



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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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

Eileen Fisher
Respect Life Comm.
 908-526-6568

Bob Skorny
Social Ministry
 908-526-2394

Maureen Montague
Altar Servers
 908-526-7982

January 12, 2020

BAPTISM of the LORD



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

I want to take a moment to thank those who have contributed towards the new liturgical appointments I requested several weeks back. The response was immediate and overwhelming! So far, donations have totaled \$4,739, and the following items have been purchased:

- Processional Cross, donated by Dr. Del Schmidt in Memory of Jonathan A. Schmidt
- Thurible & Stand, donated by Kate Curran in Memory of Frank Curran
- Advent Wreath Stand, donated by the Aguja-Camara Family
- Confessional Screen, donated by Mary Psak in Memory of her parents, Ronnie & Bill Clarke, and her brother, Bill Clarke
- Pyx & Burse, donated by Joyce Walker in Memory of James Sunder
- Mass Kit, donated by the Rosary Altar Society

Once the items return from the engraver, they will be installed and put into use in our liturgies. Additional donations have also been made, leaving us with over \$1,400 to apply to future needs, which I will be evaluating.

Again, I am grateful for your generosity!

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



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

MONDAY, January 13th, Weekday

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY, January 14th, Weekday

7:00pm David Rodecker r/o Brother, Jack Rodecker

Private Intentions r/o Robert McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, January 15th, Weekday

THURSDAY, January 16th, St. Joseph Vaz, Oratorian Priest

FRIDAY, January 17th, St. Anthony, Abbot

7:00pm Marie & Maurice Healy r/o Paul & Karen Healy

SATURDAY, January 18th, Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Rose & Bert Ford r/o Daughter

SUNDAY, January 19th, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

8:30am Our Parishioners

10:30am The Alvaro Family r/o Dolores Johnson



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Frank Curran (1st Anniversary) as lovingly requested by Wife, Kate & Family.



SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers placed before the Blessed Sacrament this week are in memory of Frank Curran (1st Anniversary) as lovingly requested by Wife, Kate & 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.

Our Weekly Offering

December 2019 online giving - \$2,243.00

Additional Christmas donations: - \$1,197.00 totaling: \$21,951.00

Solemnity of Mary, 2020 - \$1,484.00 / 2019 - \$1,411.00

January 4/5, 2020 - \$4,078.00 / 2019 - \$3,693.00

Together in Charity 2020 - \$1,196.00 / 2019 - \$1,597.00

Thank you for your continued support!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass this 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.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

This reading is a brief passage from the Songs of the Suffering Servant. The Servant will establish justice on the earth and open the eyes of those who live in darkness.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

In this reading, Peter gives his first sermon to pagans. Asked by a Roman centurion to preach the Gospel to his household, Peter is initially astounded by the request, but after a dream, Peter preaches and baptizes the entire household.

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

After initially protesting his unworthiness, John baptizes Jesus. After the baptism, the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son. My favor rests on him."

Religious Education News

STUDENTS

January 13 4:30 to 5:30pm Monday RE

(Grades 1 to 8)

January 15 4:30 to 5:30pm Wednesday RE

(Grades 3,5,6,8)

January 26 10:30am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word



Ministry Schedule

JANUARY 11/12 (Baptism of the Lord)

5:00pm **Reader:** *Debbie Phibbs*
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Ray & Linda Rakowitz and Rebecca Majewski
Altar Servers: *Christopher George & Matthew George*

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: *Maeve Siddons*

House Communion: *John & Kathie Dalessio*



JANUARY 18/19

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

8:30am **Reader:** *Francine Giorello*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Jim Sheeley, Catherine Phalen and Nick Vendemia
Altar Server: *Kari La Canna*

10:30am **Reader:** *Irene Fialkowsky*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Chris Mariani and Joseph & Doreen Marino
Altar Server: *Emily Caldarola*

House Communion: *Chris Mariani*

301... that is the number of presents received and wishes that were filled this Christmas. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The parishioners of Holy Trinity Church are always so generous and it is truly appreciated.

