

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY**



**OCTOBER 5, 2025 – PENTECOST 17/PROPER 22 - YEAR C  
8:30 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE**

**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. 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*

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **Prelude**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

*All stand*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 405  
vs. 1 & 4**

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

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

*People:* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

*All say together*

**Gloria in Excelsis**

**Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,**

**O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

### **First Reading**

#### **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.**

*All remain seated to say*

**Psalm 137**

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, \*  
when we remembered you, O Zion.  
As for our harps, we hung them up \*  
on the trees in the midst of that land.  
For those who led us away captive asked us for a song,  
and our oppressors called for mirth: \*  
“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.”  
How shall we sing the Lord’s song \*  
upon an alien soil?  
If I forget you, O Jerusalem, \*  
let my right hand forget its skill.  
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth  
if I do not remember you, \*  
if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy.  
Remember the day of Jerusalem, O Lord,  
against the people of Edom, \*  
who said, “Down with it! down with it!  
even to the ground!”  
O Daughter of Babylon, doomed to destruction, \*  
happy the one who pays you back  
for what you have done to us!  
Happy shall he be who takes your little ones, \*  
and dashes them against the rock!

*Remain seated*

**Second Reading**

**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**  
**vs. 1-3**

**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 be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Very Rev. René John,**  
**Dean**

*All stand, as able*

**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 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, Turnbull 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**

**BCP p. 330**

*Please remain in your pew for the Peace.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

## **Holy Communion**

*Remain standing*

**Offertory Hymn**

**Hymnal # 551**

**Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!**

### **The Great Thanksgiving:**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer II**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our



Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*All say together*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All kneel or stand, as able*

*Celebrant:* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*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.**

*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.**

*All say together*

**Agnus Dei**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*The People may join in saying*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen.**

*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 persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## **Communion Solo**

*Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ*

*All say together*

### **Post-communion Prayer**

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **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.**

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**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 pm.**

**Did you know we host a Grief Support Group? Join us Sat., Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:althia.muse@yahoo.com)) or Patricia Atkins (609-900-6954) [patriciaaatkins@gmail.com](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:PatriceAtTrinity@aol.com)) or Bernard McMullan ([rivervue1622@gmail.com](mailto:rivervue1622@gmail.com)).

**The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup>; 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."



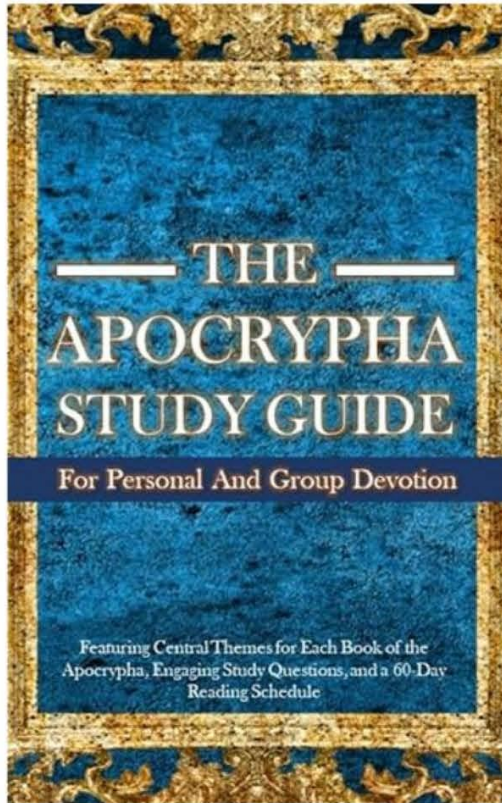
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## **2025/26 Scripture Study Offering: The Books of the Apocrypha**



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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

I would be honored to bring a brief, informative, and faith-respecting presentation or workshop to your church, tailored to meet the unique needs of your congregation. My goal is to serve — not to sell — and to ensure each family walks away with greater clarity and confidence regarding their financial future.

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