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Meet Rev. Shelton Radix, Joining Us for Services in March

Hello! My name is Rev. Shelton Radix, and I will be here with you for the next few weeks at Trinity Cathedral. My last assignment was priest-in-charge at the associated parishes of St. Stephen's Churches in Beverly and Riverside. I am delighted to be asked to serve you, our Cathedral community, at this time. Serving God and my fellow man is something I enjoy doing and I hope to build long-lasting relationships with all of you here.

I am originally from the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and I grew up in the Anglican tradition and school system. My home parish in Trinidad is St. Margaret's church. I attended Bishop Anstey junior school for my elementary education and Queen's Royal College for high school. I graduated from Bernard Baruch College in 1995 with a BBA in operations management. In 2007, I graduated from General Theological Seminary with a MDiv in Theology. I served here at Trinity Cathedral as an acolyte, thurifer and lay minister before my ordination in March of 2022.

At 19 I migrated to the United States and lived in Brooklyn, New York for seven years before getting married and moving to Perth Amboy, New Jersey. I love sports, especially soccer. With the World Cup coming later this year, I am in my glee! I also ran track in high school and swam on the school team.

My love of sports is shared by my daughter, who swam on her high school team. My wife, Barbara is a second-generation Puerto Rican and can read, write and speak Spanish. She is also a great cook! I am currently living and working in the Burlington County area with my family. We hope to get to know as many of you as possible as we go about our daily life. God Bless.

Faithfully in Christ,

Rev. Shelton Radix



Highlights of the February 2026 Major Chapter Meeting of Trinity Cathedral

Twenty of the 25 members of the Major Chapter of Trinity Cathedral along with 3 guest attendees—the trustees of the *Deans Adams Trust* (DAT) fund: Rev. Frank Castellón, John Van Gibson Jr., and Steven Fowler—met via Zoom on Tuesday evening, February 24, at 6:30 pm. The Bishop presided and called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm and offered the opening prayer. The non-confidential agenda items (excluding those pertaining to the Dean’s transition) discussed were as follows:

DAT Report. Steven Fowler and the *DAT* trustees provided an overview of the fund investment policy and reported that it totaled \$1.084M at the end of 2025, 6.5% more than at the end of 2024.

Investment Report. Clerk Chinweze Ahaghotu presented a summary of the Cathedral’s investments at the end of 2025, which totaled \$2.705M, 6% more than at the end of 2024. \$1.02M of the total is invested in *Diocesan Investment Trust* (DIT) funds, \$1,084M of the total is under the management of the trustees of the *Dean Adams Trust* (DAT), and \$506k is in a Wells Fargo brokerage account. The remaining \$94.8k is from a bequest of Jane Ramsdell in a PSEG stock account. \$111.9K from Fred Rogers’ estate was recently distributed to the Cathedral and will be invested shortly, while about \$109k from Fred Rogers’ estate remains outstanding.

Property & Maintenance (P&M). Senior Warden, Gil Williams, reporting for *P&M* Chair Mike Raab, shared that the Cathedral is soliciting bids to repair the roof gutter damaged by a recent snowstorm and is exploring a new improved contract for snow removal. *P&M* will also assess what roof damage repair can be covered by Church Insurance.

Fund Raising. Junior Warden Margaret Nartey shared that the next Cathedral fundraising event will be the Fashion Show on May 9.

Bishop’s Report. The Bishop accepted a motion to re-elect the Treasurer and Clerk, and Treasurer Ron Zilinski and Clerk Chinweze Ahaghotu were both re-elected for one year. The Bishop then announced that Canon Dr. Paul Cooper has resigned from the vestry and this development will be shared with the congregation after which the Minor Chapter will meet to appoint his replacement. The Bishop also shared that the *Trinity Cathedral Academy* (TCA) had an operating deficit for the 2024-25 school year and was about 9 months behind on its 2025 rent payments to the Cathedral. The TCA is exploring insurance coverage options to address its 2024-25 fiscal deficit, and is expected to achieve a balanced budget for the 2025-26 school year.

Next Meeting. The next Major Chapter meeting will take place on May 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

Closing Prayer and Blessing. The Bishop offered the closing prayer and blessing, and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Chinweze Ahaghotu. 3 March 2026.

