



THE TRINITY TIMES

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Are You Ready For What Lies Ahead?

I want to ask you a question. Not to scare you; but as I contemplated what to share with you, this question came to me. Are we (you) ready for what lies ahead? If you think you are, think again.

Ten days ago I set out on a journey. I wished Andrea would have been able to go, but alas because life so often throws us curve balls she couldn't. When traveling it is recommended to have more than six months when entering a foreign land. She sent her passport for renewal, and suddenly it was time to travel, and she was not able to as her passport was at the renewal agency. So I was off to Trinidad to honor the life of a dear mentor and friend. Traveling to do a good deed, so life would be straight forward and a breeze, right? Not. The next ten days - though filled with many blessings - was at times challenging.

First of all, just getting to the airport was almost torpedoed. My transport was late, missed exits, met blocked ramps. However, I sojourned on and made the flight. Boarded with fellow travelers as well as my mentor, the husband and daughter of the deceased. Flight was smooth, landed safely. Got to the accommodations which were quite good (at Andrea's insistence, who lovingly wanted to be sure I was going to be comfortable), recommended by the deceased's daughter as they were within walking distance of her parents' home. Being in Tobago brought back lots of fond memories. Harvest Festivals where we were fed way too much, beautiful beaches and very friendly folk.

Over the next few days, the funeral and following events were a very touching celebration of a life well lived. Eileen Forrester was a very hardworking, gifted and accomplished wife and mother, working to improve the life of her family, church and community.

A day at the beach on the following Sunday with Eileen's children and friends turned out to be just what was needed. Pigeon Point Beach is second to none as far as beaches go. I then traveled by plane (15 minutes) to spend some time with my siblings. My brother has some beautiful gardens, which indeed lends itself to meditation. I then traveled south to spend some time with my sister. It gave me an opportunity to visit with a cousin, and visit my mom's grave. Mom died in 2004 and I have not had too many opportunities to visit her burial spot.

Getting back home to the US proved way more challenging than I anticipated, including the aircraft turning around and an unexpected overnight layover (I will not bore you with the details.) Suffice to say, 'God is good all the time, all the time God is good!' Are we ready for what lies ahead? I suppose my answer is no way. But I'm confident trusting in God, feeding on Holy Scriptures and being steeped in prayer will help equip us for whatever life throws at us.

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend René John
Dean



Our Thanksgiving Food Drive begins soon! See page 7 . . .

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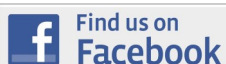
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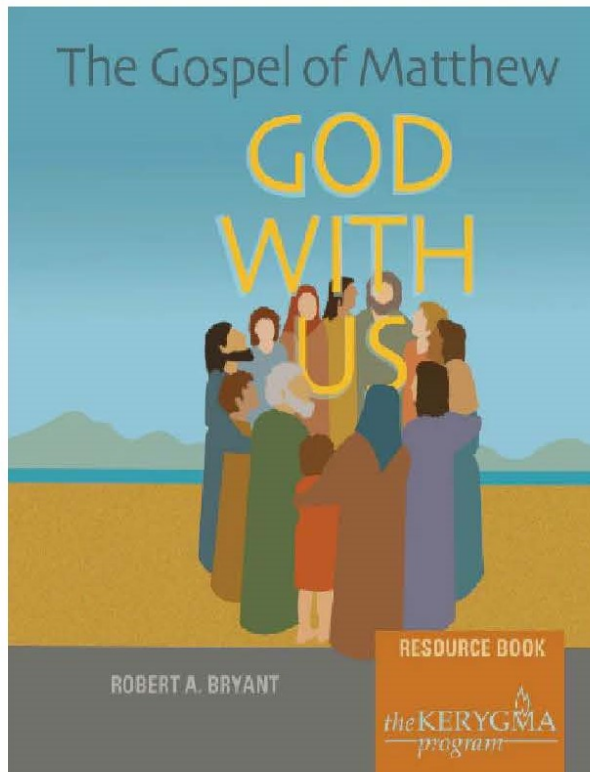
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2024/25 Bible Study Offering: The Gospel of Matthew



According to the Gospel of Matthew, it is Emmanuel, “God with us”, who unites us and holds us together.

In a world of many divisions, come and explore how God calls us to a new community at work for the blessing of all.

**Please join us for this
14 session discussion class!**

By Zoom at 7pm on alternate Tuesdays

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

Start date October 8, 2024



In Thanksgiving for the Life of Ellen Wry

By The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell, 6th Dean of Trinity Cathedral



We are happy to share Diane's remembrance of Ellen, which was read at her celebration of life here at the Cathedral on September 20th.

