

# Church of the Holy Trinity

60 MAPLE STREET ✕ BRIDGEWATER ✕ NEW JERSEY 08807



*Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri*

Very Rev. Peter R. Cebulka, C.O. ....Provost  
Rev. Jeffrey M. Calia, C.O. .... Pastor

Mr. Michael Forrestall .....Deacon  
Mr. John Phalen .....Deacon  
Br. John Fredy Triana Beltran, C.O.....Deacon

## MASSES

Saturday.....5:00PM  
Sunday.....8:30am & 10:30AM  
Holy Days.....as announced

### Daily Masses:

Holy Trinity: Tuesday & Friday.....7:00PM  
St. Ann: Monday & Friday.....7:00PM  
    Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.....7:00AM  
    Saturday.....9:00AM  
St. Joseph: Monday – Friday.....8:00AM  
Shrine of the Bl. Sac.: Monday – Friday.....12:15PM

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday .....1:00 to 1:30 PM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

*- From September to May -*

Monday & Wednesday .....10:00 AM to 5:30 PM

The parish of Holy Trinity has as its mission

- to form a welcoming community of believers
- to worship God
- to serve God and each other, and
- to spread the Gospel to all

Through the actions of the parish ministries we carry out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives.

## BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12 Noon (except during Lent). Parents must contact the parish office in advance; first-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholics who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish office.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information about the RCIA.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for a pastoral visit, Anointing of the Sick, and/or Holy Communion for those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to church.

## MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Once a wedding date is confirmed, a priest or deacon will assist with the required marriage preparation process.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday .....9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Fax.....908-526-5837  
Parish E-Mail.....HTChurch08807@yahoo.com  
Fr. Jeff E-Mail .....FrJeff@holymtrinitynj.org  
Parish Website.....www.holytrinitynj.org

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Parish Office Phone: 908-526-2394

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September 15, 2019  
*Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**@Mass Intentions**



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As we get back into the flow of our regular activities, I want to provide you with an update on the various projects we've undertaken to maintain and improve our parish facilities.

As I mentioned last week, the highest priority this year has been to get our church basement and rectory patio back into shape for our Religious Education program. We were able to accomplish this over the course of about eight weeks in July and August, at a total cost of approximately \$22,000. Again, I'm grateful to everyone who assisted in making it possible for our children to have a safe and attractive space to gather and learn about our faith.

Related to the condition of the church basement is the issue of moisture infiltration. Stan Pozarycki has been investigating and addressing some issues with stormwater drainage on the Ardmaer Street side of the church, which should help to prevent moisture from attacking the basement walls.

Also this summer, some needed repairs were made to the church wheelchair ramp. A couple of areas of crumbling concrete were patched, failing areas of brick were repointed, and some caulking was replaced. This work cost about \$3000.

We have two more projects that we're working on this fall. One is the replacement of the church roof. On Ash Wednesday, melting snow leaked onto the altar during Mass. The resulting repair work revealed that the roof is beyond its useful life and in need of replacement. Jeff Alte and his son, Dan, have cared for our rooves for over 20 years, and Alte Exteriors will be installing the new roof at a cost of just over \$22,000.

Finally, Greg D'Angelo and I have been working on a plan to upgrade the lighting in church. By switching to LED fixtures, we can significantly improve visibility in the church while saving on energy and maintenance. We're in the process of getting pricing for different options, so we can evaluate and determine the best solution for our needs.

I'll continue to keep you updated as things develop. If you have any questions or concerns about our parish facilities, please don't hesitate to contact me or our buildings and grounds coordinator, Stan Pozarycki, through the parish office.

In Christ & St. Philip,  
 Fr. Jeff



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14**

God became very angry with the Israelites for worshipping a molten calf and making sacrifices to it. The people had so quickly violated his commandments that he planned to destroy them. But Moses pleaded with God for mercy and God relented.

