



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

December 8, 2019

Second
Sunday
of Advent



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 (meeting following the Mass)

10:30am Our Parishioners

MONDAY, December 9th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (not a Holyday of Obligation)

TUESDAY, December 10th, Advent Weekday
Our Lady of Loreto

7:00pm Angel Figueroa r/o Wife & Children
Neil Weil r/o The Schmidt Family

WEDNESDAY, December 11th, Advent Weekday
St. Damasus I, Pope

THURSDAY, December 12th, Our Lady of Guadalupe

FRIDAY, December 13th, St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00pm Dr. Victor Tricarico (1st Anniversary) r/o
Dr. Del Figueroa & Family

SATURDAY, December 14th, Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Bill Radice r/o Wife, Jean & Family

SUNDAY, December 15th, Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am Our Parishioners

10:30am Theresa Mislan r/o Barbara & Ray Grodkiewicz



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 - \$4,400.00 / 2018 - \$3,689.00

Human Development 2019 - \$1,153.00 / 2018 - \$1,321.00

Thanksgiving 2019 - \$817.00 / 2018 - \$407.00

November 30/December 1, 2019 - \$4,808.00 / 2018 - \$4,553.00

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

Grave Blankets will be on sale this weekend, while supplies last ~ Questions? – Call Sal at 908-725-1738. Please make checks payable to “Holy Trinity Holy Name Society”.

The EWTN Winter Highlights brochure is available at the church exits and includes information about all the upcoming programming for the Christmas season. Please take extra copies for family members and friends.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last Sunday, we heard the call of the prophet Isaiah: “Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord” in order to receive His instruction and walk in His ways, so that we can experience the fullness of life intended for us. As the season of Advent began, we were encouraged to journey together up the mountain – an image that implies difficulty and challenge, but also mutual encouragement and the assistance of divine grace to make the journey possible.

This week, as usual for the Second Sunday in Advent, we encounter the mysterious figure of St. John the Baptist, whose message complements that of Isaiah, but takes a different perspective. John says, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” He highlights the penitential character of Advent, which focuses on clearing away the obstacles and barriers that stand between us and the Lord and His Kingdom. What attachments, or attitudes, or patterns of behavior in speech or action are separating us from Christ, preventing us from accepting Him completely and allowing Him to bring us new and eternal life? Now is the time to repent of those things, to bring them to sacramental Confession, and to resolve with the help of God’s grace to change. Then, the path will be clear, as we climb the mountain and the Lord comes to meet us on the way.

I hope you’ll join me and the Oratorian community this Sunday afternoon for our annual Lessons and Carols service, at 2 pm at St. Ann’s in Raritan. Our adult and children’s choir members will be participating, along with musicians from St. Ann’s and friends of the Oratory, under the baton of Oratory Director of Sacred Music Anthony Nardino. Over the years, I’ve found that participating in this traditional service, with its Scriptural messages and beautiful music, motivates me to climb the mountain and helps me to prepare the Lord’s path to my heart more than anything else I do during Advent. I hope you will experience this, too!

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

In this beautiful passage, a messianic prophecy, Isaiah exults in the coming of the Lord, who will bring justice and peace for all.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Paul reveals to us the necessity of living in peace and harmony. His words “Accept one another, then, as Christ accepted you, for the Glory of God” are as needed today as they were in Paul’s own time.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptizer prepares the way for Jesus. Clothed in a garment of camel’s hair, he baptizes the people in the Jordan River, but warns the Pharisees in ringing tones that they must give evidence that they mean to reform.



