



Trinity Episcopal Church and Anglican Community: Volume XVI, Number 14, June 27, 2026

UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE

- ▶ Aug 30 – Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- ▶ Sept 6 – Fifteenth Sunday
after Pentecost
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

“Be an instrument of peace, hope, forgiveness”

**“Lord, walk with me today and help me to be
better and do better
than yesterday and the day before.”**

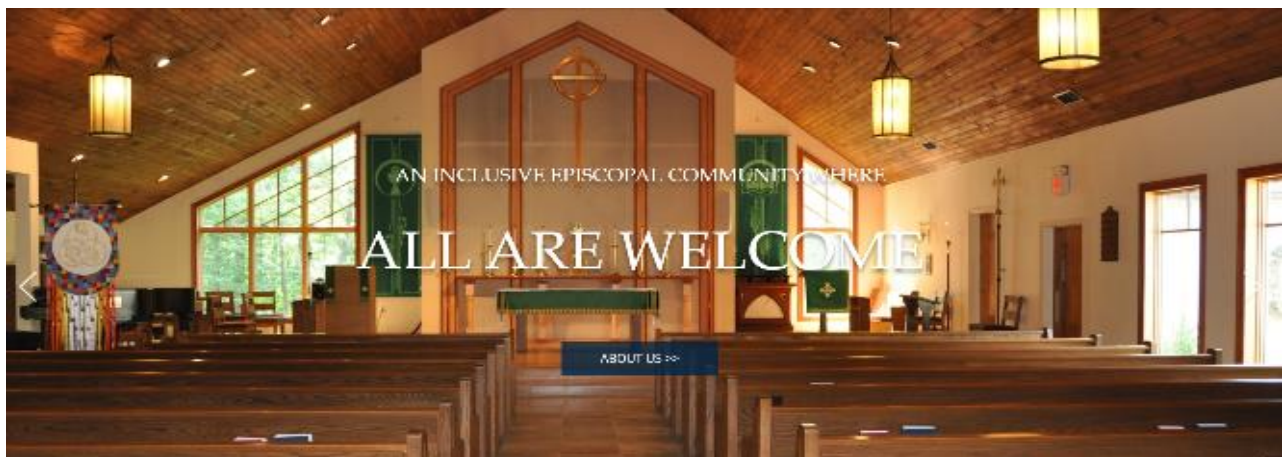
It reminds me that I need to walk in humility and respect for others, that I have failed and disappointed many. I have not perfected my journey with our Lord, and I ever need to strive to walk the good road with my Saviour. It reminds me that the cross—though for many a mystery and even a threat or reminder of wrongful and painful history—is

also our strength, hope, promise and salvation.

So today, may the cross in our community of faith be lifted high for the glory of God, in all that we together say and do. We are one in the body, one in the family of God our Creator. In the new beginning that is this day, may your journey of ministry lead you to be an instrument of peace, hope, forgiveness and blessing. *Archbishop Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop*



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*



LECTOR, SERVER, CRUCIFER MIINISTRY

8/30: Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Peg (L), Sharon (S), Roget (C)

9/06: Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Nancy (L), Amanda (S), Roget (C)

COFFEE HOUR

Thank you for Hosting!

Aug. 30

Gail Scanlan

Aug. 23 Paralee & Lynn

Aug. 16 Karen & Amanda

Aug. 9 Jacqui & Kids

Aug. 2 Janet & Priscilla

We are grateful for your generous contribution & leadership

The September sheets are posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex! We would love new Hosts to join us. There is a new instruction sheet 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 out. *Janet*



OUTREACH

MUSTARD SEED ACADEMY

Kathryn & Dana Hiscock and Elaine Griswold are preparing to go to Uganda soon. Dana and Kathryn Hiscock, on September 16th. Elaine will be leaving on Sept. 13th.

Consider volunteering to prepare a note, photo, greeting card or any **small** thing that can fit in an ordinary greeting card envelope for the children Trinity Sponsors. The Hiscocks can take your envelope with them. Any questions, ask Kathryn, Paralee, or Sharon.

CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION

Trinity 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.

Ideas ... “Back to School Items,” such as notebooks, writing utensils, backpacks, markers, etc., or simply a check which we will use to purchase a grocery store gift card.

MEN’S SHELTER – Preparing & Delivering Dinner to St. Paul’s

The 2026 schedule for providing meals for the St. Paul’s Men’s Shelter is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with this important outreach ministry, on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Contact Lana or Donna Speizer with any questions.

Thank You to our St. Paul’s Meal Contributors

Karen & Amanda

August

Stephanie

September

OPEN

October

OPEN

November

Shane

December

Community Thrift Shop in Midland Park

The Shop is open for shopping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm! Merchandise is accepted on Mondays only from 9 am to 12 noon. They are accepting In-Season Items!

Mark your 2 bags or boxes with #66, our account. Questions, please contact Janet.



