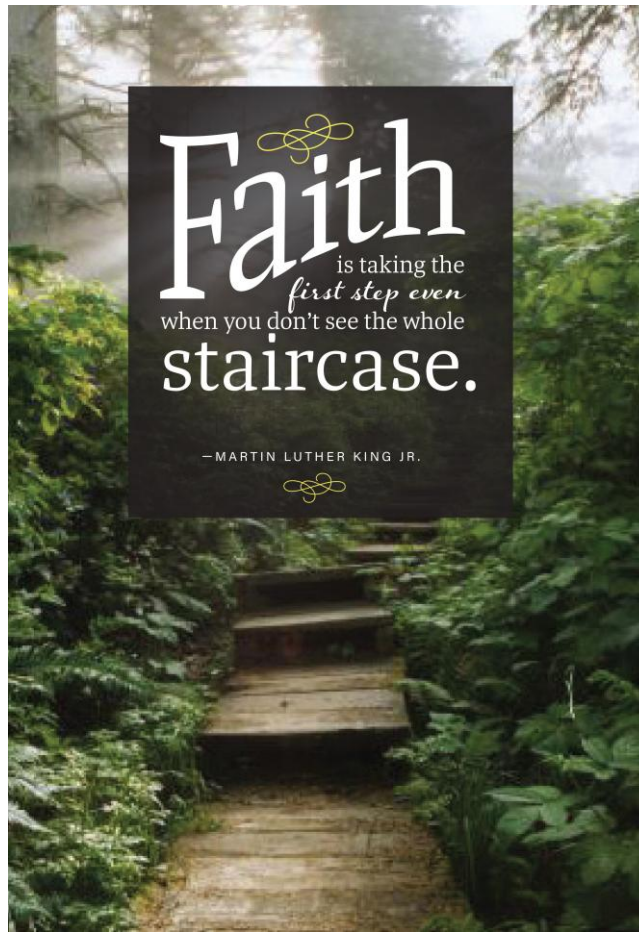


TRINITY CATHEDRAL
OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY



**JANUARY 18, 2026 – THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – YEAR A
HONORING THE REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
10:00 AM - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO**

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SUNDAY FEB. 22, 2026

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL
801 W. STATE STREET, TRENTON, NJ**

**STARTS AT 3:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 2:30 PM**

**\$30 TICKETS FOR ADULTS
\$10 TICKETS FOR STUDENTS**

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.

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons

Prelude

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

All stand, as able

Processional Hymn

Hymnal # 7

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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

People: **And blessed be God's 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-278

Gloria in Excelsis

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated

First Reading

Lector: Virginia Harmer

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (49:1-7)

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he

says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; sung by the Choir

Psalm 40:1–12

Expectans, expectavi

Shirley Hill (after Nicholson)



- 1 I waited patiently up¹on the¹LORD; *
he stooped to¹me and¹heard my¹cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹mire and¹clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and¹made my¹footing¹sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of¹praise to our¹God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and¹put their¹trust in the¹LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who¹trust in the¹LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or¹turn to¹false¹gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your¹wonders and your¹plans for us! *
there is none who can¹be com¹pared with¹you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them¹known and¹tell them! *
but they are¹more than¹I can¹count.
- 7 In a sacrifice and offering you¹take no¹pleasure *
(you have¹given me¹ears to¹hear you);

- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have¹not re¹quired, *
and so I¹said, “Be¹hold, I¹come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is¹written con¹cerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your¹law is¹deep in my¹heart.’”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the¹great congre¹gation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and¹that, O¹LORD, you¹know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and¹your de¹liverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from
the¹grëat¹congre¹gation.
- 12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your com¹passion from¹me; *
let your love and your faithfulness¹keep me¹safe for¹ever,

Remain seated

Second Reading

Lector: Erica Warner

A Reading from Paul’s First letter to the Church in Corinth (1:1-9)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand, as able

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal # 443

From God Christ's Deity Came Forth

Remain standing

The Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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: Suzette Price

The Lector and People pray responsively

(Words in italics are quotes from The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Lector: Let us before all else give thanks for the love of God revealed to the world in the life and death of Jesus Christ: *“The Cross is the eternal expression of the length which God will go in order to restore broken community.”*

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us give thanks for the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and for the enduring power of his dream: *“I have a dream that one day ‘every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low. . . and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together’ . . . With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.”*

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to pray and work for peace: *“One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal . . . How much longer must we play at deadly war games before we heed the plaintive pleas of the unnumbered dead and maimed of past wars?”*

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to a just society, ensuring fair and equal access to participation in our democratic government: *“Give us the ballot and we will no longer have to worry the federal government about our basic rights. Give us the ballot and we will no longer plead to the federal government for passage of an anti-lynching law. Give us the ballot and we will fill our legislative halls with (people) of good will. Give us the ballot and we will place judges on the benches of the South who will do justly and love mercy. Give us the ballot and we will quietly and nonviolently, without rancor or bitterness, implement the Supreme Court’s decision of May 17, 1954.”* (Re: Brown vs. Board of Education)

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to pray and work for a just ordering of our world: *“Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals . . . This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is the time for vigorous and positive action.”*

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to the vision of a world without poverty and disease: *“I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits.”*

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to seek the spiritual renewal of our nation: “*A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.*”

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us commit ourselves to seek the spiritual renewal of the Church: “*In spite of being disappointed, in spite of being left out without any initial response, millions of people are still knocking on the door of the Church and turning to it for the answers to the basic problems of life. The great challenge facing the Church today is to keep the bread fresh.*”

God of Justice and Truth, **hear our prayer.**

Lector: Let us offer all these prayer to our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer: “*And now unto God who is able to keep us from falling and lift us from the dark valley of despair to the mountains of hope, from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy, to God be power and authority, for ever and ever.*”