We are gathered here today to celebrate the remarkable life and person of Ellen Toal Wry and to thank God for the gift of knowing her and loving her.

Ellen was a devoted wife to Brann; a caring and adoring daughter, a loving sister to Chuck, a nurturing godmother to Jonathan, an exacting appellate lawyer for the state of New Jersey, an uncompromising boss and generous mentor to hosts of colleagues, a faithful Jr. Warden to me, a loyal friend, and a delighted aunt. Ellen brought to each of these roles the fullness of who she was because she never did anything half-heartedly. And what a deliciously surprising package she was.

She was bird-like and seemingly delicate, and she was strong and demanding of herself and those within her orb. She sang like a bird. Her soprano voice was beautifully suited to chanting the psalms, it seemed to float as it rang its clear and true notes out through this beautiful Cathedral for Sunday services and special celebrations, amongst which were consecrating a number of Bishops. God, the church and this Cathedral meant the world to Ellen. She loved the diversity of the parish, the faithfulness of the countless parishioners and the dedication of all who served here. It surprised her by

giving her a spiritual home after she left the Catholic church.

She was smart as a whip, missed nothing that went on around her, but chose kindly what she responded to and how she responded. She could go toe to toe with the toughest judge, not back down, and still have the judge think highly of her when she had finished gently but unmistakably disabusing him of his errors.

Ellen twinkled. Her gorgeous eyes, surrounded by those fabulous thick lashes, sparkled and twinkled whenever she poked fun, teased and exposed the ridiculous. Her delivery was meticulous; only her eyes gave away the fun she was having, her touch was light and quick and so soft that only at the end would we all collapse in laughter. She was so much fun to be with. You could always count on her to point out something giggle-worthy.

She was adventurous and loved to travel with Brann. They had many fabulous trips, which she meticulously researched and planned.

How do we sum up a life so fully lived as Ellen's? Our hearts are broken, we hated to know she suffered and was so compromised since that disastrous fall. She rarely complained, she was deeply grateful for the loving care Brann took of her and was utterly ready to go "home" those last days.

Ellen was a gift to each of us. And our gratitude to God for the sweetness of her life is to hold her memory close; to cherish her and to emulate the aspects of her that most touched us. The part of her I loved most was her twinkle, her fun-poking. But how will I emulate that? I simply don't know because it's really not part of who I am. But I have a feeling that by cherishing that glorious quality in Ellen, it might just lighten me a bit and when something playful pops out of me I'll think of her and give God thanks for the glory of the life she led. How will you take part of her and make it yours in thanksgiving and gratitude?

Gracious God we give you our broken hearts and our thankful hearts as we remember Ellen. Thank you for the beauty of her life, all aspects of it. Thank you for the way she touched each one of us and the ways we will remember her. Bless her and keep her. Bless and hold Brann and all of us who loved her, teach us how to continue to be in relationship with her even as our connection has now changed. Hold us in the mystery of death and give us the peace which passes all understanding. May we be faithful to her now as she was faithful to each one of us in her life. In Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

CAST: The Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity

Salvo Music: Spanish, Classical and World Guitar

Sunday November 10, 2024 at 3:00PM







CAST is excited to host “Salvo Music: Spanish, Classical and World Guitar.” Salvo is a Spanish guitarist and songwriter from Brooklyn, New York. He plays a fusion of Flamenco, Latin, Classical and World music. It promises to be an exciting afternoon of music! Salvo’s avowed goal is to “connect and help people with my music”.

Hear some of this enchanting music at:
<https://youtu.be/zb2mtR3cQbY>

Tickets for this performance are \$25; please see Bobbie Powell, a member of the CAST Committee, or call the Cathedral office.



Trinity Altar Guild Shop Fall Update

-  Starting in November the shop will be open the 1st & 3rd Sundays after both services. During Advent – open every Sunday.
-  Join us Sunday, October 20th – Shop will be open! Check out our new items and the bargain table! Free gift for just stopping in!
-  2025 Church Calendars are in: wall, desk and pocket-size.
-  **Special = The Book of Common Prayer & Hymnal Combination Book with red or black leather cover, boxed is now just \$75! Yes, you saw correctly! (Retail for \$105) We got a deal, so it’s passed on to you!**



Trinity Cathedral African Festival 17th Annual Dinner and Gala Night



Saturday, October 26, 2024
7:00 - 11:00 pm

Adults - \$25

Children 12-18 - \$10

Food & soft drinks included in ticket price!

