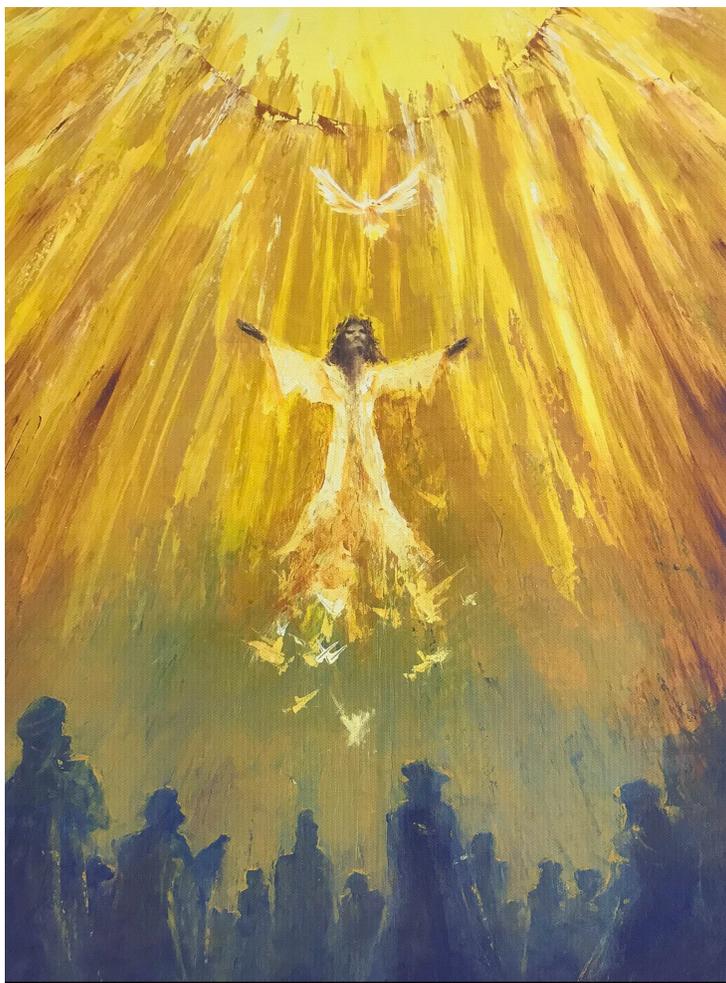


Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



The Ascension

The Ascension of our Lord

Rite II Holy Eucharist

with the Baptism of Wesley Ditzel IV

May 16, 2021 at 8 AM

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger, Presider

John Beier, Senior Warden & Sydney O'Hagan, Junior Warden

The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Wesley William Ditzel IV and Fr. Andy's birthday, the Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Florence Drummond from Nancy Ditzel, and all for the Glory of God.

The bell is rung and the people stand.

Gathering Sentences

BCP 299

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

Gloria

BCP 356

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 224

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ
ascended far above all heavens
that he might fill all things:
Mercifully give us faith to perceive that,
according to his promise,
he abides with his Church on earth,
even to the end of the ages;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

11They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

Omnes gentes, plaudite

BCP 650

1. Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
 shout to God with a cry of joy.
2. For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
 he is the great King over all the earth.
3. He subdues the peoples under us, *
 and the nations under our feet.
4. He chooses our inheritance for us, *
 the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
5. God has gone up with a shout, *
 the Lord with the sound of the ram’s-horn.
6. Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
 sing praises to our King, sing praises.
7. For God is King of all the earth; *
 sing praises with all your skill.
8. God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.
9. The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
 with the people of the God of Abraham.
10. The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
 and he is highly exalted.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A reading from St Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

15I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my

prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand.

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

⁴⁴Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

The Presider says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsor I present Wesley to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Presider addresses the Parents, Sponsors and Godparents

Presider Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Sponsor I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents & Sponsor I will, with God's help.

Renunciation and Allegiance

BCP 302

The Presider addresses the Candidate, Parents and Sponsor.

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Presider addresses the Assembly

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Wesley in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as your self?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

BCP 305

The Presider says

Let us now pray for Wesley who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The Intercessor says

Deliver Wesley, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Open his heart to your grace and truth.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

The Presider concludes

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

BCP 306

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

BCP 307

The candidate is presented by name to the Presider, who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Wesley, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Presider places a hand on Wesley's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Wesley, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Presider prays over Wesley, saying

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Presider addresses the assembly

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people make a reverent bow to one another as an expression of peace. No physical contact is permitted.

