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A Message from Our Dean

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe Elected 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church!

Congratulations to The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, elected 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church on June 26, 2024. He presently serves as Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York.

Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in history from Grove City College, a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32.

Known for his research and work on organizational learning and adaptive performance in the church, Rowe serves as parliamentarian for the House of Bishops and the Episcopal Church Executive Council; chair of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; and as a member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, and Constitution and Canons. He also serves on the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2018, he became the first bishop to serve on the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church.

Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.

The presiding bishop takes office on November 1. Details about the transition and celebration will be announced after General Convention.

Right onward!

The Very Reverend René John
Dean



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The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe Offers First Comments as Presiding Bishop-elect

Promising change and reorganization, Bishop Sean W. Rowe of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York was elected the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church by the House of Bishops on the first ballot.

“Let us be courageous. Let us follow Jesus into this unknown future,” he said.

After the overwhelming confirmation by the House of Deputies, raucous applause greeted Rowe as he was introduced. “I’m grateful to all of you who have participated in this long discernment process,” he said. “I thank Julia Ayala Harris and the House of Deputies for the confirmation. I am most grateful to [other nominees] DeDe, Scott, Daniel, and Rob for their companionship and counsel along the way.”

His address was peppered with acclamation and cheers.

“Our ministry together in the next nine years comes at a critical time,” he said, claiming we are facing an “existential crisis. The world around us has changed; it continues to change. God is calling us deeply into the unknown.”

“I’m from the Rust Belt,” he said. “I’ve been around to see things that I loved go away.” But, he said, “People in our region are resilient.” He has experienced this attitude with the junctured Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York dioceses “in what we call an experiment in the name of the gospel.”

“We need to bring this Episcopal Church into the future which God is calling us,” he said. “We cannot continue to be the Episcopal Church in the same way.”

Rowe called for reorienting staff, directing budgets to support dioceses and local ministries, and reforming the church’s structure and governance. “We need to support and embrace innovative works.”

“The world needs us to address this more strategically and more effectively.”

“Reorienting our structures, our budgets, and our relationships will only matter if we do it for the sake of the gospel, for the sake of Jesus Christ,” he said.

“I ask you to think of this time as a relational jubilee. Let go of the anger and grudges that have weakened our church leadership.”

He admitted that there is much work to address “before we leave Louisville. Let us be courageous. Let us follow Jesus into this unknown future.”

Rowe continued these themes in a press conference that followed. “We are at a pivot point in this country and around the world — structures, governance, budgets, strategies.”

In nine years, which will mark the end of his term, Rowe thinks the church will be “leaner in structure and budget,” and more strategic in evangelism and racial reconciliation.

While this work has started, “We need to do more, which will require us to go more deeply.”



L - R: Former Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe and current Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

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In an anxious world, “God’s got this,” he said. “Love is the way. We trust in Jesus Christ and that’s where it is — that’s where our peace is, that’s where the hope is.”

He believes there is a lot to learn from overseas dioceses. “Many of our dioceses outside the church in the continental 48 have a lot to teach us. The reality is, what we are facing has been faced long before by them. We have a lot to learn. They have a lot to teach us about how to be in the world.”

Pointing out that he and Ayala Harris are both in their 40s, he promised to listen to everyone. “We need a broad range of ages in appointments, and in the voices that we ask to speak.”

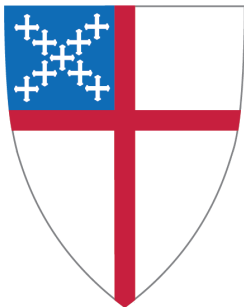
Rowe, 49, has been bishop since 2007 of Northwestern Pennsylvania and bishop provisional for Western New York since 2019. He was bishop provisional for Bethlehem from 2014 to 2018. He holds degrees from Grove City College, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Gannon University. He was ordained in 2000. He is the parliamentarian of the House of Bishops.

Rowe is married to Carly, a Christian educator, and they have one daughter.

For the June 26 election, the bishops were sequestered in Christ Church Cathedral.

Bishops cast 158 ballots, and 82 would elect the next Presiding Bishop. Rowe won easily with 89 votes on first ballot. The House of Deputies confirmed the election 778 to 43.

This marks the second consecutive time that the Presiding Bishop was elected on the first ballot. In 2015, North Carolina Bishop Michael Curry was elected as the 27th Presiding Bishop. The new Presiding Bishop’s nine-year term begins on November 1.



