



Trinity Episcopal Church and Anglican Community: Volume XVI, Number 16, October 8, 2026

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

- ▶ Oct 11 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- ▶ Oct 18 – 21st Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ▶ Oct. 17 – OKTOBERFEST
- ▶ Nov. 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

Psalm 133 – October 8,

Ecce, quam bonum!
Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together
in unity! BCP 787



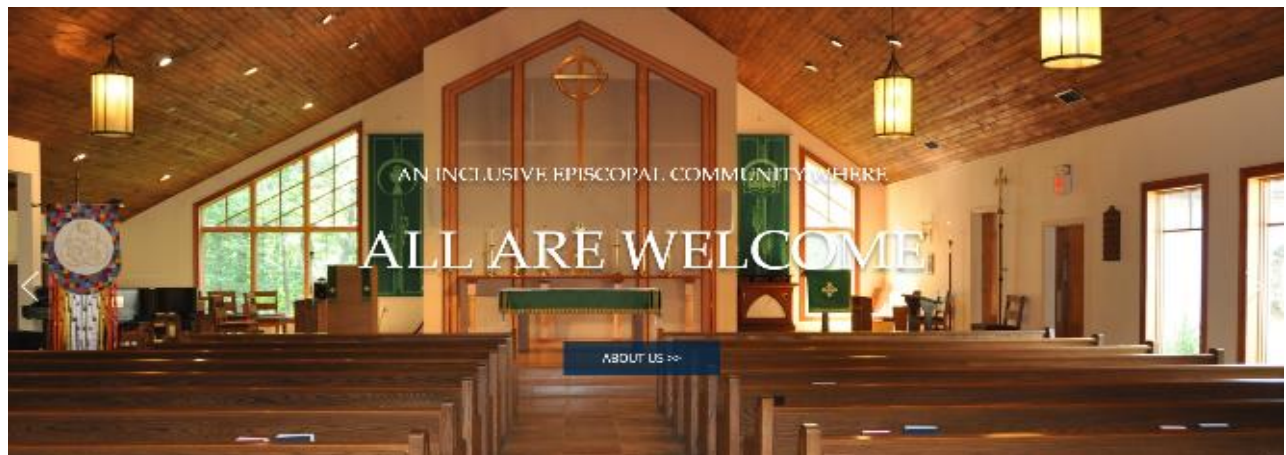
The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is

afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



COME LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR ...

*Nicole, Martie, Michael, Jim, Bridget, Ed, Joanne, Lynette, Jana, Margie, Russ, Carol,
Nancy, Bob, Debby, Michael, Deirdre, Mandy, Jacqui, Braden, Lydia, Tom, Rich,
Bruce, Wayne, Chuck, Kim, Geoff, and Penny*



TRINITY CHURCH OKTOBERFEST
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH



Oktoberfest Silent Auction
Please Deliver Your Basket Donations
to the Church No Later than Oct. 11 ◀

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

Dinner Tickets - \$30 adult \$10 child 12 & under
TO PURCHASE DINNER TICKETS, GO TO: TRINITYNBC.ORG/EVENTS



Biergarten and Wine Bar open at 6 pm
Oktoberfest Dinner at 7 pm

DINNER SEATING LIMITED to 100 PEOPLE • Take-out orders start at 6:45 pm

Oktoberfest Menu

Traditional Sauerbraten with Gingersnap Gravy and Red Cabbage, Grilled Bratwurst with Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Pretzel Rivets,
Water, Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea
Selection of desserts from our Oktoberfest Dessert Cart

A regional selection of Beer and Wine will be available for purchase

~PLEASE NO BYOB~

Beer supplied by Gearblock Brewing Co.
Division of Alcohol Beverage Control PERMIT NUMBER: 146119

SILENT AUCTION & 50/50

SILENT AUCTION BEGINS AT 6 PM • RAFFLE WINNERS DRAWN AFTER 8 PM

[Flyer included the end of the newsletter for your help with spreading the word]

LECTOR, SERVER, CRUCIFER MIINISTRY – OCTOBER

10/11: 20th Sunday After Pentecost - Roget (L), Amanda (S), Roget (C)

10/18: 21st Sunday After Pentecost - Amanda (L/S), Roget (C)

10/25: 22nd Sunday After Pentecost - Karen (L/S), Roget (C)



ALL SAINTS DAY

On November 1 we will remember by name those we love who have died. **Please send their names to Lana by October 26** so they can be included in the program and bring a photograph if you have one; there will be a display table at the service.



COFFEE HOUR

The Signup Sheet for OCTOBER is on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! The Instruction Sheet is on the Bulletin Board, next to the Pantry in the kitchen to help everyone! If you need any further guidance, contact me and I will be glad to help you. *Janet*



OUTREACH

MUSTARD SEED ACADEMY



God thought of making me

Warm greetings from Lukaya, Trinity,

[Click here](#) to watch these adorable Primary School learners sing and dance to the whole song. I promise it will brighten your day.

