



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

60 MAPLE STREET • BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY 08807

THE CHURCH OF THE 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

We strive to carry out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives and through our parish activities.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 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 - Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone / Fax----- 908-526-2394 / 908-526-5837
Email----- office@holytrinitynj.org
Fr. Jeff Email ----- FrJeff@holytrinitynj.org
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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 ----- 5:00 pm
 Sunday----- 8:30 & 10:30 am
 Holy Days ----- as announced

DAILY MASSES

Holy Trinity: Tuesday & Friday ----- 7:00 pm
St. Ann: Monday & Friday ----- 7:00 pm
 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday ----- 7:00 am
 Saturday ----- 9:00 am
St. Joseph: Monday - Friday ----- 8:00 am
Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament
 Monday - Friday ----- 12:15 pm

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

Mrs. Nancy Cichocki
Parish Catechetical Leader
 RE Office: 908-725-6339

Ann Marie Izzo
Director of Music Ministry
 908-930-4769

Eileen Fisher
Respect Life Comm.
 908-526-6568

Bob Skorny
Social Ministry
 908-526-2394

Maureen Montague
Altar Servers
 908-526-7982

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, November 23rd, Vigil: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00pm Jorge Martinez r/o Bob Roman & Family

SUNDAY, November 24th, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30am Our Parishioners

10:30am Bill McGill (39th Anniversary) r/o Wife, Kathy & Children

MONDAY, November 25th, Weekday

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

TUESDAY, November 26th, Weekday

7:00pm Janeen Mahajan r/o The Mahajan Family Anna Morella r/o The Mahajan Family

WEDNESDAY, November 27th, Weekday

THURSDAY, November 28th, Weekday "THANKSGIVING DAY"

(Mass at Holy Trinity)

9:00am Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, November 29th, Weekday

(Mass at Holy Trinity)

NO EVENING MASS

9:00am Our Parishioners

SATURDAY, November 30th, Vigil: First Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Alison Rodecker (14th Anniversary) r/o Dad, Jack Rodecker

SUNDAY, December 1st, First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Rosary Altar Society

10:30am Our Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Matthew McElroy as lovingly requested by The Repole Family.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers placed before the Blessed Sacrament this week are in memory of Bernadine Takacs as lovingly requested by Her Son, James.



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

November 16/17, 2019 - \$3,822.00 / 2018 - \$4,292.00

Thank you for your continued support!

There are still Mass Intentions Open for TUESDAY'S and FRIDAY'S ONLY at 7:00pm for the balance of 2019 through June 30, 2020 (more than one intention may be offered at those Masses). If you would like to schedule a Mass, call the Parish Office.

- Mass stipends are \$10.00 each
Sanctuary Candle in Memory of a loved one - \$ 5.00
Sanctuary Flowers in Memory of a loved one - \$50.00



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This week, as every year on the fourth Thursday of November, our nation observes a day of Thanksgiving. It seems to me especially important this year, when there is so much turmoil in the social and political life of our country and our world, that we pause and count our blessings: life and health, family, community, the material goods necessary to sustain our life; and the freedom to enjoy all these things. And, amidst our celebrations filled with the three "F"s of Thanksgiving - food, family, and football! - we must remember the source of those blessings: The God who loves us and is always faithful, who pours out gifts on His beloved and desires our ultimate fulfillment. With these gifts comes the responsibility to use them as God intends; to build up His Kingdom, and to be particularly attentive to the cry of the poor.

One concrete way that our parish community responds to the needs of our neighbors is through our support of SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program) in Somerville. Last weekend, we collected 63 pans of frozen ziti, as well as some other donations, which will provide several hundred meals for those struggling to provide for their basic needs. Thank you for your generosity!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I also want to thank those who participated in the Oratory's Tricky Tray fundraiser on November 3. Whether you attended, purchased 50/50 tickets, sponsored, or donated a prize, you contributed towards the life and ministry of the Oratorian community serving here. We are grateful for your support, especially for Br. Steven as he continues his formation for priesthood.

