

TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



**OCTOBER 5, 2025 – PENTECOST 17/PROPER 22 – YEAR C
THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS FOR THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER – THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN

**Our Vision:
A visible agent of God's love in Christ, joyfully embracing all people.**

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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 # 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Blessing of the Animals

Dean: Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.

People: **And forget not all his benefits.**

Dean: Let the earth glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him forever.

People: **Glorify the Lord, O Creatures of the wild, and all you his flocks and herds. O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, Praise and highly exalt him forever.**

For all your creatures that breathe and move and have life.

That we may love and honor the works of your hand.

That we may treasure and care for our pets.

For the love and loyalty our pets show us.

That in loving and honoring your creations we may love you.

That you will keep them and us in your protecting care.

We thank you, Lord.

We pray to you, Lord.

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Dean: O Lord, who has looked upon all of his creation and declared that it was good, we thank you for the animals with whom we share this earth, and particularly for those which you have given into our care. We pray that you will guard them and tend to their necessities, relieve their suffering, protect them from exploitation, and let each of us see in them the beauty and the glory of your creative hand. As you raised your servant Francis to declare the oneness of all your work, give us gentle spirits, and help us to be instruments of your loving providence, that we may abound in your glory. **Amen.**

All animals are invited to the front of the church for a special blessing.

Prayer in Memory of Pets We Have Lost

Dean: Dear God, we give thanks to you for the lives of those pets who have died and the love and companionship we shared. We will miss them, but in the midst of our sorrow we recognize the blessings they brought to us. Just as you are aware of every sparrow that falls, be with them even now. *(Please name your pets silently or aloud.)* In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, who died for us. Lord, in your mercy . . . **Hear our prayer.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Howard Ebersole

A Reading from the book of Lamentations (1:1-6)

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

The Word of the Lord.

***People:* Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 137

Super flumina

Edwin George Monk



- 1 By the waters of Babylon we sat¹down and¹wept, *
when we re¹membered¹you, O¹Zion.
- 2 As for our harps, we¹hung them¹up *
on the¹trees in the¹midst of that¹land.
- 3 For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,
and our oppressors¹called for¹mirth: *
“Sing us¹one of the¹songs of¹Zion.”
- 4 How shall we¹sing the¹LORD’s song *
up¹on an¹alien¹soil?
- 5 If I forget you,¹O Je¹rusalem, *
let my right¹hand for¹get its¹skill.
- 6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth
if I do¹not re¹member you, *
if I do not set Jerusalem a¹bove my¹highest¹joy.
- 7 Remember the day of Jerusalem, O LORD,
against the¹people of¹Edom, *
who said, “Down with it! down with it!
¹even¹to the¹ground!”
- 8 O Daughter of Babylon,¹doomed to de¹struction, *
happy the one who pays you back
for¹what you have¹done to¹us!
- †9 Happy shall he be who¹takes your¹little ones, *
and¹dashes them a¹gainst the¹rock!

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Cn. Clara Gregory

A Reading from Paul’s Second letter to Timothy (2 Tim 1:1-14)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his

own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 541

Come, Labor On

Remain standing

The Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

**The Very Rev. René John,
Dean**

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

Lector: John Gummere

The Lector and People pray responsively

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole human family and for the world of which we are a part, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lector: O God, you are unresting in movement, serene in the stillness, inspiring zeal while counseling patience, calling us from paths that lead to ease and indifference. That washed anew each day by our baptism, we wait for your coming, not hardening our hearts nor forsaking our faith, but vowing dedication in mind and in will and lifting hearts and hands in holy obedience to your will: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: 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; Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Anglican Church of Tanzania; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; and the Members and Ministry of the Diocesan Jane O. P. Turner Fund. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Kyle Taylor, Michele Koenig, Tristan Ganges, Chris and Hilary Cox, Trisha Cooper, Paul Ogbonna, Euphenia Tejeda, Caroline Tweh, Amy R. Young, Georgianna Aiken and Lasaan White.** Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: That leaders of all segments of society, government and military, business and industry, all popular and social endeavor, will reject impotent rhetoric and will speak the truth for the honest edification of the kingdom among us: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: 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. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Lector: That we together with those in our families and in our communities, those who suffer from illness and disease, loneliness and despair, and those we name silently before you, may bask in the warmth and joy and love of the Spirit: Lord, in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Deacon: 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, Andrew McDonald, Virginia Barbarin, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky & Vince, Peter Bridge, Sylvia Whiteside, Joyce Jones & the Charles family, Mike Bernardo, Food for the Poor Ministries, the people they serve, and their staff and donors, Hang Tran, Amy DeSanto, Jason, Hannah, Ava H., Laura Fuschini, the Reed, Gordon and Lopez families, Wendy Gilgeous, Michael Shoop, Judith Miller, the Griffith family, Debbie Gottlieb, Dan Gottlieb, the Samuel family, Belinda Whiteman & Elvis, Bethany Whiteman & Leopold, and the Lopez, Gordon, Diehl, Turnbell and Shoucair families. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: That those we criticize and scorn will become our brothers and sisters, and that we make the first step toward reconciliation: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Lector: That they memory of our loved ones and of all the saints will keep us steadily on the path to which you point us: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Deacon: We remember those who have died, especially **Tony Lopez, Dennis Dielh, Ed Turnbell, David Shoucair**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Hear these words, O Lord, as you hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

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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 Anthem

O Lord, Increase My Faith

Orlando Gibbons

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal # 551

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

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 C**

Chalice bearer: Cn. Phil Lewis

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 ...

