

# August 30, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# **Parish Notes**

We continue worshipping together online, by phone, and in our churchyard on Sunday morning. **Registration for the in-person service is required** to help with spacing and contact tracing, and you must register by 8 a.m. on Saturday. The registration form is <u>available on our website</u>. This service will be informal – dress for the weather and comfort; bring lawn chairs if you have them – and masks and distancing will be required. Our online services continue "on demand" through Labor Day, and our telephone worship takes place at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday.

As we make changes in our worship schedule, it's important to remember that however we are worshiping – by phone, online, inperson – we are praying together as one community. None of these services is the "right" service for everyone, none is "more important" than another. Whatever way you can join in this prayer, you are an essential part of our wholeness as we bring our hearts and souls to God.

It remains essential that we continue to check in on one another, strengthen relationships without physical meetings, and BE the church in scattered places while this time of distancing continues. This difficult separation is an act of love, a sacrifice we make as a community to help protect the most vulnerable, and the health of the whole state.

Please check in regularly through our website (click "COVID-19 updates" on the right side of the front page) for parish updates, resources, and how you can help. That section of our website is updated continuously. We'll also post prayer and updates on <u>our</u> <u>Facebook page</u>. Bookmark that link! It will show you news from Trinity even if you do not have a Facebook account. If you do use Facebook, follow us! (And still check the page regularly for updates – Facebook does not automatically show you all our content.)

## Worship for Sunday, August 30:

"On demand" video service available from our <u>website</u> and <u>Facebook</u> any time after 7 am.

8:30 am Outdoor Eucharist in the Trinity churchyard. <u>Registration</u> required.

9:45 am audio-only call in service (862-799-9987) – **note time change**. Download the program for the service from <u>our website</u>.

On **Tuesdays at 7 pm** Bob Litsinger offers a service of <u>Evening Prayer</u> by Zoom. You can join the service from a landline phone as well as online, but you will need a password. Contact Bob Litsinger <u>by</u> <u>Email</u> or 856-571-0008 for the password, details or directions. It's a wonderful way to add connection, prayer, and peace to your week.

**Office hours:** Under guidance received from the State and Diocese of New Jersey, we will be limiting our office hours. The office will be partially staffed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for telephone inquiries and contactless drop-off/pick-up where necessary. If you need to pick something up or drop it off, please call before coming to the church, as our office hours will vary some from week to week.

**Food pantry hours** are <u>Wednesday mornings from 9-11 am</u>. Pantry needs: canned soup (hearty soups with meat), canned meats: tuna, chicken, beef stew. Thank you for all the donations. The recipients have been so appreciative of our ability to give out bags of food and gift cards to these families since March.

### Upcoming Worship Schedule:

### August – Labor Day:

8:30 a.m. informal outdoor worship service (pre-register online, come early, dress for the weather, bring a chair, and wear a mask) 9:45 a.m. Call-in worship service On demand: Simplified video worship service

**Registration for August 30** in-person services will open on Tuesday, August 25 and close Saturday, August 29 at 8:00 am.

**Registration for September 6** in-person services will open on Tuesday, September 1 at 8:00 am and close Saturday, September 5 at 8:00 am.

## September 13 – further notice

8:00 a.m. - Worship in the church (registration required) and live-streamed
9:00 a.m. - Christian Formation opportunities online
9:15 a.m. - Worship by telephone (call 862-799-9987)
10:30 a.m. - Worship in the church (registration required) and live-streamed
Live-streamed worship will be available for viewing on our website and YouTube channel all day.

See more details on our website.

### **Spiritual Growth Online:**

If you usually pick up **Forward Day by Day** devotional booklets at church and want a copy of the current booklet, please <u>contact Deacon</u> <u>Leslie</u> to arrange to pick one up or have it mailed to your house. You can also subscribe by email, or get e-books for your daily devotions <u>through Forward Movement online</u>. Also check out the app for your phone or tablet. It has the daily reflection and links to daily readings, daily prayer and to keep a journal.

**Sunday School Lessons:** We invite you to join us for Children's chapel each week accompanied by activities to do at home. <u>View Activities</u> and Chapel Resources on our website.

### Stay connected:

We have **gathered faith and prayer resources** on our website to help you pray at home, and stay connected to Trinity. <u>Visit our website</u> to access these resources.

We invite you to share the prayers, songs, or scriptures that are helping you in these days with your Trinity community. Email <u>Mother</u> <u>Emily</u> or <u>Lauren Evans</u> a video or message about how that hymn, prayer, or scripture is helping you connect with God right now and we will post it on our website and Facebook page for our church community to enjoy. While we can't physically be together, let's share our spiritual resources, help others and ourselves to grow in faith and love, and stay connected!