This was just one of the joyful moments from last Saturday's Blessing Day where over 100 students from Primary 7, Senior 4, and Senior 6 were celebrated and encouraged before their Government exams. Near the end of the day, they expressed gratitude with songs and speeches, indicating they felt blessed, strengthened, and ready.

Amazing things are happening at the Mustard Seed schools, and this is just one wonderful example.



CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

Trinty supports the Center for Food Action (CFA) year-round. When you shop at the grocery store, consider grabbing a few extra items for this ministry and when you come to church, place it in the CFA Basket collection. ALL donations are much appreciated.



Our Very Special Services & Events

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi & Blessing of Animals Sunday, October 4



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Such a lovely Farewell Brunch-Coffee Hour for our Lovely Gia!



ALLENDALE FESTIVAL DAY!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

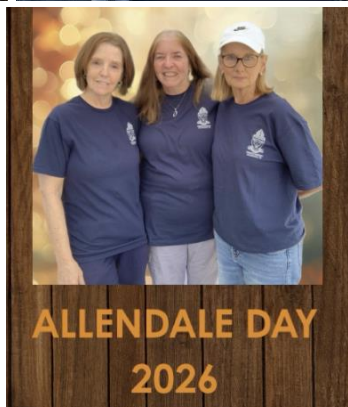
Sharon & Lana: *Of course, each of our special events needs an organizer, and being able to rely on a lead organizer to put everything together is essential. Sharon's special Thank You to Lana for stepping in to be sure all was "together" for the rain date.*

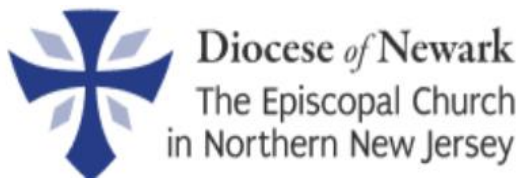
Paralee: *Once again, your prodigious behind-the-scenes efforts & organization were so extremely helpful to Trinity and ALL involved*

Curt & Laura: *We could not do this without your help & expertise setting up and taking down the tent, tables, and all the ancillary "stuff"!! You both are a godsend!*

Brian & Gail: *Thank you for stepping in to be the morning collection and set-up, especially on your busy day of travel. And **Kevin, Priscilla, Audrey, Lynn** for your help with set-up!*

Audrey, Bernie, Janet, Lynn, Paralee, Peg, Priscilla, Roget, and Sparrow: *You are the stars of the day to greet attendees, invite conversation, and share the Trinity love and hospitality. Thank you for being there (especially when we lost volunteers due to the date change). And thank you to our tent hosts who also helped set up our display!*





Bishop's Vlog

Keeping our side of the street clean

OCTOBER 7, 2026



Bishop Hughes reflects on the Ten Commandments as a gift meant to keep us in relationship with God and one another—not a list of rules to determine who is “in” or “out.” In a time when the commandments have become part of political debate, she invites us to return them to the spiritual life: focusing less on what others are doing and more on our own relationship with God and our neighbors. (Time: 4:30.)

Video Transcript

This is Bishop Hughes in the Diocese of Newark. I have been thinking deeply about the Ten Commandments, and part of it is we heard the recapitulation of it in Exodus this past Sunday. But part of it is the way it has taken a role in political culture. That if you have the Ten Commandments placed in a prominent place, that in some way that honors God.

And I think that is where we get confused. I think we have a list of rules and that was given by God to God’s people out of a great sense of love and desire to stay in relationship with them, and our tendency whenever we have rules is to say either you obey them and you’re in, or you don’t obey them and you’re out. And I think God was up to something completely different. It wasn’t a matter of in and out, but it was a matter of, “Please stay with me. I put you on this earth. I love who you are. I want to always be in relationship with you, and these are the things that you need to do to please stay with me.”

And I would say for us in 2026, living in the United States, with the particular set of challenges that we have in our country right now and in the world right now, there’s a whole ‘nother level. That it’s please stay with God and how do we stay in relationship with other people. And the Ten Commandments gives us a way of doing that. I don’t think most of us wake up in the morning and think, “Who can I murder? Who can I cheat with?” in terms of my marriage, “Who can I steal from?” Though people do all of those things.

If there’s a place that I find trips us up most easily, it is coveting. It’s this sense of that person has more than I have, and those people have more than I have, and if they have, then I’m not going to get to have – somehow, there’s not going to be enough. Our learning about who God is, particularly in the Hebrew Scriptures, as a precursor to Jesus teaching us who God is, is God seems to have plenty for everybody, plenty for every single person, every being, every plant, every animal, every fish. That God has plenty for everybody, and that if something is for you, it is yours. But if something is for somebody else, then it is theirs.

I think sometimes if we were able to take the Ten Commandments and remove them out of the world of the political, and move them into the world of the spiritual, then we would be in a much better place. We certainly would be Christians. We would be people who love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and people who love their neighbors as themselves.

