

# 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  
**Phone / Fax**----- 908-526-2394 / 908-526-5837  
**Email**----- office@holymtrinitynj.org  
**Fr. Jeff Email** ----- FrJeff@holymtrinitynj.org  
**Website** ----- www.holymtrinitynj.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

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

**Bob Skorny**  
*Social Ministry*  
 908-526-2394

**Maureen Montague**  
*Altar Servers*  
 908-526-7982

February 2, 2020



SATURDAY, February 1st, Vigil: The Presentation of the Lord

5:00pm Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 2nd, The Presentation of the Lord

8:30am Rosary Altar Society

10:30am Eleanor Rodgers (1st Anniversary) r/o The Rodgers Family

MONDAY, February 3rd, Weekday

St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

MASSES WITH BLESSING OF THROATS:

8:00am St. Joseph, Raritan

12:15pm Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan

7:00pm St. Ann, Raritan

TUESDAY, February 4th, Weekday

7:00pm Fernando Tonolet (2nd Anniversary) r/o

The Camara Family

Leo Hentz (20th Anniversary) r/o

Wife, Ruth & Son

Lois Sheeley r/o Extraordinary Ministers & Ushers

Mike Namisnak r/o His Dad

WEDNESDAY, February 5th, St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

THURSDAY, February 6th, St. Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

FIRST FRIDAY, February 7th, Weekday

7:00pm Patricia Marshall (14th Anniversary) r/o Margaret Chiselko

Donna Garay r/o The Schneider Family

Gerald Mooney r/o Claire & Tom Russell

Thomas Helmstetter r/o Ray & Barbara

Grodkiewicz

SATURDAY, February 8th, Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 9th, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time "World Marriage Day"

8:30am Holy Name Society

10:30am Joseph Henry r/o Kevin & Audrey Henry



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Kathleen Loihle as lovingly requested by Her Sisters.



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

January 25/26, 2020 - \$4,271.00 / 2019 - \$4,244.00

Thank you for your continued support!



Holy Trinity now offers Online Giving through eCatholic; an easy option for donating to the Sunday Collection. It's simple. Visit holytrinitynj.org/donate and follow the easy registration instructions.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Sometimes, I use this space to highlight the liturgical feast or season we're celebrating, to reflect on the Sunday Gospel, or to update you on matters related to the administration of our parish. This week, I simply want to share a word of gratitude and encouragement.

From the time I arrived at Holy Trinity, I've been impressed by the generosity and welcoming spirit of this community. I've experienced this personally in the way that you welcomed me and my brother Oratorians, and the many ways that you've expressed your love and care for us. Fr. Peter mentioned this in his note a couple of weeks ago, and I want to echo it here. We are blessed to serve here, and I am very happy to be your pastor.

In recent weeks and months, we have gained a number of new parishioners whom, after a process of "shopping around," have decided to make Holy Trinity their spiritual home, to worship with us and to become involved in the life of our parish community. Without exception, they have told us that what made the difference for them was that they felt welcome here, that they felt a warmth here that they didn't find anywhere else they went.

At a time when people are hungry for belonging and for authentic community, a spirit of welcome and warm hospitality can go a long way. In fact, it is an indispensable aspect of evangelization. So, I want to thank you for your role in helping to create an atmosphere of welcome and belonging for those who visit us. And, I want to encourage you to continue making the effort to invite others to come and see what Holy Trinity has to offer them.

In Christ & St. Philip, Fr. Jeff



First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger "to prepare the way" and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus "is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel." Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.



STUDENTS

February 3

4:30 to 5:30pm

Monday RE (Grades 1 to 8)

February 5

4:30 to 5:30pm

Wednesday RE (Grades 3,5,6,8)

Religious Education News

*Ministry Schedule*

**FEBRUARY 1/2**

5:00pm **Reader:** *Debbie Phibbs*  
*Sat. Extraordinary Ministers:* *Rebecca Majewski and Ray & Linda Rakowitz*  
**Altar Server:** *Julian DiMaggio*

8:30am **Reader:** *Sandy Kuklo*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers:* *Marie Confortini and Audrey Henry*  
**Altar Server:** *Kari La Canna*

10:30am **Reader:** *Dawn Solari*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers:* *Pat Thomason, Frank Meier and Irene Fialkowsky*  
**Altar Server:** *Catherine Ulassin*

**House Communion:** *Pat Thomason*

**FEBRUARY 8/9**

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

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

10:30am **Reader:** *Irene Fialkowsky*  
*Sun. Extraordinary Ministers:* *Catherine Phalen and Kevin & Audrey Henry*  
**Altar Server:** *Maeve Siddons*

**House Communion:** *Catherine Phalen*



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

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

**WORK or PLAY**

**WORK** – Monday or Friday, Bingo or Kitchen for a couple of hours a month  
**PLAY** – Any Monday or Friday at 7:30pm Start Time  
**CALL** - Bill at 908-267-5033  
**E-MAIL** - [willfly@optonline.net](mailto:willfly@optonline.net)



**SECOND COLLECTION** – this weekend, February 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> for Energy Needs.

*The Parish Prayer Chain is a group of parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. Should a need for prayer to arise, please email Mary Raimondo at: [babysis30@optonline.net](mailto:babysis30@optonline.net).*

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** – next weekend, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Saturday after the 5:00pm Mass and on Sunday after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses in the Church Basement.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

*On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am* there will be a special Healing Mass which will include the Anointing of the Sick.

