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A Message from Our Dean

Teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

My friends, soon Election Day will be here. Please vote and may God guide you to prayerfully make a decision that augers best for our nation. I pray that whatever the outcome we find a way to move forward as God's children.

On November 2nd our newly-elected Presiding Bishop will take up the mantle as the 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Please pray for him and his family. We also thank God for former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his family. He served us well and we pray he enjoys a healthy and productive retirement.

Our two recent Fundraising events were quite successful: the 20th occasion of our George E. Councill Memorial Golf Outing & Pickleball Challenge, and our 17th African Festival (suspended 2020-2023 during and after COVID-19) which returned with great gusto! Thank you to the respective Committees, who skillfully and faithfully made these events not just hugely successful but a tremendous amount of fun.

In the days ahead I suspect we will have much to consider, not least of which will be Cathedral stewardship. Thank you to our Seminarian, Angela DiJoseph who will be our guest preacher on November 10th at our 10am Worship for New Consecration Sunday.

One more very important offering I recommend to your consideration is a presentation by the Torch Club on November 9th from 6-8pm, in Trinity Cathedral's Synod Hall: a dinner and conversation on the book 'We Refuse To be Silent'. Angela P. Dodson, Editor brings together the voices of thirty five accomplished women writers on the topic of violence and injustice against black men, as they navigate a world that stereotypes and targets them. Editor Angela P. Dodson will be present along with Michael Days. A donation of \$30 is requested for dinner.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully,

The Very Reverend René John
Dean

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Dear Friend in Christ:

As I reflect on my time as your Presiding Bishop, my heart is filled with gratitude for the journey we have shared. Together we have sought to faithfully bear witness to God's way of love as we have come to know it in Jesus of Nazareth. I am profoundly thankful to God and to you for your support and commitment to our shared mission.

Over the past nine years, we have worked to spread the message of God's love, justice, and reconciliation. We have reached out to those in need, advocated for the marginalized, and built bridges of understanding and compassion. Our collective efforts have made an impact on countless lives, and for your partnership and prayers in this, I am grateful.

As I prepare to end my service as Presiding Bishop, I am reminded that our work is far from over. The challenges we face are great, but so too is our resolve. The mission of The Episcopal Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, to serve those in need, and to strive for justice and peace. I know that we will continue to answer this call.

God's grace working together through our prayers, our labor, and our financial support enables us to offer hope and healing, and to be a beacon of love in a world that desperately needs it.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of your church, please contact Julia Alling or Timothy Mayora at development@episcopalchurch.org.

Thank you and God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

Thanksgiving Foods Needed for Trinity Food Pantry



It's almost Turkey Time!

The Food Pantry will be hosting its usual Turkey Day distribution this year. The bags of sides and fixin's will be distributed on **November 23rd**. If you would like to contribute the side dishes to complete a Thanksgiving dinner, we especially need the following: stuffing, boxed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, cake/pie makings, cornbread mix, etc. (we DO receive lots of canned vegetables, so we won't need more). Items can be brought to the Cathedral anytime before November 21st, when we fill the bags. Financial contributions are always welcome.

Thank you for sharing!

The Trinity Cathedral Food Pantry

Dear Friends,

As we once again enter this season of Stewardship, I would like us to reflect upon being cheerful givers with grateful hearts. For we know that *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* (Acts 20:35).

As followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are implored to "lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven," (Matt. 6:19), which the giving of one's times, talents, and treasures to His body, the church, helps to achieve. With an understanding of holistic stewardship and a practice of gratitude and generosity, we will undoubtedly grow spiritually, more and more into the likeness of the loving, generous God in whose image we are created.



This year's New Consecration Sunday will take place on Sunday, November 10th, with one service only at 10:00 am. The scripture this year is taken from Psalm 127 –

"Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build."

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. As such, 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 New Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our Cathedral's ministries serving our community and around the world. Every attendee and member who completes an Estimate of Giving Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on New Consecration Sunday in person or online.

Our New Consecration Sunday presenter will be Seminarian Angela DiJoseph, a second year Seminarian at Princeton Theological Seminary. Ideally, we would love everyone present but if not possible, please reflect upon Psalm 127 as you prepare to fill out your 2024 pledge.

Please know your Cathedral leadership will forever seek to be good and faithful stewards of those gifts entrusted to our responsibility. The Wardens, Vestry, and Dean appreciate your sacrificial giving and encourage your active participation in New Consecration Sunday and our many ministries.

Gratefully in Christ,

J. Gilbert Williams, III
Senior Warden
Cathedral Stewardship Committee

Christmas Cheer is Drawing Near!

It's hard to believe it's almost here, but it is Wreath Sale time again, folks! We are looking forward to your pre-orders and visits to the mini-Christmas Sale on wreath pick-up day, which will be Sunday, December 8th. It's a cheerful way to kick off your Christmas decorating, a gift for a special person in your life, or in some cases, an beautiful cemetery remembrance of departed loved ones.