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: ***Glory to you for ever and ever.***

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: ***By your will they were created and have their being.***

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: ***Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.***

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: ***By his blood, he reconciled us.***
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People:
Hymnal # S-129

Sanctus

The Celebrant continues ...

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***People: We celebrate his death and resurrection,
 as we await the day of his coming.***

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 # 189

Great is Thy Faithfulness

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 # 610

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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

TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY
OCTOBER 5, 2025 ~ PENTECOST 17/PROPER 22



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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lectors for the 10:00 am Mass on 10/12 are:

TBA

Chalice bearer: TBA

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 10/12 (2nd Sunday) are:

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

Have you checked out our new volunteer bulletin board? It's just inside the parking lot doors. Here you will find posted opportunities to volunteer at the Cathedral, with our partner organizations, and in the community. Projects big and small will be posted here. If you would like to advertise a volunteer opportunity, you can create your own flyer or use the form on the literature table in the main hallway.

This week we will bag food for the Food Pantry! Join us on Thursday, October 9th at 4:45 pm.

Did you know we host a Grief Support Group? Join us Sat., Oct. 11th at 10am in the Guild Room.

ENTER TO WIN!!! – If you cannot be with us at our Golf Outing – the biggest fundraiser of the year – you can still contribute to its success! We are raffling off a fun package of kitchen accessories, with all proceeds going to support the outing. Look for the flyer in your bulletin for more information, and see Margaret Nartey or Willie Coleman after church in Synod Hall to buy your tickets – good luck!
Our last ticket sale date will be Sunday, October 12th, and the winner will be drawn during hospitality hour.

The first performance in this year's Cathedral Arts Series is TODAY at 3:00 pm. Join us for award-winning pianist and composer, Sandrine Erdley Sayo. See Bobbie Powell, Bernard McMullan or a member of C.A.S.T. to get your tickets and enjoy some beautiful music in your cathedral!

Thank you, Bloomin' 4 Good! – Many thanks to the Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good program for its recent contribution of \$115 to our Food Pantry! Each month, a local hunger organization is selected to receive funds from the sale of the Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold at Stop & Shop. Next year, if we are selected again, please be sure to pick up a bouquet to benefit our Pantry!

Last chance to sign up for pickleball! – At our October 13th golf outing, we will host a pickleball clinic in the morning to practice your moves. Then you'll participate in a round-robin style play with fellow pickleballers (don't worry – there are LOTS of beginners!) It's not too late to register – only \$60, which includes the after-tournament cocktail hour and buffet dinner. Join us and try it out! (Registration forms are on the literature table in the main hallway.)

Youth Christian Education Resumes - We are excited to announce that Christian Education for our youth will be resuming this fall, preparing young people for Confirmation at Easter 2026 and continuing to build on the strong foundation established last year. New and returning participants are encouraged to join. Sessions will be 75-90 minutes on alternating Sundays after church (schedule TBD). Any interested participants are encouraged to reach out to Althia Muse (609-802-2303 or althia.muse@yahoo.com) or Patricia Atkins (609-900-6954) patriciaaatkins@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you again this year!

Upcoming Coffee Hour Fellowship
*Immediately following the Sunday Eucharist,
in Synod Hall*

Sunday, October 5
Loving our volunteers!
Celebrating the many volunteers who give their time to support Trinity Cathedral outreach and in-parish programs and those who offer their light and love in other ways.

Sunday, October 12
Honoring our Trinity Cathedral clergy!
Dean René John
Deacon Christopher Cox
Associate Priests Noel Amadi, Peter Bridge,
John Luttrell, Julia McKeon, Bruce Montgomery

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.)

Tour of Trinity Cathedral Available - Join us for a tour of Trinity Cathedral on Sunday, October 26th conducted by Bernard McMullan, informal Cathedral historian and former chair of the Cathedral's Property, Maintenance and Improvement Commission.

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 next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, October 11th (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.

Last Sunday to purchase tickets is Oct. 12th; when we will announce the winner during hospitality hour!



Enter to Win!!

Amazing Kitchen Accessories...



Can't make it to our Golf Outing and want to support our biggest annual fundraiser? Buy a \$10 raffle ticket and you could win this great set! (\$310 Value)

12-piece cookware set

12-piece set of dishes

Kitchen cart on wheels

Shaq & Tracy Morgan cookbook set

2-piece cutting board set

Spoon rest & tea towel

Fun kitchen plaque, spices & tools

Great for gifting season, or to refresh your kitchen.

Purchase tickets in Synod Hall after Mass today!

Thanks to Deborah McConnaughey for this generous donation!