In Christ & St. Philip, Fr. Jeff



First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Religious Education News

STUDENTS

November 25 & 27 - NO RE Classes - Thanksgiving Break



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Once again Holy Trinity Church will be offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30am mass on December 1, 2019. Children from kindergarten through 4th grades are invited to participate in these age appropriate gospel lessons. The children will leave the mass prior to the first reading and return prior to the preparation of the gifts. We will hold these lessons in the Church Basement/TV Room. The purpose is to help younger children better understand the gospel readings through discussion and activities. **The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on December 15th.** If you would like to help or have questions, contact Nancy at 908-725-6339 or email reoffice@holytrinitynj.org.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019
WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #4
CAPTAIN:

Claire Russell, Fran Brzezinski, Sandy Kuklo, Helena Martin,
Gloria Chester, Evelyn Inzitari & Bill Flynn

GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #4

CAPTAIN: Stan Marszalek

Alan Fross, Sal Adamo & Connie Adamo

GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

Ministry Schedule

NOVEMBER 23/24

5:00pm **Reader: Debbie Phibbs**
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: George Ulassin and Charlotte Shipley
Altar Server: Catherine Ulassin

8:30am **Reader: Tammy Weber**
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Nick Vendemia and Francine Giorello
Altar Server: Emily Caldarola

10:30am **Reader: Tom Russell**
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Catherine Phalen and Pat Thomason
Altar Server: Alexandra Vicari

House Communion: Catherine Phalen

NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING

9:00am **Readers: Stan & Marcia Pozarycki**
Thurs. Altar Servers: Maeve Siddons & Chase Kedziora

NOVEMBER 30 / DECEMBER 1

5:00pm **Reader: Mary Psak**
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Tom & Allison Truchan and Maureen Montague
Altar Server: Catherine Ulassin

8:30am **Reader: Sandy Kuklo**
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Marie Confortini, Fran Brzezinski and Margaret Chiselko
Altar Server: Kari La Canna

10:30am **Reader: Isabella Halligan**
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Ray & Linda Rakowitz and Frank Meier
Altar Server: Jacqueline Salvato

House Communion: Ray & Linda Rakowitz

CHANCES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO BE PURCHASED FOR THE "BASKET OF CHEER" BY CALLING:

Marie Confortini at 908-526-7393

Cost is \$5.00 a ticket / Drawings will be December 1st



If you or your family would like to sign-up for a mass time to light the Advent Wreath, there is a sign-up sheet at the Maple Street exit. Put your name where there is an open time slot.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, December 1st is for the Living and Deceased Members of the ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY. Their regular monthly meeting will be held after the Mass & Rosary in the Parish Center.



Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Parish Office will close at 12 Noon on Wednesday, November 27, and reopen at 9 am on Monday, December 2. Mass on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 29, will be at 9 am here at Holy Trinity. The weekend schedule will be as usual. There will be Bingo on Friday, November 29.

SECOND COLLECTION – this weekend, November 23/24 our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection, you support a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

FLOWER ENVELOPES - In your December envelope mailing you will find an envelope for flower donations. This is an opportunity to contribute towards the greenery and poinsettias that make our church so beautiful for the Christmas season. You are welcome to contribute in honor or in memory of loved ones; the inscriptions will be listed in the parish bulletin if received by Sunday, December 15th. This opportunity is also available through Online Giving on our website.

CHOIRS – Members are still needed for the Adult Choir & Children's Choir. Call Ann Marie Izzo at 908-930-4769 for information.

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.

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society, Authentic Slovak Kolach orders to be taken weekends of November 30/December 1 & December 7/8 with delivery in time for CHRISTMAS (nut roll, prune, poppy seed, apricot, seedless red raspberry and pumpkin cheese).

SEE FLYER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN.

Grave Blankets on sale from 9am to Noon and after the 5pm Mass on November 30 and after Masses on Sunday, December 1st. – \$20.00 each. Early Birds call Sal at 908-725-1738. Please make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Holy Name Society".