House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris Re-elected

Episcopal News Service — Louisville, Kentucky - House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris was re-elected June 25 at the 81st General Convention, winning decisively on the first ballot and fending off challenges from the Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton, the deputies’ vice president, and Zena Link, a former Executive Council member.

The victory sends Ayala Harris to a second term — and her first three-year term, after she was first elected in 2022 to a two-year term at the pandemic-delayed 80th General Convention.

“I am humbled and thank you for your confidence in me and my leadership,” Ayala Harris said after the election results were announced in the deputies’ convention hall at the Kentucky International Convention Center. She thanked Taber-Hamilton and Link for discerning their calls to run for the office.

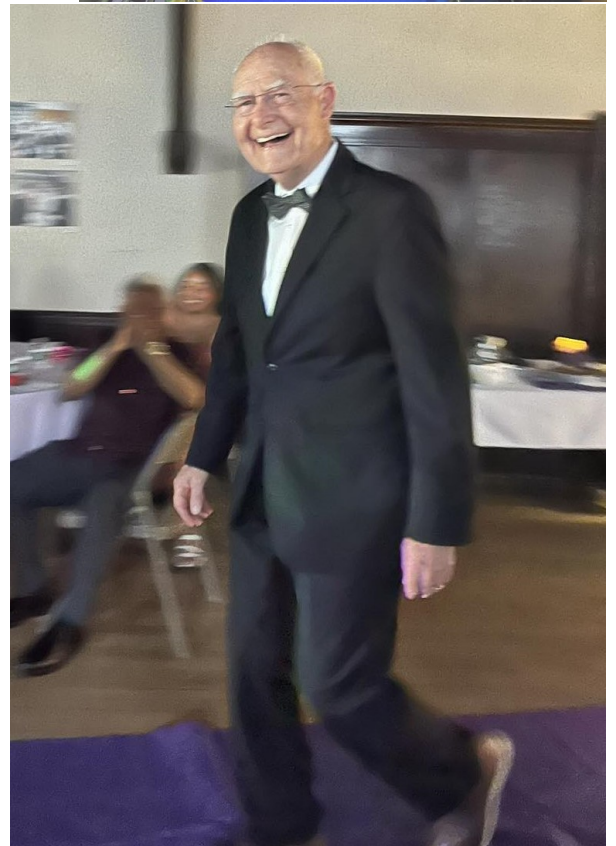
Ayala Harris concluded her brief remarks by saying, “Now, church geeks, let’s roll up our sleeves and get back to work.”

Ayala Harris, of the Diocese of Oklahoma, received 521 votes out of the 826 votes cast by the 829 deputies who were certified to be on the floor for the election. Link, of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, placed second with 241 votes and Taber-Hamilton a distant third with 64. An election on that ballot required 414 votes. Taber-Hamilton, a priest from the Diocese of Olympia, has said she will not run for re-election as vice president, and the election of her successor is scheduled for June 27.

The election was unusual for featuring an incumbent House of Deputies president facing a challenge. A sitting president has only faced a challenger once in modern history, in 2003, and like Ayala Harris, the incumbent that year prevailed. Unlike the presiding bishop, who is elected to head the House of Bishops for a nine-year term, the House of Deputies president is elected to a term that spans from one General Convention to the next — typically three years — and can be re-elected for two additional term.”

A Fabulous Turnout for our First Fashion Show!

Many thanks to those who made our Fashion Show FUNdraiser a fabulous success and helped us raise \$3,354(!): all of our models, those who brought food to share, those who supported us by purchasing tickets and donating lovely prize baskets, and the group that made it all happen: Winnie Daniels, Georgia Koenig, Gil Williams, Larry Spears, Fay Manicke, Lucy Adams, John Gummere, Patrice D'Angelo & Al Shaw. And a VERY SPECIAL shout-out to our Junior Warden, Margaret Nartey, who orchestrated the event and made it an evening to remember!







Creation Care Corner

Recycling Update!



“Reduce” and “Reuse” are the most environmentally friendly policies, but Recycling plays an important role too. Thanks to everyone for helping to improve our recycling effort at the Cathedral. Unfortunately, there is still some non-recyclable material going into the Synod Hall recycling bin, which degrades the effort to recycle the “good” stuff.

