



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Second Sunday  
after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)*

St. Paul's inspiring teaching on spiritual gifts is a wonderful text to contemplate on this Sunday when we hold our congregation's Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting, we hear updates on the ministries of the church, elect lay leaders to various offices, and listen to a presentation on the year's budget. There are so many committed Trinity parishioners and community members who contribute their spiritual gifts to the ministries of our church, and I give thanks for them all. I want to give a particularly big shout-out to warden Lesley Castellini, who is completing her term and rotating off the Vestry. For the past six years, she has been instrumental in helping steer our parish through eventful times: a clergy vacancy, welcoming a new priest, the COVID-19 pandemic, new programs and new employees, and the creation of the Trinity Center for Community. In all this, she has been a faithful, thoughtful, and conscientious leader. Along the way, she also became a Verger, and as she rotates off the vestry, we are so blessed for her ongoing leadership of our worship.

It is a privilege to work with our dedicated group of leaders here at Trinity. From our assisting clergy to the lay staff to vestry members and committee chairs and members, we have excellent leaders. And so, as I prepare to go on my annual vacation next week, I am confident that things will go on just fine without me while I am away. Over the following four Sundays, four different priests will lead services and preach, and I am excited for you all to experience a variety of spiritual gifts at the pulpit and altar. Jill Osis will oversee everyday matters at the church and Trinity Center for Community, and in an emergency, the wardens will manage the situation (consulting with me remotely).

This holiday weekend, we join with our nation, and the world, in remembering the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will also pray for our leaders, as we do each week, as our country prepares for the inauguration of a new president. The convergence of these two occasions should remind us that no matter their party affiliation, our elected leaders have a sacred responsibility to promote freedom, justice, the rule of law, and peace, as well as promoting the dignity and equality of all people. No matter how you voted in November, I encourage you to make sure your voice is heard in holding our leaders accountable to upholding their responsibilities. May Dr. King's prophetic witness guide us and our leaders tomorrow, for the next four years, and always.

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](http://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

### CONTACT US

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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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](mailto:Derek@TrinityNJ.com).

**CHOIRS:** Find out about our dynamic and growing choirs, contact Dr. Deborah Simpkin King at [Deborah@TrinityNJ.com](mailto:Deborah@TrinityNJ.com) for information!

### **PARISH LEADERSHIP** (*Vestry*):

Lesley Castellini (warden) Carol Scollay (warden)  
Gregory Curatolo, Donna Griffin, Wendy Jaghab, Mary Perez, James Pillar, Andy Place, Bill Presutti, Maria Tassiello, and Adrienne Wert You may contact the vestry at: [vestrywardens@trinitynj.com](mailto:vestrywardens@trinitynj.com)

## Parish Staff

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## Parish Prayers

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Faye Hudson	Steve Mandeville	Laura Connelly	Those affected by the California wildfires and their families, friends and colleagues.
Kevin McDonald	Margaret Jones	Baby Theodore	
Jerry Fargo	Jeanine Kenny	Manal Miller	
Jackie Campanelli	Mary Perez	Roxanne	
Gene Perfetto	Agnes Hulse	Linda	
Angie Jonas	Patricia Tier	Stephanie MS	
Frank Mertz	Tom Dempsey		

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](mailto: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](mailto:PrayerTeam@TrinityNJ.com).

**Trinity Cycle of Prayer** During Morning Prayer this week, we will be praying for the following Trinity Parishioners and Friends:

1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	1/24
Lucille Raiola & Mary Murphy	David & Nancy Read	John Reagan & Mark Tobias	Tony & Mindy Rebelo	Judy Rector

## News & Notes

### Rector on Vacation January 20-February 20

The Rev. Chase Danford will be away on vacation and not available by email or phone, from the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday on January 20 through February 20. For emergencies, call the Parish Office at 732-775-5084 and choose option 5 for Pastoral Emergencies. For non-emergency pastoral situations, contact the parish office to leave a message for the assisting clergy.

### Giving Envelopes Available

If you requested 2025 Giving Envelopes, they are located, alphabetically, in a basket at the back of the church. If you did not request them and would like a set, please put your name on the sign up sheet on the basket and we'll get you a set the following week!

### Wednesday Bible Sharing ~ Wednesdays at 5pm

Join us during Epiphany for our Wednesday 5pm Bible Sharing! We are reading and discussing the wonderful book of Daniel and we will visit the Lion's Den! Everyone is welcome from 5 to 6:15pm. Wednesday night mass follows for those who choose. Join us!

### Social Justice Coffee Hour ~ Sunday, January 26 at 11:30am ~ Meet Interfaith-RISE

On Sunday, January 26th at 11:30AM come to our Social Justice coffee hour and hear from Interfaith-RISE, a new organization in Asbury Park. Interfaith -RISE facilitates and supports the self-sufficiency and community integration of refugees and asylees from across the world through affordable housing, English language proficiency, and cultural orientation, and by providing access to social, mental health, and healthcare services in Central and Southern New Jersey. Interfaith-RISE draws strength and vision from its multi-cultural and multi-faith coalition that welcomes and promotes respect for refugees from diverse traditions and backgrounds. Interfaith-RISE is an official affiliate site of the US Committee for Refugees & Immigrants (USCRI).

