

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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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

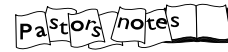
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February 9, 2020
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Tuesday, February 11, is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Church also observes the World Day of the Sick, instituted by Pope St. John Paul II and celebrated on this date since 1993. The Holy Father wrote extensively on the role of suffering in the life of Christians, in particular, the potential redemptive value of suffering when it is united to the suffering of Jesus Christ on the Cross. He also experienced tremendous suffering from Parkinson's disease over the last 15 years of his life. Indeed, his patient endurance and perseverance as his health declined served as an inspiration to many. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was chosen for this observance because many people have experienced healing at her shrine in France.

As a way of observing the World Day of the Sick, we are offering a special Mass with the Anointing of the Sick, this coming Saturday morning, February 15, at 10:00 am here at Holy Trinity. The invitation to come and receive this sacrament of healing and peace is extended to anyone you know who may need it; they do not have to be members of this parish. More detailed guidelines on who should consider receiving the Anointing of the Sick can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

You may have noticed that the list of the sick for whom we offer prayers is unfortunately becoming too long for us to read during the Intercessions at Mass. Beginning in March, the list will appear in the bulletin, and in the Intercessions, the petition for the sick will refer to those who are listed. Names will be kept on the prayer list until we are notified to remove them. To request prayers for yourself or someone else who is sick, or to request a name be removed from the list, please contact Lucille in the parish office.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, may the sick experience healing a peace, and may those who care for them be strengthened and encouraged.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.



Religious Education News

STUDENTS

February 10	4:30 to 5:30pm	Monday RE (Grades 1 to 8)
February 12	4:30 to 5:30pm	Wednesday RE (Grades 3,5,6,8)

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 23 10:30am Mass **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

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
MONDAY, February 10th, St. Scholastica, Virgin

TUESDAY, February 11th, Weekday
Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick)

7:00pm Melitta Schmidt (2nd Anniversary) r/o Gary & Del Schmidt
Katherine Sulzer (10th Anniversary) & George Schmitt (Birthday) r/o The Schmitt/Sulzer Family
Rosaleen Duffy r/o The Schmidt Family
Gale Patullo r/o The Schmidt Family
John & Grace McCarthy r/o Robert & Carol McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, February 12th, Weekday

THURSDAY, February 13th, Weekday

FRIDAY, February 14th, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:00pm Thomas Rodecker r/o Son, Jack Rodecker
Wendy Hoffman r/o John & Kathie Dalessio

SATURDAY, February 15th, Weekday

10:00am *Healing Mass*

SATURDAY, February 15th, Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, February 16th, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Gloria Langon (2nd Anniversary) r/o Husband, Joe Langon & Family

10:30am Barbara Opalenik r/o Son, Christopher, Daughter-in-law, Rose Opalenik & Family



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Andrea Enriquez (2nd Anniversary) as lovingly requested by The Camara 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

January 2020 online giving - \$1,995.50
February 1/2, 2020 - \$4,280.00 / 2019 - \$4,328.70
Energy Needs 2020 - \$1,410.00 / 2019 - \$1,507.00

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.



Ministry Schedule 

FEBRUARY 8/9

5:00pm **Reader:** *Debbie Phibbs*
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*

FEBRUARY 15/16

10:00am **Healing Mass**
Altar Server: *Maeve Siddons*

5:00pm **Reader:** *Debbie Phibbs*
Sat. Extraordinary Ministers: Emilio & Carol
Suarez and Charlotte Shipley
Altar Server: *Chase Kedziora*

8:30am **Reader:** *John Dalessio*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Marie Confortini,
Francine Giorello and Nick Vendemia
Altar Server: *Emily Caldarola*

10:30am **Reader:** *Chris Halligan*
Sun. Extraordinary Ministers: Maureen Montague,
Jerry Helmstetter and Chris Mariani
Altar Servers: *Christopher George*
& Matthew George

House Communion: *Maureen Montague*



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



IT'S BACK...

THE FEBRUARY GATHERING
NEXT Sunday, February 16th
Downstairs in the Church Basement
After the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE
for some Coffee, Juice and some Breakfast treats



Next weekend (Feb. 15/16) and the following weekend (Feb. 22/23 no later than the 10:30am Mass) bring in your Palm branches from last year and place them in the baskets at all Church entrances. After the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, February 23rd we will burn the palms in the parking lot. The ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. We invite everyone to attend.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #2
CAPTAIN:

Sharon Eosso, Mary Ann Badore, Maryse Maisonneuve,
 Flo Skorny, Toni Gooding, Colleen Mula & Robert Heintz
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020
WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #2
CAPTAIN:

Robert Heintz, Chet Scaletti & Jack Green
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



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.

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

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

On Saturday, February 15th 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.



"As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes are called to be **"islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference."** The 25th anniversary of *The Gospel of Life* gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand and communicate the resources to pregnant moms and families in need. **Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service** officially commences March 25, 2020. I encourage each of you to help your parish implement this initiative. I also urge you to inquire with your local pregnancy resource center how you can help. Lives that we may not currently be able to protect by the law, we can rescue through love. We want to do everything possible to help both mother and child, not only survive but thrive. Mary provides us the perfect example as she travels a long distance over difficult terrain to accompany Elizabeth during the final months of her pregnancy. Each one of us can do something to help women in our communities who have given their Fiat by welcoming the child in their womb."

-Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann



Baby Bottle Boomerang! Baby bottles should be returned to Holy Trinity this weekend, February 8 & 9. Thank you for your support!



SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Food Pantry can always use non-perishable items. (Soups, peanut butter & jelly and canned fruit 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



Prayer for Married Couples



Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



WHEN: Sunday, February 23rd
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

Immaculata Difference

Begin your Spring with our Admissions event for 6th-10th grade families on **Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30pm**. RSVP online at: www.immaculatahighschool.org/difference.

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.

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Sunday, February 16th 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.

Calendar of Events

- 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 21 **7pm Mass w/ Knights of Columbus & families**
(Adoration/Reflection/Benediction to follow)
- 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**
- March 4/11/18/25 **"UNTOLD BLESSING Three Paths to Holiness"**
(St. Ann's, Raritan 7:30-9:00pm)