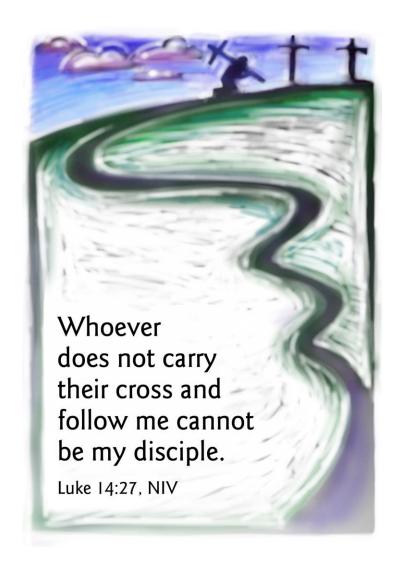
TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 – PENTECOST 13/PROPER 18 – YEAR C REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 10:00 am - The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

CELEBRANT & PREACHER - THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN

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<u>www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org</u> The Very Rev. René Rory John, Dean WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help. Masks are optional within the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces. Thank you for helping us to remain as safe as possible while enjoying in-person worship. "This is how we love one another!"

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

Remain standing

Processional Hymn Hymnal # 577 God is Love, and Where True Love Is

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All sing

Hymnal # S-280 Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading Lector: Brenda Whiteman A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (18:1-11)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the

clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

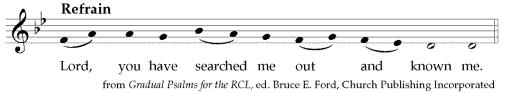
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People:

Remain seated; all sing refrain together

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

Cantor: Susan Remmers



Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

Refrain

You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Refrain

For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

Refrain

My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Refrain

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

Refrain

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading Lector: Virginia Harmer A Reading from Paul's letter to Philemon (1-21)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and coworker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn Hymnal # 675 Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Very Rev. René John

All stand as able and say together

A Statement of Faith based on Galatians 3:26-28

Celebrant: Let us renew our pledge to work for unity, justice, and peace.

We are all children of God.

There is no longer Jew or Greek.

There is no longer slave or free.

There is no longer male and female.

For we are all one.

We believe Jesus lived for this and died for this.

We pledge ourselves with God's help and the support of each other to make this become a reality.

Remain standing Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing

Prayers of the People

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Silence

Lector: Father of all compassion, we pray through your Son who died for us in the power of our Spirit of consolation, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: Erica Warner

Lector: We remember before you all who died in the terror on September 11 in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania; that you will grant them peace with all your saints; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember before you members of our Diocese and friends who were killed in the events of September 11, 2001: Colleen A. Meehan Barkow; Jane Beatty; David O. Campbell; Dean P. Eberling; John C. Hartz; Stephen Joseph; Allison Hortsmann Jones; Edward H. Luckett, II; Charles W. Mathers; Karl T. Smith; Edward T. Strauss; Robert R. Talhami; Sal Tieri; Police Officer Mark Ellis; Police Officer Raymond Suarez; Janine Damiani Jones, and the First Responders who lost their lives; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lector: We remember before you those who died in self-forgetful service, the police, firefighters and emergency personnel; that their sacrifice and heroism may be honored and imitated; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lector: We remember before you all who mourn, especially those who have never recovered the remains of those whom they love; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lector: We remember before you those who hate and who died in their hate; that they may receive mercy and that their hate may not beget hatred in return; Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: We remember before you the people of this nation in their grief and fear and we pray that, trusting in you, they may be given the courage to rebuild their lives with hope and with a renewed commitment to justice and community; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lector: We remember before you the leaders of this nation and the leaders of all nations, that you may grant them prudence, wisdom and the desire to seek justice, peace and an end to terror rather than prideful revenge; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lector: Make us deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; preserve us from sudden death and give us the grace to live each day as though it were our last; **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend our brothers and sisters who died in terror. Acknowledge, we humbly pray you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen**.