The recycling rules for Mercer County are quite restrict. So here are five “biggies” to keep in mind at the Cathedral:

- 1)  Recycle plastics with labels  or 
- 2)  No plastics with     
- 3)  No paper plates!  
- 4)  No paper towels or napkins!  
- 5)  No Al baking pans or Al foil 

For more information see www.mcianj.org/recycling



Stretto

The busy month of June saw 5 concerts presented by the Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra/Trinity Strings! Next for our young musicians is the Blue Mountain Festival, the annual two-week summer music camp held at the Cathedral in July. Join the kids for more fun performances this month: one at the Cathedral and one at a Trenton Thunder game! See the next page for concert information.



Prizes, and Baskets and Golfers . . . Oh My!

We are excited to celebrate our 20th Anniversary Bishop George E. Councill Memorial Golf Outing this September! As we come into the busiest months of preparation, we need your help. Do you golf, or play pickleball? If you or someone you know is interested, we would love to have your participation. The new pickleball portion of our event received rave reviews last year!

We were blessed with many wonderful themed gift baskets for our Fashion Show fundraiser this June. It was so nice, we're asking twice! Each year at the golf outing, we have a prize raffle that would greatly benefit from similar basket donations. Basket ideas include: movie night, baby, hair and nails, car wash, basket of cheer (spirits), Mexican or Italian specialties, relaxation day, lottery tree, bath 'n body, garden treasures, pet care, toys/games. Gift cards are also welcome, in any amount! If you would like to discuss ideas, please speak with Patrice in the office.

Look for golf outing registration forms and information on our literature tables after the July 4th holiday. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATE



20TH Bishop George E. Councill Memorial GOLF OUTING

Monday, October 14, 2024

Mercer Oaks Golf Course,
West Windsor, NJ

For more information visit:
www.trinitycathedralnj.org

To benefit the ministries of
Trinity Cathedral of the
Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey



Blue Mountain Festival



Summer Performances

Friday, July 19 at 7pm

Come hear Blue Mountain Festival sing the National Anthem for the Trenton Thunder

Tickets: \$12

Please contact Sherri Anderson

bluemountainfestival@gmail.com

Friday, July 19 at 3pm

Join Blue Mountain Festival for a free concert.

“Roots and Rhythm” is an ensemble of violinist Gwen Laster, bassist Damon Banks with guitarist Patrick Jones and drummer Todd Isler in an interactive workshop and concert for young musicians. We perform and discuss American classical music of jazz, blues and its connection to the African Diaspora.





Poor People's Campaign

A NATIONAL CALL for MORAL REVIVAL

On June 29th, the “Mass Poor People’s & Low-Wage Workers’ Assembly and Moral March on Washington D.C. & to the Polls” called on people of moral conscience to join them in the nation’s capital to uplift and center the needs of the over 135 million poor and low-wage people and workers across the country. The Poor Peoples’ Campaign supports a moral agenda based on fundamental rights, just some of which include living wages, voting rights, and other essential policies that lift from the bottom. Three buses of participants from New

Jersey attended the march, including our own Canon Clara Gregory, Deborah McConnaughey, Ra’shonda Washington and Sam Richards. Also attending was Pastor Rupert Hall of Turning Point United Methodist Church, who coordinated the buses from New Jersey to Washington.



Clockwise from upper left: Cn. Clara Gregory & friend; Deborah McConnaughey & Friend, Sam Richards, Clara Gregory & Pastor Rupert Hall, Ra’shonda Washington, and other March participants.



Highlights of the Trinity Cathedral Vestry Meeting of June 10, 2024

Ten of the fourteen members of the Vestry met virtually on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 pm, with the Dean presiding and offering the opening prayer. Treasurer Ron Zilinski presented a summary of the Cathedral's operations from January 1 through May, 2024. Income at \$276k is equal to the budgeted income for these five months. While we have not yet received \$25k expected from trusts, additional pledge income of \$27k compensates for this. Total expenses at \$339k were \$10k less than budgeted. Thus the bottom-line deficit is \$10k below the budgeted \$73k to date. Ron also reported that he has invested \$70k of cash from the Cathedral's restricted gifts account in a 5%-yield money market fund residing in our brokerage account. Cn. Paul Cooper reported that the Cathedral's investments to date total \$2.5 million. 42% of this total is \$1 million managed by the trustees of the Dean Adams Trust. Another 42% is \$1 million managed by the *Endowment Board*, and the remaining 16% is managed directly by the Vestry.