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

Paul considered himself a former blasphemer and persecutor, and expressed his gratitude for the mercy Jesus showed him. Paul felt that he was a perfect example of Jesus' patience toward sinners and his desire to reconcile them with God.

**Gospel: Luke 15:1-32**

The Pharisees grew angry because of the Jesus' compassion toward sinners. In response, Jesus tells of a son who squandered his inheritance, then returned to his father and asked to be treated as a hired hand. The father rejoiced, angering his older and more obedient son. The father explained that everything he owned belonged to his older son; but he had to rejoice for the son who was lost and had been found.

**SATURDAY, September 14th, Vigil: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00pm** Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY, September 15th, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
*"Catechetical Sunday"*

**8:30am** Thomas McElroy (12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) r/o  
 The Repole Family

**10:30am** Ethel & Harry McGowan r/o Grandchildren  
*MONDAY, September 16th, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*

**TUESDAY, September 17th, Weekday**

*St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**7:00pm** Gerolamo & Gloria Calia r/o Grandson, Fr. Jeff  
*WEDNESDAY, September 18th, Weekday*

*THURSDAY, September 19th, Weekday*  
*St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*

**FRIDAY, September 20th, Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

**7:00pm** Jimmy Sunder r/o Joan Marotta  
 Theresa Mislán r/o Bob & Linda Reid

**SATURDAY, September 21st, Vigil: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**5:00pm** John & Helen Pawlicki r/o Daughter, Fran  
**SUNDAY, September 22nd, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30am** Our Parishioners

**10:30am** Joseph & Theresa Kizmann r/o The Kizmann Family



**JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY TRINITY** in reciting the Rosary for World Peace & Justice on Tuesday's after the 7:00pm Mass.

**Our Weekly Offering**

September 7/8, 2019 - \$3,833.00 / 2018 - \$4,315.00  
 Peter's Pence 2019 - \$940.00 / 2018 - \$1,938.00

**Thank you for your continued support!**

**The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults RCIA IS FOR ANYONE WHO:**

- Desires to be baptized or want to learn about baptism
- Desires to know more about the Catholic faith tradition
- Desires to complete the sacraments of initiation First Communion and Confirmation.

**Welcome! If interested, call the Rectory at 908-526-2394.**



*Please consider hosting the traveling image of Our Lady in your home for a week. This image, which has been blessed by the Bishop, is accompanied by a candle, holy water, rosaries, and other prayer resources. The sign-up sheet is available at the main entrance of the church.*

**Parish Office new E-mail Address:** [office@holytrinitynj.org](mailto:office@holytrinitynj.org)  
**Religious Ed new E-mail Address:** [reoffice@holytrinitynj.org](mailto:reoffice@holytrinitynj.org)



**TEACHERS**

Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Mass Catechetical Sunday Blessing

**STUDENTS**

September 16 4:30 to 5:30pm **Monday RE**  
(Grades 1 to 8)

September 18 4:30 to 5:30pm **Wednesday RE**  
(Grades 3,5,6,8)

**PARENTS**

September 16,18 Mandatory Grade 8 Confirmation Parents'  
& Students' Meeting Upstairs in Church during child's class time

**\*\*\*TEACHER NEEDED for Grade 8 for Wednesday's\*\***  
**Call the RE office at 908-725-6339 if you can volunteer!**

**A PRAYER FOR CATECHISTS**

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**SEPTEMBER 14/15**

5:00pm **Reader:** *Mary Psak*  
*Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Tom & Allison Truchan and Rebecca Majewski*  
**Altar Servers:** *Kari La Canna & Alex Swider*

8:30am **Reader:** *Francine Giorello*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Jim Sheeley, Catherine Phalen and Nick Vendemia*  
**Altar Server:** *Emily Caldarola*

10:30am **Reader:** *Chris Halligan*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Maureen Montague and Mike & Charlene Tackvic*  
**Altar Server:** *Zachary Salvato*