Please Join Us For The



Annual Gala

Saturday
October 18, 2025
5PM - 7PM

The Watershed Institute
31 Titus Mill Road
Pennington, NJ

Silent Auction

Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres to be served

Please join Stretto Youth Chamber Orchestra on October 18, 2025 at the Watershed Institute in Pennington for our Annual Gala in support of Stretto, Blue Mountain Festival, and Trinity Strings' mission to provide high-level musical training and character development to a diverse community of children and youth that fosters socio-economic inclusion, peer leadership, and multi-level mentoring.

We will be honoring Stretto alumna and Active Duty Army Aviation Officer
Alexa Zammit
with the "Alumni Achievement Award," and
the Christina Seix Academy Leadership Team
with the "Service Leadership Award."



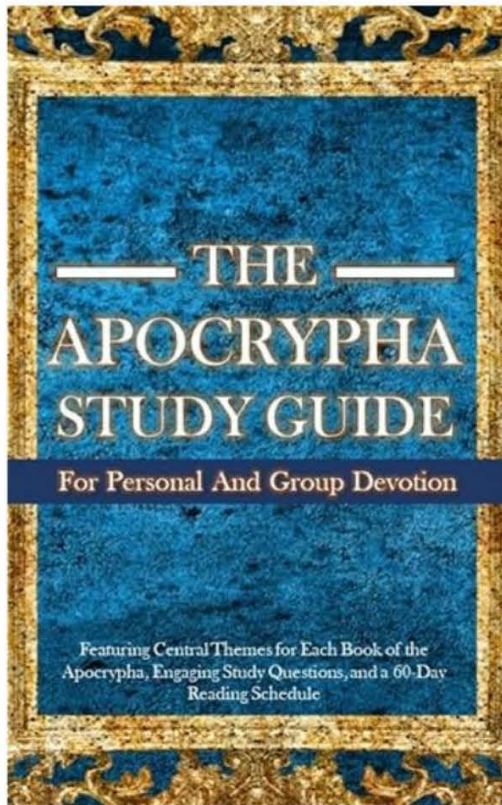
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2025/26 Scripture Study Offering: The Books of the Apocrypha



The word Apocrypha comes from the Greek for “hidden” or “secret” and refers to a collection of texts written between the New and Old Testament times that are not part of our standard canon of Scripture. Apocryphal texts are used in our liturgy and offer valuable historical and spiritual insight. And they make a fascinating study!

Please join our interactive journey through the Apocrypha with the help of our very readable study guide.

By Zoom at 7pm on alternate Wednesdays

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

Start date October 8, 2025

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral

Fall Upcoming Events 2025

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday, October 5, 2025—10:00 am

Celebrating Volunteers

Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 12, 2025—10:00 am

Clergy Appreciation Sunday

Renaming of the Food Pantry—Janet Thompson

Monday, October 13, 2025—10:00 am—7:00 pm

George E. Councill Community Day Golf Outing and Pickleball

Mercer Oaks

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Financial Consultation sharing—Ethel S. Atefoe

Saturday, October 25, 2025—7:00—11:00 pm

African Festival

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday, November 2, 2025—10:00 am

Stewardship Sunday

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Diocesan Convention, Christ Church, Toms River

Sunday, November 30, 2025—10:00 am

The Very Rev. Rene John —40th Anniversary Ordination to the Priesthood



Join us for a brief presentation at
hospitality hour on Sunday,
October 19th.

Request to Speak on Family Financial Needs at Your Church

Dear Sir,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Ethel Atefoe, and I am a licensed financial professional with a passion for empowering individuals and families to take control of their financial futures. Our mission is to educate and guide people of all generations in managing and protecting their hard-earned money with wisdom and confidence.

I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak to your congregation about important and timely financial topics that impact families every day. These include, but are not limited to:

Emergency fund planning

Wealth protection and legacy planning

Retirement planning strategies

Long-term care solutions

Income protection through insurance and other tools

Understanding taxes and how to minimize their impact

Financial literacy is a key component of overall well-being, and when families are equipped with the right knowledge, they are better positioned to thrive and be a blessing to others.

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Please let me know if we can schedule a time to speak further about this opportunity. I'd be happy to provide additional details or references upon request.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to the possibility of serving your church community.

Warm regards,
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THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (10/5)

8:30 am

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

3:00 pm

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 22

Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person)

Choir warm-up - CATH

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Blessing of the Animals at the 10:00 am Mass

Celebrating our volunteers at coffee hour!

Choir rehearsal - CATH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP

CAST presents pianist Sandrine Erdley-Sayo in concert! Join us!

Wed. (10/8)

7:00 pm

Cathedral Bible Study via Zoom: “Intro. to Apocrypha”

Sat. (10/11)

9 – 11:00 am

10:00am – 12pm

Trinity Strings lessons

Food Pantry

Grief Support Group - SH

Sun. (10/12)

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 23

Choir warm-up - CATH

Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)

Celebrating our Clergy at coffee hour!

Re-dedication of the Food Pantry in memory of Janet Thompson

Choir rehearsal - CATH

Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP