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Laborers in the Vineyard

Dear Friends,

Much of what is accomplished in terms of the Church's Ministry, would not be possible without the volunteerism of committed and faithful persons.

For a Cathedral of our size, we have a relatively small staff: our Cathedral Administrator, two custodians and a Director of Music. I will also use this month to celebrate their efforts on behalf of the Cathedral.

At Trinity Cathedral, we have a long and storied history of many persons serving voluntarily with distinction.

Who are the ministers of the Church?

The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests and deacons.

What is the ministry of the laity?

The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to Him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church.

To this end Margaret Nartey, a Vestry member, expressed a desire to show appreciation for the efforts of the Choir, Clergy and volunteers. I'm grateful to our musicians and our Priests & Deacons who serve faithfully above and beyond, largely without remuneration. But so do the Wardens, Vestry and various leaders of our Cathedral ministries!

So, I'm declaring October "Volunteer Appreciation Month":

October 1st we will celebrate the Choir at Mass & Fellowship
October 8th we will celebrate the Clergy at Mass & Fellowship
October 15th we will celebrate all volunteers at Mass & Fellowship.

Please join us in giving a round of applause to our faithful laborers in God's vineyard!

Gratefully in Christ,

The Very Rev. René R. John
Dean



The Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity presents

Classically Black:

**Piano Compositions by Composers of African Descent
Featuring Richard C. Alston, Pianist**

Sunday, October 1, 2023 3:00PM

Trinity Cathedral of the Diocese of New Jersey
801 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey



Richard C. Alston,
Pianist

Pianist Richard C. Alston performs music for piano composed by a range of men and women of African heritage who are again recognized for their contributions to classical music. Works of Nathaniel Dett, William Grant Still, Florence Price, Joseph Bologne—Chevalier de Saint-George,

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor and others will be presented in an exciting afternoon of exceptional and captivating music.

General Seating: \$25 — Students: \$10

<https://bit.ly/ClassicallyBlack>

INFO: (609) 392-3805 ext. 100



Thanksgiving Foods Needed for Trinity Food Pantry

It's That Time of Year Again!

The Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry will be having its annual Turkey Day in mid-November, with the bags of sides and fixin's distributed on Saturday, November 18th.

While we do receive a limited amount of turkeys from the Food Bank, the demand outweighs the amount each year. If you would like to donate a turkey to the Pantry to pass on to our neighbors, please do so by Sunday, November 12th. You can contact Patrice in the Cathedral office at (609) 392-3805 ext. 100 to arrange drop-off.

If you would like to contribute non-perishable side dishes (stuffing, boxed potatoes, gravy, canned vegetables, etc.) they can be brought to the Cathedral anytime on weekdays through November 12th (or bring to Sunday Mass.) Financial contributions are always welcome.

Thank you for your support,

The Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry



19TH Bishop George E. Councill Memorial GOLF OUTING With Pickleball Clinic

There's Still Time to Support our Golf Outing!

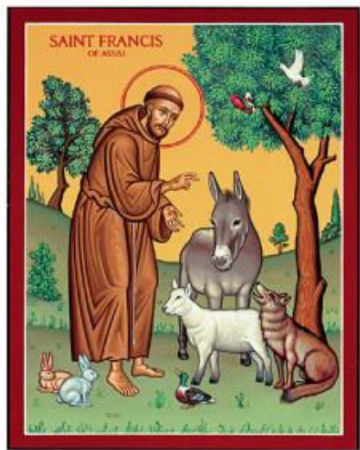
We hope to see you in the fabulous fall setting of Mercer County Park on Monday, October 9, 2023, for the **19th Annual George E. Councill Memorial Golf Outing.**

Though we are counting down the days until this year's event, there are still ways you can get involved! There is still room to join the pickleball clinics, as well as the golf tournament. If sports are not your cup of tea, you are welcome to join Bishop French, our golfers and fellow Cathedral parishioners at the dinner reception immediately following the tournament. There we'll enjoy a cocktail hour with butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner, and the chance to win amazing raffle and silent auction prizes as we award The Bishop's Cup! It's a great time, every year!