**House Communion:** *Maureen Montague*

**SEPTEMBER 21/22**

5:00pm **Reader:** *Lindsay Frevert*  
*Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Fran Brzezinski, Charlotte Shipley and Kathy Herdman*  
**Altar Server:** *Matthew George*

8:30am **Reader:** *Anna Marie Vendemia*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Nick Vendemia, Sandy Kuklo and Stan Pozarycki*  
**Altar Server:** *Emily Caldarola*

10:30am **Reader:** *Irene Fialkowsky*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Chris Mariani and Kevin & Audrey Henry*  
**Altar Servers:** *Julian DiMaggio & Maeve Siddons*

**House Communion:** *Chris Mariani*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

**WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #3**

**CAPTAIN: Marie Confortini**

Laura Wetzel, Janet Bergan, Marge Garzillo & Carol Martin  
**GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019**

**WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #3**

**CAPTAIN:**

Chris Halligan, Max Marquart, Sue Marquart & Pedro Magsalin  
**GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM**



**SECOND COLLECTION** – this weekend September 14/15 for Catch-up AND Hurricane Relief.

*Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our parish collected \$940.00. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to Give! Visit: [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link.*



We are inviting adults, youth and children who would like to sing in our Choirs at Holy Trinity. The Adult Choir resumes practice THIS Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and the Children's Choir resumes practice THIS Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. If interested or would like information, call Ann Marie Izzo (Music Director) at 908-930-4769 or see Ann Marie or Dina, our Choir Director, after Mass.



**Music Ministry Recruitment Drive THIS weekend after all the masses in the Church Basement/TV Room. Please take a few minutes to join us for refreshments and find out what we're all about. We will be raffling off some CD's.**

*The Parish Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. Should a need for prayer to arise, please call Mary Raimondo at 908-725-7369 or E-mail: [babysis30@optonline.net](mailto:babysis30@optonline.net).*

**Please note that the Parish Pastoral Council Meetings will be held on Monday's at 7:00pm ~ next meeting is THIS Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. ALL ARE INVITED!**

**WIND CREEK BUS TRIP, Bethlehem, PA**  
(formerly Sands)

*Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society on Wednesday, Oct 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*\$30.00 per person ~ \$25.00 back in Slot Play ~*  
*Bus leaves at **9:30am** from the Parish Center*  
*If interested call: Fran at 908-231-0592 or Pat at 908-526-0427*

*The EWTN Fall Highlights brochure is available at all church exits. Programming includes the EWTN Family Celebration in late September, and in October, a celebration for the Feast of St. Francis (October 4) and the canonization of Blessed John Cardinal Newman by Pope Francis (October 13). As always feel free to take extra copies for family members and friends.*



"...Missouri is one of just a few states that legally can protect unborn babies with Down syndrome from discriminatory abortion deaths. The law also ends abortions based on the unborn baby's sex and race. 'As the father of a child with special needs, Attorney General Schmitt is particularly sensitive to suggestions that an unborn child who will have special needs is any lesser of a human being, and we're glad that provisions relating to that issue were left in place in the judge's ruling.'" Read more at [www.holytrinitynj.org/bulletinboard](http://www.holytrinitynj.org/bulletinboard), Family & Pro-Life News Briefs

**Coming Soon - LIFE CHAIN**, a peaceful and prayerful public witness of individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion and all violence. **Respect Life Sunday, October 6th, 2:00 - 3:30 PM, Somerset Street and Mountain Ave., Somerville.**

This year our Critical Life Issues Conference (now Choices Matter - A Critical Life Conference) will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 and will run from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated by Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA at 8:30 AM at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 94 Somerset Street in New Brunswick. The Catholic Center at Rutgers in New Brunswick will be hosting this year's event. The Conference will begin at 10:00 AM at 126 College Ave Student Center in New Brunswick. There is ample parking behind the Student Center. Speakers include: Tony and Ceil Levatino, Patricia Sandoval and Leah Darrow. The conference will feature a variety of exhibits and there will be Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day. You may register at [rutgerscatholic.org](http://rutgerscatholic.org) for Choices Matter - A Critical Life Conference.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Food Pantry is well stocked due to the generous contributions from our parishioners, as well as, from the Bridgewater community through their donations to the post office. Should you know of someone in need of non-perishable items, please call the Rectory at 908-526-2394. (Supermarket gift cards can also be used and can be dropped in the collection basket.) We are grateful for your support!