Please remain in your pew for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Holy Communion

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory

Offertory Solo Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Offertory Hymn LEVAS # 145 Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

The Great Thanksgiving:

Eucharistic Prayer AChalice bearer: Cn. Clara Gregory

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds . . .

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-129 Sanctus

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues . . .

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to

you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .

Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be said . . .

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Hymnal # S-163

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All Baptized Christians are welcome to make their Communion at the Lord's table.

Communion Hymn LEVAS # 144

I Can Hear My Savior Calling

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn Hymnal # 423 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Blessing

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Anglican Church of Southern Africa; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the ministry of Diocesan Transition Officers.

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: Gilda & Athus Bertheau, and Alexandra Borella.

We commend to your prayers this day all persons deployed in the service of our country. May they dwell safely under the protection of Almighty God.

We remember before you those who are sick, or in any other special need, especially the residents of Hamilton Grove Care and Rehabilitation Center; along with the People of Ukraine and Russia, the People of Israel, Palestine and Iran, the People of Haiti, Amarachi Ngozi Okere, Ellen Wanser, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Donald Brokate & Anthony Rabara, Noel Amadi, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Peter Bridge, Laura D., Linda G. Glosson, Angela DiJoseph, Deion Sanders, Lisa M. Pilgrim, Ginger Bruce, the Bruce family, Nicky, Patricia Atkins, Dershowitz family, the Gallardo family, Joe D'Angelo, Quincy Jones, Sylvia Whiteside, Joyce Jones & the Charles family, Mike Bernardo, and Food for the Poor Ministries, the people they serve, and their staff and donors.

We remember those who have died, especially **Sandra "Sandy" Neilson**, **Eugene Charles**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

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Following Christ, joining the Cathedral – We invite you to accept the invitation to follow Christ, to become a Christian and to become a member of Trinity Cathedral. We encourage you to fill in one of the pew cards and place it in the offering plate, or please contact one of the clergy.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 9/14 are:

Sue Gummere, Chinweze Ahaghotu, Ellen Heath & Fay Manicke (alternate) Chalice bearer: Bobbie Powell

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 9/14 (2nd Sunday) are:

Edward Greenfield (Greeter/Usher) & Dennie Higgins (alternate Greeter)

This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry – join us on Thursday, September 11 at 4:45pm.

Next Sunday, September 14th, will be Homecoming Sunday! Join us as we celebrate our Choir with a luncheon in Synod Hall after the 10:00 am Mass.

Please support our Golf Outing! – YOU can help make our October 13th golf outing a smashing success! We will need unique and fun prizes for the raffle and auction at the dinner reception following the outing. NOW is the time to speak with family, friends, and businesses you may know to generate support. Restaurant gift cards, tickets to shows and sporting events, overnight stays and gift baskets/baskets of cheer are all great prize ideas! Our golf outing committee is busy recruiting golfers and handling the details of this important annual fundraiser, but there are only so many volunteers on the committee; we can use the help of our parishioners to "hit it out of the park!" Speak with Patrice in the office if you would like more information on how to "make the ask"; there are golf outing brochures on the table in the main hallway.

Tours of Trinity Cathedral Available - Join a scheduled tour of Trinity Cathedral conducted by Bernard McMullan, informal Cathedral historian and former chair of the Cathedral's Property, Maintenance and Improvement Commission. Two tour dates are scheduled:

- Sunday, September 28 at 5PM
- Sunday, October 26 at 4PM

The 90-minute tour of the four different churches in the Cathedral complex will include a review of the history, architecture, stained glass, fabrics, and other art of Trinity as well telling some of the "stories" of this 133 year-old congregation. The event requires extensive walking and traversing of several flights of stairs.

The tour concludes with hors d'oeuvres, sweets, wine and conversation in Synod Hall. Just a few slots are available on each of the days. A donation to Trinity Cathedral of \$25 per person is requested. Sign up on the poster in the main hallway outside the Cathedral offices.

Group tours of the Cathedral can be arranged through Patrice D'Angelo (PatriceAtTrinity@aol.com) or Bernard McMullan (rivervue1622@gmail.com).

