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Welcome Father Freddie



The Rev. Fernando Paiva III, above, was ordained as a priest at Holy Trinity, South River, on Dec. 17. He will become priest-in-charge at Trinity and St. James, Edison, on Jan. 1. Boards of both congregations voted unanimously to Father Freddie, whose selection followed a more than year-long search for a new leader. For more about him, see page 2.

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Warden's Words

Trinity will soon have a new spiritual leader, who you can call Father Freddie.

He's the Rev. Fernando Paiva III, who received a Master of Divinity degree in May from Virginia Theological Seminary. He was ordained as a deacon in June at Trinity Cathedral and as a priest in December at Holy Trinity, South River.

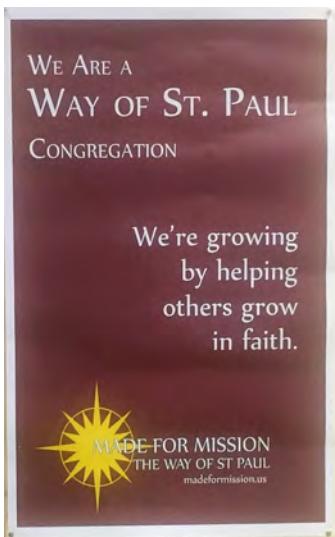
Although Father Freddie is new to the priesthood, he is anything but new to the area. He grew up in Sayreville, just down the road from Woodbridge, and attended Holy Trinity as a congregant before deciding to pursue the priesthood. He served St. Peter's, Perth Amboy, as an intern before enrolling in seminary.

Since July, Father Freddie has been a deacon associate in South Jersey at two affiliated congregations: Christ Church, Palmyra, and Sts. Stephen and Barnabas, Florence. The recent experience may be especially valuable in his new role.

Father Freddie will become priest-in-charge at Trinity and our affiliate, St. James, Edison, as of Jan. 1. He is planning to have services at both congregations on Sundays. He and his wife, Jessica, will live in St. James's Rectory.

We expect to add a deacon as well, resulting in a clergy team. The deacon would help Father Freddie lead services at both Trinity and St. James and carry out other duties. We have asked the diocese to cover the cost, at least initially.

Father Freddie's imminent arrival reflects hard work done for more than a year by our Discernment Committee, chaired by Arlene Guellnitz. She worked with Dot Borkowski, Jeanne Boyle and David Forsythe, along with their counterparts at St. James. Trinity is thankful for their willingness to serve and to deal with an often challenging discernment process.



Please join us in welcoming Father Freddie, who will become the 55th leader at Trinity since the first Anglican services were held in Woodbridge in 1698. Don't be surprised if you hear from him soon, either. He wants to get to know us, and the feeling is mutual.

You can look forward to reading his thoughts quarterly in this newsletter, in place of my Warden's Words columns. I have appreciated the opportunity to keep you abreast of what's happening at Trinity and to reflect on those events, especially the ones that put us in position to bring in Father Freddie.

There is much to be done at Trinity these days. We need to rebuild a congregation whose numbers dwindled in the Covid-19 pandemic. We also need to find ways to bring in residents of all the new apartment complexes in downtown Woodbridge. The good news is that we won't just have God's help with this work and other tasks. We'll have Father Freddie's, too.

David Wilson



Ways to Worship

Trinity offers three ways to attend our services:

- Worship in person. Masks are recommended, though not mandated, and other pandemic protocols remain in place for now. Bread and wine are made available for Holy Communion under diocesan guidelines.
- Join us on Zoom, in keeping with our practice throughout the pandemic. Login information and a link to the service bulletin are available each week through our newsletter, *This Week at Trinity*.
- Watch on Facebook Live, where we stream the Zoom video.

We expect to maintain this hybrid system for the foreseeable future. Whichever way you choose to worship, please join us on Sundays and holy days.



Ordination to the Priesthood The Reverend Fernando Paiva, III

*December 17, 2022
10 o'clock in the morning*

The bulletin for Father Freddie's ordination featured a colorful front cover, as shown above. The photo on the right shows him with Bishop Stokes, who ordained him, following the service. It was posted by the diocese on Facebook.



Father Freddie is pictured after his ordination with (left to right) St. James's Kerri and Pat Colletto and Trinity's Arlene Guellntiz, Jeanne Boyle and David Forsythe. David Wilson and Carroll Thomas from Trinity and Elena Burrows from St. James also attended.

Father Freddie signed his contract to serve as priest-in-charge at the post-service reception, where Bishop Stokes announced him as our new spiritual leader.



Father Freddie and his wife, Jessica, are shown during the ordination. Jessica is a music teacher. She served as a guest director for Holy Trinity's choir at the service. (Photo: Diocese of New Jersey)

Father Freddie bestowed a blessing upon Bishop Stokes as part of the ordination service.

The bishop will retire in June and the diocese will elect his successor at a special convention, set for Jan. 28. Trinity will be represented at the convention by Jeanne Boyle, Carroll Thomas and David Wilson.



ANNUAL MEETING

**The meeting will be held Sunday, Jan. 22,
in the Parish House after Holy Communion.
Look for the service time in our weekly newsletter,
This Week at Trinity.**

**Trinity is seeking nominations for:
One Warden (2-year term)
Two Bishop's Committee members (3-year terms)
Other nominations may also be required.**

**If you're interested in serving,
please contact Warden David Wilson
or the Church Office.**

JUBILEE

Community Ministry

Trinity helps carry out God's work in the world and meet the needs of the local community through feeding and diaper programs and other efforts. We have operated since 2015 as a Jubilee Ministry Center, designated by the Episcopal Church for our support of the poor and oppressed.