One more way to contribute is by donating a bottle of wine (\$20+, please) to our Cork Pull - where folks take a chance and choose a cork, then pull the corresponding bottle of wine from our display!

If you'd like to support the Outing, visit www.trinitycathedralnj.org. Questions? Contact Patrice D'Angelo, (609) 392-3805, Ext. 100 or at patriceattrinity@aol.com.

The Outing, the Cathedral's largest annual fundraiser, is a great day of fun and fellowship and since 2004, has raised more than \$500,000 for the Cathedral's ministries. We are excited to welcome Bishop French to this year's event as she continues the tradition set by her predecessors, Bishop Councill and Bishop Stokes.



Come to Trinity Cathedral

For

A Blessing of the Animals

**Sunday,
October 1, 2023**

At the 10:00 am Rite II Eucharist



**Bring your animal friends for a
special blessing during our
worship!**

**Trinity Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08618
(609) 392-3805 ext. 100**



Creation Care Corner: Report from Education & Awareness Forum.

By Deacon Christopher Cox

We were delighted to hold a Creation Care education and awareness Forum on Sunday September 10 after the 10:00 am Mass. About 50 people attended to hear our main speaker, the Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson, Rector at Holy Innocents, Beach Haven, with additional presentations by Ellen Heath, Dennie Higgins and Dcn. Christopher Cox, and with Cn. Barbie Bach from the diocesan Creation Care Committee in attendance.

The Forum presentation blended informational material with reflection and discussion around the following questions:

- What does Creation Care mean to us?
- How does it connect to our everyday lives?
- What are we motivated by?
- What specifically can we do as a Cathedral community?
- What are we willing to commit to?



A range of achievable, eco-friendly lifestyle changes were discussed, focusing on **reducing our carbon footprints and reducing pollution.**



To support our discussion, we displayed examples of alternative household materials and products, such as plastic-free and compostable garbage bags, table and picnic ware, and cleaning products.



The Creation Care Ministry team will collate insights from the Forum and publish a helpful summary sheet of lifestyle changes that we can consider adopting as individuals and as a community. **Working together can make a big difference!**

In the meantime, don't forget to check out the QR-Code information sheet, which has links to helpful environmental stewardship topics such as

- Climate Change Basics.
- Carbon footprint calculator.
- Learn about Eco-justice.
- Pledge to care for Creation.
- ..and more ...

Copies are available ... at the Creation Care table in the Cathedral.



Highlights of the September 2023 Major Chapter Meeting of Trinity Cathedral

Nineteen of the 26 members of the Major Chapter of Trinity Cathedral (or, simply the “Cathedral Chapter,”) which also includes the members of the Minor Chapter or Vestry of the Cathedral, met via Zoom on Tuesday evening, September 19, at 6:30 pm. They are The Rt. Rev. Bishop Sally J. French, The Very Rev. Dean René John, Senior Warden Denise Higgins, Junior Warden J. Gilbert Williams, Treasurer Ron Zilinski, Clerk Chinweze Ahaghotu, Assistant Clerk Cn. Paul Cooper, Edward Greenfield, Lourdez Hernandez, Nancy Hood-Boczar, Margaret Nartey, Barbara Powell, Samuel Richards, Lee Whiteman, The Rev. Dr. John Mitchell, The Rev. Ryan Paetzold, Tim Cooper, Connor Crafton-Tempel; Cn. Noren Duncan; and Mike Raab (attended as a Guest). The Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm and offered the opening prayer, which included the day’s commemoration of St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury in 690 A.D. The main agenda items were addressed as follows:

Financial Summary. (Actually, this was presented later in the meeting to accommodate timing constraints on Guest Mike Raab, who needed to make his below P&M report sooner.) Reporting for the Cathedral’s *Finance and Budget Commission* (F&B), Treasurer Ron Zilinski presented a financial summary of the Cathedral’s operations, our budgeted operating income and expenses for the year each totaling \$793k. To date, the income from pledges and trusts is greater than expected; moreover, recent receipt of Diocesan support is not yet reflected in our income. Expenses are about as planned, except mainly for \$22k more property costs due primarily to the additional gas and electricity costs early in the year. Also employee fringe benefits are over by \$9k, having been billed and paid out a month in advance. Moreover, efforts are continuing to recover the remaining \$10k to be recovered from the \$26k loss in checks that were stolen after being mailed earlier in the year – through Ron’s continuing efforts with the bank. So, when the income and expense issues that can be rectified are so done, the resulting actual deficit of \$141k in our operations as of the end of August would be reduced to \$90k, which would be less than the \$102k deficit originally expected at this time of the year – enabling the possibility of no deficit at the end of the year.

Investments. Paul Cooper presented a summary of the Cathedral’s investments, which currently amount to \$2.38 million, 35% of which is in four funds of the *Diocesan Investment Trust* (DIT); 23% is mostly a recent bequest residing in a brokerage account; and the remaining 42% is in the *Dean Adams Trust* (DAT), which is managed by three trustees according to the will of Dean Adams. The *Endowment Board*, created in accordance with the By-Laws of the Cathedral, manages those three of the four DIT funds that are endowment funds – as well as those portions of bequests to the Cathedral that may be designated by the donors or by the Vestry as endowments. Currently the DIT funds are yielding a 3.2% dividend annually; short term instruments in the brokerage account are earning 5%; and the Dean Adams Trust annually distributes 6.5% of its total value, (which includes dividends,) to the Cathedral operating fund.

State of the Trinity Cathedral Academy (TCA). Academy Board of Trustees includes Willie Coleman; Georgia Koenig; and Chair Cn. Noreen Duncan, who reported that TCA after a successful academic year, held a “Stepping Up Service” celebrating the successes of four-year-olds who “graduated” from TCA. The children, led by teachers, sang songs to their families and friends – the first such event post pandemic. The current academic year has started with a full complement of children in the three classes, all necessities for the classrooms and other requirements of the Trenton Board of Education being met and managed by The Venerable Lynn Johnson, Academic Director. The Trenton Board of Education pays for all of this and will cover any of the Cathedral’s P&M expenses that pertain to the school. TCA’s finances are sound: all bills and obligations are current, including monthly rent to the Cathedral. TCA is integral to the Cathedral life and ministry and is very appreciative to the Dean and staff, a daily presence for children, teachers, and families.

Property & Maintenance (P&M). P&M manager Mike Raab presented a prioritized list of special maintenance projects involving a) plumbing repairs, a new electric water heater, a deck faucet & spout, as well as the labor and electrical service work to support these items, all of which are estimated to cost \$5,373; b) several gutter items around the church, the playground and garden, some of which requires renting a lift, the costs coming to \$6,804; c) roof maintenance necessitated by leaks from gutter failures, etc., will be needed in the fall instead of waiting for the annual springtime work by our roof vendor, \$1,645 being estimated for their work. The Chapter allotted \$15,000 from bequeathed monies to cover the total cost of all these special maintenance items.

Fund Raising. Dennie Higgins called attention to *Community Day*, which takes place at the Mercer Oaks County Park on Monday, October 9. This major fundraiser for the Cathedral features the annual Golf Outing and Silent Auction, and it has been expanded to include two Pickleball Clinics. The day concludes with dinner, for which tickets cost \$40 each. Bishop French will attend. Another fund raiser is the next concert in The *Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity* (CAST) called *Classically Black* and features African American composer and pianist Richard C. Alston at the Cathedral on Sunday, October 1 at 3 pm. CAST Director Bobbie Powell said admission is \$25 each and \$10 for students. Dennie added that other fundraisers, including a Tea, are planned for the future. Bishop French asked that announcements of these fundraising events be submitted immediately to Cn. Steve Welch for inclusion in the next issue of *Good News in the Garden State*.

Social Justice/Episcopal Community Services. Bobbie Powell and Cn. Clara Gregory will host a *Conference on Women's Health* in Synod Hall on November 4. Emphasis will be on Black and Brown maternal health. Information for mothers and literature on available services for women will be provided. The Dean said faith leaders are having supper with Tammy Murphy, who has established a maternal, infant innovation center in Trenton. Dennie said that our parking lot has enabled non-profits to have meetings at the Cathedral; in fact, we are the venue for meetings of the *Trenton Health Team*, which is having nine sessions in Synod Hall.