"The NJ Legislature previously approved a stand-alone appropriation bill in June which provided \$10.5 Million in the FY 2020 budget for family planning services, the bulk of which goes to Planned Parenthood. Even though these funds come from taxpayer dollars, the legislature did not seek or receive approval or input from NJ taxpaying citizens. On August 19, NJ Planned

Parenthood affiliates announced it will forego receiving federal funding because it refuses to comply with federal Title X regulations upheld by the Courts which requires that they cannot counsel or refer for abortion. It also required that they separate their abortion business from their family planning services. The two supplemental bills, S4103/A5802, were introduced to provide another \$9.5 million to Planned Parenthood so it can continue to counsel, refer, perform and profit from abortion. Again, no approval or input is being sought from the public." -NJRTL
Please send a message to your NJ legislators asap - the vote may come as early as 11/25/19. Ask them to Vote NO on S4103/A5802. See NJRTL.org/legislation to send a prewritten message to your assembly members and state senator.

Thank you for your generous response to "Ziti for the Needy" to help feed the homeless! We were able to provide SHIP with 63 pans of frozen ziti, 1 ham, extra sauce and over 1,000 bags of utensils ☺

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Social Ministry, once again, will be trying to fill those Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy families in our parish – please help us. We are in need of turkeys, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauce and any Thanksgiving trimmings. Please have ALL items in by THIS Sunday, November 24th so that they can be delivered by Thanksgiving. **In addition, this year's Thanksgiving Food Collection at all Masses is THIS weekend. There will be baskets at the Maple Street entrance ONLY to place your non-perishable items in. The basket of food will be brought to the altar as a symbol of our gifts to the poor during the preparation of the gifts.**



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

Now that fall is here, why not treat yourselves to a **Marriage Encounter Weekend?**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **January 24 -26.**

Please register by January 10, as space is limited.

Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information

Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more info.

Advent Lessons & Carols 2019

Featuring the combined choirs & instrumentalists of St. Ann & Holy Trinity Parishes & the Raritan Oratory

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2:00 PM

**The Catholic Church of St. Ann
45 Anderson Street, Raritan**

Followed by a light reception in the Parish Center

Free will offering

Presented by:

THE ORATORY OF ST. PHILIP NERI IN RARITAN

www.raritanoratory.org



Scripture Reflection for Advent

We are teaming up with St. Ann's in Raritan to offer an opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures of the Advent season in a group setting.

"The Advent Word" will take place in the Church Meeting Room (basement) at St. Ann's on Wednesdays Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 7:30 pm.

Advent Reflections with St. John Henry Newman

Enter into the Advent season with daily reflections from the writings of our newest Oratorian saint, John Henry Newman! Thanks to an anonymous benefactor, copies of *Waiting for Christ: Meditations for Advent and Christmas* are available at the church exits, while supplies last.

Grow closer to God this fall! Pick up a copy of the devotional publication **The Word Among Us** and spend 5 to 10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God for your life. In the Advent issue, we invite our readers to journey with Mary on the way to Elizabeth's home, with Zechariah during his silent watching and waiting, with the Magi to meet Jesus in the manger.

PILGRIMAGE TO PHILADELPHIA SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

DEPARTURE 7:00AM / RETURN 5:00PM

INCLUDES: TRANSPORTATION, MASS, ADORATION, TOUR OF SHRINE AND MUSEUM AND STOP AT THE GIFT SHOP! (Does not include lunch. Beautiful Cafeteria provided for our group. Please bring your own lunch!) **Cost: \$40.00 Checks: MADE PAYABLE TO: Church of the Immaculate Conception Mail to: Church of the Immaculate Conception New Evangelization**

35 Mountain Ave., Somerville, NJ 08876 Due: December 8, 2019

Calendar of Events

November 23/24 Thanksgiving Food Collection (All Masses)

November 25 Liturgy Committee Meeting

Nov. 27, Dec. 4/11/18 Scripture Series for Advent (St. Ann)

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Giving Tree begins

Nov. 30/Dec. 1 Grave Blanket Sale

Nov. 30/Dec. 1, 7/8 Kolach Sale for Christmas

December 1 "Basket of Cheer" winners selected

December 8 Lessons & Carols (St. Ann)