Our food pantry distributed 62 baskets for Thanksgiving and 67 for Christmas, in addition to its regular Saturday handouts. This photo shows food that was packed up and distributed at Thanksgiving.



Families lined up at the back door to the Parish House for Thanksgiving baskets.



Dot Borkowski made a special "turkey cake" for the Friday lunch program's Thanksgiving meal, which served 45 people.



AT&T contributed toward our Thanksgiving baskets. Joe Kovacs (left), who works with the pantry and is also our sexton, is pictured along with volunteers Michelle Meiser and Daniel Rosenfeld. Trinity is grateful for the donation.

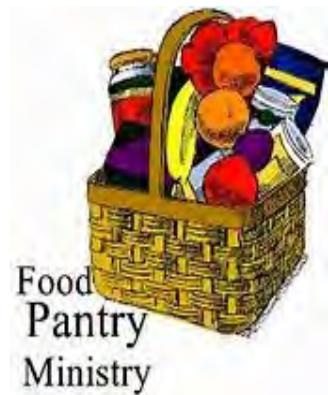


Dharma Drum Mountain Buddhist Association, a temple located in Edison, contributed toward our Christmas baskets. Representatives of the DDMBA are pictured with their donation. Trinity appreciates their support.



Volunteer Opportunity

Our Food Pantry ministry is in need of volunteers to allow us to efficiently service and fulfill a most important role in our local community. Please consider joining us in this vital ministry.



Volunteers will pack and distribute food baskets. They will be able to experience the satisfaction and pride that comes with helping others.

The pantry currently operates on Thursdays, with morning and afternoon pickups, and on the first and third Saturday of each month. Diapers are also distributed by our diaper bank on the first Saturday.

If you can spare a few hours on those days, your help would be most appreciated. For further information or to volunteer, please contact Carroll Thomas.

Donations Wanted

Food Pantry

These food items are in demand: Canned chicken, canned meats, stew (low sodium), canned and dry pasta, macaroni and cheese, rice, dry beans (black, red, pinto), vegetables, fruit, cereal, granola bars. Household items also in demand: Paper products, soap, shampoo, toothpaste.



Diaper Bank

Our diaper program always needs children's disposable diapers, especially smaller sizes, and baby wipes. You may drop them off starting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday or 11 a.m. on Friday. You may also purchase items through AmazonSmile so they are delivered automatically.

THANK YOU for your continued support



Corner

Trinity is grateful to all who have made pledges for 2023. Your support will enable us to serve our congregation and the local community, strengthen our affiliation with St. James in Edison, and pursue our future. If you have yet to pledge, please print and fill out the form on the next page and send it to us.

There are several options for paying your pledge, including the online-giving platform Givebutter, available on our home page. You may also use bank bill-paying services, mail checks to the church office, or put your contributions in the collection plate at Sunday services.

Offering envelopes will only be made available upon request. This will enable us to save on printing costs. If you want envelopes, please contact the Church Office to make arrangements.

We are thankful to all those who have given their time and talents this year to work at our feeding ministries, fundraising events and other activities. We hope you will be just as generous in the coming year and beyond.

For more information on stewardship, see This Week at Trinity. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Stewardship Chair David Forsythe or our Wardens, Steve Kalista and David Wilson.



A Call to Love

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Please return this form to:
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THANK YOU for your support of Trinity in the coming year. We hope you will also be able to share your time and talents in the spirit of stewardship.

St. Anne's Unit



St. Anne's members would like to thank all of you who purchased a wreath, poinsettia, grave cover or grave blanket in our Christmas sale. Even though delivery day was overcast and rainy, the greens were beautiful and certainly overcame the lack of sunshine. Thank you Trinity!



We will continue our winter meetings in person on Sunday afternoons. We start meetings at 2 p.m. and finish by 3:15 p.m. Please consider joining us. We are friendly and love doing things that help Trinity.

Upcoming meeting dates and themes:

Jan. 8 - Business meeting: Setting goals for the year

Feb. 12 - Meeting with new priest-in-charge (tentative)

March 12 - Field trip to historical site and tea party

Beyond the Pages



Trinity has a faith-based book club, Beyond the Pages. Participants read a book each month and meet online to discuss it on Sunday afternoons. The meetings are an opportunity to gather with fellow readers and to enhance spiritual understanding through discussion and fellowship.

Books are selected by participants and range from Christian classics to modern novels. The most recent pick is Todd Linn's *You're Either Walking the Walk or Just Running Your Mouth!* The club will meet Sunday, Jan. 8, to discuss this verse-by-verse study of the Book of James.

Beyond the Pages meetings are typically held on the fourth Sunday of the month. Further information and the Zoom link to join the discussion are available in This Week at Trinity.

Dine and Dwell



You are invited to join St. James's weekly Bible-study program, Dine and Dwell, held online at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

As stated on St. James's website: "These meetings give us the chance to make meaning of the scripture by looking at how God's words are speaking to us in that moment. As we learn and grow together, we are forming a deeper connection with Jesus and with one another. ""

Look for the Zoom link to Dine and Dwell in This Week at Trinity.

Remembering the Sick



Trinity prays for the sick and the suffering at Sunday morning services, during the Prayers of the People. In order to keep our prayer list up to date, names of those in need of our prayers will be included for four weeks at a time.

You may add names to the prayer list or renew names already on the list by calling our prayer request line at 732-634-7422 or by emailing Wardens Steve Kalista and David Wilson at wardens@trinitywoodbridge.org. You are most encouraged to mention a name aloud during services, and we hope that you will feel free to do so.



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