Religious Education News

STUDENTS

December 9 4:30 to 5:30pm **Monday RE**
(Grades 1 to 8)

December 11 4:30 to 5:30pm **Wednesday RE**
(Grades 3,5,6,8)

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

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 15, 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 January 26th. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Nancy at 908-725-6339 or email reoffice@holyltrinitynj.org.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019
WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #2
CAPTAIN:

Sharon Eosso, Jean Radice, Mary Ann Badore,
 Maryse Maisonneuve, Flo Skorny, Toni Gooding,
 Colleen Mula & Robert Heintz

GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019
WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #2
CAPTAIN:

Robert Heintz, Chet Scaletti & Jack Green
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 Servers: 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

DECEMBER 14/15

5:00pm **Reader:** Peter George
 Sat. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Jean Radice and
 Emilio & Carol Suarez
Altar Servers: Matthew George
 & Alex Swider

8:30am **Reader:** Tammy Weber
 Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** John & Kathie
 Dalessio and Marie Confortini,
Altar Server: Kari La Canna

10:30am **Reader:** Dawn Solari
 Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Francine Giorello,
 Jo Place and Claire Russell
Altar Server: Zachary Salvato

House Communion: Francine Giorello



SECOND COLLECTION – this weekend, December 7/8 for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

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.

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 (or unwrapped where specified) by NEXT Sunday, December 15th and make sure your angel tag is attached securely to your gift. Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to Barbara Mantore, the winner of the French "Basket of Wine"; to Mary McDonough, the winner of the Italian "Basket of Wine"; to Katelyn & Neil Glennon, the winner of the Prosecco "Basket of Wine" and to Theresa Hatch, the winner of the "Mystery Basket" (which was Australian Crime Wines). The Rosary Altar Society would like to thank the parishioners for their continued support of the Holy Trinity Rosary Altar Society. Have a Blessed Christmas!
 -Rosary Altar Society



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 NEXT Sunday, December 15th. This opportunity is also available through Online Giving on our website.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – this 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

FINAL WEEKEND TO PLACE YOUR ORDER AFTER ALL MASSES...



"Luke Maxwell, a 16 year old who suffered for four years with undiagnosed Major Depressive Disorder, survived his attempt at suicide. His depression was then diagnosed and he has been receiving treatment. He now talks about how his depression tricked him into thinking that suicide was his only way out. When asked about physician-assisted laws, he states: 'When someone is standing on the ledge getting ready to jump, your natural response is to reach out and pull that person in. The message with assisted suicide is - go ahead and jump. Giving the person the means to kill themselves is giving them a nudge.'"

-Jennifer Ruggiero, *The Catholic Spirit*

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at the Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30am. The Rally at the State House begins at 11:00am and ends at 1:00pm. Passengers will attend a small reception afterwards. The bus will bring everyone back to the Diocesan Center around 3:00pm. If you have any questions or would like to reserve a seat please email:

amarshall@diometuchen.org OR call 732-562-1543.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Once again Social Ministry would like to thank ALL those who made our Thanksgiving Food Drive a very big success. Many people had something to be thankful for because of you. A special thank you to our parishioners for donating turkey's, trimmings & gift cards,

our 8th Grade Religious Education Students for donating the abundance of Thanksgiving food, along with all those who helped pack and distribute the food. The food collection drive the weekend of November 23/24 was an added bonus to help fill the shelves of the Food Pantry so that we can continue to help those in need during the winter months.

-Social Ministry



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

Calendar of Events

December 7/8 Kolach Sale for Christmas
December 8 Advent Lessons & Carols (St. Ann)
December 11/18 Scripture Reflection for Advent (St. Ann)
December 15 Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
December 15 Deadline for "Giving Tree" gifts
December 19 Kolach Pick up



Christmas Mass Schedule

The Congregation of the Oratory welcomes everyone to celebrate Christmas and the New Year with us!

Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve):

5 PM, & 10 PM at Holy Trinity, Bridgewater
 4 PM at St. Ann, Raritan

Dec. 25 (Christmas Day):

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM at Holy Trinity
 Midnight, 7:30 AM, 10 AM & 12 Noon at St. Ann

Dec. 31 (Vigil of Mary, Mother of God):

5 PM at Holy Trinity
 7 PM at St. Ann

Jan. 1 (Mary, Mother of God):

10:30 AM at Holy Trinity
 9 AM at St. Ann



Confession Schedule at Holy Trinity:

- Saturday, December 21 – 1:00pm - 2:00pm
(multiple priests available)
- By appointment (please contact the Parish Office)
- Before or after Mass or during office hours, subject to priest availability

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. 11 and 18 at 7:30 pm.

All are invited ~ come as you can!

