



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
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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

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 908-526-6568

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 908-526-2394

Maureen Montague
Altar Servers
 908-526-7982

December 1, 2019

First
Sunday
of *Advent*



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Lately, it seems like everyone I talk to remarks about how quickly the time is going, and how rapidly the holidays are sneaking up on us. The Gospel for this First Sunday of Advent seems quite appropriate then, for it is all about the day of the Lord sneaking up on us!

Jesus admonishes his disciples to stay awake, to be prepared, "for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come" (Mt. 24:44). While we may need a little fear, a little kick in the rear end to get us moving, this is not something meant to cause us terrible anxiety. On the contrary, we can live with great confidence because we can be certain that the Son of Man will come; that indeed He will bring to fulfillment everything that God has promised for us. This is the kind of confidence expressed by the Prophet Isaiah: "Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths" (Is 2:3). If we persevere in climbing the mountain as disciples of Jesus, striving to live according to His instruction and seeking to walk in his paths, then we will experience the ultimate fulfillment in eternal life that has been promised to those who believe in Him.

The season of Advent is a short and hectic time, but if we enter into it, this time can bring us profound renewal as we prepare to receive our Savior. I pray that it may be a season of grace for our parish and all our families.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."



Religious Education News

STUDENTS

December 1	10:30am Mass	Children's Liturgy of the Word
December 2	4:30 to 5:30pm	Monday RE (Grades 1 to 8)
December 4	4:30 to 5:30pm	Wednesday RE (Grades 3,5,6,8)

LOOKING AHEAD

December 15 10:30am Mass **Children's Liturgy of the Word**



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

MONDAY, December 2nd, Advent Weekday

TUESDAY, December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY, December 4th, Advent Weekday

St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, December 5th, Advent Weekday

FIRST FRIDAY, December 6th, Advent Weekday

St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:00pm Marie Lattanzio r/o Andy & Marie Confortini
Donna Garay r/o The Schneider Family
Tony Wysocki r/o Joe & Mary Raimondo
Donaciano Vivar (1st Anniversary) r/o His Family

SATURDAY, December 7th, Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Mary Palys r/o Marcia & Stan Pozarycki

SUNDAY, December 8th, Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Holy Name Society

10:30am Our Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Ronnie Koes (5th Anniversary) as lovingly requested by His Wife, Bella.



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 23/24, 2019 - \$ / 2018 - \$3,689.00
Human Development 2019 - \$ / 2018 - \$1,321.00
Thanksgiving 2019 - \$ / 2018 - \$407.00

*(Will be updated in next week's bulletin.)

Thank you for your continued support!

(*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, transmission of this bulletin had to be sent prior to the amounts being received.)

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

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. Questions ~ call Sal at 908-725-1738. Please make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Holy Name Society".

Ministry Schedule

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*

We await the Savior
EMMANUEL

DECEMBER 7/8

5:00pm **Readers:** *Stan & Marcia Pozarycki*
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Rebecca Majewski,
Charlotte Shipley and Kathy Herdman
Altar Server: *Timmy La Canna*

8:30am **Reader:** *Joseph Pagano*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Holy Name Society
Altar Server: *Holy Name Society*

10:30am **Reader:** *Chris Halligan*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Eileen Clark,
Jerry Helmstetter and Pat Thomason
Altar Server: *Maeve Siddons*

House Communion: *Eileen Clark*



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 this 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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, December 8th is for the living & deceased members of the **HOLY NAME SOCIETY**. Their regular monthly meeting will be held after the Mass in the Church Basement/TV Room.



GIVING TREE

Be an angel and take an angel from the Giving Tree. There are many wishes that need to be filled and you can help to make one or more of them come true. Please return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 15th and make sure your angel tag is attached securely to your gift. Thank you for your support!



MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #1
CAPTAIN: Carol Suarez
 Rebecca Majewski, Carol Martin, Sandra Garcia,
 Pat Thomason & Beatrice Samol
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #1
CAPTAIN: John Papalski
 John Caldarola, Charlie Moersdorf & Patrick Camperchioli
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM



SECOND COLLECTION – next weekend, December 7/8 for the Retirement Fund for Religious which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. **Give in thanksgiving.** “The nuns left lasting impressions on me,” writes a donor. “I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education.” Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need.

Since December 8th falls on a Sunday, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9th. When this feast is transferred, the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer with it. (Envelopes for the Immaculate Conception will be taken in the 1st collection along with your Sunday, December 8th envelopes.)

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.



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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – next weekend, December 7th/8th; Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses downstairs in the Church Basement.

Authentic Slovak Kolach orders to be taken with delivery in time for Christmas (nut roll, prune, poppy seed, apricot, seedless red raspberry & Pumpkin Cheese).
 Cost: \$16.00 (payment due when placing order)
 Pick up date: Thursday, December 19th
 Sponsored by the Holy Name Society

*THIS Weekend and NEXT Weekend...
 Orders being taken after ALL Masses*



*Father of mercies,
 God of all creation,
 Source of life and of every blessing,
 We thank you today, and every day of our lives,
 For all that you give us!
 Our thanksgiving is not only a duty,
 But a joy and a source of strength,
 Because it reminds us of your faithful love,
 And inspires us with the hope of a future filled with blessings!
 Lord, we thank you for guiding our fathers,
 Who, inspired by the prophets
 And by the saving work of your Son,
 Founded a nation where all might live as one,
 Acknowledging their dependence on you
 As the source of their right to life.
 We thank you for your blessings in the past,
 And for all that, with your help, we must yet achieve.
 We ask you to bless us as we thank you,
 That our giving thanks may be accompanied by our firm
 resolve
 To proclaim, celebrate, and serve
 The gift of human life, born and unborn.
 We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

-Priests for Life



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Food Pantry can always use non-perishable items. 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.



*We Thank You for
 Our Many Blessings
 Stewardship Prayer*



God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones.

In the dawning of a new day, you are with us. In each dark hour you are here. Blessed by your grace, we show gratitude to you by sharing what we have. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve You.

As you protect and guide us on our journey, we, your stewards, remain ever grateful for your constant love. Amen.

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 Dec. 4, 11 and 18 at 7:30 pm.

**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



In this Season of Thanksgiving, 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.

Calendar of Events

- 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 1 Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
- Dec. 4/11/18 Scripture Reflection for Advent (St. Ann)
- December 8 Advent Lessons & Carols (St. Ann)
- December 15 Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
- December 19 Kolach Pick up