Dean's Report. The Dean called attention to his articles in the *Trinity Times*. He appreciates the efforts of the Cathedral Wardens and leaders. He is proud of the fact that the Food Pantry never shut down and is grateful to Ellen Wanser for getting the grant that brought us new refrigerators and shelving for the food. Now, because of Ellen's current health issues, Lourdez Hernandez has taken over as Food Pantry Director and is doing an excellent job. Deacon Chris Cox has organized the *Creation Care Ministry* at the Cathedral, and he arranged the program with the V. Rev. Caroline Carson from Beach Haven, who preached and made a presentation in Synod Hall after Mass on *Creation Care Sunday*, September 10. An *Emergency Action Plan* is being formulated by Bobbie Powell, Fay Manicke, and Mary Johnson; who have arranged for an expert to advise them and eventually speak with the congregation. He also thanked the *Landscape Committee* (Bernard McMullan, Mike Raab, Georgia Koenig, Irene Sanz, Terry Cooper and Sue Remmers) for the extensive work they have done on the grounds of the Cathedral. This coming Sunday, he plans to visit Christ Church, Somers Point, to present the role of the Cathedral as the second church for the other congregations in the Diocese.

Bishop's Report. Bishop French said she is profoundly grateful to the Cathedral for hosting her consecration. The Diocese and the National Church were well represented. And she is grateful for the hospitality at her seating the next day. She presented her *2023 Bishop's Journal* and a list of *Parochial Visitations* through September, as she "hit the ground running." She plans to be at the Cathedral on Christmas Eve. She sees the Cathedral as a center for a fresh start for Diocesan clergy when ordinations resume after about six months. She would like to take her share in the noon Eucharists that have recently been revived, seeing this as a great resource for the clergy, who can come and worship. We can be a central gathering point, and we'll find that this type of occasion will grow. We can keep hosting Diocesan activity. The Diocese is grateful. Discussion followed, and she answered questions. In particular, she said there are no plans to sell Diocesan House; rather, she and her staff are making it into an environmentally good building – a different space that can serve the people of the Diocese.

Old/New Business. Lee asked that Facebook messages from persons purporting to be him not be answered, as his account with Facebook has been hacked. Details on the *Full Gospel Church* that is using *All Saints' Chapel* are, according to the Dean: a) they pay us a rental fee of \$1,200 per month for this space on Sundays; b) they have obtained the necessary liability insurance; c) they access the cathedral only through the Overbrook Avenue entrance; and c) our hospitality team have shared extra food with them.

