



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twelfth Sunday
after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

"Come closer to me." And they came closer. (Genesis 45:4)

Over the last few weeks, we have been moving through Genesis and the stories of troubled families, betrayals, ladders, and deep pits. We have listened in Paul's letters to the Romans trying to guide and encourage them how to live as followers of Jesus in the world. Our Gospel readings have shared parables and stories of storms raging, fear, Peter's doubts, and Jesus' calming the storm and quelling their fear. This week we hear about healing, and that what we hold in our hearts is what comes out of our mouths and lives and into God's world.

Sometimes, scripture leaves us with puzzles, and questions over content, context, and things lost in translation. Yet, there are other times when it is clear, God always draws us closer, and that provides healing and transformation of heart and soul. Consider Joseph's story, this week he stands face-to-face with the brothers who betrayed him. Joseph has every reason to be angry. He has every reason to seek revenge. Yet instead, Joseph reveals himself, weeps openly, and says, in essence, Come closer. His forgiveness opens a door through which healing, reconciliation, and new life can enter.

The Gospel takes us even deeper. Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman who comes to him pleading for mercy for her daughter. At first, the encounter is uncomfortable. She is an outsider, yet she persists. She refuses to remain outside. She draws closer. And Jesus responds to her faith. He heals! This story reminds us that God's mercy is always larger than the boundaries we create. Here at Trinity, when we practice radical love and welcome, we tear down the boundaries of division in God's world. Sometimes it is the person we least expect, the person we have placed at a distance, who becomes the one through whom God opens and transforms our hearts. These stories reveal to us that when we allow ourselves to be drawn closer to God, something happens within us! The love, mercy, and compassion we receive from God begins to flow through us into God's world.

God invites us to: Come closer. Receive God's love. And then let it flow.

That, my friends, is the calling of the Church. We do not simply gather at Trinity to receive God's grace. We are gathered so that, having received it, we might become people who pour it out into God's world. Here at Trinity, let us come closer and continue to be that place where compassion can make a difference. A place where the love of God that has been poured into our hearts and becomes through us a living stream of hope, healing, and reconciliation flowing into God's beloved world.

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

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)
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

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Michael Isaccson
Manal Miller	Mona
Stephanie	Grace Couluris-Woodruff
Margaret Jones	*Tom Dempsey
Miles	Dianne & Debbie
Denzel Donaldson	Candace Lindh
Gregory Curatolo	Laura Bentivegna

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

8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21
Chris Tyree	John VanGuilder	MaryAnn Vitiello & Donna Griffin	Mary Volak	Adrienne Wert

News & Notes

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Speaker Series: Religious Nationalism ~ 8/20/26 at 6:30pm

On Thursday August 20th at 6:30PM, the Episcopal Peace fellowship will host three speakers, Dr. Rumu DasGupta, Fr. Geoff Curtiss and Derek Bloom, to talk in detail about how religious nationalism is dangerous for our world and how pluralism (the acceptance of all religions and faiths) is the only way for our nations to move forward in peace. This is a continuation of the EPF speakers series!

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff on Zoom Will Be on Hiatus Until August 24th

Bible Study with Fr. Geoff Curtiss will resume on Monday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom. We will be looking at the scriptures written from the time of the Maccabees. The Maccabean revolt sought to overthrow the Greek influence of the Persian period and is known as the period of early Judaism. The Jewish revolt is known for the creation of Hanukkah. Contemporary scholars consider that if the faith of Israel had been absorbed into the Greek culture there probably would not have been a context for Jesus. More details to come.

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

Children & Youth Summer Programming

Our summer Sunday youth series, "Summers at Trinity," continues this week with the movie *Soul*. Together, we'll explore themes of faith, purpose, emotions, and the love of God. Also, on **August 30th**, we will finish our 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 Update ~ Next Meeting Sunday, August 30th at 8:50am

Trinity is becoming a Parish Partner with the Episcopal Peace Fellowship. We meet monthly usually on the last Sunday of the month. We gather to discuss what we are praying about, what we want to learn more, and actions we are considering. Pray-Learn-Act. This month our focus is on our relationship with the ministry at Delaney Hall, the ICE detention center in Newark. We will meet at 8:50 a.m. on Sunday August 30th. Get your cup of coffee and join us.

School Supply Drive ~ Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for us to help support Community Karma and their Back-to-School Giveaway! We delivered everything to them this week and found out that they will be handing out 1,500 backpacks filled with supplies to the youth in our community. 1,500 - WOW! Thanks to all for supporting this fantastic program!

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 right or email Dave Osis at FoodJusticeRide@gmail.com



Trinity Summer Fellowship Series - Sensational Soul Cruisers Concert Tuesday, August 26 at 6pm at Springwood Park

Our Hospitality Committee invites you to participate in the last event of our Summer Fellowship Series: The Asbury Park Music Foundation Summer Series presents the Sensational Soul Cruisers at Springwood Park in Asbury Park. Wear your Trinity t-shirt or gear if you have it and bring chairs or blankets. We'll meet at Springwood Park and enjoy music under the stars.

Blessing of the Backpacks ~ Sunday, August 30th

On August 30th, we are inviting all of our Trinity kids, youth, young adults, and teachers returning to school to bring their backpacks/bags to the 8 or 10am service for a Blessing of the Backpacks and School Supplies for a new year of learning and fun!

Regional Youth Ministry and Youth Confirmation: Beginning in September

The Episcopal churches in our area are bringing together youth from different congregations for education, service, and fellowship. A September service and fellowship activity on a Saturday will be announced soon. For youth entering grades 7-12, there is also a regional youth confirmation course planned that will meet monthly at area churches on Sundays from 5-7 pm, beginning on September 20. All youth beginning in grades 7 and up are invited to join, even if you have already been confirmed, since it will include new content and teens from around our region. You can read the introductory letter in our email blast or contact the office to be emailed a copy. Please reach out to Rev. Tiff if you have any questions.

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.