

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

January 5, 2020



The Epiphany of the Lord

New Year's Blessings

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Happy New Year!

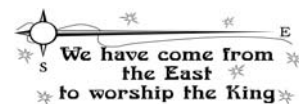
As I look back on the year just ended, there is so much to be thankful for, and many hopeful signs for our community. I am especially grateful for your love and support, and I pray for God's abundant blessings for you and those you love in this new year. I look forward to continuing our journey together as we develop the future vision for our parish.

This weekend, the Christmas season continues with the Epiphany of the Lord. We hear of the Magi, the Three Kings from the East, who follow the light of the star of Bethlehem. They come to offer their homage and their gifts to the newborn King. It's a captivating story of an extraordinary pilgrimage. Each year, our observance of this feast reminds me of the pilgrimage I took part in back in 2005, when I attended World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany. The spectacular Gothic cathedral there houses a reliquary traditionally believed to contain the bones of the Magi. This inspired the theme for our pilgrimage, "We have come to worship Him" (Mt 2:2).

We are all, in fact, on pilgrimage together, as a family of faith; not just our own parish, but the whole Church throughout the world. This is not our final destination. We are called to have the same enthusiasm and courage as the Magi in following the light of Christ; the same willingness to set aside our own pursuits in order to worship him; and the same generosity in offering our finest gifts to Him. In this new year, may we all recommit ourselves to this pilgrimage towards the heavenly kingdom, where we will worship our King face to face in the fullness of light.

This week, I am away visiting family; I look forward to seeing you next weekend, when we conclude our Christmas observance with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is extolled as a place of glory and splendor because the Lord has come to His own city.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that his special mission is to make the Gentiles co-heirs with the Jews in Christ — "members of the same body and sharers of the promise."

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Herod learns that Wise Men from the East are searching for the newly born Christ Child. He instructs them to find the Child and to report His whereabouts to him. The Wise Men follow a star to the place where Mary and Jesus are and offer the Child gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They do not return to Herod but follow another route to their own country.

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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

MONDAY, January 6th, Christmas Weekday

St. Andre Bessette, Religious

TUESDAY, January 7th, Christmas Weekday

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

7:00pm Carmen "Chuck" Calarco r/o John & Kathie Dalessio

WEDNESDAY, January 8th, Christmas Weekday

THURSDAY, January 9th, Christmas Weekday

FRIDAY, January 10th, Christmas Weekday

7:00pm Tony Ravi (1st Anniversary 1/9/20) r/o Mom, Dad & Family

SATURDAY, January 11th, Vigil: Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm Frank Curran (1st Anniversary) r/o Wife, Kate & Family

SUNDAY, January 12th, Baptism of the Lord

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 Mary Dardis as lovingly requested by Her Daughters.

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.

Our Weekly Offering

December 21/22, 2019 - \$4,287.00 / 2018 - \$4,323.00

Christmas 2019 - \$20,754.00 / 2018 - \$22,227.00

Needy of Parish 2019 - \$4,212.00 / 2018 - \$3,644.00

December 28/29, 2019 - \$3,174.00 / 2018 - \$4,323.00

Solemnity of Mary, 2020 - *\$ / 2019 - \$

*Transmission of this bulletin had to be sent prior to the amount being received.

Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Flowers Report:

Cost of Poinsettias: \$1,025.41

Cost of Wreaths: \$ 312.53

Total: \$1,337.94

Flower Donations Totaled: \$1,381.00

(over by \$43.06)

Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

STUDENTS

January 6 4:30 to 5:30pm **Monday RE**
(Grades 1 to 8)
January 8 4:30 to 5:30pm **Wednesday RE**
(Grades 3,5,6,8)

LOOKING AHEAD:

January 11 9:45am **Grade 2 Class**
(Saturday) Report to Church Basement/TV Room
10:00am **First Penance Service**
Upstairs in Church
January 26 10:30am Mass **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2020

WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #2
CAPTAIN:
Robert Heintz, Chet Scaletti & Jack Green
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

Ministry Schedule 

JANUARY 4/5, 2020 (The Epiphany)

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

JANUARY 11/12 (Baptism of the Lord)

5:00pm **Reader: Debbie Pibbs**
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Ray & Linda Rakowitz and Rebecca Majewski
Altar Server:
8:30am **Reader: Joseph Pagano**
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Holy Name Society
Altar Servers: Holy Name Society
10:30am **Reader: Emily Cichocki**
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: John & Kathie Dalessio & Nancy Cichocki
Altar Server:
House Communion: John & Kathie Dalessio



SECOND COLLECTIONS – this weekend, January 4/5, for the “Together in Charity” Collection. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities’ Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2019, over 65% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis. **Also**, next weekend, January 11/12 for the Initial Offering which is to help defray the cost of the 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – next Monday, January 13th at 7:30pm in the Church Basement/TV Room. All are invited!

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING – next weekend, Jan. 11/12; Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses in the Church Basement.



We are grateful to the additional following people for their contribution towards the Christmas poinsettias & greenery in our Church:

- Margaret M. Chiselko In Loving Memory of James Chiselko
- Mr. Walter Ezman, Jr.
- Mrs. Giovanna Foti
- Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Halligan
- Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Kedziora
- Tom Lee & Thi Ho
- Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCarthy
- Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose J. Mikovich
- Mr. Paul Otto
- Mrs. Joseph Pongracz



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 20th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. No fee, but registration is required. Please contact Deacon John Phalen 908-500-2050 after January 10th.





There will be Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Trinity Church on Friday, Jan. 24th, starting at Noon and concluding with Mass at 7 PM. January 24th is also the day of the March for Life in Washington, D.C., when thousands speak out for the defenseless unborn babies (more than 60,000,000 have been aborted since the 1973 Supreme Court Roe v Wade Decision). If you cannot attend the march, please consider spending time before Our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, Jan. 24th, Noon until 7 PM.

Your prayers are greatly needed. In 2019 we saw an increased threat on the unborn and the newly born, as 6 states have passed legislation that legalize abortion up to birth and allow infanticide for babies born alive during an abortion.

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 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.

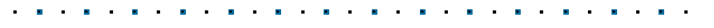


Pray for the Military



Thank You

Sal Adamo would like to thank all those who purchased grave blankets from him. Due to this faithful endeavor by Sal and your support, over \$1,300 was donated to St. Jude. Thank you for your continued support of this project.



The 8:30am Mass this Sunday, January 5th 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.

The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, January 12th 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.



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



The Epiphany of the Lord The Coming of the Wise Men

Wise men and wise women still seek him! The Wise Men journeyed from the East to find the Christ Child, Jesus. Today, we have traveled to the Church of the Holy Trinity seeking Jesus and we have brought our gifts that represent gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Our offering this morning is ourselves—our time, talent and treasure. By our gifts, we are making Jesus known throughout the world.

-from Sixty-Second Stewardship Sermons by Charles Cloughen, Jr.



Calendar of Events

January 11	First Penance
January 13	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
January 20	Bereavement Support Group Begins
January 22	Liturgy Committee Meeting
January 24	Eucharistic Adoration (noon-7pm)
January 25/26	Baby Bottle Boomerang begins
January 26	Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)