



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. (Romans 13:8-10)

We are 1 week away from the Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice! The Ride is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the church's community ministry, Trinity Center. Trinity Center encompasses our almost 40 year old food security program (the Saturday Soup Community Meal and the Food Pantry), as well as more recent offerings like the Code Blue winter emergency warming center and the Radical Well-being Program of holistic housing support and the resources people need to thrive once they are in stable homes (coaching, financial literacy, wellness, recovery, job placement, mental health referrals). Through Trinity Center, our church is able to amplify our congregation's impact in the community, as we draw in volunteers and supporters from other houses of worship, civic and educational groups, partner non-profit agencies, and even county, state, and federal resources. But it all starts here, with Trinity Church's commitment to practice love in action. The Jersey Shore Ride for Food Justice is not only the biggest fundraiser for Trinity Center, but more than any other fundraiser, it is one that is truly our congregation's gift of hospitality to all those who participate. What I mean by that is that while we have many community members outside of Trinity who contribute to the Ride as volunteers, riders, and supporters, it is Trinity parishioners who take the biggest role in organizing, leading, and executing the event. Most of you are involved in some way, and even if you can't make it on the day of the Ride, I know that you have probably done work behind the scenes, sent emails to friends and neighbors, and kept the event in your prayers. Thank you for everything you do to make this fun and meaningful event happen, so that we can come together as a parish and as a community to enjoy riding along our beautiful Shore, to volunteer together, to break bread at the picnic and to make a big impact.

In other news, this Sunday is the start of the Season of Creation. You will see some changes in the liturgy, although not as many as in the past couple of years. In this new liturgical season, we are invited to reflect on the presence of God in nature--and also the ways in which we need to respond as a church to ecological destruction and crisis. The Season of Creation will culminate in our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

I hope you all have a good Labor Day holiday. I give thanks for the contributions of the labor movement, and I pray that all workers would be treated and compensated fairly. As we wrap up the summer season, I also look forward to the start of the church program year next week.

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

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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,
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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Michael Isaccson	Rise Legato
Manal Miller	Mona	Laura & Daniel
Stephanie	Grace Couluris-Woodruff	Fred Tagliarini
Margaret Jones	Tom Dempsey	Annmarie
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

9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11
Sandra Zak	Andrea & Bill Zapcic	AnneMarie Zauner	Penny & Michael Allen	Robert, Christina, Benedetta, & Natalia

News & Notes

Upcoming Sunday Adult Education Opportunities

Today and Sunday, September 13: **"What is Anglicanism and What Does it Have to Do with the Episcopal Church?"** The Rev. Chase Danford will lead two sessions on the development of Anglican Christianity and how it became present in the United States (and other countries) as the Episcopal Church.

Sunday, September 20: **"Full and Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise."** Kim Byham, Trinity parishioner and advocate for LGBTQ inclusion in the Episcopal Church, will present about the history of the movement that has eliminated bars to ordination and marriage in the church.

Sunday, September 27: Monthly **Episcopal Peace Fellowship** meeting will share about advocacy opportunities.

Sundays in October: Classes exploring the **history, theology, and worship of the Episcopal Church**, including an introduction to the Book of Common Prayer. This is especially geared for new members and visitors, but will be a good refresher for all.

All classes held in the multipurpose classroom at 9 am (except EPF monthly meetings, that begin at 8:50). Interested in serving on the Adult Education Committee? Reach out to Rev. Tiff at Tiff@trinitynj.com

Children and Youth at Trinity ~ Join Us!

It's Sunday School Time! - Get ready for another exciting year of Sunday School! We begin next Sunday, September 13th at 9:45am in the Sunday School room. Can't wait to see you!

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.

Help Assemble Welcome Bags ~ Sunday, September 13 after the 10am Service

Many Hands Make Light Work! On Sunday September 13th, we invite you to stay after the 10am service to assemble 250 red newcomer bags to give out to Trinity visitors! See you there!

**SAVE THE DATE: Stewardship sponsored Potluck Dinner for the Congregation
October 24th 5PM-7PM**

**Adult Forum ~ Full & Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise
Sunday, September 20 at 9am**

This week marks the 50th anniversary of the Episcopal Church's first statement in support of the LGBTQ+ community. Meeting in Minneapolis, the General Convention stated that "homosexual persons have a full and equal claim to God's love and care." An event "Full & Equal: 50 Years in Pursuit of a Promise" takes place from September 3 to 5 in Minneapolis. Kim Byham and Scott Helsel will attend and Kim is a presenter of the history of the movement that has eliminated bars to ordination and marriage in the church. Kim will give a version of that history at Trinity at 9am on Sunday, September 20.