Trinity Rectory

Dear Trinity community,

We are pleased to report that the Diocese has approved renting our rectory to a family from Allendale whose home will be under significant renovation. The lease is for eight months at a rate of \$5,800 per month. Because the rectory is no longer used by clergy it is now subject to real estate tax which is estimated at \$1,333.34 per month.

Preparing the rectory for renting took over two months and cost almost \$25,000, including removing contents, painting all surfaces, deep cleaning the entire house, numerous minor repairs and landscaping. The entire process was organized, coordinated and managed by Gail Scanlan. Rich Burgess oversaw the painting, plumbing, landscaping of the front yard, replaced doorknobs, replaced switch plates, and was instrumental in getting the house ready for tenants. As problems arose, Rich was on hand to take care of them. Final approval of the lease by the Diocese and getting the Certificate of Compliance from Allendale Town Hall on time was ushered to completion by Bernie Milano. We so appreciate the help of so many including Lana and Ken Hoffert and Brian Scanlan.

Karen Roy headed up the entire process to get Diocese approval which involved numerous steps gathering information and documentation. Stephanie Tengi worked with the town on certain issues and with Karen preparing the lease. The rental agent is Shane Walters who went way beyond the normal client interaction.

We thank the Standing Committee of the Diocese for helping us through the approval process and fast tracking their normal procedures so the tenant could move in before the start of the school year. The family moving in is from Allendale.

We will have more details, once they move in, so you can wave a friendly hello.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Gail and Bernie



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>

Grandkids Kitchen

Grandkids Kitchen, a once-weekly dinner delivery service currently operating out of Trinity's kitchen now has a website! If you'd like to order, please visit <https://grandkidskitchen.lovable.app/>

LOVELY SUMMER SERVICES & FUN FELLOWSHIP!

Dorothy enjoying Donna's lemon almond slice when she and Kristen hosted coffee hour.

Janet Zacco's 80th Birthday!

Roget's Birthday

Gia's *beautiful* solo – moved the entire congregation

Thank you, Kristen Lee, for your photo contributions!



Janet planted these Mustard seeds that Fr Paul brought in to use as a visual for his Homily the last Sunday in July based on the Gospel story of the Mustard Seed.



Happy Birthdays

Aug. 31 – Max

Sept. 2 – Geoff

Sept. 6 – Penny

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Allendale's plans to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Country. Of course, **Trinity has agreed to participate and will march behind our own banner.**

Now the organizers are asking how many of us plan to attend. Unless you're waiting 50 years for the 300th we hope you will want to be involved. There's no commitment, but if you are considering attending, please send us an estimate of how many from your family might be involved.

Thank you,

Gail and Bernie

From Allendale Committee

Join us as our community comes together for a festive parade kicking off our **Holiday Observers celebration at Crestwood. On September 19, 2026**, the parade will step off ahead of the main event and **conclude at Crestwood**, where festivities officially begin at 1:00 PM.

Key 2026 Allendale America 250 Events still ahead:

- **Hometown Hero Banner Program:** Banners for veteran residents will be displayed downtown from Memorial Day through Veterans Day in 2026 and 2027.
- **Community Celebration:** Scheduled for September 19, 2026, at The Fields at the Red Barn.

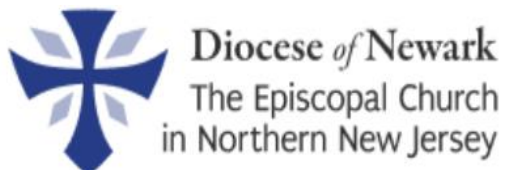
[America 250](#) | [Borough of Allendale](#)

Please let us know if you would like to join the Trinity parade walkers!
Email Lana, Bernie, Gail, or let any Vestry member know:
info@trinitynbc.org



Trinity Summer Fun!

Sharing parishioners' summer experiences with our Trinity Community
(Full photo montage included in parish newsletter distribution)



Feature Stories

The Age of Distraction

AUGUST 26, 2026



By The Rev. Canon Margo Peckham Clark

As we come to the very end of summer, I find myself thinking about how quickly this season seems to disappear. Every year, it seems that the press of the school year, the program year – whatever we choose to call it – pushes further and further into these lovely late-summer days.

There are so many things competing for our attention. Sometimes I wonder whether, in the future, this period in which we live will be known as the “Age of Distraction.”

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Before I say more about that, though, I want to remind everyone that Monday, August 31, is the deadline to lock in the current pricing for our diocesan pilgrimage to Scotland and Iona, taking place May 29 through June 6, 2027.

I am very excited about this pilgrimage. We will have opportunities to worship, explore and shop in Edinburgh, take in Scotland's beautiful sights, and enjoy a special day trip focused on wildlife. Most importantly, we will spend a good amount of time on the Holy Island of Iona – a place where we can reflect, pray, learn, and be together while exploring the history of Christianity and our faith.

We will be staying in a wonderful small hotel, where I am told the food is marvelous and many of the ingredients are sourced from the garden surrounding the hotel. The pilgrimage is open to people from outside the Diocese of Newark as well, so I encourage you to take a look at the information on the [diocesan website](#) before the current price guarantee ends on August 31.