The price of the wreaths will remain the same this year, just \$28 each, and will be available for pick-up on Sunday morning, December 8th, after the 10:00 am Mass. Each will be hand-decorated and feature lots of natural elements to blend perfectly with your Christmas décor. All proceeds benefit our Cathedral.

As in previous years, we have some fun and festive Christmas items to feature in our "mini Christmas market" in Synod Hall. And since it's the second Sunday of Advent, the Altar Guild Shop will be open as well! Why not bring along a friend when you come to pick up your wreath . . . or just stop in to check out the Christmas items. You might find just the right gift!

We are requesting that you let us know ahead of time if you would like to purchase a wreath (by Sunday, November 24th, please!) If you would like to place an order, call or E-mail Patrice D'Angelo in the Cathedral office at PatriceAtTrinity@aol.com or (609) 382-3805 ext. 100, or Georgia Koenig at gbkoenig@verizon.net or (609) 273-3351!

Dancing, Great Food and Fun for All at our 17th African Festival!



The Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity

presents:

Spanish & World Guitar

Featuring



SALVO

Sunday, Nov. 10

3:00PM

Trinity Cathedral
801 West State St.
Trenton, NJ
(free parking)

General Admission:
\$25
Students: \$10

Information or tickets: (609) 392-3805 ext. 100



Stretto

Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra (Trinity Strings/Blue Mountain Festival) held its first Gala at the Watershed Institute in Hopewell. Stretto was thrilled to honor Dean John with the Service Leadership Award and architect Evan Shieh (<https://www.emergent-studio.com/people>) with the Alumni Achievement Award. In addition to high-level music making, Stretto is also focused on character development and addressing historical inequity in access to early childhood music education. We are grateful for Dean John's powerful example of how a strong leader can use the energy of service and a capacity to nurture to bring people together and create spaces of thriving. For more about the Stretto vision please see our new video at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rScG2s3yyfM&ab_channel=StrettoChamberOrch

Some photos of the evening's festivities are featured here. We are grateful to the entire Trinity Community for all of their support!





2	Adam Snow	Birthday
3	Mary Johnson	Birthday
3	Keenan Ross, Kenton Ross	Birthday
5	Gabrielle John and Gemelle John-	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 Tejeda	Birthday
28	Hasaan White	Birthday
29	Courtney Walton	Birthday
29	Edna Marlene Garrison	Birthday
29	Lawrence S. Ford	Birthday
29	Manuel Elijah Quentin Tejeda	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!

Advent and MORE at The Altar Guild Shop

Come visit the Altar Guild Shop . . . all visitors receive a free gift just for stopping in!

Many new items are coming in weekly, at reasonable prices, too! Now available: 2025 desk and wall Liturgical calendars. Also, regular designed pocket & wall calendars.

A variety of Advent items are available for all ages. Check out the selection of nice gifts for holiday giving (we don't just have books & jewelry!) Watch for our Big Clearance Sale!

The Trinity Altar Guild Shop is open the 1st & 3rd Sundays in November. You can also visit the shop during Diocesan Convention on Saturday, November 23rd. We're also open every Sunday during Advent for your shopping convenience. See you there!



Creation Care Corner

Topic of the Month - Food Miles!

We learned from September's Creation Care Forum that due to the unique nature of the climate crisis, environmental measures we enact locally affect everyone else on the planet. That is, the contributing factors to climate change and resulting injustices cannot be contained geographically. So, I think it's helpful to approach Creation Care with a spirit of collaboration, learning from even far-flung Church communities that may broaden our perspective to a global scale, while we continue to act locally.

With that in mind, I was pleased when a member of the Church of England recently introduced me to the "Eco Church"¹ movement, which seeks to support practical Creation Care actions in England and Wales. I was intrigued by the many projects already completed under the Eco Church umbrella, ranging from the creation of beehives, to bio-diverse wildflower gardens, to tree planting projects, to projects addressing food waste, to "greening-up" church buildings, land and operational practices, to the creation of new liturgies, prayers and services conducted outside in the countryside, and much, much more.



The "low-miles" winning frittata made with local dairy (1 mile) and homegrown herbs.

Photo Credit:

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/st-nicholas-church-food-miles/>

One project in particular caught my eye, developed by St. Nicholas church in the Welsh border town of Montgomery. The church adopted their existing "bring and share lunch" program by challenging the congregation to think about '**food-miles**', which refers to how far the ingredients of a meal have travelled to get to your plate. The challenge here is to cook items with as low food-miles as possible, made from **locally sourced ingredients rather than using items flown from across the globe**. Helpful strategies (in the UK) include the use of sugar made from British sugar beet in place of sugar cane. The winning dish at St. Nicholas' was a savory frittata made with dairy products from a local farm and homegrown herbs, which had a very modest count of just one mile. By-the-way, one parishioner calculated that a Big Mac (in the UK) has a food-mile count of 8050 miles!

The transportation of food makes a significant contribution to our carbon footprint. What can we do to reduce our food-miles? Can we make better use of our local sources? It's certainly "food for thought".

In general, Eco Church encourages sourcing foods that follow the LOAF principles – **Local, Organic, Animal-friendly, and Fairtrade**.

