

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



**NOVEMBER 30, 2025 – ADVENT 1 – YEAR A  
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

**CELEBRATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION  
OF THE VERY REVEREND RENÉ R. JOHN**

**CONCELEBRANTS - THE VERY REV. RENÉ JOHN & THE REV. CN. DR. STEVE A. WEST  
PREACHER – THE REV. ARLETTE BENOIT JOSEPH**

**Our Vision:**

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

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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**

**Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme**

J.S. Bach

*Stretto/Trinity Strings Faculty*

*Sherri Anderson, Dae'von Austin,*

*Johnny Bentz, and Jordan Lescouflair*

*All stand, as able*

**Processional Hymn**

**Hymnal # 64**

**O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light**

*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-91**

**Kyrie**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated*

**First Reading**

**Lector: Valerie West**

**A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (2:1-5)**

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

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

*Remain seated; sung by the Choir*

**Psalm 122**

**Cantor: Fay Manicke**

Refrain



I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

I was glad when they said to me, \*  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”  
Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

***Refrain***

Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;  
To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.  
For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.

***Refrain***

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
“May they prosper who love you.  
Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.

***Refrain***

For my brethren and companions’ sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.  
Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good.”

***Refrain***

*Remain seated*

**Second Reading**

**Lector: Andrea John**

**A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome (13:11-14)**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*All stand, as able*

**Sequence Hymn**

**Hymnal # 61**

**"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us**

*Remain standing*

**The Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Arlette Benoit Joseph**

*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: Brenda Whiteman**

*The Lector and People pray responsively*

*Deacon:* God calls us to love one another. As a sign of that love, let us lift up our prayer to God for the needs of all people throughout the world, saying: O God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

*Lector:* We pray for the peace of the world, that our instruments of war may be transformed into instruments of peace, and that nations shall cease to learn war any more. O God, 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. O God, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* We pray for the church, that we may become more and more a means of grace and peace in the world. O God, 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, Philip, the Archbishop-Elect of the West Indies, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially The Anglican Church of Australia; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops; Church of the Advent in Cape May, and St. Andrew's Church in Allenhurst, Camden, Lambertville, Mount Holly, and New Providence. O God, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* We pray for all people of good will who seek to cast off the works of darkness, that we may be enlightened through our service of others in the name of Christ. O God, in your mercy,

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* We pray for all who are in need, that we may be alert to the presence of Christ in them and ready to reach out in love. O God, 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 Jones, Mike Bernardo, Michelle & Krista, Jane M., Eileen Cera, Crystal Smith, Mary Ann Harmon, Oleksyi Dmitrischuk, Rider University, CJ Muldrow, the Wurm**

family, the Kneeland family, the Jolly family, Kim Wittmann, Elizabeth Rzasa, Tatiana Schlossberg, Angelica, Geoffrey, and the Bovie family. O God, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* We pray for those who are assembled here today, that we may be clothed with the Lord Jesus Christ and go forth from this place to be Christ in the world. O God, 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: **The Very Rev. René John (Ord.), Fatima Scipio, Mary Gay Abbott-Young, Althia Muse, Amy Elizabeth Wilson, Dorothy Shean, Janet Byard, Hubert & Maureen Perry, and Carole Porter.** O God, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Deacon:* We remember those who have died, especially **Marshawn Kneeland, Mary Jolly** the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world. O God, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Lector:* We pray for all who have asked for our prayers, that we may faithfully wait upon God with confidence in that love which sustains us in every moment of our lives. O God, in your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*Silence, as the people add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant:* We praise you, Lord our God, that you have called us to be your people and the instruments of your presence in the world. Grant us grace to discern your will and the strength to do it, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

*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**

**Is Your Heart Prepared for a King?**

Robert Lau

*The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir*

**Offertory Hymn****Hymnal # 58****Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending**

*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 A****Chalice bearer: Margaret Nartey**

*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. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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-114****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-158**

### **Agnus Dei**

*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 Anthem

## Bringer of Joy

Gustav Holst

*Stretto/Trinity Strings Faculty*

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*Johnny Bentz, and Jordan Lescouflair*

## 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 # 73

## The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

## Blessing

*Celebrant:* May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

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

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

## Postlude

## Two Gavottes from English Suite No. 1

J.S. Bach

*Stretto/Trinity Strings Faculty*

*Sherri Anderson, Dae'von Austin,*

*Johnny Bentz, and Jordan Lescouflair*

## **WE WELCOME OUR GUEST PREACHER, THE REV. CANON ARLETTE BENOIT JOSEPH**

The Rev. Canon Arlette Benoit Joseph is a priest, preacher, and pastoral leader whose ministry is marked by a deep passion for the spiritual and emotional wellness of clergy and the Christian and spiritual formation of all God's people. She believes that healthy, grounded leaders create healthy, thriving communities—and that formation is a lifelong journey toward intentional and deep relationship with God.

