



Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

839 Haddon Avenue
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For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Greetings to you all and a very sincere **thank you for all you have done to support the ministry of Holy Trinity Church.** We are embarking on a significant milestone in 2026 as we celebrate the 140th anniversary of our founding as an Episcopal community in Collingswood, NJ. We will honor our past, but we will also celebrate our present church family and, importantly, we will look to plan for a future where our church will thrive. Over the course of our 140 years, we have surely weathered many challenges, and I am happy to report that we are currently stable in the sense that we can support ourselves enough to survive, but I look to a future where the family of Holy Trinity Church thrives in our mission and embodies our loving God's presence to each other and to our Collingswood community. We have much to do and we will need each and every one of you to achieve this.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, **I invite you all to spend some quiet time with yourselves and with our God to reflect on how you can best manifest your contributions to our mission.** Each of us has been provided with many gifts from our creator; for some it may be the ability to contribute financially, for others it may be special skills or talents that can be offered, for others it may simply be the availability of time to contribute to furthering our mission. If you're unsure of what is needed, please feel free to speak with myself or any vestry member to explore what you might be called to do. I encourage all of you to prayerfully consider what you can bring to our family and make that commitment on Stewardship Sunday, November 23, 2025.

We have been blessed in 2025 with the commitments you have made. We have been able to renew our Memorial Garden through generous contributions made for this effort. We've received a generous donation to repair the stucco on our building and put on a fresh coat of paint. Through your many contributions, we have been able to provide ourselves and our community with many opportunities for coming together and to be that loving presence to all. Thank you! We look forward to the next 140 years, and the 140 years to follow. We have been afforded a beautiful legacy by those who came before us and it is our honor to continue that work to provide our descendants with a spiritual home that is intact and very much alive.

Please make every effort to be in church on Sunday, November 23rd as we celebrate our annual Stewardship Sunday for 2026. I ask that you bring your commitment card on this Stewardship Sunday that we might offer these gifts to our God. Our collective stewardship is a thanksgiving to God and our commitment to the ongoing mission and ministry of our beloved church.

With much gratitude for the blessing that each of you are,

Joe Sirak
Senior Warden and Stewardship Committee Chairperson