### Trinity's Racial Justice Audit Report Released

The Racial Justice Project Audit Team has released a report of their findings and recommendations regarding Trinity's efforts to become an anti-racist church. The audit was an extraordinary effort almost two years in the making, and it is available to read online through a link in our Friday email blast. The report examines Trinity's racial history from its founding, a recent history of the Racial Justice Project's programs, findings from a congregational survey, and recommendations for moving forward--which include embedding a racial justice lens within all of our congregation's ministry and to embrace a comprehensive human rights mission. The Vestry heard a presentation on the report from the Rev. Katherine Cunningham at the January meeting, and will further discuss the recommendations at meetings in the coming months. The Rev. Chase Danford, Rector, extends congratulations and gratitude to the audit team members: Rev. Katherine Cunningham, Derek Bloom, Rev. Geoff Curtiss, Denzel Donaldson, Nora Doyle, Sherwin Klass, Joanie McCoy, Christine Myers, Larry Myers, Lyndell O'Hara, W. Bruce Sherrill, and Adrienne Wert, as well as Jill Osis for her support.

### Rector's Invocation at Governor's State of the State Address

The Rev. Chase Danford offered the invocation at Governor Phil Murphy's annual State of the State address at the State House in Trenton on Tuesday, January 14. You can watch the archived video (beginning at minute 3:25) at the YouTube page of the New Jersey Office of the Governor.

### MLK Improving Quality of Life Event ~ Sunday, January 26, 1-5pm

On Sunday, January 26th from 1PM-5PM the Trinity Center for Community is hosting the Collaborative Support Programs of NJ and the Monmouth County Community Wellness Center's "MLK Improving Quality of Life Event" in honor of MLK in our auditorium. There will be various community-based organizations showcasing their free services, they will provide free haircuts, chair massages, music, food, social services and employment connections, healthy meal prep tutorials, games, prizes, and giveaways. All are welcome to attend!

### 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 Osis at [Jill@trinitynj.com](mailto: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 continuing to work on the Book of Revelation. John, the Seer, has been moved by the Spirit to write seven unique letters to seven different congregations in seven different cities that he is very familiar with. He has been placed in exile and no longer can travel to be with them. His concern is how are these communities being faithful to Jesus and how are they adapting to, resisting the influence of or challenging the Empire. We have been exploring the worship material that John uses to talk about how congregations can resist the influence of the pagan world we live in. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study or receive the recorded sessions please email [lindacurtiss@gmail.com](mailto:lindacurtiss@gmail.com)

### Mobile Giving at Trinity



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# Will You go to The Prom with Us?

A Fundraiser at Spring Lake Theatre Community House  
Friday, February 14th ~ Reception at 6:30pm, Curtain at 7:30pm

Who will you ask to the Prom? It's time to relive your high school days ~ bring your friends, bring your family, bring your date to The Prom!

The Spring Lake Community House of Theatre has generously donated all their tickets for opening night of their production of The Prom to Trinity Center for Community. We hope you will join us for this joyful musical comedy where the Broadway elite take on homophobia in the Heartland.



The fun begins at 6:30pm with a pre-show reception and the curtain rises at 7:30pm on Friday, February 14th. Trinity Members can pick up their tickets starting this Sunday the 12th after the 10AM service and every Sunday after that until February 9th.

Tickets can also be purchased online here:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2s4e9ue7>

Or by scanning our QR Code:



## **Ticket Info:**

### **\$100 Diamond Tickets**

Pre-show reception

Show ticket

Recognition in program

Trinity Center for Community Swag Bag with t-shirt

Prom picture with Trinity Center for Community Staff member of your choice

### **\$40 Patron Tickets**

Pre-show reception

Show ticket

### **Trinity Church's Annual Parish Meeting Today, January 19 at 11:30am in the Church**

Join us for Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting! We'll gather for coffee and small bites after the 10am service and the meeting will begin at 11:30am in the Church. Every year, in compliance with our parish by-laws, Trinity holds a parish meeting. At this meeting, the election of vestry members, warden, and convocation/convention delegates takes place. A review of the parish's ministry is provided in written form. The vestry will share the 2025 budget. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. In order to vote, you must be a Qualified Voter. If you have any questions about whether or not you are enrolled in Trinity as a member or if you are a Qualified voter, or if you would like to request an absentee ballot, please speak to Jill Osis in the parish office.

Those putting their names forward for election this year are: Warden (1 position for a 2-year term): William Presutti; Vestrymember (3 positions for a 3-year term): Brice Byham, James Pillar, and Andy Place; Convention/Convocation Delegates (3 positions for a 1-year term): Eva Sipos, James Moseman, and Alan Woodruff ; Alternate Convention/Convocation Delegates (3 positions for a 1-year term): Polli Schildge, Elizabeth Meehan, Lyndell O'Hara

### **Invitation to Join a Church Human Rights Companion Relationship**

Friends of Sabeel North America invite congregations to join a pilot solidarity program in which 12 houses of worship will pair up with a detained Palestinian Christian. Participants must commit to a full year. Ministry will include: Communicate with the family of the befriended detainee, get familiar with his/her legal case, communicate with the lawyer, send cards and letters to the detainee and his family member, pray for the detainee weekly in church and elsewhere; continue to learn and share with their church about the conditions the detainee endures; advocacy action to their congregation to address injustice, such as, letter writing to consular officials, US government officials, the Red Cross, and religious leaders. Please let either the Rev. Katherine Cunningham or the Rev. Geoff Curtiss know of your interest as soon as possible so we can assess whether we have enough interested team members.

### **Trinity Historic Tours: Trinity's Beginnings Sunday, February 9 at 9 & 11:30am**



Come on out for the second of our Trinity Historic Tours in celebration of our 150th Anniversary! February's tour will focus on the beginnings of Trinity Church in Asbury Park. You will hear fascinating facts and stories and get a chance to see some artifacts of Trinity's early history!