## Parish and Community Announcements:

**Clergy availability:** Mother Emily will be on vacation from August 31-September 5. During that time, contact Deacon Leslie for any pastoral needs, Geri Trost or Lauren Evans for any administrative questions or needs.

**Volunteer opportunities:** As our ministries and worship change and adapt, so do our volunteer opportunities and needs. If you are comfortable attending in-person worship and looking for new ways to serve, especially if you love to welcome people or manage new technology, please contact Deacon Leslie or Mother Emily. And *everyone* please watch the announcements for news about connecting with Trinity ministries and volunteer opportunities coming soon.

Monday August 31: Join a Virtual Rally Against Racial Injustice in New Jersey This coming Monday (August 31, 7:30-9:00 pm), over 20 members of Trinity have registered to attend an online, statewide rally to advocate for policy and legislative changes that will improve the lives of minority and lower-income people in New Jersey. This event is seeking to have over 2,000 people participating from 200 congregations and nonprofits. If you support addressing racial injustice, please join us and lend your voice in support so that our governmental leaders see how many people want change to come. Register here: https://www.njtogether.org/action2020

This event is being organized by <u>New Jersey Together</u>, a collaboration of faith & non-profit leaders from across the state working to address issues of racial injustice in New Jersey. The Diocese of NJ is one of the participating organizations. NJ Together is advocating for a short list of concrete, non-partisan actions that have been recommended by experts and have succeeded in other states to reverse institutional discrimination.

At the August 31 rally, this list of demands will be presented to our governor and legislature:

- End the suspension of driver's licenses for 'failure to pay' & 'failure to appear
- 2. Pass sentencing reform and act to reduce racial disparities in incarceration
- Invest in addressing the wealth gap through a statewide investment program for a "Nehemiah-Style" Homeownership Initiative
- 4. Invest in our young people & in community-based alternatives to incarceration for our youth.

When you register, please list Trinity Moorestown as your affiliation; we actually got a shout out at the July meeting for having the second largest contingent! And please let Nancy Matthews know if you are joining so we can keep track of participants.

Help give Moorestown families hope as they struggle with the challenges with COVID 19 and the situation that the world finds itself in. Please participate in the SVDP Second Collection the Weekend of September 5th and 6th. If you send your check to Trinity please make sure you designate it for SVDP in the memo line.
Or You could also mail your donations to:
SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL
42 West Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057
856-291-7313
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is a non-profit organization, whose mission it is offer person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in Moorestown. Thank you for your support. Deacon

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The 16th Annual Bishop George E. Council Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Monday, October 12 at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course, West Windsor, NJ. This event raises substantial funds for the ministries of Trinity Cathedral, including feeding, education, and community service programs for the Trenton Community as well as spiritual service to our Diocese. COVID precautions will be in place for the tournament and dinner. More details and registration information can be found <u>on the Cathedral website</u>.

**Burlington County will offer a walk-in COVID testing clinic through the end of August.** Testing will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Burlington County Health Department building, 15 Pioneer Boulevard, Westampton form 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm. The county has expanded testing suppliers to allow for faster turn-around times. An appointment is required and can be <u>made online here</u> (please note that the county call center is no longer operational). Beginning in September, the health department will begin offering a mail-order testing system that allows you to conduct the test at home and receive quick results.

Thank you to everyone who has made an extra effort to keep up with your pledge! In this challenging time, we understand that many will not be able to keep their pledged commitment to Trinity at their intended level. If it is financially possible, however, please keep your pledge current. Even though we are not gathering in person the work of the church goes on in many ways and places, and your ability to stay current with your spiritual commitment to generous giving makes it possible for us to focus on the church's spiritual and pastoral work in this crisis.

There are many ways that you can pay your pledge or make an outreach or discretionary fund donation. You can mail your check or have your bank mail your check through online bill paying. Paying by check or online banking are the preferred payment methods. If you have PayPal, you can send money to trinity@trinitymoorestown.org.

Add a note or message designating what your gift is for. Be sure to choose **"Sending to a friend" or "Friends and family" not** "Goods and Services" or **not** "Paying for an item or service." This will save Trinity from being charged fees. In order for you to not be charged fees you can link your bank account instead of a credit card. You can also contribute <u>through our website</u>. Please note on your check what your payment is for. Trinity's mailing address is: Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 W. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

## Intercessions - August 30, 2020

Parishioners are asked to pray for the people listed below. Persons prayed for will be kept on the prayer list for three weeks. If you would like to have someone put on the prayer list, or if you want them to remain on the list after three weeks, or if someone is on the list who should be removed, please notify the Church Office at 856/235-0811.