Canon Arlette serves as Executive Vice President and Chief Church Relations Officer at The Church Pension Group (CPG), where she leads the organization's mission to build and sustain trusted relationships across The Episcopal Church. In this role, she works to strengthen CPG's ties with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society and a wide network of bishops, clergy, and lay leaders. Her leadership is guided by a theology of partnership—walking alongside those who serve the Church.

Before joining CPG, Canon Arlette served as Canon for Transition Ministry in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, guiding congregations and clergy through seasons of discernment, change, and new beginnings. Her ministry has spanned several dioceses and contexts, including Trinity Church Wall Street in the Diocese of New York, St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Atlanta, and the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing, where she serve as Campus Missioner.

Before her ordination to the priesthood, Arlette worked as a Marketing Analyst at Oracle Corporation in San Francisco, CA and United Parcel Service, in Atlanta, GA. There she developed a keen understanding of systems, data, and human behavior—skills she now weaves seamlessly into her ministry of leadership, formation, and organizational transformation.

A graduate of The General Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction, Canon Arlette also holds a Bachelor of Arts with honors in Marketing from Claflin University.

Originally from the twin-island Republic of Trinidad and Tobago—home to the world's most vibrant Carnival—Arlette carries the rhythm, resilience, and radiance of her Caribbean heritage into every aspect of her life and leadership.

Born and raised in Tobago, she grew up surrounded by the island's lush beauty, vibrant faith community, and deep sense of belonging. Her spiritual foundation was formed at St. Francis Anglican Church in Bon Accord, where Sunday School, youth group gatherings, and the joyful cadence of hymns first awakened her love for the Church.

It was there that Arlette's early spark of leadership began to shine—through youth Sundays, diocesan synods, "Happening" weekends, and the Tobago Anglican Youth Commission, where she discovered the power of service, community, and calling. Those formative years cultivated not only her voice but also her conviction that faith must be lived out with courage, creativity, and compassion.

Today, Arlette continues to embody that spirit. She finds joy in traveling the world, crafting, discovering new restaurants and cultures, and soaking in the warmth of summer days—often balanced by moments of stillness on spiritual retreats that renew her soul.

Her life is grounded in gratitude, curiosity, and faith—a steady belief that God's grace is always drawing us toward deeper connection, continual growth, healing, and joy.

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NOVEMBER 30, 2025 ~ ADVENT 1**



**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 12/7 are:

**Erica Warner, Suzette Price, Judith Miller & Virginia Harmer (alternate)**

**Chalice bearer: Judith Miller**

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 12/7 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) are:

**Veronica Ngwayah (Greeter/Usher) & Edward Greenfield (alternate)**

**2026 Stewardship Update: We have received 56 pledges, totaling \$212,000, representing an average pledge of \$4,071.50 per family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!  
If you would like a pledge card, please see an Usher.**

**It's Wreath Sale time again!** - Order now and get a leg up on your Christmas preparation. Friday afternoon, December 5th is wreath decorating time. Sunday December 7th is the pick-up date, before or after the 10 AM service. **Remember that the wreath sale and Christmas sale are fundraisers for the Cathedral, so please lend your support if possible. We will only decorate as many as are ordered, so don't be disappointed this year!** Plan also to check out the mini Christmas sale in Synod Hall before and after Sunday service on pick up weekend. We have some beautiful Christmas bargains this year! If you are interested and able, lend a hand to the decorating process. No time to decorate? Order a wreath or two! For either or both, contact Georgia Koenig or Patrice D'Angelo. Georgia at gbkoenig@verizon.net or text to (609) 273-3351. Patrice at PatriceatTrinity@aol.com or call the church office at (609) 392-3805 ext. 100 to leave a message.

**We have an exciting new Fall Fundraiser!** - You can enter to win a pair of tickets to the Capital Philharmonic New Year's Eve concert, including a champagne toast backstage! Please see the flyer in your bulletin for more information and enter to win after Mass.



**SAVE THE DATE** - Guggenheim fellow, jazz violinist Gwen Laster and her friends help us celebrate the “return of light” on the Winter Solstice, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. Presented by the Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity (CAST.) Please see Bobbie Powell or a member of CAST for tickets.

**UrbanPromise Trenton's Christmas Shop: Can you help to stock the shelves?** - Every year at this time UrbanPromise Trenton sets up a Christmas Shop at each site in Trenton to allow the children in the program to "buy" gifts for their families... moms, dads, aunts, uncles, and grandparents. Some of the most popular items are small appliances (toasters, coffeemakers, crockpots), hats and gloves of course, slippers, wallets, bath towels, chocolates, candles, spa-like things... hand lotion, body wash, or whatever you think might be a good gift to give or receive. Be creative! DO NOT wrap the gift. The children will take care of that. Leave them here at church in the office, with a sticky note that says UPT. Questions? Call, text or E-mail, Georgia Koenig at (609) 273-3351.

