



THE TRINITY TIMES

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The newsletter of Trinity Cathedral of the Diocese of New Jersey



Dear Friends;

March is Women's History Month and I'm delighted to welcome to our pulpit four women of distinction: The Rev. Dr. Sushama Austin-Connor, Kimme Carlos, The Rev. Genevieve Bishop, and The Rt. Rev. Sally Johnson French.

On February 24th Andrea, Fay Manicke, Bobbie Powell, Bernard McMullan and myself were delighted to be present at the Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie as Susan and John Gummere were the recipients of the Golden Baton Award for their contributions to the Arts, presented by the Capital Philharmonic of New Jersey.

Bishop Sally French also participated in her first Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry celebration at the Cathedral on February 18th.

On February 27th, we hosted a Prayer Breakfast sponsored by NJ Faith Allies and the Diocese of New Jersey as we continue to push for Bill A602, the formation of a committee to study the case for Reparations.



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Above: John & Sue Gummere receiving their award

At left: Clergy celebrating Absalom Jones with Bishop French in All Saints Chapel

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We thank God for the first set of persons trained in CPR: Bill and Ginny Harmer, Bobbie Powell, Mary Johnson, Deborah McConnaughey, Jane and Peter Bridge and Winifred Daniels.

I'm pleased to announce that Canon Arthur Powell will be our new coordinator of decorations and floral arrangements at the Cathedral. Thanks once more to Susan Remmers for her invaluable efforts over many years!

To God be the Glory.

Your Friend and Dean,



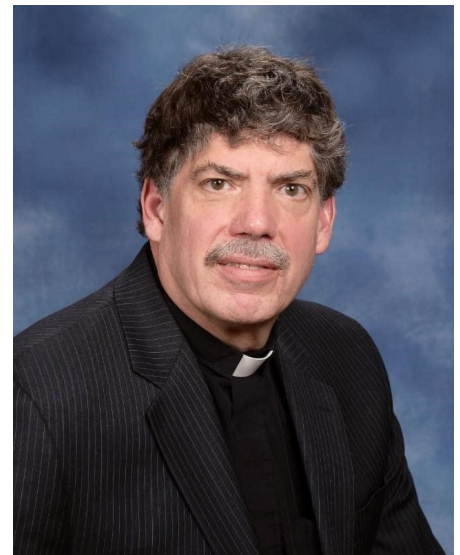
The Very Rev. René R. John, Dean



Above: Attendees at the reparations prayer breakfast


At left: Our newly-trained parishioners at the CPR class!

At right: The Rev. Cn. Art Powell, who will be coordinating our flowers.



TOUCH DOWN!
THANK YOU to all of you who supported the Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive!

A SPECIAL SHOUT-OUT
to
Lafayette, Nicole, Danielle, & Marquis
for their assistance with this project!



Jazz Up Friday

A cabaret of music, food & fun

Featuring The Maci Miller Quintet with

Glenn McClelland, Mike Boone, Mekhi Boone & Larry Price



FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Doors open at 6PM 🌀 **Music begins at 7PM**

Trinity Cathedral's Synod Hall 🌀 801 West State Street 🌀 Trenton, NJ 08618

\$25 donation includes food!

Proceeds benefit Trinity's Community Outreach Ministries

Info: (609) 392-3805 ext. 100



A Special Offering for *Easter...*



On Easter, please remember the following persons who have departed from this life: **(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!!)**



Please accept my offering of \$ _____ to be used for (please check your selection):

Easter Garden & Memorial Lilies

Music

Split evenly between Flowers and Music

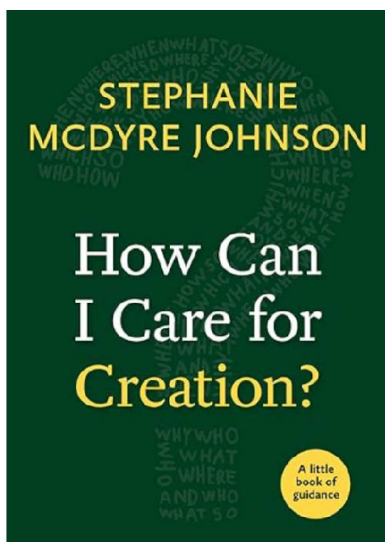
My name & phone #: _____

Offerings and this request form may be placed in the alms basin on Sunday or given to Patrice D'Angelo in the Cathedral office.

Please turn in forms no later than March 17. ☺

Creation Care Corner

By Dcn. Christopher Cox



For this month's Creation Care Corner, I would like to highly recommend a relatively new book by Stephanie McDyre Johnson, - the chair of the Episcopal Church's Advisory Council on the Stewardship of Creation and Environmental Racism. The book is short and concise, (only 70 pages), spiritually grounded, and provides practical answers to the question "what can I do to help the environment?"

Rev. Johnson's discussion ranges from the Biblical grounding for Creation Care and our separation from God, nature and each other, to pondering the questions "what can one person do?", and "how can I green my congregation?" This is an excellent primer for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of our responsibility to care for God's creation. What a perfect read for Lent! You can preview a copy of the book on the Creation Care table in the Cathedral nave.

More Recommended Lenten Reading

by The Rev. Dr. John Luttrell



For your Lenten reading (or any time you would welcome a new perspective on your Christian faith), let me recommend a new work by a gifted African-American author and poet, Cole Arthur Riley! She has published a new work, Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human (Convergent Press, 2024). I can say, without reservation, that she writes powerful and beautiful prayers for many needs and occasions, all of which are designed to speak to the Black experience in America. She wrote and published a previous book, This Here Flesh (Convergent Press, 2023), that made the *NY Times* bestseller list. In that book, she weaves stories from three generations of her family alongside contemplative reflections to discover the "necessary rituals" that connect us with our belonging, dignity, and liberation.

For Christians of all races, each of these books is a treasure. They are both available from Amazon (possibly other bookstores too!); and a copy of This Here Flesh may be borrowed from the Monmouth County Library System, for example. Thanks for your attention.

Highlights of the February 2024 Major Chapter Meeting of Trinity Cathedral

Eighteen of the 26 members of the Major Chapter of Trinity Cathedral met via Zoom on Tuesday evening, February 20, at 6:30 pm. The Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm and offered the opening prayer. The following agenda items were discussed:

Introduction of New Members. Those elected at the Cathedral's Annual Meeting on January 21 were introduced as new members of the Major Chapter; namely, Senior Warden J. Gilbert Williams; Junior Warden Margaret Nartey; and Vestry persons Ellen Heath, John Gummere, and Larry Spears.

Election of Clerk and Treasurer. Chinweze Ahaghotu and Ron Zilinski were elected for one year as Clerk and Treasurer respectively.

Financial Summary. Treasurer Ron Zilinski first presented a financial summary of the Cathedral's operations for the year 2023, which ended with a surplus of \$48k. Overall income was \$866k driven by higher pledges and offerings exceeding the budgeted amounts by \$58k. Trust income was over budget by \$11k; and Diocesan support was over budget by \$12.5k. Overall expenses were \$818k: \$25k above budget driven by property expenses \$36k over budget. Ron then presented the budget for 2024 with both income and expense totaling \$807k. Salaries are down, as the associate custodian retired and is being replaced by part-time support. Insurance has gone up by 15% for this year and property expenses are \$12.5k over the 2023 budget. The Major Chapter accepted the 2023 results and approved the 2024 budget.

Investment Report. Paul Cooper presented a summary of the Cathedral's investments, which, at the end of January 2024, stood at a total of \$2.4 million. 37% of this was in four funds of the *Diocesan Investment Trust* (DIT); 20% were mostly a recent bequest residing in a brokerage account; and the remaining 43% was in the *Dean Adams Trust* (DAT). For the year 2023, the DIT funds had a total return of 14%, which included a dividend of 3% that was withdrawn. Short-term instruments in the brokerage account are earning 5%; and the DAT annually distributes 6.5% of its total value to the Cathedral.