Enjoy African culture, music, food
and fashions

Trinity Cathedral
801 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08618
www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org



Contact for tickets:

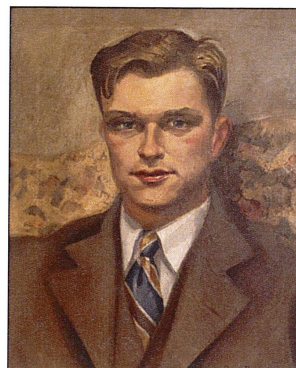
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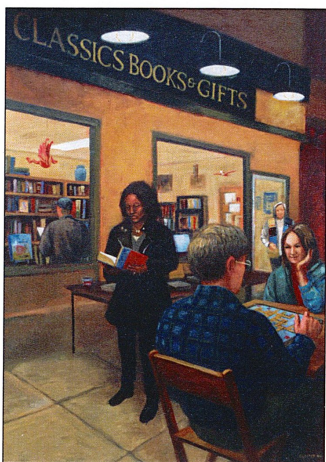
Mother + Son

TWO GENERATIONS
OF TRENTON ARTISTS



PEGGY PELOW
GUMMERE

JOHN GUMMERE



Friday Night, Lafayette Street © 2018 John Gummere

(Cover art for *The Bookshop on Lafayette Street*,
available at Classics Books, Downtown Trenton)

Above right: Portrait of William Gummere Jr.
© 1940 Peggy Peplow Gummere

September 16 thru
December 17, 2024

Opening Reception:
Saturday September 21, 2 – 4 pm



The Opening Reception is an
Art All Day Event.

artallday.artworkstrenton.org

TRENTON Free Public Library

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Monday – Thursday: 9 am – 8 pm

Friday – Saturday: 9 am – 5 pm



trenton artists
workshop association

John Gummere:
215.817.8531
jgummere@gmail.com
StudioJohnGummere.com



All Saints' Day

Prayers for All Saints' Sunday

In our upcoming service bulletins, you will find forms on which to submit the names of your departed loved ones, to be remembered at our All Saints' Sunday services on November 3rd.

Please clearly print your names and place the forms in the alms basin, give them to an Usher, or bring them to the Cathedral office no later than October 27.

Alternatively, you can E-mail your list to Patrice in the office at:
patriceattrinity@aol.com.



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 10, 2024 - 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, Angela DiJoseph, will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship. For more information about Consecration Sunday events and how your pledge benefits our Cathedral and its ministries, speak with our Senior Warden, J. Gil Williams.

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 23rd.

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 16th. 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 16th (or bring to Sunday Mass.) Financial contributions are always welcome.

Thank you for your support,

The Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry



Highlights of the September 2024 Major Chapter Meeting of Trinity Cathedral

Eighteen of the 25 members of the Major Chapter of Trinity Cathedral met via Zoom on Tuesday evening, September 17, at 6:30 pm. The Bishop called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and offered the opening prayer. The main agenda items were addressed as follows:

Financial Summary. Treasurer Ron Zilinski presented a financial summary of the Cathedral's operations for January through August 2024. Income, at \$410k, was 98% of the budgeted amount, including \$88k or 88% of budgeted Diocesan support, \$51k or 80% of budgeted Trust income, and \$214k or 110% of the pledge payments expected to date. Expenses – at \$530k overall – were 99% of the budgeted amount, with \$91k Property expense at \$2k below budget. This leaves an operating deficit of \$3k less than expected.

Investments. Paul Cooper presented a summary of the Cathedral's investments; which, at the end of August 2024, stood at a total of \$2.58 million or 11% more than it was at the end of last year. \$1.08 million of the total is under the management of the Cathedral's Endowment Board, 62% of which is in *Diocesan Investment Trust* (DIT) funds and the other 28% in an S&P 500 ETF. Another \$1.07 million of the total is under the management of the trustees of the *Dean Adams Trust* (DAT). The Vestry manages the remaining \$0.43 million, which is split between \$187k in the unrestricted DIT fund and \$241k mainly in treasuries yielding 5% interest per year.

State of the Academy. Canon Noreen Duncan reported that the Academy is open now – under the capable direction of Archdeacon Lynn Johnson. Children – 3 to 4 years old – are enrolled in the 10-months' session per calendar year that is totally funded by the Trenton Board of Education's Early Childhood program. All bills to the Academy are paid, including \$30k to the Cathedral for rent and maintenance. The Bishop complimented the leadership of the Academy.