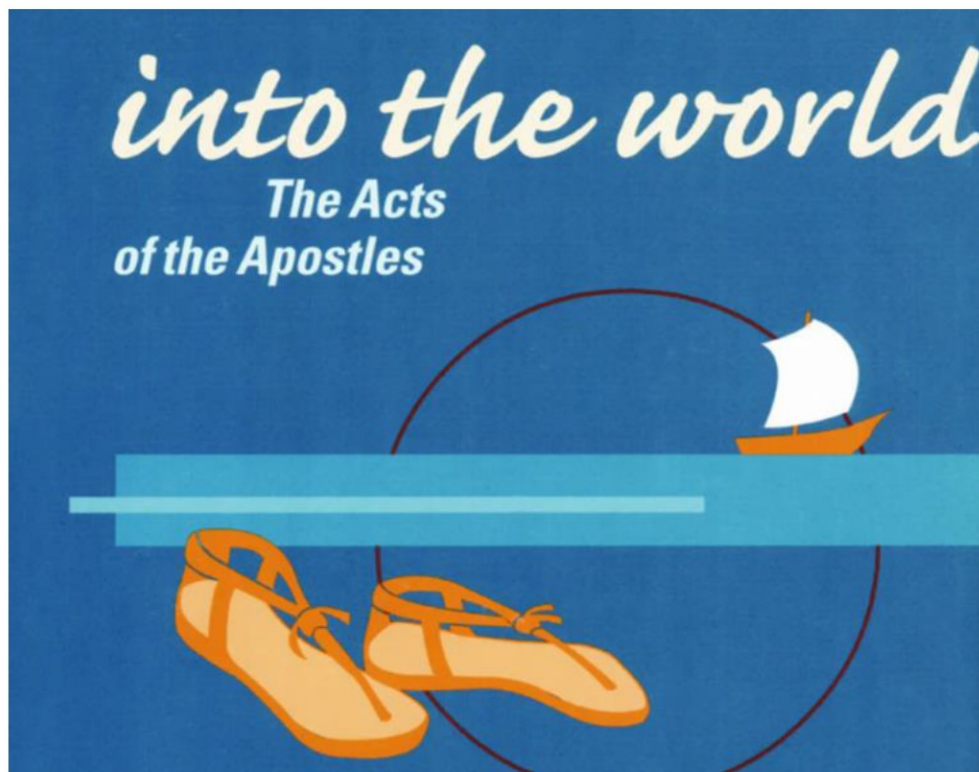
Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Major Chapter will take place on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Closing Prayer and Blessing. The Bishop adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm, with the Dean offering the closing prayer, after which she gave the final blessing.

Respectfully submitted by Chinweze Ahaghotu and Paul Cooper

2023/24 Bible Study Offering: **The Acts of the Apostles**

Luke is our guide as we relive the events of the early Church. Catch the same spirit that brings renewed life to us now. We will visit the key personalities, review their activities, reflect on their meaning, and discover their message to our own Church today.



Please join us for this 14 session study.
By Zoom at 1pm on alternate Sundays.
Starting October 8, 2023

Contact Dcn. Christopher Cox for more
information and to sign-up.



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee is continuing with the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. New Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday (November 12, 2023 - one service at 10:00 am only) we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

During morning worship our Consecration Sunday speaker, The Rev. Dcn. Trisha Thorne, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team (led by Vestry member J. Gil Williams), our Dean, and members of the Vestry.

Join us for Sunday Hospitality!

Enjoy coffee, cold drinks and snacks each week in Synod Hall following the 10:00 am Mass. On the first Sunday of each month, we will have cake to celebrate all of our congregants' birthdays for that month. If you would like to help out with Hospitality hour, please speak with Larry Spears on Sundays.



Tré' Devon Lane Foundation
Supporting other families during these difficult times.

GRIEF

Support Group

SATURDAY
October 14, 2023
10:00am
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church
801 West State Street Trenton, NJ
Please use parking lot in the rear

Please bring a photo of the person you lost

For more information please contact Regina at 609-209-2500



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JOHN GUMMERE

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October 6 – 31, 2023

Opening Reception: Friday, October 6 • 6 – 11 PM



10% of sales will benefit Urban Promise Trenton

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Trenton Curator
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Trinity parishioner John Gummere will be showing his paintings in a solo exhibit at the Trenton Social, October 6 – 31, with an opening reception on Friday, October 6th from 6:00 – 11:00pm. The Trenton Social is located at 449 South Broad Street, near US1 and Sacred Heart Church. 10% of any sales will benefit Urban Promise Trenton. John's work is online at be.net/JohnGummere — if you have any questions he can be reached at (215) 817-8531.



Our Wednesday Healing Eucharist has resumed! Join us in the peaceful setting of All Saints' Chapel, for a mid-week respite from the hustle and bustle! Wednesdays, from 12:10 to 12:45 pm.

Greetings from our beloved Comfort Sparks, longtime Trinity parishioner, on her 99th birthday! Comfort is at Greenwood House, 53 Walter Street off of Parkway Avenue in Ewing. Visits are permitted, if you would like to spend some time!

Happy Birthday





Lay Eucharistic Ministry at Hamilton Grove Care & Rehabilitation Center to Return!