Senior Warden Gil Williams reported on Property & Maintenance (P&M) as follows: a) the undercroft kitchen fire suppression system passed its annual inspection; b) windows in the school building will be replaced in July; c) P&M manager Mike Raab had the dishwasher inspected for needed repair; d) choir loft work is pending; e) pipes in the cathedral heating boiler will be replaced in July at a cost of \$5k; f) property and grounds are receiving attention. Also reporting on the Food Pantry for Lourdez Hernandez, Gil said that i) a \$100 donation was received, and a \$7k gift from Mary Johnson has been re-allocated from Friday lunches (no longer served) to the Food Pantry; ii) 103 guests came last Sat.; these were accommodated by 80 baskets prepared by volunteers on Thursday plus backup from *Mercer Street Friends*; iii) for the end-of-month distribution, 140 bags will be delivered to us on the next and following weeks.

Junior Warden Margaret Nartey reported that the *Fashion Show* fundraiser on June 8 netted \$3k, and she thanked all who helped to make it a success. The 20th annual *Golf Outing* on October 14 is being planned with energy by LaTonya Johnson and her committee, and Bishop French wrote a letter to all prospective supporters. Sam Richards, Chinweze Ahaghotu and others are organizing the *African Festival* – to take place on October 26.

In pursuit of Social Justice, it was moved by the Dean, and enacted by the Vestry that Trinity Cathedral become a sustaining member of *Episcopal Community Services* (ECS) by raising at least \$3k each year: Checks for this purpose should be made out to Trinity Cathedral with "ECS" on the memo line. The Dean then reported that a) he is thankful that we now have an *Emergency Action Plan* in place as well as a group of committed *Greeters*; b) Comfort Sparks will be 100 years old on July 7; c) Ellen Heath has resigned from the Vestry, and he nominated Paul Cooper to fill out the rest of her term, which was approved by the Vestry.

Lee Whiteman reported that the Stretto/Trinity Strings concert on June 9 was excellent. He also proposed that they have access to YouTube, on which he livestreams Cathedral services.

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

GRIEF

Support Group

SATURDAY
July 13, 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



Respectfully submitted by Chinweze Ahaghotu and Cn. Paul Cooper



The Altar Guild Shop will be closed in July, but if you need something, contact Lucy Adams at trinitycathedralags@gmail.com or leave a message at the Cathedral Office.

WEEK OF SHALOM

The Week of Shalom is a week of events promoting a city-wide movement to help restore justice and promote peace in streets of Trenton. TRST, will be partnering with the City of Trenton+ dozens of community organizations to host an event each day on the week, culminating with a city-wide peace walk leading up to Mill Hill Park in Trenton.



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Peace Prayers & Vigil

Charity Flag Football

Color Run for the Kids

Music Performances



Our Contact
(609) 37-BLACK

More Information
www.sandsj.org/trst



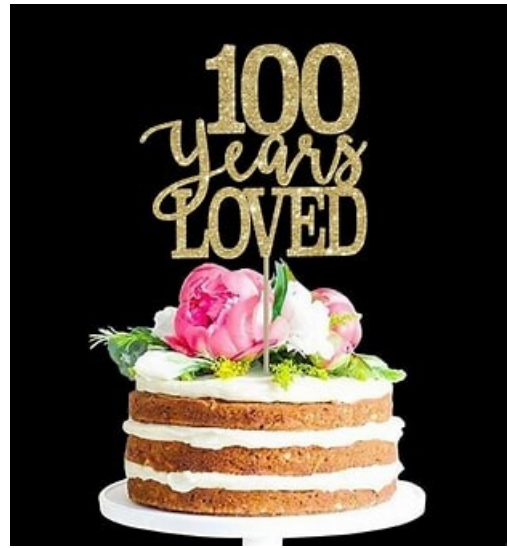
EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

