



# 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  
**Website** ----- www.holytrinitynj.org



*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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*Respect Life Comm.*  
 908-526-6568

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 908-526-2394

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 908-526-7982

December 29, 2019



The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**SATURDAY, December 28th, Vigil: The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**5:00pm** Theresa Pozarycki r/o Al & Grace Lutzko

**SUNDAY, December 29th, The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**8:30am** Our Parishioners

**10:30am** Marilyn Henry r/o Kevin & Audrey Henry

**MONDAY, December 30th, Sixth Day within the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord**

**TUESDAY, December 31st, Vigil: Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Eve)**

**5:00pm** Theresa Mislán r/o Bob & Rose Gada

**WEDNESDAY, January 1st, 2020 Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)**

**10:30am** Our Parishioners

**THURSDAY, January 2nd, Saints Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

**FIRST FRIDAY, January 3rd, Christmas Weekday  
Holy Name of Jesus**

**7:00pm** Theresa Pozarycki (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) r/o  
Stan & Marcia Pozarycki

**SATURDAY, January 4th, Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord**

**5:00pm** Our Parishioners

**SUNDAY, January 5th, Epiphany of the Lord**

**8:30am** Rosary Altar Society

**10:30am** Luigi Guarnieri r/o Barbara & Ray Grodkiewicz



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Bart Pesaresi as lovingly requested by His Wife, Sandy.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The Sanctuary Flowers placed before the Blessed Sacrament this week are in memory of Ronnie Clark (26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) as lovingly requested by Their Daughter, Mary & Andy Psak and family.

**BLESSED MOTHER & ST. JOSEPH FLOWERS**

The Flowers that are placed before the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues for the Christmas season are in memory of Woody & Ann Connelly as lovingly requested by The Irely Family.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY TRINITY in reciting the Rosary for World Peace & Justice on Tuesday's after the 7:00pm Mass. (not on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Our Weekly Offering**

December 21/22, 2019 - \$ / 2018 - \$4,323.00

Christmas 2019 - \$ / 2018 - \$22,227.00

Needy of Parish 2019 - \$ / 2018 - \$3,644.00

*Transmission of this bulletin had to be sent prior to the amounts being received and finalized.*

*Thank you for your continued support!*

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Our observance of the season of Christmas continues this weekend with the Feast of the Holy Family. Our Gospel reading from Matthew highlights the actions taken by St. Joseph after the birth of Jesus. We read that, after the Magi left, Joseph was warned by an angel that King Herod sought to kill Jesus. Herod had also met the Magi, when they were looking for “the newborn king of the Jews” (Mt. 2:2), a statement that troubled Herod greatly because he wasn’t looking for challengers to his throne. His wrath resulted in the slaughter of the Holy Innocents (Mt. 3:16-17), whose feast day we commemorate each year on December 28.

Joseph was immediately required to be a strong father and leader of his family. Faced with Herod’s threat against Jesus’ life, Joseph made the courageous decision to take the Holy Family to Egypt until the threat passed. Later, after the death of Herod, he again made a difficult decision in challenging circumstances, and brought his family to Nazareth in Galilee.

Aside from his courage, what stands out most about St. Joseph is the way that his leadership of his family was informed and shaped by the spiritual guidance he received in prayer. He trusted God, and when he was convinced of what God wanted for his family, he did not hesitate to make the necessary choices for their benefit, even when they involved great hardship and sacrifice.

May all husbands and fathers (including spiritual fathers!) imitate St. Joseph in his trust and dependence on divine guidance, so that all our families and our parish family may become holy families like his!

In Christ & St. Philip,  
Fr. Jeff



**First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**

This passage from Sirach details the duties children owe to father and mother. Their life-long devotion will not be forgotten and “will take lasting root.”

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21**

Paul urges Christians particularly in the setting of the family, to “clothe” themselves with kindness, patience, humility, and mercy; to forgive; and, above all, to love!

**Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

An angel of the Lord, appearing in a dream to Joseph, urges him to flee with Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous schemes of Herod. Later, in another dream, an angel tells Joseph to go with Jesus and Mary to a town called Nazareth in the region of Galilee, thus fulfilling the Scriptures: “He shall be called a Nazarean.”