Property & Maintenance (P&M). Senior Warden Gil Williams and the Dean reported for P&M Chair Mike Raab on current and future projects; namely, a) recent leaking at high sanctuary windows in the cathedral has been stopped; b) Mike continued work on maintenance and cleaning of gutters; c) the Dean explained the ongoing roof maintenance – new leaks being an ongoing characteristic of the slate roof, our long-standing vendor coming at least twice a year to manage; d) the windows for the Academy, are soon to be replaced; e) Al painted the entrance to the parking lot; and f) Irene Sanz and the Landscaping Committee successfully maintained the grounds under the hot summer sun.

Fund Raising. The Dean reported on our major fundraiser, the 20th annual *Golf Outing and Community Day*, to be held at Mercer Oaks on Monday, October 14, followed by dinner at 4 pm. LaTonya Johnson is working with her committee, which includes Dick Koenig and Bill Harmer, on this event. Pickleball is included. He announced with thanks that the Glenmede Trust Co. is making a \$10k contribution to this activity. b) Junior Warden Margaret Narthey reported that the African Festival – a food and music event that is being revived – will take place on Saturday October 26. Tickets are being sold at \$25 for adults and \$10 for ages 12-18.

Dean's Report. In addition to his already noted comments, the Dean reported as follows: a) We hosted two summer camps – Urban Promise and Blue Mountain – thanks to Sean McFadden, Georgia Koenig, as well as Sherri Anderson and her team. b) Dr. Ker-ry Heimann acquired a replacement organ console for a tenth of the cost of a new one. c) Rob Bullington and Pete Cornell continued the upgrade of our sound system and live-stream services. d) Althea Muse and Pat Atkins will be working to get our young people prepared for confirmation in Spring 2025. e) There will be an event on October 19 at the Watershed Institute at 31 Titus Mill Rd. in Pennington. f) Stretto Blue Mountain Festival Inaugural Gala will honor alumnus Evan Shieh, and the Dean will receive their Service Leadership Award. g) He acknowledged the passing of former Senior Warden Ellen Wry, Janet Thompson, and Joseph Gaines. h) He announced a Creation Care presentation for the coming Sunday. i) He encourages everyone to exercise our civic duty in the upcoming elections and to pray for our nation.

Bishop's Report. Bishop French reported as follows: a) She outlined the financial challenges facing the Diocese, the urgent need to catch up on audits that are years late, and the need to limit spending. b) Sarah Paige, who came to the Diocese under Bishop Councill, has now been given a new position leading the finances. c) She held a staff day recently, preparing for the Diocesan Convention in November. She is getting help coming to Convention from National Headquarters. d) In the discussion that followed, the Rev. Anne Wrede expressed appreciation for Bishop French and all that she is doing for the Diocese. Canon Noreen

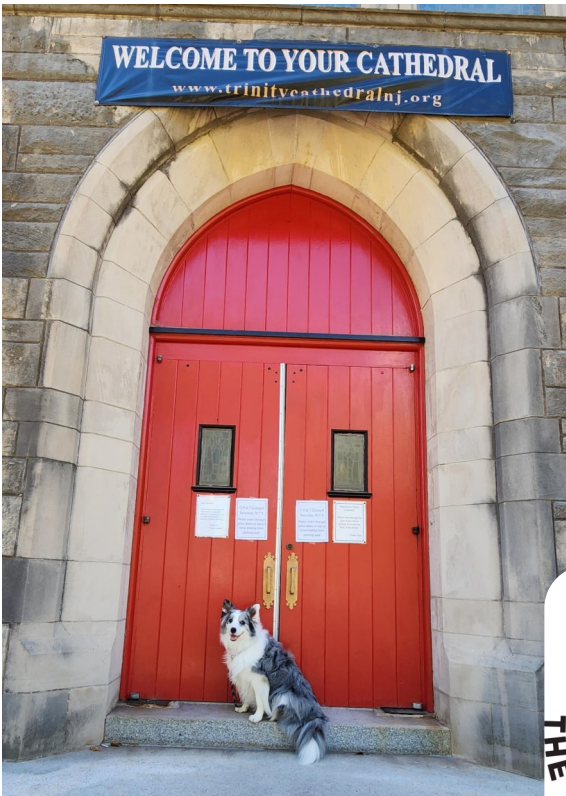
Duncan affirmed this and noted that the Diocese is proud of the Cathedral as a parish, which the Bishop said she sees as a beacon of hope.

Old and New Business. The terms of Major Chapter members elected by Diocesan Convention were affirmed to extend to the now canonical date of Convention, namely November of the year stated in the current list of Major Chapter members.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be that of the Vestry on Monday, October 21, 2024, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Closing Prayer and Blessing. The Dean offered the closing prayer. The Bishop gave her blessing. The meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chinweze Ahaghotu and Canon Paul Cooper. 07 October 2024.