Those suffering from the corona virus, and all healthcare workers. Students, teachers, parents, and school administrators and staff All those suffering from natural disasters, especially Hurricane Laura and the California fires

Sadie Lamar Morris Lee Grapes, Lawrence Scott and Donald Marcia Fellows Catherine Mendez Bob M. Gene & Alice Buther Bailev The Sandburg Family Daniel Edward Moylan Cora Williams Rick Say Ingrid Wolfe Martha Bouchard Cann Roger Anderson Steve Wenzler Scientists working on Covid-19 Vaccines

**Carmen Principe** Christine L. Grace Allen Sherry & John Ellis **Elvy Williams** Helen Paul Smith Anne LeDuc **Rita Webster** Ken Fitzgerald Gerri Smith Murray Alderfer Kathy Griffin Francesca Libbi Hatfield **Eddie Armstead Chuck Pearson** Tom Morgan Strauss Darlene Ford Maddie Harris Dixie

Doreen Derlin Olivia Demmler Martin Lavengood Alexandra Cassie Rivera Ka'Li Barnville and family Suzanne Jonathan Loeb Steve Phil Flanders Jane & Herb Hale Liz Webster **Barry Houston** Jacqueline Leis Laundre Deva Gattinella Betty Beard Jack Salmon Jen Williams Alison Sprague

#### Departed

Kathy Adams Ben Cooper

#### Health professionals and those on the front lines of COVID response:

Suzanne Anderson Lin Tom Jennifer Rudolph Janet Bader Tom Bader Matt Solitro Tammy Solitro Drew Luebbert Elizabeth Luebbert

#### Those actively serving in the armed forces

Alyssa Elliott Douglas Sandburg II Sean Donato Jason Merriweather Robert Cuthbertson Tanguy Balou Leah Harvey Lynn Peace

Darius Moore Peter Mazzone Nick Mazzone Kevin Davis

#### The clergy and parishioners of churches in our Diocese

Grace Church [Pemberton] St. Matthew's Church [Pennington] Church of Our Merciful Saviour [Penns Grove]

## **About Trinity Church**

Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown, New Jersey is a broad and inclusive church serving Moorestown, Mount Laurel, and surrounding communities. We have room under our roof for people from different backgrounds and cultures, with a wide variety of customs, points of view, lifestyles and talents. People of every gender, race, age, orientation, and identity share equally in leadership and in the sacraments, in fellowship and service. Our call is to strengthen relationships with God and one another, serving Christ in all persons and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We invite you to worship with us, learn with us, serve with us, to grow spiritually and to make new friends here.

Trinity Church was established in 1837 by the rector and members of St. Mary's Church in Colestown, now Cherry Hill, New Jersey. In 1928, the present complex of church, chapel, parish house, and offices (formerly the rectory) was given by Eldridge Reeves Johnson, the founder and president of the Victor Talking Machine Company of Camden and Moorestown resident (though not a Trinity member, nor even an Episcopalian!). The altar and some of the windows of the original 1939 Trinity building are preserved in our chapel, which is open all week long for private prayer. Our congregation has also developed our cloister garden into a place that attracts residents and visitors to enjoy the peaceful beauty, and our education wing hosts Trinity Preschool, a lively, joyful, growing community, five days a week.

Meet one of Trinity's greeters in the bell tower (the entrance that leads to the cloister garden and to Main Street) after the service, or visit trinitymoorestown.org/get-involved/ to learn how to connect with and participate in Trinity's ministries of service, music, worship, and education for all ages.



#### TRINITY STAFF AND VESTRY

The Reverend Emily A. Mellott, Rector The Reverend Leslie G. Mazzacano, Deacon The Reverend John F. Salmon, Jr., Assisting Priest The Reverend Canon Javne J. Oasin, Assisting Priest Nancy Matthews and Elizabeth Louie, Wardens Joan Dighton, Audrey Henry, Eric Hoversen Mark Leis, John Murray, Christopher Norris Amy Paglione, Joan Reid, Anne Scheideler Sweet, Vestry Members Mr. Vernon H. Williams, Organist and Choirmaster Mrs. Geri Trost, Financial Administrator Ms. Lauren Evans, Programs Administrator Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Preschool Director Mrs. Christine Andonie, Sunday School Director Mrs. Maris W. Williams, Director of Cherub and Carol Choirs Ms. Franshely Rivera, Nursery Caregiver Mr. Thomas Pitman, Sexton