TOUCHDOWN!

A BIG THANK YOU

to all who donated to the Souper Bowl Soup & Snack Collection. Your contributions went to the Cathedral’s Food Pantry.



**CAST Presents:
Minas Brazilian Jazz & Rhythms at Trinity**

Sunday, March 22, 2026 ~ 3:00 pm

On Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 3:00 pm, the Cathedral Arts Series at Trinity (CAST) presents Minas Brazilian music in a trio concert with Andrew Neu. Tickets are just \$30 for this lively evening of music and fellowship; see a member of CAST for tickets or call the Cathedral office.

Minas' longevity speaks for itself. With over four decades performing in a variety of formats, their professionalism and versatility, from the duo to ensemble, to orchestra and



big band, has placed Minas in high demand. From small intimate settings to large venues, Orlando and Patricia have enchanted audiences with their magical and unique sound, artistry and warmth, where the poetry of their lives is heard in every note. Minas reflects a perfect musical marriage with a stage presence and chemistry that only a lifetime can produce.

Minas takes Brazilian and American roots to create a sound that is fresh and innovative, from ballads tinged with melancholic traits of Blues and Choro, to Folk coasting on the subtle coolness of a Bossa Nova pulse, to upbeat Sambas elaborated with instrumental jazz improvisation, scat singing and whimsical whistling. With a catalogue of 8 recordings released on their label Bluezul and a collection of over 100 songs, Orlando and Patricia's compositions have been compared to classics by Cole Porter and Antonio Carlos Jobim. Capturing the essence of great songwriting with memorable melodies, inventive harmonies, and poetic lyrics, the music of Minas is engaging and timeless.



Orlando Haddad and Patricia King formed Minas in 1978 at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. They proceeded to play all over the eastern United States before moving to Brazil, where they lived, entertained and traveled, absorbing the essence of Brazilian culture. In 1984 Orlando and Patricia returned to the United States and raised a family while performing and recording extensively, building their reputation as one of the most sought-after Brazilian groups of its kind. Multi-talented as composers, vocalists and instrumentalists, and equally comfortable in Brazilian festive music and jazz, folk and classical genres, Minas' various performance styles have placed them in front of every kind of audience and venue.

Orlando and Patricia will be joined at Trinity Cathedral by Saxophonist Andrew Neu. By blending a unique mix of jazz, R & B, classical and Latin music, Andrew Neu is one of the most exciting, multi-genre musicians today. He is well-respected throughout the industry for his work as a saxophonist, woodwind player, arranger, composer, educator and Billboard charting recording artist.

Having toured the world with Bobby Caldwell, Diane Schuur and Smokey Robinson, Neu learned from the best!



Creation Care Corner

Spring is almost here, - really!

The month of March heralds the coming of spring. Here are just a few random eco-friendly pointers as we shake off winter and tackle those spring chores around the house and garden. Let's "start off on the right foot" with nature this spring as we look forward to warmer days ahead!



Spring Cleaning (from thehappyturtlestraw.com)

- **Eco-friendly cleaners:** Mix water, white vinegar, and lemon for a non-toxic, all-purpose cleaner.
- **Sustainable Cleaning Tools:** Swap plastic sponges for natural fiber sponges.
- **Decluttering:** Donate, upcycle, or sell items instead of sending them to landfills.

Lawn and Garden (from the US EPA)

- **Mow Higher:** Keep grass at 3 to 4 inches tall to shade soil, prevent weed germination, and promote deeper root growth.
- **Grass-cycle:** Leave grass clippings on the lawn to act as a natural, nitrogen-rich fertilizer (equivalent to one round of commercial fertilizer).
- **Water Wisely:** Water in the early morning to minimize evaporation. Use rainwater from barrels and only water when the lawn needs it.
- **Natural Fertilization:** Use organic, slow-release fertilizers or compost to nourish the soil ecosystem rather than synthetic chemical that wash into waterways.
- **Natural Pest Control:** Utilize beneficial insects (spider, ladybugs) and products like mosquito dunks, which use bacteria to kill larvae without harming beneficial wildlife.
- **Native Plants:** Use native plants in your borders and flower beds to support native insects and birds, (in preference to invasive species).

Shop Locally

- **Farmer's Markets:** Take advantage of those locally grown fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables and help reduce "Food Miles" by cutting back on food that's transported long distances.



COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE 2026
**TRINITY CATHEDRAL
FASHION SHOW!**



SATURDAY, MAY 9TH - 6:00 PM
TICKETS: \$30 (\$12 FOR KIDS 12+)
INCLUDES DINNER & DRINKS



Men, women and children are invited to model!
Sign-up sheet available on Sundays, or call the cathedral office

Celebrating all the Mothers & Mother Figures in our lives!
Mother/daughter & mother/son models encouraged

Special recognition of the "80+ Club"!
(Please list your honorees on the form available on Sundays)
Financial contributions welcomed: all donors to this FUNdraiser
will be listed in our "Booster Booklet"!

See Margaret Nartey or Cynthia Coleman for tickets, or
call the cathedral office: (609) 392-3805 ext. 100



*Farewell and Thank You,
Dean René
and Andrea John*



On Sunday, February 22 we celebrated our last Sunday together with Dean René and Andrea John, prior to **Dean John's retirement**. This first Sunday in Lent began with the Great Litany chanted by Canon Paul Cooper and Susan Remmers, and continued with beautiful musical contributions from Sherri Anderson and her string students, and our Absalom Jones Inspirational Choir. The Cathedral Youth Group delivered an inspiring presentation for Black History Month, also celebrating Dean John's own contributions to the Cathedral, and his positive influence on our young people.





Dean John took this time to honor Amarachi Ngozi Okere, granddaughter of Associate Clergy Canon Noel Amadi and his wife, Nkiru, who recently **passed away**. (Please read more about Amarachi's Foundation in this newsletter.)

Special blessings were bestowed upon René and Andrea by our Associate Clergy, and during hospitality hour, we enjoyed a beautiful slideshow tribute created by Lee Whiteman.

Godspeed, René and Andrea. Our congregation thanks you for your many years of faithful service to Trinity Cathedral, and for your love and friendship!









The Amarachi Ngozi Foundation

Our congregation was heartbroken at the passing of Amarachi Ngozi Okere, daughter of Nkechinyere Amadi and granddaughter of Associate Clergy Noel Amadi and his wife, Nkiru. Amarachi was a bright and beautiful light in the lives of everyone who knew her. At just 15 years old, she carried a strength, compassion, and perspective that touched people in a profound and lasting way.

She faced her illness with remarkable courage and grace, never losing the warmth, kindness, and love that defined who she was. Amarachi had a deep love for people and a natural ability to make others feel seen, valued, and cared for. Her joyful spirit, genuine kindness, and thoughtful nature left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Family, friendships, and faith were central to Amarachi’s life. Her relationship with God was a source of strength, particularly during the most difficult

moments of her journey.

While traveling regularly to Memorial Sloan Kettering for treatment, Amarachi became increasingly aware of the homelessness she saw along the way. Even as she faced her own challenges, she felt moved to help others. She spoke about wanting to make a difference and hoped to create something meaningful that would continue helping people.

The Amarachi Ngozi Foundation was founded while Amarachi was still bravely fighting cancer, to honor that wish — to carry forward her compassion through service, outreach, and support for individuals and families in need.

Amarachi Ngozi Foundation is a charitable organization committed to restoring dignity, stability, and hope to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. It serves those in crisis by meeting urgent needs while creating pathways toward long-term independence. It’s mission is rooted in the belief that everyone deserves safety, opportunity, and compassionate support.

The Foundation provides essential services such as food and clothing assistance, emergency shelter support, transitional housing resources, and educational programs. Through outreach and life-skills initiatives, it helps individuals and families move beyond immediate hardship toward sustainable stability. This approach addresses both short-term relief and long-term transformation.

Please consider donating to make a difference of the lives of others, in honor of the young lady who made a difference to so many. Go to www.AmarachiFoundation.com.

Tre' Devon Lane Foundation
 Supporting other families during these difficult times.

GRIEF

Support Group

SATURDAY
 March 14, 2026
 10:00am
 Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Church
 801 West State Street Trenton, NJ
 Please use parking lot in the rear

Please bring a photo of the person you lost

For more information please contact Regina at 609-209-2500





The Cathedral Egg hunt is "a hop-ening" on Easter Sunday, April 5th!

We are good for eggs, but need fillers! Donations of small toys, candy, coins, etc. that will fit inside the eggs would help our event be "egg-stra" special for the children! Also looking for small plush animals in good condition as well. Any questions? Please E-mail Rose Cooper at: rcooper609@proton.me.



WISH LIST



We are working on expanding the Cathedral's Baby Care Pantry Ministry. Many baby products are not covered by any assistance programs. We can help the new parents in our community with these items.

Each visit is also given a book to encourage reading along with parent/child bonding.

Diapers & Pull-ups

Baby Wipes

NEW Car Seats

NEW Car Booster

Seats

Baby Clothes (Newborn to Toddler)

Baby Bath Wash & Shampoos

House Safety Items; cabinet locks, etc.

Crib Sheets & Blankets

Monetary Donations



For More Information contact Lucy Adams or the Cathedral Office.



by Georgia Koenig

The UPT Summer Camp will be held at Trinity Cathedral from June 29th through August 6th, Monday through Thursday from 8:30-4:00 PM! Camp is free to all families who participate. There are two sites: one here in the western section of the City and one in East Trenton at the East Trenton Center. Academics in the morning and fun/educational enrichments in the afternoon. We are planning one trip per week except for the last week, when we will have a game day and talent show!

We need help! If you would like to help in some way, we would be thrilled: snacks for a week, donations toward

programming, including trips and buses. Would love to hear any ideas you have, they would be welcome indeed. See Georgia Koenig at church to share ideas, and for further discussion, via E-mail: gkoenig@urbanpromisetreton.org, or cell: (609) 273-3351.

Monetary donations can be made via check made out to UrbanPromise Trenton and dropped in the offering plate, or mailed to UPT at Trinity Cathedral, 801 West State Street. Put 'Summer Camp' in the memo line. Or, they can be given at UrbanPromiseTrenton.org website under 'Donations'.

Looking forward to hearing from you!



Spring has Sprung at Trinity Cathedral Altar Guild Shop!

Are you ready for Easter Giving?
Cross Necklaces, Bracelets, Prayer Beads & More!



Don't Forget to Check Out the CLEARANCE SALE Table!
Also, Children's Birthstone Jewelry, Bracelets & Angels on Sale!
White Dot Special Books Just \$5!

Children's Puzzles, Easter Eggs, Books, Bears,
Baptismal Bibs, Beautiful Cards, Tees, Hats, Scarves too!



Shop will be open **March 15th & 29th**
After Services

If you need something after shop hours; contact Lucy Adams at
trinitycathedralags@gmail.com or leave message at Cathedral Office



A Special Offering for Easter . . .

On Easter, please remember the following persons who have departed from this life:
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!!!)

Please accept my offering of \$_____ to be used for (please check your selection):

- Easter Garden & Memorial Lilies
- Music
- Split evenly between Flowers and Music

My name & phone #: _____



Offerings and this request form may be placed in the alms basin on Sunday or given to Patrice D'Angelo in the Cathedral office. Please turn in forms no later than March 29th.

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral



Coming Soon!

**SPRING – SUMMER
FREE CLOTHING CLOSET**



Warm weather will be here before we know it!
We need new or gently used clothing.
Socks, shoes, jackets, etc.
New sheets & blankets too!
We'll start taking items in April.

12 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
If you can assist in setting up and/or helping
on April 24th or April 25th,
contact Lucy Adams or the Cathedral Office.



Join us for Holy Week and
Easter worship



- March 29 - Palm Sunday: 10:00 am
- March 30/31 - Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week:
7:00 pm
- April 1 - Wednesday in Holy Week:
The Service of Tenebrae: 7:30 pm
- April 2 - Maundy Thursday:
12:00 pm & 7:30 pm *
- * Vigil in Cathedral Easter Garden follows, through
10:00 pm; resumes at 6:00 am Friday
(Please sign up for an hour of prayer on the chart in the
main hallway, or call the office)
- April 3 - Vigil in the Garden resumes: 6:00 am
The Liturgy of Good Friday: 12:00 pm
- April 4 - Holy Saturday:
Easter Vigil: 7:30 pm
- April 5 - Easter Day:
Mass of the Resurrection: 10:00 am
Egg Hunt after Mass!



STATIONS of the CROSS

Join us on Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19 & 26
at 8:00 pm for the virtual Stations of the
Cross, hosted by the Cathedral Chapter of
the Society of Mary.
Please contact the cathedral office for the
Zoom link, or speak with Canon Paul
Cooper.

Trinity Cathedral Academy
HOT DOG
Fundraiser
Thursday
March 19th
1:30 PM
to
3:00 PM
\$5 PER PERSON
PRICE INCLUDES A TURKEY HOT DOG, CHIPS, DRINK
AND
A COOKIE
Come out and support!
*Proceeds will go toward end of the year activities



2	Noreen Duncan	Birthday
5	Timothy Nartey	Birthday
5	John O'Brien	Birthday
7	John Major	Birthday
8	Bryan W. Hopkins	Birthday
8	Lucy Adams	Birthday
9	Willie J. Coleman	Birthday
10	Gregory Blasse	Birthday
11	Stephen B. Ford	Birthday
11	Judith Miller	Birthday
17	Dr. Alain Nganang	Birthday
17	Samaya Ross	Birthday
19	Christopher Vassos	Birthday
21	Ronald W. Zilinski	Birthday
21	Dr. Bernard Taylor	Birthday
23	Michael Tweh	Birthday
23	Daniel Fryar-Kothare	Birthday
24	Tammy A. Gibson	Birthday
25	Jenifer Taylor	Birthday
25	Brenda Pruitt	Birthday
26	Andre McIntosh	Birthday
27	Curtis Michael Spenser Newman	Birthday
27	Vance Smith	Birthday
29	Barbara M. Fryar	Birthday
30	Venice Wollie	Birthday
31	John V. Gibson, Jr.	Birthday
31	Kelly Passerini	Birthday

1	Lowanda Martha Joseph	Birthday
2	Kerry Heimann	Birthday
2	Sunday Gustin	Birthday
2	Abraham Miller	Birthday
2	Peter D. Cooper	Birthday
4	Elle Ahaghotu	Birthday
8	John Gummere	Birthday
8	Hannah Rose Sopko	Birthday
11	Paul & Therese (Terry) Cooper	Anniversary
12	Jeffrey H. Cooper	Birthday
14	Ronald L. Stockham	Birthday
15	Ellen Heath	Birthday
17	Keith & Lucy Adams	Anniversary
18	Jah'mere Miller	Birthday
21	Mason Dunn	Birthday
21	Cheryl Nagy	Birthday
22	Benny Barksdale	Birthday
24	Rose Cooper	Birthday
25	Leslye & Fatima Scipio	Anniversary
27	Samuel B. Richards, II	Birthday
28	Frank Castellon	Birthday
28	Malcolm Emmanuel Newman	Birthday
28	Cyrus Ketter	Birthday
28	Rachel Mathis	Birthday
29	David Monte	Birthday
29	Jennifer Ahaghotu	Birthday
30	Sewon Bestman	Birthday

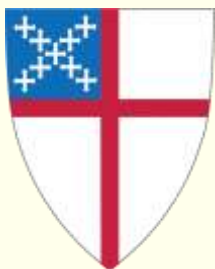


Please join in sharing good wishes for our fellow parishioners on their special day!

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Worship Schedule:

Sundays: 10:00 am - Rite II
In-person and livestreamed

Every 1st and 3rd Sunday:
8:30 am - Rite I
In-person only

Please go to
www.TrinityCathedralNJ.org
for information on how to join us
via livestream!

Our Vision:

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

Our Mission:

God is here. Jesus loves you.

We are a welcoming, diverse community sharing God's love, spreading the Gospel and caring for all people and God's Creation. Come join us.

CATHEDRAL CLERGY

The Rt. Rev. Sally Johnson French, Bishop
The Rev. Cn. Dr. Noel J. Amadi, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. Peter Bridge, Priest Associate
The Rev. Dr. John Luttrell, Priest Associate
The Rev. Cn. Bruce Montgomery, Priest Associate
The Rev. Christopher Cox, Deacon

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