Announcements

Andrew Kruger

Offertory Sentence

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

1 Chronicles 29:11

The Presider prepares the Holy Table, then the People stand.

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 363

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is observed, then the Presider says

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Invitation

BCP 364

Presider The Gifts of God:

People **for the People of God.**

Protocol for the Reception of Communion Bread

- ✦ *The people, starting from the pews closest to the sanctuary, are invited by the usher to receive Communion.*
- ✦ *Each Communicant must first sanitize their hands before proceeding to the Presider with hands cupped, the non-dominant hand on top, to receive the Bread.*
- ✦ *The Presider gives the Bread to each person saying: 'The Body of Christ.' The recipient replies: 'Amen'.*
- ✦ *After receiving the Bread, the communicant moves a short distance toward the right or left crossing door, removes their mask and consumes the Bread.*
- ✦ *After consuming the Bread the communicant may place their gift in the retiring offertory bowls stationed at each crossing door.*
- ✦ *The communicant then departs through the crossing door.*

What you need to know today ...

Sandwich Sunday is today Consider participating in this important outreach effort to feed the poor. Traditionally held on the third Sunday of the month; St. John's Episcopal in Elizabeth is our sister parish and it is a privilege to team up with their efforts to alleviate hunger. Click [here](#) to learn about the necessary items which are needed or contact Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) or email the office.

Sunday School Class is held during the school year on Sunday morning during the 10 AM service until May 30. For information, please contact the co-superintendents Marion Nechuta (marionnechuta@yahoo.com) or Dr. Elizabeth Rees (bethrees09@gmail.com).

The Parish Office Marion Nechuta is in the office on Thursday afternoons to field phone calls only, no in-person contact is permitted at this time. Marion may be contacted via the parish email or her cell (908-451-4498) during the rest of the week from 2:30 PM to 5 PM.

Holding a meeting under the TEDS tents? Please call Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498) or email the parish office to reserve the space.

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Each week both are available for personal attribution, to remember loved ones, to honor others, to celebrate lives. Email the parish office with any questions as to the process. Please note, the deadline is 4 PM Wednesday before the Sunday being requested; remember that there can be multiple attributions each week.

May 23: In celebration of the birthday of Emma Willix (the 19th) from Stephanie & Jim Willix

May 30: In loving memory of Charles Edward Post from Sophie Beier

June 6: In loving memory of Charles Pecoraro, from his daughter Dianne Pecoraro, and grandchildren Sal and Danielle Brown

Sept 12: In loving memory of Joan Collins-Beres from her daughter, Cheryl Pantina

Parish Pledges The parish leadership is so grateful for your faithfulness. Please continue to mail pledges — labeled “To Financial Secretary” — to Trinity Church, 205 North Avenue East, Cranford, NJ 07016.

Intercessory Prayer List Each person on the list is prayed for at Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. You are encouraged to add and update your prayer requests; please click on this link. Please remember to move the person you are praying for to the “Thanksgiving for Healing” section if and when that becomes appropriate.

The Banns of Marriage are published between Patti Fernicola and Jennifer Czylek. You are required to give your consent to their marriage, if you cannot you are to speak now or else for ever hereafter hold your peace. The wedding date is Saturday, May 29. This is the second time of asking.

‘The Liturgical Year through Stained Glass’ is an instructional video created by Trinity's Confirmation class and using Trinity's stained-glass windows to illustrate the liturgical seasons; watch it [here](#).

What you need to know this week ...

The Daily Offices Morning and Evening Prayer are held online Monday through Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM respectively.

Trinity Handbell Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 6:30 PM in-person The last rehearsal is May 26. [Click here for more information](#), visit TrinityCranford.org and click *Music*, or contact Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com).

Trinity Virtual Choir rehearsal is every Wednesday at 8 PM online The last rehearsal is May 26. [Click here for more information](#), visit TrinityCranford.org and click *Music*, or contact Anthony Rafaniello (anthonyrafaniello@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study Thursdays from 10 AM to 11:30 AM via Trinity's online platform. Nancy Miller leaves the discussion on Catherine of Sienna and moves on to Mechthild (or Matilda) of Magdeburg (1207-1288), the first mystic to write in German, a Beguine, and a Christian medieval mystic, whose book *The Flowing Light of Divinity* is a compendium of visions, prayers, dialogs and mystical accounts.