Pre-Confirmation Class

From August-April, Althia Muse and Pat Atkins will be offering bi-weekly confirmation classes for anyone seeking confirmation in 2025. A schedule of classes has been posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway outside of Synod Hall. Classes will be held on Sundays after the 10:00am Mass, in the Guild Room, and will utilize both in-person and virtual platforms. Participants will also learn about and support various ministries at the Cathedral. If you would like to be included please reach out to Althia at (609) 802-2303.

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

GRIEF

Support Group

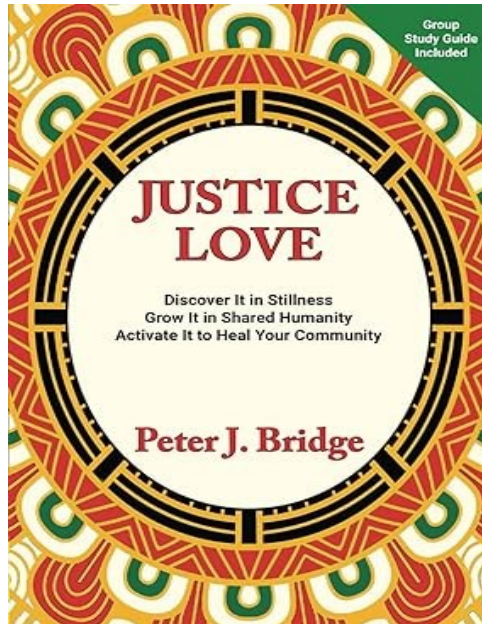
SATURDAY
 October 12, 2024
 10:00am
 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church
 801 West State Street Trenton, NJ
 Please use parking lot in the rear

Please bring a photo of the person you lost

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



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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!



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	Lasaaan 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	Naem Muse	Birthday

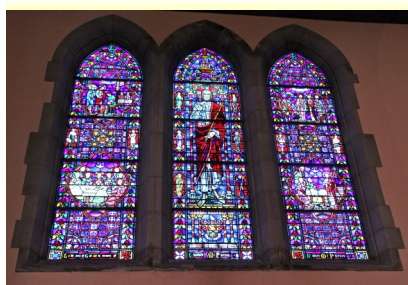
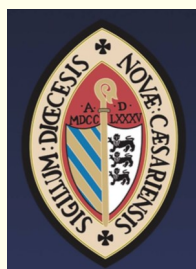
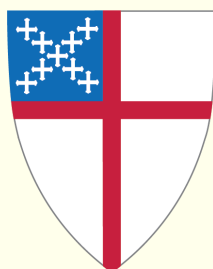
2	Adam Snow	Birthday
3	Mary Johnson	Birthday
3	Keenan Ross, Kenton Ross	Birthday
	Gabrielle John and Gemelle John-Bedu	Birthday
5	Lori Cooper	Birthday
6	The Rev. Dr. John Luttrell	Birthday
7	Abel Bedu	Birthday
8	Jalen Ross	Birthday
9	Virginia G. Monte	Birthday
10	Karlene Blasse	Birthday
10	Kimme Carlos	Birthday
10	Stephen Slusher	Birthday
12	Janet Haring	Birthday
12	Theodore Miller	Birthday
13	Archie Ngwayah	Birthday
14	Dana Thompson	Birthday
15	Anthony Rabara	Birthday
18	Ugochinyere Opara	Birthday
18	Marjorie Jones	Birthday
18	Zoey Bertheau	Birthday
19	Theresa Dunn	Birthday
19	Clara Gregory	Birthday
19	Micah Dunn	Birthday
19	Natalya Kirmales-Prouty	Birthday
19	John & Sue Gummere	Anniversary
22	Lucia Smith	Birthday
22	Rachward Mathis	Birthday
22	Akeem John	Birthday
22	Leah Parker	Birthday
24	Tesia Miller	Birthday
24	Drs. Phil & Gail Lewis	Anniversary
25	Richard & Emily Fineburg	Anniversary
25	The Rev. Dorothy Auer	Birthday
27	The Rev. Lisa Caton	Birthday
27	Aliana Tejada	Birthday
28	Hasaan White	Birthday
29	Courtney Walton	Birthday
29	Edna Marlene Garrison	Birthday
29	Lawrence S. Ford	Birthday
29	Manuel Elijah Quentin Tejada	Birthday
30	The Very Rev. Rene John	Anniv. Of Ord.
30	Fatima Scipio	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

Please go to
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for information on how to join us
via livestream!

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
The Rev. Carol Gilbert, Deacon

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