1	Deandra Magda Joseph	Birthday
3	Lori Duthie	Birthday
4	Howard C. Ebersole	Birthday
5	Kyle Taylor	Birthday
5	Michele Koenig	Birthday
7	Tristan Ganges	Birthday
7	Chris and Hilary Cox	Anniversary
8	Trisha Cooper	Birthday
9	Paul Ogbonna	Birthday
9	Euphenia Tejada	Birthday
11	Caroline Tweh	Birthday
11	Amy R. Young	Birthday
11	Georgianna Aiken	Birthday
11	Lasaan White	Birthday
12	Joshua Jenkins	Birthday
13	Cynthia R. Coleman	Birthday
14	Brian Allen Moore	Birthday
14	Janet Thompson	Birthday
15	Olivia Smith	Birthday
19	Michelle C. Snow	Birthday
19	Heather M. Snow	Birthday
19	Ricardo Kirmales-Prouty	Birthday
22	Jordan Scipio	Birthday
23	Edlyn Miller	Birthday
24	Daniel Kirmales-Prouty	Birthday
24	Kristopher W. Williams	Birthday
24	Richard & Georgia Koenig	Anniversary
25	Richard Koenig	Birthday
25	Michael Russo	Birthday
27	J. Gilbert Williams	Birthday
28	Lee Whiteman	Birthday
28	Martha McIntosh	Birthday
31	Rachel McMullan	Birthday
31	Erin L. Higgins	Birthday
31	Naeem Muse	Birthday

Please join in sharing good wishes for our fellow parishioners on their special day!

The Lay Eucharistic Service held at the Hamilton Grove Care & Rehabilitation Center in Hamilton Township, New Jersey, long sidelined due to pandemic concerns, has been given the green light to return! If you have served this ministry in the past (or are interested in participating for the first time), you are welcome to speak with Trinity parishioner Althia Muse, who can give you an idea of what this service entails. Please note, all who participate in this ministry must be vaccinated for COVID-19, per the requirements set by Hamilton Grove.

Our service at Hamilton Grove provides opportunity for corporate worship and pastoral care in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ to the facility's geriatric, infirm, and convalescing patients. The service, drawn from the Book of Common Prayer and the Book of Occasional Services of the Episcopal Church of America, includes: prayer, scriptural readings, Holy Communion, and the laying on of hands; and has accommodated over 2,000 people, annually.

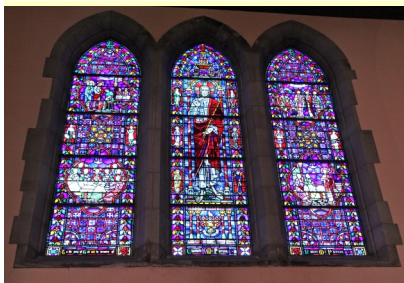
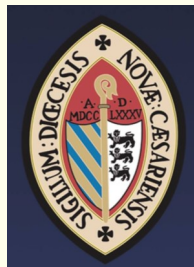
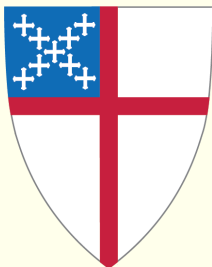
This important ministry in service to God is scheduled for every Sunday, and pre-COVID, was supported by volunteers from Trinity Cathedral and from Grace – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Hamilton, New Jersey.

Please speak with Althia or Dean John if you are interested in helping to get this important ministry up and running again!

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Our Vision:

A visible agent of God's love, joyfully embracing all people.

Our Mission:

God is here. Jesus loves you.

We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God's love, spreading the Gospel and caring for all people and God's Creation. Come join us.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sundays: 10:00 am - Rite II
In-person and livestreamed

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday:
8:30 am - Rite I
In-person only

Wednesdays: 12:10 - 12:45 pm
Healing Eucharist

Please see our website
for information on how to join us,
in-person or online!

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Sally Johnson French, Bishop
The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean
The Rev. Cn. Dr. Noel J. Amadi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. John Luttrell, Priest Associate
The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery, Priest Associate
The Rev. Chris Cox, Deacon
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For a comprehensive list of Cathedral events and meetings, go to <http://www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org/Calendar.html>