Silence, as the people add their own petitions

People: **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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas A. Dorsey, arr. Roy Ringwald

The Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir

Offertory Hymn

LEVAS # 1

Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing

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: Judith Miller

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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Hymnal # S-128

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 forever. **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-165

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 Hymn

Hymnal # 440

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

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

LEVAS # 136

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

Dr. Kerry Heimann, organ

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE CATHEDRAL ANNUAL MEETING, WITH REFRESHMENTS,
IN SYNOD HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS**

At the end of the service, please feel free to take a poinsettia from the Cathedral to enjoy at home. After the annual meeting, you are welcome to take the poinsettias from the tables in Synod Hall.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

We remember God's holy catholic church, including Sean, our Presiding Bishop and Primate; Sally, our Bishop; René, Dean of this Cathedral; Bruce, John, Peter and Noel, priest associates; Christopher, our Deacon, along with all other ministers in this congregation, lay and ordained; Sarah, the Archbishop-Elect of Canterbury, Philip, the Archbishop-Elect of the West Indies, and all Anglican Christians around the world, especially Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo; and for our brothers and sisters in this diocese, including Joe Morris, Sylvestre and William, retired Bishops.

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

We remember those with whom we give thanks, especially those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week: **Karen Armington, Christopher Gregory, Patrice D'Angelo, Deborah McConnaughey, Tripuella Dennis, Christian Boczar, Dr. Kemdi Opara, Mark Snow, Angela DiJoseph, Jonathon Zilinski, Sherri Anderson, Marvin C. Porter, Jr. and Ruth Councill.**

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, Darryl Francomacaro, Vicky Jones, Mike Bernardo, Georgianna Aiken, Reiner family, Dave Tomarico & family, David Wootson, Tony Wootson, Alice Wootson, Byron Walker, the Good, Gatton, Stephens, Crawford and Schlossberg families, Roy Canty, Kwenci Jones, Marsha Reed, Elcis Whiteman, Margaret Whiteman, and Thomas Keith Adams.**

We remember those who have died, especially **The Ven. Victoria Slater Cuff, Evelyn Durham, Christopher Henderson, and Regina Kweli Shujaa**, the victims of violence in our neighborhoods, and the victims of the ongoing wars around the world.

**TRINITY CATHEDRAL OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 18, 2026 ~ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**



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 1/25 are:

Youth for Family Sunday

Chalice bearer – Virginia Harmer

The Ushers/Greeters for Sunday, 1/25 (4th Sunday) are:

Edward Greenfield (Greeter/Usher) & Samuel Richards (alternate)

2026 Stewardship Update: We have received 70 pledges, totaling \$265,044, representing an average pledge of \$3,786 per family. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
If you would like a pledge card, please see an Usher.

The Altar Guild Shop will be open on Saturday, January 31st during the hours of the Diocesan Confirmation service (1:30 – 3:00 pm) and on the 3rd Sunday of the month in February and March.

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, January 24th (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.

Join us on Sunday, February 22 at 3:00 pm for a return performance by the fabulous Keith Spencer! - From the mournful call of the Negro spiritual to the cry of protest and purpose signifying the African-American experience from the mid-1950s to late 1960s, We Shall Not Be Moved presents the music that captured the essence and call of the Civil Rights Movement. This inspiring concert experience presents popular songs and poignant readings from leaders, activists, and spokespersons of the time associated with the Civil Rights cause calling to mind the struggle and promise of what was to come. You'll hear songs such as “Oh, Freedom!”, “People Get Ready”, “Go Down, Moses”, “The Times They Are A-Changin’”, “Lift Every Voice And Sing”, “A Change Is Gonna Come”, and many celebrated others. **Performances from this series have received rave reviews from audiences of every color and demographic. See the flyer in your bulletin for more details.**

Trinity Cathedral Altar Guild Shop

**OPEN FOR DIOCESE CONFIRMATION JAN. 31
& AFTER SERVICES THIRD SUN., FEB. 15**

**Clearance
SALE SALE! SALE**

*Check Out the Bargains! We need to make
room for new merchandise.*

SOUPER BOWL SNACKS & MORE!

The Super Bowl is almost upon us and many of us will watch & snack. When buying your snacks, pick up an extra. **Let's share our gifts!** Please bring non-perishable snacks such as crackers, Chex Mix, popcorn, commercial type cookies, cereal, and the like to share with our friends of the Trinity Cathedral's Food Pantry. **Also needed:** peanut butter, jelly and dried soup mixes. Leave donations in the goal box **by Feb. 8^h**. If you cannot get out to the store, but want to contribute, you can leave a donation or see Lucy Adams to purchase items for you.

Super Bowl
Donations Wanted!



*Let's get that touch-down feeling by filling the goal box!
Go team Trinity Cathedral!*





THIS WEEK'S CATHEDRAL SCHEDULE

TODAY (1/18)

9:15 am

10:00 am

After 10am Mass

10:30a – 12:30p

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Choir warm-up

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

Cathedral annual meeting - SH

Confirmation class - GR

Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP

Mon. (1/19)

3:00 pm

All offices closed in observance of MLK Day

Diocesan Service in Celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – join us!



Thurs. (1/22)

4:15 – 5:30 pm

4:45 pm

8:00 pm

TASK Meals – SH

Food Pantry bagging

Rosary Devotions, via Zoom

Sat. (1/24)

9 – 11:00 am

12 – 4:30 pm

Trinity Strings music classes

Food Pantry

Funeral repast - SH

Sun. (1/25)

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:15 am

10:30a – 12:30p

Third Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Family Sunday

Choir warm-up

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

Choir rehearsal

Full Gospel Community Church service - CHP