**The Knitting Club meets** every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the Rectory. Supplies are available. For information please call Charlotte at 908-526-0477.



**Pray for the Military**

**ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW,  
A SURVIVOR OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE  
BY A PRIEST OR DEACON  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY?**

If so, please contact the Independent Victim Compensation Program created to offer financial settlements to abuse survivors. The IVCP will remain open from June 15 through December 31, 2019. Apply directly online at: [www.njdiocesesivcp.com](http://www.njdiocesesivcp.com)

## CAREGIVER RETREAT Sat., Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> (9am – 1pm)

The Caregiver Ministry of St. Joseph's Church, 34 Yorktown Road, Hillsborough, is having their next spiritual and informative morning for all Caregivers in our community. If you are a caregiver for a child, spouse, parent, or at your workplace, this morning is for you. Fr. Hank Hilton will begin the morning. His talk will be followed by opportunities for meditation, relaxation, and time with the Lord, followed by group table sharing. The goal of the morning is to take time for yourself as well as be infused by spiritual renewal. To register or for more information contact:

Carol 908-369-7143 or email [CarolJ623@comcast.net](mailto:CarolJ623@comcast.net)

## Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration



You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. **Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 at 4:00pm / Registration is required. Please register online at: [diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold](http://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold)**



save the date

St. Ann Regional Catholic Marriage Ministry Presents:

An Invitation to newlywed or couples married several years

**DATE NIGHTS FOR A JOYFUL MARRIAGE!**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> / 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Dinner and Dessert / \$35 per couple

Location: Catholic Church of St. Ann, 45 Anderson St. ~ Raritan, Church meeting room ~ More Info/RSVP: 908-872-0282

## MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

**THIS Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm / St. Ann's Church, Raritan**  
The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, and silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction.

## METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKEND FALL 2019

The Metuchen Cursillo Movement will be holding their next Cursillo Weekend in the fall at the Blue Army Shrine, in Asbury, NJ. A Cursillo Weekend is an "Encounter with Christ". **THE WOMEN'S WEEKEND** is scheduled for November 14-17, 2019. **THE MEN'S WEEKEND IS TBA.** Weekends start on Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon. Bishop Checchio has called the Metuchen Cursillo Movement "an international Catholic evangelical apostolate", and has assigned Rev. John Primich as its Spiritual Advisor. For details and to download an application, log on to [www.metcursillo.org](http://www.metcursillo.org) or you may contact Lorri Casabianca at [lorri.casabianca@gmail.com](mailto:lorri.casabianca@gmail.com) or 732-738-1796. You may also contact Lucille Hess, Lay Director, at [hess@metcursillo.org](mailto:hess@metcursillo.org).

## Calendar of Events

- September 13-15 **Men's Retreat**
- September 14/15 **Music Ministry Recruitment Drive**
- September 15 **Catechetical Sunday/Blessing Classrooms**
- September 15 **Children's Choir Practice resumes**
- September 16 **Parish Pastoral Council Meeting ~ 7:00pm**
- September 16/18 **Confirmation Parents'/Students' Meeting**
- September 19 **Adult Choir Practice resumes**
- Oct. 5/6, 12/13 **Ticket Sales for Ethnic Dinner**
- October 9 **Wind Creek Bus Trip**
- October 10 **Taize Prayer Service**
- October 19 **Ethnic Dinner (Polish)**