Property & Maintenance (P&M). Gil Williams reported on current projects including heater installations for the main hallway bathrooms; plans to investigate and fix interior sanctuary wall leakage later in the Spring; and plans to improve heating in the sacristy.

Fund Raising. The following fund raisers are planned for this year: the 20th annual *Community Day and Golf Outing*, which netted \$30k last year; a *Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity* (CAST) *Jazz Concert* that will take place on Friday, April 12; a fashion show in the middle of this year; and the African Festival in late October.

Dean's Report. The Dean reported as follows: a) The Annual Meeting of the Cathedral Congregation took place on Sunday, January 21, and was well attended. Elections were held, and Ron's financial reports were presented. b) A part-time custodian was hired; and Pat Hawkins helped, advising that 19 hours per week is the maximum for part-time employees. A Personnel Committee was consulted about these arrangements. c) The annual UBE *Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry* took place at the Cathedral on Sunday afternoon, February 18. d) Cn. Dr. Phil Lewis will conduct the *Cathedral Lenten Series*, beginning on Wednesday, February 21, and based on Bishop of Washington, DC Mariann Budde's book, *How We Learn to be Brave*. e) *New Jersey Mass Assembly* on Saturday, March 2, from 10 am to 1 pm, marching from Mill Hill Park to the State House in advocacy for the poor. f) Vestry Retreat at the Cathedral on Saturday, March 2, from 10 am to 3 pm – conducted by The Rev. Jeffrey Roy, Rector, St. George's, Rumson, his theme being *Come, Follow Me*. g) *Cathedral Emergency Action Plan* was presented to the congregation on February 4 and CPR training will be held on February 24 and March 16. h) *Diocesan Convention* will take place on Saturday, March 9, at the Cathedral. Our delegates are Willie Coleman, Georgia Koenig, and

Margaret Nartey. i) Discussions underway to reinstate the *Hamilton Grove Rehabilitation Center Ministry* under the leadership of Larry Spears.

Bishop's Report. Bishop French said that we at the Cathedral, in addition to ministering to our own congregation, have an opportunity to help in building up the Diocese and ministering to the surrounding community. The Major Chapter discussed restoring the *Acolytes' Festival* with the help of Diocesan staff, reviving the annual *Cathedral Day* with its floral and choral festivals, reviving the *Celebration of Older Parishioners*, expanding the *Advent Quiet Day*, and expanding the *Pet Vaccination Clinic*.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be that of the Vestry on Monday, March 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Closing Prayer and Blessing. The Dean said the closing prayer, and the Bishop gave her blessing. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chinweze Ahaghotu and Cn. Paul Cooper – 28 February 2024.

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN POOR AND IMPACTED PEOPLE, CLERGY, AND ADVOCATES IN YOUR STATE!

MASS POOR PEOPLE'S & LOW-WAGE WORKERS' STATE HOUSE ASSEMBLIES & TO THE POLLS

A DAY OF NATIONALLY-COORDINATED, SIMULTANEOUS DIRECT ACTION ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

CALLING ALL PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE IN & DEMAND
LIVING WAGES, HEALTHCARE, VOTING RIGHTS & STOPPING VOTER SUPPRESSION, EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL, WORKER/LABOR RIGHTS, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, ACCESS TO HOUSING, FULLY-FUNDED PUBLIC EDUCATION, ABOLISHING POVERTY, AND THE UNITY OF LOVE, NOT THE DIVISION OF HATE.

BRING THE DEMANDS OF 140 MILLION POOR & LOW-WEALTH PEOPLE DIRECTLY TO LAWMAKERS AT STATE CAPITOLS. EVERYBODY IN, NOBODY OUT!