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| MONDAY 8 | 6 PM - 7 PM: Interfaith prayer for peace @ The Battle Monument in Trenton | FRIDAY 12 | 5 PM - 9 PM: Friday Night Lights @ TCHS Football Field |
| TUESDAY 9 | 11 AM - 2 PM: Returning Citizens Job Fair @ The Father Center of NJ in Trenton | SATURDAY 13 | 10 AM - 1 PM: City Wide Color Run @ Cadwalader Park in Trenton |
| WEDNESDAY 10 | 4 PM - 6 PM: African American Heritage Flag Day @ City Hall in Trenton | SUNDAY 14 | 1 PM - 5 PM: City-wide Peace Walk @ Mill Hill Park in Trenton |
| THURSDAY 11 | 5:30 PM - 7 PM: Say Their Names Prayer Vigil @ The Serenity Garden in Trenton | * LOCATIONS FOR THE PEACE WALK: | |

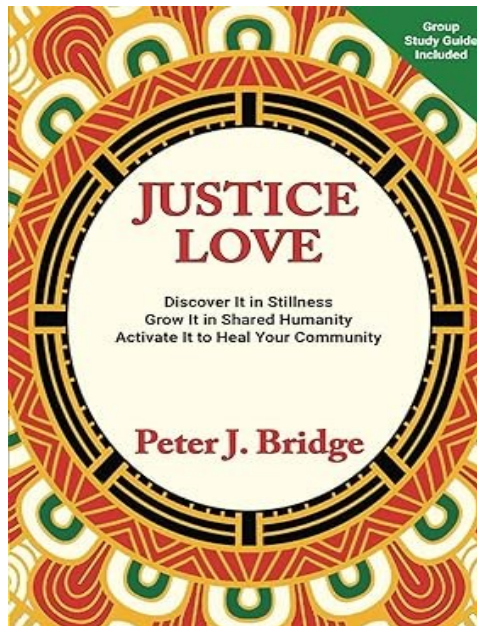
- Greater Mount Zion AME Church (North Trenton)
- 128 Centre First Baptist Church (South Trenton)
- E. State St. Greg Grant Park (East Trenton)
- Overbrook and West State Trinity Cathedral (West Trenton)





On the eve of her 100th birthday, Dean John and Andrea John had a lovely visit with longtime Trinity parishioner, Comfort Sparks! We recently circulated a beautiful card (thanks to Rose Cooper for creating) for the parish to sign, to send our 100th birthday wishes. Congratulations on this milestone, Comfort. Wishing you a happy, healthy year ahead!

Dean John also paid a visit to parishioner Dulce Lawton in her new place of residence, where she is enjoying herself and in good health. Cheers, Dulce!



Find Peter Bridge's New Book at the Altar Guild Shop, where you can purchase it at a discount, and 50% of the proceeds will go to support Cathedral Youth Ministries!

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL, DOWNTOWN TRENTON

presents a 3-day festival of music & talks

Friday,

Aug 16

6:30pm

12 Steps & More Books, is hosting a panel on

Technology & Mental Health for Tomorrow's Children



The Rhythm

&

Motion



Festival

11am- 4pm



Dept. of Recreation, Natural Resources & Culture

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Aug 17

Saturday

food

friends

fellowship

4:30 pm

4:30 pm

6:30 pm



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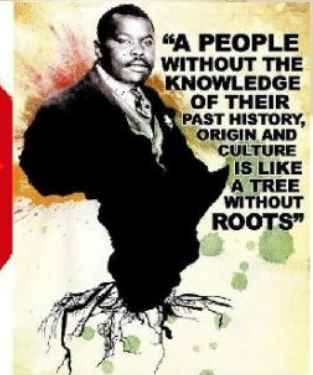
Fric O. Shipman

Panel hosted by the Trenton Anti-Violence Coalition:

"Rediscovering
NARRATIVES for TODAY"

6:30pm

Marcus Garvey



Sunday Aug. 18, 4:30

W.African
KORA
music
of
Malang
Jabarteh



A.I. in our Future

"Writing Tomorrow's Narratives"
moderated by Ben Earl (Marvel Comics
writer of Spiderman)

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
140 N. WARREN ST.