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

This fall we will be studying the formation of Judaism during the Persian and Hellenistic Periods. Most scholars agree that Torah as a way of life did not exist prior to the rise of the Hasmonean empire following the Maccabean revolt in the 2nd BCE. This raises important questions about the formation of the Biblical narrative. When was the Pentateuch (Genesis-Deuteronomy) actually written? What is the ideology the Pentateuch is promoting and why? Why is Moses not known in many of the texts from this period of time and doesn't really show up until the 2nd BCE? Where was the cult of Yahweh being practiced following Israel's colonization by Assyria, Babylon, Persia and the Hellenists. We are looking at the archaeological evidence and the material resources from 600 BCE to 200 BCE. To be included in our gatherings Monday at 5:00 p.m. please contact lindacurtiss@gmail.com to be included. The sessions are recorded and will be sent along with other materials to those interested in participating.

Weekly Bible Sharing: On Hiatus for The First Two Weeks of September

Wednesday Bible Sharing is going on Hiatus for the first two Wednesdays in September and will begin anew on September 16th. Everyone is welcome to join us then for a three week study on the 23rd Psalm! Any Questions call Joanie 908-216-5529

PorchFest is Coming ~ Hospitality Volunteers Needed! Saturday, September 26, 12-5pm

On Saturday afternoon, September 26, Trinity will be a venue for Asbury Park's much-loved PorchFest. During this fun event, over two dozen addresses will host music acts on their front porches or lawns. All performances are free, and listeners are encouraged to explore our community's neighborhoods on foot or bike as they move from venue to venue. Schedule to be released soon! We would like to showcase our church's beautiful architecture and welcoming atmosphere, so volunteers are requested to provide a hospitable presence. If you would like to help, and be here for some wonderful music, let us know at office@trinitynj.com.

Trinity Youth Happenings: 7th-12th Grade

September 19th - Our first planned activity will be a beach cleanup day, followed by a picnic at St. George's in Rumson beginning at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 19th.

September 20th - we will begin a 10-month Confirmation program continuing through June 2027. Our curriculum is based around the "My Faith, My Life series". Together, we'll explore Scripture, Episcopal tradition and history, prayer and spirituality, worship, mission, ministry, and what it means to live our faith in the world. Each gathering will include lively conversation, dinner, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn from one another.

The confirmation program will gather monthly from 5-7pm, hosted by Episcopal churches throughout the Monmouth Convocation. Our first gathering is on Sunday, September 20, at Christ Church, Shrewsbury, followed by gatherings on October 25, November 15 (at Trinity), December 13, January 10, February 21, March 14, April 11, May 16, and June 13. Confirmation is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith, build friendships with other Episcopal youth, serve our communities, and grow together in faith.

Please contact Reverend Tiff for Registration information and additional details at: tiff@trinitynj.com

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

The ride is almost here ~ join us on 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



Weiland/Posten Scholarship Applications Due September 13th

The Weiland/Posten Scholarship, given in memory of former Trinity parishioner Frank Weiland, is available annually to all members of Trinity enrolled in a post-High School program. This includes vocational and professional schools as well as colleges and universities. The applicant should be involved in the life of Trinity Church in some capacity. Applicants are encouraged to submit a letter to the church office detailing educational goals with evidence of acceptance into one of the post-secondary programs as listed above by September 13th. Details of participation in Trinity should also be noted. The letters will be reviewed by the vestry and the scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be granted by October 1st. Please submit your letter of interest to office@trinitynj.com

It's Time to Start a New Program Year! Sunday, September 13th

September 13th is the start of a new program year! What does that mean? It means that all of our regular programming that took a break for the summer will be back! Here's what's happening:

Fellowship - Join us after services on September 13th for fellowship time and a celebration of the beginning of our program year and the return of our choir, Sunday School, and adult education. The Hospitality Committee will be providing treats and will be passing out our new calendar of events. Come see all of our wonderful plans for the next year!

Choir - Have you ever thought about singing in the Trinity Choir? If so, God may be calling you to this ministry through music! As we begin a new season, this is the perfect time to join us—and singers in all voice parts are welcome.

The Choir will sing for the first time this season next Sunday, September 13. The best time for interested musicians to begin singing with the Choir, is in the rehearsal at 11:30 AM, following Mass, on the 13th.

Interested in learning more? Speak with Deborah or with any current Choir member after church.

Sunday School - Hey kids, it's time for Sunday School! Let's all gather together next week beginning at 9:45am to get to know one another and talk about how we can make this a great year! We're so excited to have you back!

Adult Education - We have several new and exciting adult education opportunities coming up - check the announcements regularly and stay tuned!