WE MUST CHALLENGE POVERTY BEING THE 4TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THIS COUNTRY!

WE MUST ACTIVATE 85 MILLION POOR & LOW-WEALTH ELIGIBLE VOTERS!

WE WON'T BE SILENT ANYMORE!

3/2/24
10AM Meet
in Mill Hill Park
E. Front St., S. Broad St.
Trenton, NJ



10:30 Begin to march to Statehouse
11AM-1PM Rally

NewJersey@PoorPeoplesCampaign.org

REPAIR THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN KAIROS CENTER

For more information on how to get involved with the Poor Peoples' Campaign, please speak with Cn. Clara Gregory, Deborah McConnaughey, Margaret Nartey or Dennie Higgins

Mark Your Calendars!

March 3 & 17th - *The Altar Guild Shop will be open after the 8:30 a.m. service. Also, before & after the 10 a.m. service.*

March 9th - *AGS Open during Diocesan Convention.*

March 24th - *Palm Sunday before & after the 10 a.m. service.*

If you can't make it on these days: Contact Mngr. Lucy Adams at: trinitycathedralags@gmail.com for an appointment or online ordering.

It's not too early to think about some meaningful Easter treats for those baskets. We have something for all ages at reasonable prices!





Time is Hopping along - time to plan for the EAST-ER EGG HUNT! We are hoping (?hopping?) to once again hold the Trinity Cathedral Easter Egg Hunt this year, April 9th! Can you help?

We are looking for:

Easter egg fillers (treats, small prizes, etc.)

Small baskets with handles (for the little ones who may have forgotten one on the day)

Please drop off all donations at the Cathedral! Any questions? Please call Rose Cooper or E-mail her at g.r.c@att.net

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP



- March 24 - Palm Sunday: 10:00 am
- March 25/26 - Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week:
7:00 pm
- March 27 - Wednesday in Holy Week:
Tenebrae at 7:30 pm
- March 28 - Maundy Thursday:
12:00 pm and 7:30 pm *
* Vigil follows through 11:00 pm;
resumes at 6:00 am Friday
- March 29 - Good Friday: 12:00 pm
- March 30 - Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm
- March 31 - Easter Day:
Mass of the Resurrection - 10:00 am

Cathedral-sponsored candidate for Ministry (and now a Deacon), Matthew McDermott will be ordained to the Priesthood at Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 am. Please come out and support Matthew on his Ordination day!



***“A Taste of Joy – Recipes of Trinity Cathedral”
Cookbook is Still Available!***

Tired of eating the same old things? Spread the Word! Trinity Cathedral Cookbooks are still available & have some delicious recipes waiting for you to try! Proceeds from the sale of the books are going to provide fresh produce to our Food Pantry. This also helps the farming communities. A win, win for all!

Even if you do not cook or don't have a particular person to gift it to, you can still assist by purchasing books and we'll donate them to our Food Pantry guests. **Get yours today at the Cathedral Altar Guild Shop for just \$10 or contact Lucy Adams at trinitycathedralags@gmail.com.** Also, if you are interested in selling the books, let Lucy know. **Thank you in advance for your support!**



If you are interested in helping the Cathedral Food Pantry, we can especially use one or two volunteers who can lift up to 50 pounds - We have folks who can pack our food bags, but they require assistance lifting cases of canned goods onto the packing tables and moving the packed bags into place to be handed out. Can you fill this need? Please call Lourdez “Cookie” Hernandez at (609) 902-8282. (We also have a need for someone who can speak French-Creole!, to help communicate with some of our guests.)

Tré' Devon Lane Foundation

Supporting other families during these difficult times.