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| 1 | Zachary McMullan | Birthday |
| 1 | Karen Russo | Birthday |
| 3 | Therese (Terry) Cooper | Birthday |
| 4 | Alan S. Rudolph | Birthday |
| 5 | The Rev. Canon Dr. Noel Amadi | Ordination Anniversary |
| 6 | Rev. Carol Gilbert | Birthday |
| 6 | The Very Rev. Diane Nancekivell | Birthday |
| 7 | Comfort Sparks | Birthday |
| 7 | The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge | Birthday |
| 7 | Imani White | Birthday |
| 11 | The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge | Ordination Anniversary |
| 11 | Tom & Georgianna Aiken | Anniversary |
| 12 | Helena Gongar | Birthday |
| 13 | Susan Valentine | Birthday |
| 13 | Chinweze Ahaghotu | Birthday |
| 13 | Hasaan White, Jr. | Birthday |
| 14 | Ade L. Collins | Birthday |
| 14 | Winifred Daniels | Birthday |
| 15 | Suobo A. Richards | Birthday |
| 19 | Elizabeth Fineberg | Birthday |
| 20 | Michael Khoury | Birthday |
| 20 | Raphael Nartey | Birthday |
| 21 | Willie & Cynthia Coleman | Anniversary |
| 22 | Araminta McIntosh | Birthday |
| 23 | Manuel and Sharon Tejada | Anniversary |
| 23 | Ifie V. Richards | Birthday |
| 25 | Ruth Perry | Birthday |
| 25 | Bynum Petty | Birthday |
| 26 | Gordon Goode | Birthday |
| 26 | Elizabeth Nidweski | Birthday |
| 26 | Bobbie Powell | Birthday |
| 27 | The Rev. Canon Dr. Noel Amadi | Birthday |
| 27 | Laurus Ketter | Birthday |
| 29 | Gwendolyn O. Pearson | Birthday |
| 30 | Leilani Marie Bennett | Birthday |

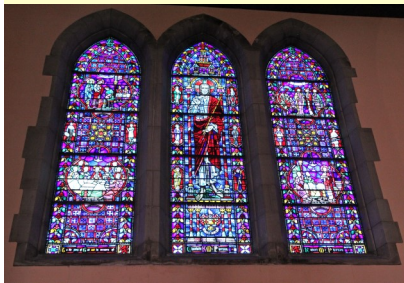
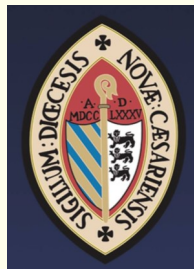
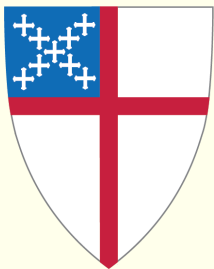
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| 1 | Jeffrey Perfater | Birthday |
| 2 | Augustus McIntosh | Birthday |
| 2 | Laura Kennedy | Birthday |
| 4 | Katherine Moore | Birthday |
| 4 | Nkechinyere I. Amadi | Birthday |
| 4 | Chinweze & Jennifer Ahaghotu | Anniversary |
| 5 | Eileen Cera | Birthday |
| 8 | Eugenia Collins | Birthday |
| 9 | Timothy Patrick Wilson, III | Birthday |
| 9 | Nyasha Bakare & Alain Nganang | Anniversary |
| 10 | Larry & Sunday Gustin | Anniversary |
| 11 | Eon Ross | Birthday |
| 12 | Briana Perry | Birthday |
| 12 | Veronica Ngwayah | Birthday |
| 12 | Emeka Ogbonna | Birthday |
| 13 | Anthony Dunn | Birthday |
| 13 | Dr. Nyasha Bakare | Birthday |
| 15 | Ariel Ross | Birthday |
| 17 | Theodore Ganges | Birthday |
| 18 | David Joseph Moore | Birthday |
| 19 | The Rev. Joan Fleming | Birthday |
| 20 | Lynn Palmer | Birthday |
| 21 | Micheline Joseph | Birthday |
| 21 | Jeanne F. Cooper | Birthday |
| 22 | Tim R. Cooper | Birthday |
| 22 | Leah Parker | Birthday |
| 25 | Darla Bertheau | Birthday |
| 26 | Kurtis Perry | Birthday |
| 27 | Max Vassos | Birthday |
| 27 | John-John Major | Birthday |
| 27 | Peter & Jane Bridge | Anniversary |
| 28 | Veronica & Archie Ngwayah | Anniversary |
| 29 | Adara Porter | Birthday |
| 29 | Michael "PJ" Pettyjohn | Birthday |
| 30 | Mekhi Muse | Birthday |
| 31 | Derek V. Gibson | Birthday |
| 31 | Janae Kirmales-Prouty | Birthday |
| 31 | Tennyson G. M. Bruce | 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
In-person only
(off for summer)

Please go to
www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org
for information on how to join us
via livestream!

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Sally Johnson French, Bishop
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