



Welcome

to Trinity Church

The Twenty-second Sunday
after Pentecost

October 25, 2026

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:36-40)

I am thrilled to announce that our long-awaited accessibility renovation will begin in a matter of days! The Vestry approved a proposal from a contractor on Wednesday, and as I write this on Thursday, we are working on scheduling meetings with the architect and contractor teams. The contractor indicated that his crew could begin work very soon. This is wonderful news. The Buildings and Grounds Committee is preparing a more in-depth presentation for the parish, but in the meantime, here is a basic overview of what the result will look like:

- Concrete ramps that will allow access to both the front of the church and the parish office entrance.
- Increased restrooms in the office wing hallway, including one fully ADA-compliant unit.
- A one-person 2-stop lifts that will connect the church level with the office wing level.
- A one-person 4 stop lift that will connect the office wing level with the gym/auditorium level and then downstairs to the undercroft (the area where the choir rehearses) level and the basement classrooms/offices level.

These improvements will ensure wheelchair and walker access to all areas of the building. This is a major step in making our church welcoming for all people. Many thanks to the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Vestry, church staff, architect Pat Lesbirel of Brick City Reconstruction, past consultants, and parishioners who have donated gifts over the years to make this vision become a reality. We also received support from the City of Asbury Park through the Community Development Block Grant program.

In addition to the accessibility renovations, the basement restrooms will be renovated. They are shaky at best in terms of their reliability, and as we head into a new Code Blue season, it is critical that the plumbing and equipment be in good working order and that these spaces be attractive and welcoming for everyone who uses them. The floor has also been refinished in the gym/auditorium (or what I am starting to call the "community hall"--other suggestions are also welcome!).

These renovations will, of course, come with inconveniences over the next few months, as well as some long-term space compromises. We will know more in the coming days about the timeline and impact of construction, but please be prepared for periods in which one or more entrances to the church and office wing will be closed. All the "ground floor" restrooms may also be offline at the same time for up to a month. To ensure access, we may need to rent portable units for a few weeks. The stairs from the office wing to the undercroft will be out of commission for a short amount of time while they are demolished and new stairs and a new door constructed, to facilitate the installation of the lift connecting that area with the church.

Long term, we will have to sacrifice part of the sacristy (the outer area where the clergy vest and where the second restroom is currently located); this area will be transformed into restrooms, including the accessible one. The four-stop lift will take up a small part of the community hall, the Food Pantry, and the undercroft, as well as a large part of the the basement "library" storage room.

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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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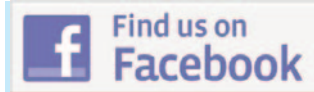
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Trinity Basics

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)
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

Parish Staff

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Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Jackie Campanelli	Eva	Clemente Golia
Manal Miller	Michael	Chris Tyree
Margaret Jones	Elizabeth	Tim Higgins
Michael Isaccson	Russell Hubler	LuAnne
Tom Williams	Anthony	
Family of Joseph Clark Jr	Roberta Ball	
Jennifer Resnick	Lucas Deluca	

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

10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30
David Clark & Richard Shaver	Robin Collins	Alexis Comodore	Wally Conover	Robert Conrad & Deborah Jacobus

News & Notes

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These short-term inconveniences and long-term compromises will be well worth the improvements to the facility and ensuring we can welcome people with different physical abilities into our church and programs. I am so excited and so grateful for everyone who has made this possible. Thank you!

Peace,
Chase

Upcoming Sunday Adult Education 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 9am (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

Episcopal Peace Fellowship Monthly Meeting ~ Today at 8:50am

Join the Episcopal Peace Fellowship (EPF) on October 25th at 8:50AM to hear Trinity's own Andrew Forrest speak about the injustices concerning the US education system. He will talk about what he is doing to organize against some of those injustices and about the collaboration between Trinity Center and Red Bank Regional Highschool (RBR). The Trinity Center plans to teach RBR students how to do grassroots community organizing to empower youth and students.

Remembering All Our Saints! ~ Sunday, November 1

This year, All Saints' Day will be celebrated on Sunday, November 1. You are encouraged to bring a picture of loved ones gone from sight but remembered in your heart. The pictures will be placed around our altar as a reminder of the "great cloud of witnesses" that surrounds us, joining in when we lift our voice to pray or sing God's praise. Our Book of Remembrance will be available where you can list the names of those loved ones that we would like to remember during the services. If you are unable to attend the service that day, you are welcome to submit names of loved ones to the church office at office@trinitynj.com. All names will be placed on the altar to be included in the prayers. Please have all emailed names into the office by October 30th.

Halloween/Day of the Dead Celebration! Sunday, November 1st

Please join us for a first- Halloween/Day of the Dead Mashup Celebration after the 10am Mass! Costumes encouraged as we learn more about the cultural significance of Día de los Muertos.

Weekly Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Everyone is welcome to join us at our Fall Wednesday Bible Sharing as we continue our study on the 23rd Psalm! Any Questions call Joanie 908-216-5529

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.

Grief Support Group Begins October 27

As Christians, we grieve, but not without hope. (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

If you are grieving the loss of someone you love, you are not alone. We invite you to join us for a compassionate time of support, reflection, and hope. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm (weekly) beginning October 27, 2026, through December 15, 2026. Come as you are. Whether your loss is recent or in years past, you are welcome here. Together, we will make room for grief, encourage one another, and seek God's comfort and healing. Please contact Reverend Tiff at Tiff@trinitynj.com.

PorchFest Rescheduled ~ Hospitality Volunteers Needed! Saturday, October 31, 12-4pm

Trinity is excited for a spooky, fun day as we serve as a venue on Halloween for Asbury Park's much-loved PorchFest. During this 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. We are still looking for volunteers to provide a hospitable presence to our visitors. If you would like to help, and be here for some wonderful music, let us know at office@trinitynj.com.

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 Jill@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.

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

We are exploring the biblical narrative during the Persian Period. These include the writings of Ezra and Nehemiah, Haggai and Zechariah, along with the beginnings of the Pentateuch. The world has changed, rather transformed, dramatically. Critical thinking about humanity, the meaning of history, the characteristics of the divine are all subject to reconsideration. To be included in our gatherings Mondays at 5pm, 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.