Pilgrimage, of course, is only one of the spiritual practices we are exploring and learning about together in our diocese. Others include retreat, prayer – including praying out loud – discernment and the practice of seeking God's will, and study, in addition to worship and the many other things we do together.

All of these practices are intended to help us grow in our spiritual lives. And, in many ways, they can also help us reduce the distractions that interfere with that growth.

St. Augustine famously wrote that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. He understood that restlessness as part of who we are: God made us for God's own self, and ultimately, it is in God that we find the peace we are seeking.

We often talk about reducing distraction for the sake of our health and well-being, and there is certainly value in that. But as people of faith, I think it is important not to lose sight of something even more important. We seek to reduce distraction because distraction can draw us away from the peace that can only be found in God.

And the peace we find in God is the source from which all of the other forms of happiness and fulfillment in our lives flow.

So, as we begin this new year – this program year, school year, or whatever you call the season ahead – I want to challenge all of us to keep Augustine's wisdom in mind.

What do *you* need in order to rest in God?

How might you reduce distraction in *your* life so that you can more fully connect with God?

Very few of the things that distract us are bad in themselves. The problem is what can happen when they begin to disconnect us – from our own feelings, from the people we love, and, most significantly, from God.

I hope that, in the months ahead, you will think about this question and keep returning to it. I also hope you will explore some of the opportunities available to us in the life of our diocese. Whether it is the lay retreat, the Bishop's Study Group, our discernment event in the late fall, or a pilgrimage to the American South or Iona, these and so many other opportunities can help us continue to grow in faith and deepen our connection with God. They can help us loosen the hold that distraction has on us and make more room for what truly matters.

I want to close with a prayer from the *Book of Common Prayer* that I particularly love. It is found on page 832 and is titled "For Quiet Confidence":

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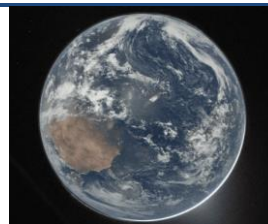
O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As we move into the fall, you might consider praying that prayer regularly as a reminder to reduce distraction and invite God more fully into your life.

I look forward to seeing all of you in the coming weeks. God bless you as we all enter this busy fall together.



MINISTRY TIP



Ministry Tip: **Steward the Earth locally for global impact.**

- Yesterday afternoon, my husband and I opened the door to our home to unload groceries from the car. **The door was open for about 20 seconds before the fire alarms went off in the house. The “real feel” here in Phoenix was somewhere around 119 degrees, and when the security alarm rep called, he said that having that inferno blow past the heat sensors in our alarm system was enough to set it off, because the change in temperature in the house was so rapid and so extreme, it mimicked that of a fire.**
- **Millions of our siblings in other parts of the world are currently experiencing the results of extreme climate change in a much more real way than those of us in the U.S., with previously abundant food supplies becoming scarce, once drinkable water becoming polluted, and formerly fertile land turning to deserts or becoming submerged. As is often the case in crisis, the poor, the underserved, and the voiceless are those who suffer the most.**
- **We are called by God to be stewards of the earth, to replenish it, and to care for those among us who suffer the most: the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned. Faith without works is dead. It’s time to go to work. I pray that we all have the courage to act in our local communities -- so that our works may be felt globally.**



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

IN OUR DIOCESE

Greenfaith Week of Action

Covenant For Our Future: A Call To Support Environmental & Climate Justice

Thursday, August 27, 10-5 pm: Ewing NJ

A group from the diocese is going; reach out to Julie Crawford to explore carpooling opportunities juliekayecrawford@gmail.com

COVENANT FOR OUR FUTURE
A CALL TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE
AUGUST 27, 2026 ~ 10 AM - 5 PM
Abiding Presence Lutheran Church
2220 Pennington Rd, Ewing NJ
Register here: <https://bit.ly/Summit4EJ> Or scan QR code.

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Assemblywoman
Alixon Collazos-Gill
Environmental Justice in NJ

Rev. Fletcher Harper
Repealing the immoral & unjust HR 1

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Weekly Justice Action Newsletter

The Justice, Peace and Racial Reconciliation Commission weekly action newsletter summarizes upcoming events and activities for involvement. There are actions every day to support a moral budget, immigration rights, voter registration, economic and environmental justice and more. The newsletter along with other resources can be found on the Commission's [webpage](#)

Bishop Hughes writes:

I hope you prayerfully consider joining me and others from across our diocese on this holy adventure. I know this trip will be a respite from the weariness so many of us carry after years of challenging times. It would be a blessing to share this time with you.

For more information and to register, please visit dioceseofnewark.org/iona-pilgrimage-2027. The deadline to lock in the current rate is **August 31, 2026**.



Join Bishop Hughes
on a pilgrimage to
Iona

May 29-June 6, 2027

Learn more & reserve your
spot by **Aug. 31, 2026**



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