

Christ Child Catholic Church
***Dedicated to Growth in Christ and to the
Challenges of Loving Service***

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**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**
November 17, 2019

**“The days will come when there will not be left
a stone upon another stone that will not be
thrown down.”**
Luke 21: 5-19

A lasting gift from a ‘terrific club’

In the immediate aftermath of 9/11, no place outside of New York City itself endured greater loss than the small town of Hoboken, New Jersey. Fifty-three people from Hoboken – a town of about a square mile – perished in the attack on the World Trade Towers. The smell of black smoke from the city filled Hoboken for days; from the Pier A Park, people could see the devastation across the river. Everyone knew someone who had lost a husband or wife, a son or daughter, a brother or sister in the towers. One place where people sought refuge was the lovely old Trinity Church. The small Episcopal Church stayed open day and night. There were prayers offered every evening until the final death toll was known. Trinity became a place for families struggling with their grief to come together. A small chapel off the main sanctuary became their gathering

space, where they displayed photos of their dead, lighted candles in their memory, and talked. At first it was a mix of pain and practicality – how to cope with their grief, who could babysit. Soon it evolved into a delicate exploration of hopelessness and hope, of faith and spirit. They supported and helped one another deal with the dark days, the grief that would dissipate and the tentative beginning of new lives and relationships. It was, they said, a terrific club with a horrible admission charge. Three years after 9/11, as to be expected, the members of the “club” moved on. But they wanted to do something for the little church that had been their refuge. The old stone church has a small bell tower that has been without a bell for years – an empty space in the church, as intimate as their grief had been vast. At the suggestion of the rector, the group of families donated \$14,000 to cast a small bronze bell, 24 inches wide and 240 pounds. On September 11, 2005, the bell was rung from the Trinity tower for the first time. It tolls every September 11, and in between it tolls for worship, weddings and funerals, to announce times of great joy and great sorrow. The group’s gift will last beyond their grief and the church’s gift to them. *In the horrible aftermath of 9/11, the Trinity Church families have a special appreciation for the fragileness of life. In their painful loss, they have come to treasure the lasting and most precious thing of life, represented by their gift of a bell. Their experience and their bell teach us that the time we are given in this life is precious, that God gives us this gift of life to embrace and be embraced by the love that is uniquely of God. Jesus calls us not to be obsessed with the “stones” that will one day collapse and become dust but to*

seek instead the lasting things of the soul, the things of God. May love that never ends, compassion that never fades, forgiveness that never falters be the focus of our journey to the eternal dwelling place of God.

Sacrament of reconciliation

By request or appointment

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Call the office for an appointment

Anointing of the Sick

Celebrated biannually at Mass or individually call for an appointment

For Pregnancy Support

Birthright 241-8444 or 800-550-4900

Prayer Group in the Parish

Every Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. All Women and All Men.

STRUDEL SALE

It’s that time of year again! The Christ Child’s **Gina Boisvert**, will be making delicious Strudel for Thanksgiving and Christmas: small and large ones this year. Large \$35 and Small ones \$25
Great for holiday gifts!

A delicious way of supporting our Church!

MASS INTENTIONS November 16 - 22

Saturday 5:00 p.m. + Gerald Francis Smith

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. + Conrada Tolentino
Endrina**

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. + John Parker

Thursday 9:00 a.m. + Donald W. Hanley

Friday 8:00 a.m. All Souls

Every Saturday we pray the **ROSARY** together
in the church at 4:30 pm.

**Please come to pray for our families and our
Country!**

**Annual Mountain Churches Christmas
Concert Saturday December 7, 2019 at
7:00 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints**

16th Annual Giving at Greenfield
**Sign up for a family this weekend. We are
also collecting gently used toys, books and
stuffed animals. We will deliver gifts on
Saturday,
December 14th
Contact Karen if you have questions
408 375-0984 (Cell).**

**Pre-School: The Second Sunday of the month
during the 10 am. Mass
Family Social after mass!**

Hello Parishioners

**Give warmth, donate a coat! CHRIST
CHILD’S ANNUAL COAT DRIVE is in full
swing!** Donation collection boxes are in our
Church foyer. All sizes of new or gently used
coats, parkas, jackets, sweaters, caps, scarves and
gloves are appreciated. **Winter wear for
infants, toddlers, and youth is needed!** Our
friends at HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC
CHURCH, GREENFIELD, CA benefit greatly
from our generosity.

Thank You! Questions?

Contact Joe & Andrea Bruna - 408 353-3101

**Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 28nd
will be at 9:00 a.m.**

**SAVE the Day on Sunday
December 15th the Christmas Party in the
PARISH after the Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

***“Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and
every eye will see him.” (Rv 1:7)***

**The second coming of Christ can be
frightening to think about, but it will be
predominantly a time of beauty and
restoration. All that is fallen will be made
perfect. All our tears and troubles will be no
more because the heavens and earth will be
made anew. Let us look with longing to the
fulfillment of God’s Kingdom.**