasp what we are supposed to learn about our loving God.

Consider our readings this week. We start with a story in Genesis of Jacob, Rachel, Laban and Leah, which is a story that can be incredibly challenging for our contemporary world and lens. This story confounds us with notions of deceit, betrayal, indentured servitude, and polygamy. Then we are confronted with a Psalm which asks us to worship the Lord, count on and seek out the Lord and remember all the Lord has done for the Lord's people. And then the Psalm returns to God's promises and care of God's people through God's care of the patriarchs. In Paul's letter to the Romans, we are reminded to rely on God for all things, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and are assured that we are firmly held in God's loving embrace. Then we have a Gospel, loaded with five parables about seed, yeast, treasure, pearls, and a net. Who doesn't love a good metaphor? Obviously, Jesus was on a roll in his teaching, using different metaphors to relate to all in society with ears that could listen.

Scripture and parables can be hard to wrestle with. Even his disciples struggled at times. Remember last week's Gospel when they asked Jesus, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." (Matthew 13:36). In the Episcopal Church, we encourage questions. That is why reason, along with scripture and tradition, are part of the 3-legged stool model of our faith. Perhaps there is beauty in the style of the parables, because aside from the many context and translation issues, would we still be talking about them today? Jesus understood that questions and conversation lead to seeking and searching and growing in relationship with God. In his use of the parables Jesus knew there would be questions, and that was a way to draw his audience in closer, to learn more. Jesus wants his followers to do more than listen and think; he wants them to imagine and feel, to be challenged and provoked. Jesus is speaking truth to the deepest level of our souls.

The thread of this week reminds us that no matter the time or situation, God loves us, stays true to us, and as we continually seek and search to do the will and works of God, with a little help from the Holy Spirit, we each continue to be held and drawn in closer to the loving arms of our creator.

All are welcome here and all questions are encouraged.

Faithfully,
Tiff

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

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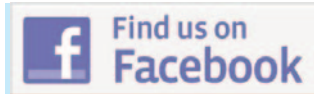
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Trinity Basics

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	Michael Isaccson	Laura Bentivegna
Manal Miller	Mona	Lisa Boyer
Stephanie	Grace Couluris-Woodruff	Pearson Family
Margaret Jones	Barbara Muzychka	Haupt Family
Miles	Tom Dempsey	Fred Tagliarini
Denzel Donaldson	Dianne & Debbie	Bob Berger
Gregory Curatolo	Candace Lindh	Olga & Nicole

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

7/27	7/28	7/29	7/30	7/31
Jacalyn Sharpe & Dominic Latorraca	Eileen Sheppard & Barbara Matlosz	Bruce Sherrill	Eva Sipos	Patrick Sizemore

News & Notes

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Monthly Meeting ~ Today, July 26, 9am

The Trinity EPF monthly meeting will be held Sunday, July 26th at 9am. We will be planning the themes for our monthly gatherings in the fall. What do we want to PRAY-LEARN-ACT on together? Hopefully many of you have signed up for the regular EPF newsletter that comes out identifying the work of EPF Nationally. Go to the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (<https://www.episcopalpeacefellowship.net/>) and sign on. To date we have focused on Human Rights and Cristosal, the Church's response to Christian Nationalism, local Affordable Housing, Delaney Hall abuses, and Palestinian Justice. There are some articles in the back of the church available if you are interested. Finally EPF has hired a new National Executive Director so interesting and exciting times lay ahead.

Weekly Bible Sharing: Summer Potpourri ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

All Seekers please come out on Wednesdays for our summer Bible Sharing! We will have a variety of activities as members take turns leading Summer Potpourri! We begin at 5pm and end in time for 6:30 mass. Questions? call Joanie @908-216-5529

School Supply Drive ~ Due Sunday, August 9th

We are collecting school supplies for students from our community through Sunday, August 9th. Supplies will be dropped off with Community Karma who will pack them into age-appropriate kits and distribute them to community kids. We are collecting all supplies for kids pre-k - High School. All supplies are welcome, some suggestions are: backpacks, lunch boxes, folders, notebooks, pencils, pencil cases, crayons, markers, glue sticks, highlighters, erasers, colored pencils, school scissors etc. Bring your supplies by on Sundays or Tues-Fri 9-3:30pm. Thank you!

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom Will Be on Hiatus for the Month of July

Funeral Service for Faye Hudson ~ Saturday, August 1st at 2pm

There will be a funeral service here at Trinity for parishioner Faye Hudson on Saturday, August 1st. Please keep Faye's family and friends in your prayers as we prepare to celebrate her life.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Trinity BlueClaws Trip August 7 Get Your Tickets by August 2nd!

May the Force be with You! Join us on Friday, August 7th for a 7pm game at the BlueClaws' Lakewood stadium. The theme for the night is Star Wars and there will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$13 and they can be reserved and paid for in advance by visiting

https://trinityap.breezechms.com/give/online?fund_id=2370146, scanning the QR code to the right or by contacting Courtney Pearson in the parish office or emailing her at Courtney@trinitynj.com. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 5:30pm for fellowship time before the game! It is always a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship when we gather together to cheer on our local BlueClaws team!



Children & Youth Summer Programming

Join us on summer Sundays for "Summers at Trinity," a special movie and discussion series for our children and youth featuring Inside Out and Soul. Together, we'll explore themes of faith, purpose, emotions, and the love of God. Also, on **August 2nd, & August 30th**, we will hold a Special Children's Summer Sermon Series with Father Chase (children will remain in the main service). Nursery will remain open throughout the entire summer! We look forward to a joyful summer together!

Episcopal Peace Fellowship: Organizing for Affordable Housing ~ Thursday, July 30 at 6:30pm

July 30th at 6:30PM come join The Episcopal Peace Fellowship with Mike Wile and Derek Bloom to organize for more affordable housing in Monmouth County. At the meeting we will each choose a few spiritual institutions to call in Monmouth County and see if they want to build affordable housing on their property. Our end goal is to call all the spiritual institutions in the county to see if we can help build the affordable housing our country so desperately needs. We will train you how to make the calls, if a church is interested we will put them in contact with our community partners the Affordable Housing Alliance. Email derek@trinitynj.com if you can come!

Fr. Chase is Out of Office July 16-July 28

Fr. Chase will be away on educational leave through Tuesday, July 28th. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the parish office at 732-775-5084 and press extension 5. For non-emergency matters, you can reach out to the parish office and speak to The Rev. Tiff Campbell or Casandra Arroyo.



Ride With Us! 8th Annual Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice ~ Saturday, September 12

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 12, 2026! Whether you are a casual rider or a seasoned cyclist, you are invited to join us as an individual or part of a team for a beautiful ride along the Jersey Shore. We feature three different scenic routes to choose from: 15 miles, 30 miles, or 62 miles. The ride will start and finish right here at Trinity Church in Asbury Park. Not a bike rider? You can still be a vital part of the day! We are looking for wonderful volunteers to help with registration, staff the rest stops, cheer on our cyclists, and assist with the setup and cleanup. Best of all, every mile pedaled and every hour volunteered supports the vital Food Justice Programs at the Trinity Center for Community. To register to ride, sign up to volunteer, or make a donation, scan the QR code to the left or email Dave Osis at FoodJusticeRide@gmail.com

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.