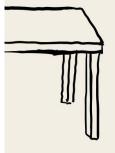
The Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity - 2025-2026 Season - CAST is delighted to offer an exciting season of wonderful, engaging music featuring exceptional performers representing a variety of musical genres and traditions. Join us for six admission-based performances as well as three additional performances and events including two performances by The Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra (Dec. 14 and June 7) and a special event centered around Trinity Cathedral's own labyrinth as part of World Labyrinth Day. Please support CAST by attending these performances, purchasing or soliciting advertising for our program, or making a direct contribution to support the series. (Form in bulletin.)

The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, September 13th (2nd & 4th Saturdays this month) from 9-11:00 am. Each Thursday, we distribute hot dinners "to go" from 4:15–5:30pm at the Overbrook Avenue entrance as a satellite location for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.

Stretto Community Flea Market

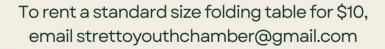
Fall Cleaning? Sell, Shop, and Support Your Community! Turn your clutter into cash and find amazing deals.

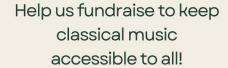
> Saturday, September 13th 9AM - 1PM Trinity Cathedral 801 W. State St. Trenton, NJ



Sell anything from clothes and accessories, to antiques and handmade goods.

Reserve a space for \$20, and keep 100% of your profits!







New Trinity Strings Beginning Group Class Starting in September 2025



Trinity Strings is having open enrollment for their Group String Class! This class offers children aged 4-6 the opportunity to learn to play the violin, viola, or cello in a group setting. During class your child will learn basic technique, theory and note-reading, as well as ensemble skills while playing many fun pieces with their peers.

A parent or caregiver is required to attend class and practice at home with the student for the first 2 years. This learning model allows for the most successful start for your child.

Every winter and spring the Group Class performs with <u>Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra</u> (www.strettoyouthchamberorchestra.org).

Classes consist of two semesters per year from September – December and January – June for 3 years. After completing the first 3 years, students graduate into private lessons and Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra.

Location: Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State St., Trenton, NJ

Time: Saturdays from 12:15 - 1:00pm

Cost: \$15/class (there is no pro-rated fee for personal absences) Financial Aid is available for families making below 50K/year

Instrument Rental: \$50/semester

Informational Meeting: Saturday, September 20 at 12:15 pm – please register to attend

For Questions or Information Please Contact:

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484-467-9194

Private lessons for older students also available. Please email for information.

Creation Care Forum BY ZOOM

Saturday, September 20, 2025 • 9:00 am — Noon

JOIN OUR INTERACTIVE FORUM TO SEE:

- What's happening with Creation Care ministry in the Diocese of New Jersey and the Episcopal Church.
- Presentations of Creation Care ministries from around the diocese.
- Practical suggestions for "greening" your parish.
- What you can do to get involved.

INVITED SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

- THE REV. STEPHANIE JOHNSON, Past Chair of the General Convention Task Force for Care of Creation and Environmental Racism.
- ADRIENNE ELLIOTT, Diocese of Olympia, co-author of The Episcopal Church Creation Care curriculum.
- LISA ALTIERI, creator of Sustain Island Home Carbon Tracker.
- KELVIN ROBERSON, PSE&G Energy Audit official.







THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (9/7)
8:30 am
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 18
Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

Mon. (9/8)

6:30 pm Golf Outing meeting via Zoom

Tues. (9/9)

5:30 – 8:00 pm Creation Care/Isles Cooking Demo - SH

Thurs. (9/11)

4:15 – 5:30 pm TASK Meals – SH

4:45 pm Food bagging for Food Pantry

8:00 pm Society of Mary Rosary Devotions via Zoom and phone access: Please E-mail

Erica Warner at vassose@aol.com for information on how to join us

Sat. (9/13)

9 - 11:00 am Food Pantry

9:00am-1:00 pm Stretto Flea Market on the front lawn

10:00am-12:00pm Grief Support Group – GR

Sun. (9/14) The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 19

Homecoming Sunday

10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Choir Appreciation Lunch in Synod Hall following Mass

10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP