



# Welcome

## to Trinity Church

The Third Sunday  
after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025

*When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

This episode is often called Jesus' inaugural sermon. Just as a new president gives an overview of their agenda in an inaugural address, in reading from the prophet as his first public teaching, Jesus outlines his vision for his ministry. Jesus' ministry, we learn here, is about liberation and wholeness. Good news for the poor is that they will be freed from the prison of poverty and given a chance at security and well-being. Release for the captives involves freedom and restoration to the community. Recovery of sight in this time period means liberation from utter dependence and the chance for a full life. Freedom for the oppressed means the opportunity to determine the course of one's life, at least as much as any of us can. Jesus' ministry, we learn from his inaugural message, is a social one. Jesus calls us to put our prayers into action. When we act to alleviate suffering and increase justice, the Spirit of the Lord is truly upon us.

Peace,  
Chase

## 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

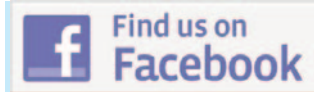
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In the case of an emergency, death or serious illness, contact the church office. There is a pastoral emergency option on the phone if no one is available to answer.



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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	Margaret Jones	Roxanne	Bethany Brown
Kevin McDonald	Mary Perez	Linda	Those affected by the
Jerry Fargo	Agnes Hulse	Stephanie MS	California wildfires and
Jackie Campanelli	Patricia Tier	Fred Tagliarini	their families, friends and
Gene Perfetto	Tom Dempsey	Jim O'Hearn	colleagues
Angie Jonas	Laura Connolly	Tom Marrazzo & Family	
Frank Mertz	Baby Theodore	Avery Osis	
Steve Mandeville	Manal Miller	Maureen	

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:

1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	1/31
Pamela Renee	Douglas Renigar	Patty Reynolds	Bob Roccia	Craig & Catherine Rothfuss

## 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.

### Meet Our Guest Clergy

The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg, today's celebrant and preacher, retired in 2019 as Senior Editor and Reporter for Episcopal News Service. Following that, she served as Interim Rector of All Saints, Bay Head. Mother Mary Frances serves as a supply priest for churches in our area, providing coverage for clergy vacations and illnesses. Recently, she also served on the Episcopal Church's Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop. Mother Mary Frances and her partner, Sharon Babb, are longtime friends of Trinity.

### Social Justice Coffee Hour ~ Today at 11:30am ~ Meet Interfaith-RISE

Come to our Social Justice coffee hour today at 11:30 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).

## News & Notes

### 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!

### 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.

### The Poor People's Campaign Information Session ~ February 20 at 6:30pm

Come Learn about Martin Luther King Jr's last organizing project, The Poor People's Campaign on February 20th at 6:30pm at Second Baptist Church in Asbury Park(124 Atkins Ave, Asbury Park, NJ 07712) Rev. Rupert Hall Jr., Chair of The Poor People's Campaign in Trenton, will talk about the history of the Poor People's Campaign as well as what the Campaign is doing today. Rev Dr. James Jackson will open the event by talking about the importance of Black History month and Martin Luther King Jr.

### 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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**Rector and Episcopal Church Leaders  
Response to President's Executive Orders**

*From Trinity's rector, Chase:* I am deeply troubled by President Trump's rhetoric and many of his executive orders in this first week of the new administration. Please know that Trinity stands with our trans and non-binary siblings, as well as our neighbors who are immigrants. All are welcome at Trinity, and we affirm the sacred worth of every child of God.

As the note on our Sunday worship bulletins says, God includes and transcends all genders. God is love. And whatever your gender identity is, we acknowledge your truth and we love you.

Regarding immigration, while people of good will disagree on policies, as Christians we are called to compassion. Welcoming the stranger has always been a value in the Jewish and Christian scriptures. Recently, our Vestry reaffirmed our 2017 commitment to be a Sanctuary Church.

In the wider Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris issued a letter through the Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs responding to President Trump's immigration-related executive orders. In addition, Bishop Marianne Budde preached a sermon in which she addressed these orders as well as ones pertaining to gender, available on the YouTube page of Washington National Cathedral.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/letter-from-episcopal-church-leaders-on-trump-administration-immigration-executive-orders/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwwaEuDeqM8>



# 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

### 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!

### February Festive Ministry Coffee Hour: Hosted by the Newcomer and Greeters Ministry

**Sunday, February 1st after 8 & 10am Services**

Our February Festive Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Newcomer and Greeter Ministry! Come join us after one of our services and meet the team. Learn about their ministry, ask questions, and enjoy the yummy treats provided!

### Volunteer Opportunities in our Feeding Programs!

**On Tuesdays, our Food Pantry** is looking for people to sign up to be here from 9:30am-1pm to provide hospitality and help with pantry flow. Pantry guests wait in our gym as a place for people to gather and receive hospitality while they waiting for their turn to be served. Questions? Contact Derek at [Derek@trinitynj.com](mailto:Derek@trinitynj.com). Sign up to volunteer here:

[www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-45101754-pantry](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-45101754-pantry)

**Saturday Soup Community Meal** On the first Saturday of every month, we invite you to volunteer on Trinity Saturdays from 10am till 1:30pm. Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050848ADAF2FA1FD0-trinity1>

### 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.