A helpful booklet on "Sustainable Food Provision in Church" can be found here:

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/C11-Sustainable-Food-Provisions-in-Church.pdf>

¹ <https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/>

By Dcn. Christopher Cox

Join Angela P. Dodson and Michael Days
in the discussion of violence and injustice against African American
men as they navigate a world that often stereotypes and targets them.

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Dinner at 6:00pm



Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
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\$30 for dinner

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Checks Mailed To: Sam Stephens
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TOGETHER WE VOTE
OUR FAITH. OUR FUTURE. OUR VOTE.

NOV 3RD

SOULS TO THE POLLS

RAISE YOUR VOICE AND VOTE EARLY!

Sunday, November 3, 2024 @ 12PM Noon
Trenton Fire House, 244 Perry Street
Free Shuttle Service Available!

NAACP
Trenton Branch

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Social Justice

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Supporting other families during these difficult times.

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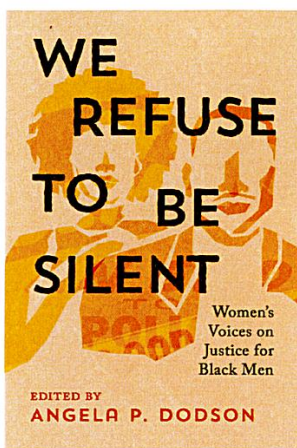
SATURDAY
November 9, 2024
10:00am
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church
801 West State Street Trenton, NJ
Please use parking lot in the rear

Please bring a photo of the person you lost

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

Women Writers on Violence + Injustice toward Black Men

New book shines light on the dangers Black men face + the emotional toll anti-Black violence takes on the women who love them



MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.– The women have something to say. Are you listening?

In this powerful and needed collection, editor **Angela P. Dodson** brings together the voices of more than thirty-five accomplished women writers on the topic of violence and injustice against Black men. These writers are journalists, authors, scholars, ministers, psychologists, counselors, and other experts. They are also wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, aunts, and friends. Each lends her voice to shine a new light on the injustices and dangers Black men face daily, and how women feel about the vulnerability of our sons, husbands, brothers, fathers, uncles, friends, and other males we care about as they navigate a world that often stereotypes and targets them.

Contributors include: **Elizabeth Alexander**, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, poet, and author of *The Light of the World*; **Brenda M. Greene**, founder and executive director of the Center for Black Literature, director of the National Black Writers Conference, and professor of English at Medgar Evers

College of the City University of New York; **Goldie Taylor**, former US Marine, MSNBC contributor, author, and an editor at large of *The Daily Beast*; **Isabel Wilkerson**, Pulitzer Prize winner, National Humanities Medal recipient, and author of *Caste* and *The Warmth of Other Suns*; **Charisse Jones**, award-winning journalist and coauthor of eight books, including *Shifting: The Double Lives of Black Women in America* and the *New York Times* bestselling memoir of Misty Copeland, *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina*; **Michelle Duster**, author, public historian, and great-granddaughter of Ida B. Wells; **Darnella Frazier**, citizen journalist awarded a Pulitzer citation for her role filming the murder of George Floyd, and many more.

The catalyst for a national conversation, ***We Refuse to Be Silent: Women's Voices on Justice for Black Men*** (April 30) offers historical context that is often missing from public discussions and media coverage, while demonstrating an ongoing pattern of demonizing Black men that is rooted deep in the history of our nation. ###

About the Author

Angela P. Dodson holds an MA in journalism and public affairs from American University and is a former senior editor for the *New York Times* and a former executive editor of *Black Issues Book Review*. She has written and edited for outlets like *Essence*, *Heart & Soul*, the *Washington Star*, and the *Louisville Courier-Journal*. She is the author of *Remember the Ladies: Celebrating Those Who Fought for Freedom at the Ballot Box* and the founder of Editors on Call, LLC. She lives in Trenton, New Jersey.

We Refuse to Be Silent: Women's Voices on Justice for Black Men edited by **Angela P. Dodson**
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Group Study Guide Included

JUSTICE LOVE

Discover It in Stillness
Grow It in Shared Humanity
Activate It to Heal Your Community

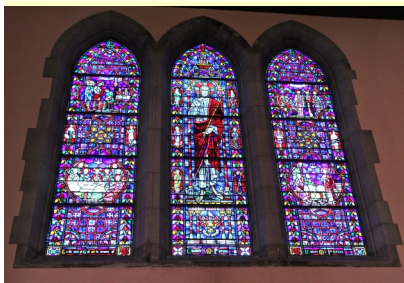
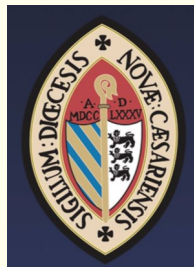
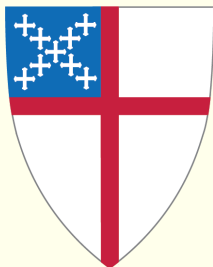
Peter J. Bridge

Find Peter Bridge's 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!

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

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