Who should be anointed? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1514-1515):

"The Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced."

Sickness may be understood to include mental illness, severe depression, or addiction to alcohol or drugs. Please extend the invitation to, and even accompany, those you know who would benefit from this special sacrament of healing.

*Religious Education Registration for 2020-2021* – has begun. Registration will continue the month of February during regular office hours. **STUDENTS ENTERING GRADE 1 IN SEPTEMBER SHOULD ALSO REGISTER AT THIS TIME.**

Questions: Call 908-725-6339

RE Office hours are:

Monday & Wednesday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Class Schedules being offered are:

Monday 4:30-5:30pm Grades 1-8



St. Ann Catholic Regional Marriage Ministry invites adult couples who are dating, as well as engaged, newlywed and couples married several years to celebrate World Marriage Day 2020, at "Date Night for a Joyful Marriage". **Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:00pm**, includes: appetizers, dinner and dessert, BYOB - \$35.00 per couple, \$40.00 at the door. Guest Speakers: Cristina Averso-Collins & her husband. Cristina is the new Director of Family Life for the Metuchen Diocese. Location: St. Ann, 45 Anderson Street, Raritan. For more information and to RSVP call Ken and Madeline Swartz 908-872-0282.

The 8:30am Mass this Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</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 over in the Parish Center.

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The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> is for the Living and Deceased Members of *the HOLY NAME SOCIETY*. Their regular monthly meeting will follow in the Church Basement/TV Room.





"In a 2005 study, 73% of women undergoing an abortion said not being able to afford a baby now was a reason for the abortion. That number rose to 81% for women below the federal poverty line. And while the abortion rate for American women declined by 8% between 2000 and 2008, among poor American women it increased by 18%. Economic pressure and government abortion policy can combine to make things worse. One study found that poor women on Medicaid had twice the abortion rate of other women in their state. If the state's Medicaid program paid for elective abortions, their abortion rate was more than four times that of other women. By offering "free" abortions, the government effectively places its thumb on the scale to favor death for the unborn child. By contrast, if these programs continue funding care for mothers and babies but stop funding abortion, abortions among women in the program decrease by as much as 35%."


-Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle, USCCB



**WHEN:** Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
**WHERE:** Rev. John Pringle Parish Center  
**TIME:** 8:00AM - 11:30AM  
**COST:** Adults - \$7.00  
 Children 7 to 12 - \$3.00  
 Children 6 & under - Free  
**MENU:** Pancakes  
 Scrambled Eggs  
 Breakfast Sausage  
 Fresh Fruit  
 Bagels, Donuts  
 Juice, Milk, Coffee, Tea

**TICKET SALES:** Weekends of February 8/9, 15/16  
 after ALL Masses - TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR  
 (however, please consider purchasing tickets prior so we can  
 have estimate for food quantities)

**HOSTED BY:** The Holy Name Society



**Baby Bottle Boomerang!** Please return baby bottles with your donations next weekend. All checks should be made out to Holy Trinity Church. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to purchase much needed infant formula for the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan. Thank you!

**First Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Army Shrine**  
 (674 Mt. View Road, E., Asbury, 908-689-1700 ex. 224.  
 Begin your new year with Our Lord. Honor his request to St. Margaret Alacoque to spread devotion in the world for nine First Fridays in reparation for the offenses against his Most Sacred Heart. Please join us – the world needs this. Confessions 10:00am; Holy Rosary 11:30am; Mass 12:00 Noon; Exposition 12:45pm; Benediction 1:30pm.

**Immaculata Difference**  
 Begin your Spring with our Admissions event for 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade families on **Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**. RSVP online at: [www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference](http://www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference).

"We cannot do great things, we can only do small things with great love."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta



**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**

Eucharistic Adoration is now being held in the chapel at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Meltars Lane, Piscataway. Adorers and intercessors are needed Monday through Friday, 9 to 11:45 a.m. Daily Mass is held at 11:45 a.m. For information or to become an adorer, call Laura Riccardi, (609) 578-0841. To submit a prayer request, call (732) 765-6445 or email Adoration@diometuchen.org.

**Catholic School 2020-2021 Tuition Assistance - Online Application Process Open**  
 Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2020. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper – it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

**Calendar of Events**

- February 1 RE Registration for 2020-2021 Begins
- February 8/9 Baby Bottles Returned
- February 8/9 HNS Parish Breakfast Ticket Sales Begins
- February 15 Healing Mass (10am)
- Feb. 15/16, 22/23 Collection of Palm Branches
- February 16 February Gathering
- February 22/23 Rice Bowls Distributed
- February 23 HNS Parish Breakfast
- February 23 Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
- February 23 Burning of Palm Branches
- February 24 Confirmation Rehearsal