The Giving Tree Committee



The Church of the Holy Trinity would like to welcome the following newest members to our parish:

Ann Chambers
Roberto & Merie Chico
Francine Grande
Rosanne Muscatiello

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Sunday, January 19th at 3:30pm, St. Ann's Church, Raritan

The Oratorian community invites everyone to take part in a Eucharistic Holy Hour offered on the third Sunday of each month. This hour of Adoration includes readings, song, and silent prayer, and concludes with Benediction. This month, the Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, January 19th at 3:30pm in St. Ann's Church in Raritan.



MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020

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, JANUARY 17, 2020

WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #3

CAPTAIN:

Chris Halligan, Max Marquart, Sue Marquart
 & Pedro Magsalin
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM



SECOND COLLECTIONS – this weekend, January 11/12 for the Initial Offering which is to help defray the cost of the envelopes. **Also**, next weekend, January 18/19 for the Foundation for Catholic Education. (See the inserted letter from Bishop Checchio.)

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 – this Monday, January 13th at 7:30pm in the Church Basement/TV Room. All are invited!

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

Correction...to update the information that was in last weekend's bulletin, the grave blanket event totaled \$1,330 which allowed the Holy Name Society to fully cover their Christmas charity donations of \$500 to St. Jude, and \$200 each to Pregnancy Aid & Information Center, SHIP, Elle Foundation, and Bradley Garden's First Aid & Rescue Squad.



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.



A5802 will allocate \$9.5 Million from the general fund, which is money generated by NJ taxpayers, exclusively to NJ Planned Parenthood affiliates to replace funds they will not be receiving from the Federal Title X Program because they refused to comply with new rules requiring Title X family planning recipients to physically and financially separate their abortion business from their family planning services. The taxpayers of NJ should not be forced to fund abortion – and make no mistake – that is what this bill will do. Abortion is not healthcare. It is an act of violence that wounds countless women and brutally and painfully takes the lives of so many innocent children. Poll after poll show that regardless of an individual's position on this issue, the majority do not want their tax dollars used to fund abortion. It is a misnomer to suggest that women will not be able to get their full breadth of health services anywhere but Planned Parenthood. In fact, there are over 100 Federally Qualified Health Centers in NJ which provide a full range of essential health care services to primarily disadvantaged populations. These services include mammogram screenings, prenatal care and a host of other comprehensive health services, including transportation, which Planned Parenthood does not provide." -NJ Right to Life
Bill A5802 was signed into law by Gov. Murphy on 1/2/20.

Rally for Life, Wed., Jan. 22nd, 11 AM - 1:00 PM, Statehouse, Trenton

Respect Life Mass, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral, Metuchen, Sunday, Jan. 19th, Noon

March for Life, Friday, Jan. 24th, Washington DC

Eucharistic Adoration, Holy Trinity Church, Friday, Jan. 24th, Noon - 6:45, then Benediction, 7 PM Mass Your prayers are greatly needed!

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.



Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,
 Thank you so much for your many Christmas gifts to the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center! Our moms were so happy to receive new clothing, warm jackets, blankets, diapers, toiletries, and much more. Many families were blessed through your generosity! May God's blessings always be upon you. Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a safe, healthy New Year.
 -The Volunteers of the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center



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



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

World Youth Day in Metuchen – Saturday, February 8, 2020

Calling all youth! You're invited to spend the day, celebrating God's love for you with your peers at the Diocesan Youth Day. The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Youth Ministry will host a Youth Day on Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at St. Joseph High School, 145 Plainfield Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Bishop James F. Checchio will preside at a Mass. Join us for this fun-filled day of food, music, prayer and reflection. All 7th – 12th graders are invited to come with their parish! The deadline to register is February 1, 2020. The cost to attend is \$20.

For more information, please visit <https://diometuchen.org>.

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-6:45pm, Benediction, 7pm Mass)
January 25/26	Baby Bottle Boomerang begins
January 26	Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
February 1	RE Registration for 2020-2021 Begins