GRIEF Support Group

SATURDAY

March 9, 2024

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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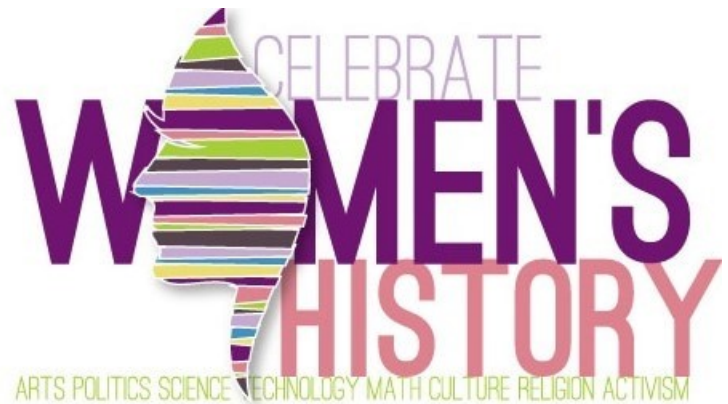
MARCH



2	Noreen Duncan	Birthday
5	Timothy Nartey	Birthday
5	John O'Brien	Birthday
7	John Major	Birthday
8	Bryan W. Hopkins	Birthday
9	Willie J. Coleman	Birthday
10	Gregory Blasse	Birthday
11	Stephen B. Ford	Birthday
11	Judith Miller	Birthday
17	Dr. Alain Nganang	Birthday
17	Samaya Ross	Birthday
19	Christopher Vassos	Birthday
21	Ronald W. Zilinski	Birthday
21	Dr. Bernard Taylor	Birthday
21	Benny & Frances Barksdale	Anniversary
23	Michael Tweh	Birthday
23	Daniel Fryar-Kothare	Birthday
24	Tammy A. Gibson	Birthday
25	Jenifer Taylor	Birthday
25	Brenda Pruitt	Birthday
26	Andre McIntosh	Birthday
27	Curtis Michael Spenser Newman	Birthday
27	Vance Smith	Birthday
29	Barbara M. Fryar	Birthday
30	Venice Wollie	Birthday
31	John V. Gibson, Jr.	Birthday
31	Kelly Passerini	Birthday

1	Lowanda Martha Joseph	Birthday
2	Kerry Heimann	Birthday
2	Sunday Gustin	Birthday
2	Abraham Miller	Birthday
2	Peter D. Cooper	Birthday
4	Elle Ahaghotu	Birthday
8	John Gummere	Birthday
8	Hannah Rose Sopko	Birthday
11	Paul & Therese (Terry) Cooper	Anniversary
12	Jeffrey H. Cooper	Birthday
14	Ronald L. Stockham	Birthday
15	Ellen Heath	Birthday
18	Jah'mere Miller	Birthday
21	Mason Dunn	Birthday
21	Cheryl Nagy	Birthday
22	Benny Barksdale	Birthday
24	Rose Cooper	Birthday
25	Leslye & Fatima Scipio	Anniversary
27	Samuel B. Richards, II	Birthday
28	Frank Castellon	Birthday
28	Malcolm Emmanuel Newman	Birthday
28	Cyrus Ketter	Birthday
28	Rachel Mathis	Birthday
29	David Monte	Birthday
29	Jennifer Ahaghotu	Birthday
30	Sewon Bestman	Birthday

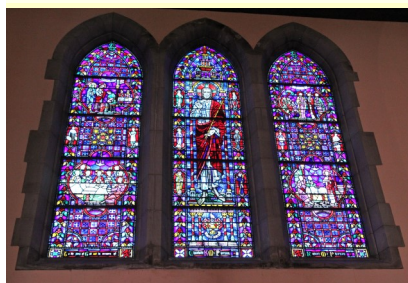
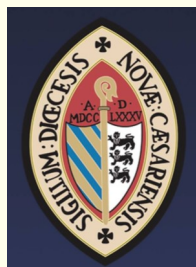
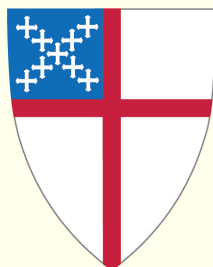
*Please join in sharing good wishes
for our fellow parishioners
on their special day!*



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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
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