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Folks in 12-step programs have a saying that I love, and it's that I'm gonna keep my side of the street clean. I can't worry about everybody else's side of the street. And I think that's a way for us to approach the spiritual life. We can't work everybody else's spiritual life, but we can work ours. We can work our relationship with God and our relationship with others. And sometimes that is easy, joyful work, and sometimes it's hard work. It's hard to forgive people. It's hard to go directly to them when you have an issue with them. It's hard to put up with somebody else's quirks, and guess what? It's hard for them to put up with your quirks.

So, as you think, and it may be for you that it's something like the Ten Commandments, but maybe it's something else. Maybe it's the words of our Baptismal Covenant. Maybe it's the things that we say in the Nicene Creed. Whatever that thing is that makes you think about your spiritual life. Important right now to zoom in on how it keeps you close to God and to God's people, not so much what it does for other people, but to focus on your side of the street. If you do your faith and you do it well, people will learn about the faith from you.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - December 13!
Bishop Carlye Hughes will be visiting Trinity on

A pastoral word to The Episcopal Church from the September 2026 gathering of the House of Bishops

From September 22-28, Bishop Hughes and 117 other bishops and bishops-elect of The Episcopal Church gathered at Camp Allen Conference Center in Navasota, Texas. [Read the reflections from their meeting.](#)



Photo by Frank Logue. Bishop Hughes is in the back row, fifth from the right.

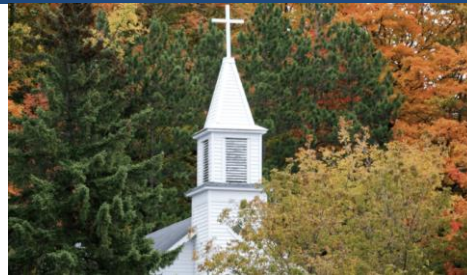
Trinity's Bernie Milano serves on the Diocesan Standing Committee: From *The Voice* [What is the Standing Committee?](#)



What does the Standing Committee do? Bernie Milano of Trinity Church, Allendale, explains its role as an advisor to the bishop, its work with parish property and ordinations, and its responsibilities in diocesan elections. Learn more about the Standing Committee and consider becoming a candidate.



MINISTRY TIP



Ministry Tip: **Think of year-end giving as a positive opportunity**

Year-end is an opportunity to choose gratitude, celebration, and hope over routine, obligation, and shortfall. Embracing the positive possibilities of the year's end will turn the key that unlocks the door of generosity in the hearts of parish members. Here are some suggestions from ECF veteran Yvonne Lembo, CFRE, as you work on year-end giving in your parish:

- **Don't let analysis paralysis and fear of negative responses get in the way.** Your year-end giving campaign doesn't have to be perfect in order to be effective. **You don't need 100% participation to succeed.** Christ only asks us to "let down our nets." (Luke 5:10-11) Distribute your year-end appeal to the best of your ability. Christ will provide everything your parish needs for ministry.
- **I've learned to listen to donors and invite them to share their unique story of how they became part of the parish.** Each one has a unique journey, filled with God's creative grace that inspires their loyalty and gratitude – far more powerful than any "giving pitch" I could come up with! Once they share their own story, the inspiration to be generous bubbles up spontaneously from within them!
- **Rectors can lean into year-end dates on the liturgical calendar such as St. Michael and All Angels in September, St. Luke's Sunday in October, All Saints' Day in November, and Advent-Christmas in December** to lift up themes of God's gracious provision and our generous response that extends the witness of Christ through the parish's ministry. Wardens and Vestries can back up those spiritual messages with brief **testimonials** from themselves and other selected members of the parish speaking about **why they support the local parish** with their time, talent, and generous financial support.



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Dear Friends,

I hope this note finds you well.

Three churches, St Luke's Haworth, St Andrew's Harrington Park and Holy Communion Norwood have partner to provide this public event about the importance of having a Will.

Please share this flyer with your congregations and communities so many may benefit from this important information.

All details are contained in the attached flyer.

Thank you, God Bless,

JOIN US OCTOBER 25TH AT 4PM TO LEARN ABOUT CREATING A LAST WILL & TESTAMENT

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Why everyone should have a will
- How to control your assets after you pass
- How to protect your loved ones
- What happens when you don't have a will
- How to establish clear instructions of your final wishes
- How to make a lasting impact through Legacy Giving

Barbara L. de Mare, Esq. Presenter



WORKSHOP DETAILS

WHEN: OCTOBER 25TH AT 4PM

WHERE: ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
31 LYNN STREET
HARRINGTON PARK NJ

FREE WILL OFFERINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THE WHOLESUM FOOD PANTRY



Reverend Paul Yoon's Website

Did you know that Paul has a website? You can click on the link to read his thoughtful original written sermons, which are a bit different than what he speaks about on Sundays:

<https://www.paterpaulus.us/homily>



Oktoberfest Flyer Below – Share it with friends & neighbors

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