Compline Consider ending your day with the peaceful prayer office of Compline, Thursday nights at 8 PM via Trinity's online platform.

COVID CONNECT helpline provides support to individuals who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Call (833) 223-0011 Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM.

What you need to know for the future ...

Baptisms During the Easter Season The sacrament of baptism has been offered at the 8 AM in-person and physically-distanced service. Please pray for the candidates, their parents, and sponsors involved in the sacrament of baptism. This morning's catechumen was Wesley Ditzel IV and next Sunday, on the Day of Pentecost, May 23 it will be Matias Juarez.

Calling all graduates [Register](#) for this year's Baccalaureate celebration with Bishop Stokes next Sunday, May 23 at 3 PM, featuring the presentation of scholarships, a virtual parade of graduates, and more!

Journeying Towards Reparations a Zoom webinar for the Diocese of New Jersey on May 25 at 7 PM. [Click here to view the flyer](#), and [click here to register](#).

Stamp Out Despair The Ministry for the Imprisoned thanks all who donated for their very generous response which enabled a donation of 59 books of stamps (valued at \$650). Thirteen "Dear Friend" notes to accompany the stamps were also received. Writing a note is challenging and not much guidance was provided. The goal is a note for each book of stamps, please consider writing one or more notes and send the notes to the parish office by Sunday, May 30. Here are some sample ideas:

- † *Dear Friend, I am thinking about you today and praying for you and your loved ones. Remember that God cares for you and that you are never alone. Peace and hope to you.*
- † *Dear Friend, May God be with you and give you comfort, peace and hope.*
- † *Dear Friend, I hope these postage stamps enable you to stay in touch with your loved ones at this difficult time. Know that you are not forgotten and are in our prayers.*

CCC/IFHRC Scholarship The recipient of the Cranford Clergy Council/Interfaith Human Relations Committee (CCC/IFHRC) Scholarship must be a graduating senior from any public or private school and is a congregant of a Cranford House of Worship. The students must be active in their church or synagogue and must plan to continue their education by attending college or vocational school. This award is not based on academic or athletic achievement, but on how their faith has encouraged them to serve God and people through volunteerism in their House of Worship and Community. Applications must be completed and submitted by Noon on June 1.

Trinity Men's Group meets on the first Saturday of the month from 8 AM to 9 AM online. All men of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. Last week, the discussion centered on the book of the prophet Isaiah. The group's next meeting is June 5.

Outdoor In-Person Eucharist on Sunday, June 6 at 10 AM. The parish will bid farewell to Joe and Julia Bardzilowski during this service as they prepare for their move out of the area. There will be a fellowship hour after the service with an ice cream truck and other snacks. [Click here to sign up for the service.](#)

The Trinity Cranford ECW Scholarship Committee is now accepting requests from qualifying 2021 high school graduates. To apply, you must be an active parishioner of Trinity. In order to qualify, be accepted and attending (or planning to attend) an institute of higher learning in 2021. Email the office by June 11 and an application will be sent to you. For questions, call Holly Ives (908-277-2821) or Marion Nechuta (908-451-4498).

Game Night Confirmation Class vs. Sunday School Sunday, June 13 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM under the tents. Games for all ages; which team will win the most? A link to register will be provided closer to the date.

Trinity Women's Group meets on the second Monday of the month from 7 PM to 8 PM online. All women of the parish are invited to explore the scriptures together. The next meeting is June 14.

Saint John's Episcopal Church in Elizabeth is our sister parish. Their Pantry is getting bare. Please help in stocking it; [click here](#) for more details about the items needed and deliver them to Marion Nechuta at 310 W. Clay Avenue, Roselle Park.

Mystagogia is the period when believers contemplate the Church's life and sacraments. As part of the *Year of Eucharist*, the 150th Liturgical Committee offers an online class delving into the mysteries of the Eucharist. The class takes the form of an instructed Eucharist followed by discussion time. [Click here](#) to view the most recent Mystagogia class on Thursday, May 13. The next class will be announced.

From the Diocese: Clergy News

The Reverend Amy S. Cornell, called as Rector of St. David's, Cranbury, effective June 1, 2021. Rev. Cornell served previously as Rector of Grace-St. Paul's, Mercerville, NJ. Amy was baptized and confirmed at Trinity, Cranford and was a very active member all her life until hearing the call to ordination; her parents, Tom and Joan Cornell, were life-long members of Trinity.