

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

February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 Langan (2nd Anniversary) r/o Husband, Joe Langan & Family

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

MONDAY, February 17th, Weekday

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (President's Day)

MASS AT HOLY TRINITY

9:00am Our Parishioners

TUESDAY, February 18th, Weekday

7:00pm Didier Maisonneuve r/o Wife, Maryse Maisonneuve

Angela & Frank Rusicki r/o Karen & Paul Healy

WEDNESDAY, February 19th, Weekday

THURSDAY, February 20th, Weekday

FRIDAY, February 21st, Weekday

St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (followed by Adoration, Reflection & Benediction)

7:00pm John Esposito r/o Wife, Michelina Joan Moore (15th Anniversary) r/o Margaret Chiselko

Edward Witkowski r/o Joe & Colleen Mula & Family

SATURDAY, February 22nd, Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Bart Pesaresi (13th Anniversary 2/26/20) r/o Wife, Sandy

SUNDAY, February 23rd, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Phyllis Repole (15th Anniversary) r/o The Sheeley Family

10:30am Our Parishioners,



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Ralph Anecchino and Jim Bohol as lovingly requested by The Ravi Family.



JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF HOLY TRINITY in reciting the Rosary for World Peace & Justice on Tuesday's after the 7:00pm Mass.

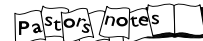
Our Weekly Offering

February 8/9, 2020 - \$3,939.00 / 2019 - \$4,429.00

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,

The Gospel this Sunday is taken from the Sermon on the Mount in Chapter 5 of St. Matthew's Gospel, which captures a profound moment in which Jesus shared the essential message of His teaching with the disciples who had gathered around Him. He taught with unprecedented authority, and His teaching was challenging.

In the passage we read this Sunday, Jesus affirms that he has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law (that is, the law that God had revealed to Moses on another mountaintop). He says that in order to reach heaven, our righteousness must surpass that of the Pharisees, who prided themselves on their strict observance of the law. Then, he expands upon some of the commandments to reveal their true breadth and depth, the true demand that the law makes upon us. It would seem that Jesus is laying upon His disciples an impossible burden, a challenge that we could never meet. How is this righteousness possible? Only through union with Jesus, who fulfills the law in Himself, and provides the grace we need to live as we should.

It is easy for us to see God's commandments as an imposition, a burden, a limitation of our freedom that restricts our happiness. This can cause us to have a negative image of God. But if we can see the commandments and teachings as an expression of love, of fatherly care and concern, and if we can allow the grace of our union with Christ to empower us to fulfill them, then we can experience them as a path to true freedom, fulfillment, and happiness.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed "to those who love him" through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they "will not enter the kingdom of God."

Religious Education News

February 17, 19

NO RE

Mid-Winter Break/President's Weekend

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered at the 10:30am mass on February 23, 2020. Children from kindergarten through 4th grades are invited to participate in these age appropriate gospel lessons. The children will leave the mass prior to the first reading and return prior to the preparation of the gifts. We will hold these lessons in the Church Basement/TV Room. The purpose is to help younger children better understand the gospel readings through discussion and activities. The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on March 15th. If you would like to help or have questions, contact Nancy at 908-725-6339 or email reoffice@holytrinitynj.org.

Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY 15/16

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

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

8:30am
Reader: John Dalesio
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

FEBRUARY 22/23

5:00pm
Sat. **Readers:** Stan & Marcia Pozarycki
Extraordinary Ministers: Tom & Allison
 Truchan and Maureen Montague
Altar Server: Zachary Salvato

8:30am
Reader: Tammy Weber
Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Jim Sheeley,
 Catherine Phalen and Audrey Henry
Altar Server: Timmy La Canna

10:30am
Reader: Emily Cichocki
Sun. **Extraordinary Ministers:** Ray & Linda
 Rakowitz and Irene Fialkowski
Altar Server: Julian DiMaggio

House Communion: Ray & Linda Rakowitz



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



PLEASE JOIN US!!

IT'S BACK...

THE FEBRUARY GATHERING
THIS 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



This weekend (Feb. 15/16) and NEXT 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 17, 2020

WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #3
CAPTAIN: Marie Confortini
 Laura Wetzel, Janet Bergan, Marge Garzillo & Carol Martin
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2020

WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #3
CAPTAIN:
 Chris Halligan, Max Marquart, Sue Marquart
 & Pedro Magsalin
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



Rectory will be closed on Monday, February 17th in Observance of Presidents' Day.

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.



Join the Knights of Columbus and their families at the 7:00pm Mass this Friday, February 21st followed by Adoration, Reflection and Benediction.

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.

Bishop Robert Barron's

UNTOLD BLESSING

Three Paths to Holiness

God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in Bishop Robert Barron's DVD-based program: *"Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness."* The journey to sanctity involves knowing the truth about yourself and allowing God to work through you for the good of his creation. Explore the three paths to holiness with Bishop Robert Barron: finding the center, knowing you are a sinner, and recognizing that your life is not about you.

On Wednesday, March 4, we will begin the *Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness* program series. **We will meet each Wednesday in March at 7:30pm in St. Ann's Church Meeting Room** (basement of church). Please complete a registration form and return by Tuesday, February 25, so that we know for how many people we need to plan. If possible, a \$15 fee payment will include a "study guide." To find out more information, please contact St. Ann's parish office, 908-725-1008, or stop by the parish office to sign up.



"Having all benefited from the blessings of religious liberty, we have a common duty as Catholics and Americans to consider what we can do to ensure that we 'secure' those blessings not just 'to ourselves' but also 'to our Posterity.' Possibilities abound, such as educating ourselves and our families, contacting elected representatives, praying, voting, and talking to our neighbors about why religious freedom is worth protecting. In short, we must remember that our religious diversity is a strength, and that religious differences should be accepted and accommodated, not stamped out by the government."

-Life Matters: Our Obligation to Protect Religious Freedom, USCCB



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

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal. Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of campus ministry through the Catholic Center at Rutgers University. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.



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: Weekend of February 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

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.



Rice Bowl boxes will be handed out next weekend, February 22/23. Lent is our time to encounter, to cultivate a spirit of global solidarity. Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl is our tool...Lenten faith-in-action program for families and faith communities, a vehicle through which the stories of communities around the world can be shared, an invitation through which our prayers and Lenten sacrifices can change lives.

Ring found in one of the Baby Bottle Boomerangs. If you have misplaced your ring, please call the rectory at 908-526-2394.

Calendar of Events

- February 15 **Healing Mass (10am)**
- February 15/16 **HNS Parish Breakfast Ticket Sales**
- Feb. 15/16, 22/23 **Collection of Palm Branches**
- February 16 **February Gathering**
- February 16 **Eucharistic Holy Hour (St. Ann's)**
- 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)**