**Religious Education News**

**RE CLASSES (Grade 1 – 8) WILL BE CLOSED FROM  
DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> THROUGH JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>  
CHRISTMAS ~ NEW YEAR'S VACATION  
Classes Resume Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ministry Schedule



**DECEMBER 28/29 (The Holy Family)**

5:00pm **Readers:** Stan & Marcia Pozarycki  
*Sat. Extraordinary Ministers:* Kathy Herdman, Maureen Montague and Rebecca Majewski  
**Altar Servers:** Chase Kedziora & Alex Swider

8:30am **Reader:** John Dalessio  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers:* Jim Sheeley, Francine Giorello and Margaret Chiselko  
**Altar Server:** Kari La Canna

10:30am **Reader:** Tom Russell  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers:* Frank Meier and Kevin & Audrey Henry  
**Altar Servers:** Maeve Siddons & Alexandra Vicari

**House Communion:** Frank Meier



**DECEMBER 31st, 2019/January 1, 2020**

*Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Eve/New Year's Day)*

5:00pm **Reader:** Debbie Phibbs  
*Tues. night Extraordinary Ministers:* Charlotte Shipley, Kathy Herdman and Rebecca Majewski  
**Altar Server:**

10:30am **Reader:** Anna Marie Vendemia  
*Wed. Extraordinary Ministers:* Irene Fialkowsky, Jerry Helmstetter and Claire Russell  
**Altar Server:** Jacqueline Salvato



**Wise men still seek Him!**

**JANUARY 4/5, 2020**

5:00pm **Reader:** Mary Psak  
*Sat. Extraordinary Ministers:* Emilio & Carol Suarez and George Ulassin  
**Altar Server:**

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

10:30am **Reader:** Isabella Halligan  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers:* Nick Vendemia and Joseph & Doreen Marino  
**Altar Server:**

**House Communion:** Nick Vendemia

**PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

O God,  
 bless our family and all  
 its members and friends;  
 bind us together by your love.  
 Give us kindness and patience  
 to support each other;  
 and wisdom in all we do.  
 Let the gift of your peace  
 come into our hearts and remain with us.  
 May we rejoice in your blessings  
 for all our days...Amen



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2019**

**WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM  
 NO BINGO**



**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2020**

**WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #1**

**CAPTAIN: John Papalski**

John Caldarola, Charlie Moersdorf & Patrick Camperchioli

**GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM**



*Rectory will be closed on Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in  
 celebration of the New Year's Holiday.*

*(Rectory will be open a half day on New Year's Eve)*

**SECOND COLLECTION** – next weekend, January 4/5, for the “Together in Charity” Collection. The proceeds from this collection help the parish Emergency Assistance Program, a program of Catholic Charities that provides 24 hour/seven days a week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs.

*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.*



The **Bereavement Ministry** strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. Knowing that we are not alone may give some strength and consolation. A nine-week session will begin here at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. No fee, but registration is required. Contact the Rectory at 908-526-2394 or email: [bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org](mailto:bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org)

**ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> is for the Living and Deceased Members of the **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**. Their regular monthly meeting will be held after the Mass and Rosary in the Parish Center.

**Calendar of Events**

January 11	First Penance
January 13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
January 20	Bereavement Support Group Begins
January 24	Eucharistic Adoration
January 25/26	Baby Bottle Boomerang begins
January 26	Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)





**December 28 - Feast of the Holy Innocents**

"Each Christmas we hear again the Angel declare to the shepherds: 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ, the Lord' (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this 'great joy,' as Pope John Paul once pointed out, is obviously the coming of a Saviour; 'but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21).' If there are bloody Herods in our day, there are also joyful angel choirs, singing for the birth of each child destined for eternal life. Thanks be to God, the Light – Christ, the light of the world – has shone in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it. That is the light we bring to the world: the truth about God's love, about forgiveness, about the beauty of human life in all its stages and states."

-Archbishop J. Michael Miller

January 22, 2020 Rally for Life, Trenton, 11:00 - 1:00

January 24, 2020 March for Life, Washington, DC

January 24, 2020 Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Trinity Church, Noon - 7:00 PM

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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) OR call 732-562-1543.



**SOCIAL MINISTRY**

The Food Pantry can always use non-perishable items. (Soups are needed for the winter.) 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. (not on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>)



**Pray for the Military**



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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

**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



A SEASON FOR GIVING

Social Ministry would like to thank all those who helped fill the pantries of many households this holiday season with food. Special thanks go to the Seventh Grade Religious Education Students and the Knights of Columbus. Social Ministry would also like to thank, at this time, all those who donate food for the food pantry throughout the year and added thanks go to those who donate supermarket gift cards. Whoever you are, words cannot express how grateful we are. We are very blessed. -Social Ministry

**Stress in Your Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? ...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

**UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020**

For more information and to Register: Call Rich Colasuonno: 732-236-0671 Or Annette Colasuonno: 732-672-0748 Or E-mail: [3024@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org)



**Resolutions for Stewards**

- ✓ **I resolve** to trust God more, believing that in His wisdom and abundance He will give me all that I need.
- ✓ **I resolve** to spend more time with God, giving a few more minutes of each day to prayer, worship and spiritual reading.
- ✓ **I resolve** to find more ways to share my unique skills and talents so that my special strengths will make a difference in this world.
- ✓ **I resolve** to give a generous share of my treasure to God's work here on earth, making this the first check that I write each week or each month.