**Angel Tree Prison Fellowship** - Donations of wrapping paper, ribbons/bows, and large gift bags are always welcomed. We will also need volunteers to wrap gifts and/or to greet the children and their caregivers in Synod Hall on the day gifts are distributed (Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>). Exact dates for the gift wrapping will be announced in early December. Join us in this ministry that transforms lives and brings joy to prisoners and their families at Christmas time! For information or to volunteer, contact Judith Miller at 609-586-0915 or judithm2@verizon.net; or see her after the 10:00 am service in the coming weeks.

**If you are looking for a way to become more involved with the operation of our Cathedral, please see the volunteer bulletin board just inside the parking lot doors.** Here you will find posted opportunities to volunteer at the Cathedral, big and small. 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.

**The next Food Pantry distribution date is – Saturday, December 13<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.**



### **Trinity Altar Guild Shop Update:**

**Check out the many items great for gift giving!**

Christmas Cards starting at \$1 \* Variety of Stocking Stuffers

Cathedral Lavender Bath Salts & Warmers Still Available

Advent Inspirational & Devotional Books

**Weekly Specials are waiting for you!**



**The Shop will be open Sundays during Advent.**

**Need that unique gift?** The Shop has a variety of nativities & ornaments from around the world. *The ornament tree is waiting to get bare! Also featuring beautiful uncycled jewelry.*

***Free Gift Wrapping! Shop local; save gas, time, & money!***



# Enter to Win!!

Two Tickets to the Capital  
Philharmonic of New Jersey's  
NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT!

December 31, 2025 at 8:00 pm  
Patriots Theater at the War Memorial  
Includes a champagne toast backstage after the concert!

Ring in 2026 in Style! A great gift idea!  
Entries just \$10 each  
Available Sundays after Mass in Synod Hall  
(Last tickets sold & winner announced Dec. 14th)



Celebrate the turning of the year with a program that dances across borders and centuries — from the swirling romance of Strauss's *Blue Danube* to fiery selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, featuring acclaimed mezzo-soprano Barbara Rearick. This joyful concert is filled with color, flair, and just the right amount of sparkle.

And the celebration doesn't stop when the music ends — raise a glass at the post-concert champagne reception featuring live jazz performed by members of the orchestra.

**Stretto**  
presents

# Winter Light - Winter Fun

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

6 PM

Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, NJ



**Free and Open to the Public**  
**Free-Will Offering**

**Please join us as we perform  
popular holiday pieces to  
celebrate the season!**

A Special Offering for



## Christmas

In grateful Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings on our life and our work,  
please accept my offering of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for (please check):

- Christmas greens & poinsettias  
 Christmas musicians & music  
 Split evenly between Christmas greens & music

My donation is in memory of / thanksgiving for (PLEASE PRINT!):

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My name & phone#:

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Offerings and this request form may be placed in the alms basin BY  
SUNDAY, DEC. 14th or given to Patrice D'Angelo in the Cathedral office.

# Let's Help Our Brothers & Sisters

**Items Still Needed!**  
**Bring your donations by 12/7**

## WARM UP!

Do you have any coats, sweaters or hoodies that are just sitting in your closet waiting to warm up someone?

We are collecting new and gently worn clean coats, sweaters and hoodies. Adult, teen and children's sizes.

New sock donations welcomed too!

For more information, call Lucy Adams (609)784-8867 or Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Office



**Thank You in advance for your donation of warmth!**

Distribution Day: December 13<sup>th</sup> \* 10 a.m. -1 p.m.



***Have a person on your holiday list who has everything?***

***Gift Idea:*** Purchase a new item or two from the list above. Donate it to us. You will receive a card to give to your person that says, "A gift of warmth has been given in your honor to those in need to the Trinity Cathedral Warm-Up Program." (Be sure to let Lucy know you'd like a card.)





**THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE**

<b><u>TODAY (11/30)</u></b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open</b> <b>40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dean John's Ordination</b> 9:15 am Choir warm-up – CATH <b>10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)</b> 11:15 am Choir rehearsal - CATH 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP
<b><u>Mon. (11/1)</u></b>	12 – 3:00 pm World AIDS Day observance – SH/CHP
<b><u>Wed. (12/3)</u></b>	7:00 pm Bible Study, via Zoom: “Wisdom of Solomon”
<b><u>Thurs. (12/4)</u></b>	4:15 – 5:30 pm TASK Meals – SH 8:00 pm Rosary Devotions, via Zoom
<b><u>Fri. (12/5)</u></b>	Afternoon Wreath decorating – SH
<b><u>Sat. (12/6)</u></b>	Trinity Strings Music classes 8:00 am – 3:00 pm Diocesan Committee on Black Ministry – SH
<b><u>Sun. (12/7)</u></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent ~ Altar Guild Shop open</b> Wreath Sale Pick-up/Christmas Sale <b>8:30 am Rite I Eucharist in All Saints Chapel (in-person only)</b> 9:15 am Choir warm-up – CATH <b>10:00 am Rite II Eucharist in the Cathedral (+ livestreamed, when available)</b> Confirmation Class following Mass - GR 11:15 am Choir rehearsal - CATH 10:30a – 12:30p Full Gospel Community Church service – CHP