



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
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Fr. Jeff Email ----- FrJeff@holymtrinitynj.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 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Our annual Lenten observance begins this week, and that means that it's time to review our Lenten obligations. But before we do that, I think it's important to remember why we do what we do. We always run the risk of forgetting, and missing out on the spiritual benefit of our Lenten practices. While they might help us to get into better shape, and we may learn that we are capable of more than we expected, Lent is neither an endurance competition nor a weight-loss challenge. It is a time of repentance and discipline, of mercy and reconciliation. When lived well, it is a time of renewal that brings us closer to the Lord and strengthens us to meet the challenges and obligations of life with the grace that flows from the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The result is a more joyful celebration of Easter, and most importantly, readiness for the eternal joy of heaven.

There is great freedom in how we individually approach our Lenten discipline. It's something that we should spend time reflecting on before Lent begins, so that we can approach the season in a way that will provide the greatest spiritual benefit. But we also journey through Lent together as a family of faith, so the Church has developed a tradition of communal practices that all of us are expected to observe for the benefit of all. These are our Lenten obligations:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (Feb. 26) and Good Friday (April 10).
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation to fast applies to Catholics ages 18-59. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

May the discipline we take up in these coming days bear great and lasting fruit in our lives!

In Christ & St. Philip,
 Fr. Jeff

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the "pagans" do this. He urges them to "turn the other cheek" and to "walk the extra mile."

Religious Education News

STUDENTS

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| February 23 | 10:30am Mass | Children's Liturgy of the Word |
| February 24 | 4:30 to 5:30pm | Monday RE
(Grades 1 to 7) |
| February 24 | 4:30 to 6:00pm | Mandatory Confirmation Rehearsal for All Students AND Sponsors |
| February 26 | 4:30 to 5:30pm | Wednesday RE
(Grades 3,5,6) |

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,
MONDAY, February 24th, Weekday

TUESDAY, February 25th, Weekday

7:00pm Jonathan Schmidt (9th Anniversary) r/o Parents & Sister

James Chiselko r/o Mother, Brothers & Sister

WEDNESDAY, February 26th, Ash Wednesday

Masses at Holy Trinity

7:00am Ray Rupp r/o Alan & Susan Fross & Family

12:15pm Joyce Walker r/o The Frevert Family

7:00pm Theresa Pozarycki r/o Charlie & Carol Moersdorf

THURSDAY, February 27th, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

FRIDAY, February 28th, Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00pm Joyce O. Peterson (1st Anniversary) r/o Del & Gary Schmidt

Jimmy Sunder r/o His Family

John Palys r/o Marcia & Stan Pozarycki

Crystal Ibe (1st Anniversary) r/o Mom, Dad, Sisters & Family

SATURDAY, February 29th, Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Our Parishioners

SUNDAY, March 1st, First Sunday of Lent

8:30am Rosary Altar Society

10:30am Rita & George Collins r/o Perrin & Joe Moriarty

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are every Friday during Lent after the 7:00pm Mass.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in memory of Bart Pesaresi (13th Anniversary) as lovingly requested by His Wife, Sandy.



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 15/16, 2020 - \$4,390.00 / 2019 - \$3,507.00

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 holyltrinitynj.org/donate and follow the easy registration instructions.

There will be NO Confession at Holy Trinity on Saturday, February 29th. Confession is available on the 29th at St. Ann's in Raritan at 9:30am and 3:00pm and at St. Joseph's in Raritan at 3:00pm.

Ministry Schedule

FEBRUARY 22/23

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

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

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

House Communion: Ray & Linda Rakowitz

FEBRUARY 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

12:15pm **Wed.** **Reader:** Anna Marie Vendemia
Extraordinary Ministers: Rebecca Majewski, Jo Place and Kathy Herdman

7:00pm **Wed.** **Readers:** Stan & Marcia Pozarycki
Extraordinary Ministers: Nick Vendemia, Sandy Kuklo and Jerry Helmstetter
Altar Server: Catherine Ulassin

FEBRUARY 28/29/MARCH 1

7:00pm **Fri.** Mass & Stations
Altar Server: Matthew George

5:00pm **Sat.** **Reader:** Lindsay Frevert
Extraordinary Ministers: George Ulassin and Charlotte Shipley
Altar Server: Chase Kedziora

8:30am **Sun.** **Reader:** Sandy Kuklo
Extraordinary Ministers: Claire Russell and Margaret Chiselko
Altar Server: Kari La Canna

10:30am **Sun.** **Reader:** Dawn Solari
Extraordinary Ministers: Mike & Charlene Tackvic
Altar Server: Alexandra Vicari

House Communion: Mike & Charlene Tackvic



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



After the 10:30am Mass THIS Sunday we will burn the palms in the parking lot. The ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. We invite everyone to attend.

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.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020
WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #4
CAPTAIN:

Claire Russell, Helena Martin, Gloria Chester, Evelyn Inzitari, Bill Flynn & Robert Heintz
GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020
WORKERS – FRIDAY – TEAM #4
CAPTAIN: Stan Marszalek

Alan Fross, Sal Adamo & Connie Adamo
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.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The 8:30am Mass next Sunday, March 1st is for the Living and Deceased Members of the ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY. Their regular monthly meeting will be held after the Mass & Rosary over in the Parish Center.



Rice Bowl boxes will be handed out THIS weekend 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.

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.



"In 2002, Republicans and Democrats worked together to ensure that children born alive are recognized as persons under federal law. But, unfortunately, federal law does not criminalize the denial of care to babies who survive an abortion. In our hearts, each of us knows that every member of our human family ought to be protected, that every baby is born with dignity. For two centuries, Americans have worked relentlessly to extend basic human rights to more and more of our fellow citizens. That's what the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection act does. That's all it does. It makes sure that a baby that is born alive during a botched abortion would be given the same level of medical care that would be provided to any other baby at that same gestational stage."

-U.S. Senator Ben Sasse, Senate Judiciary Committee's hearing "The Infant Patient: Ensuring Appropriate Medical Care for Children Born Alive."



Thank you so much for your generous response to the Baby Bottle Boomerang! So far, we have collected just over \$2,000, and the coins still have to be counted. Your outstanding response to the fundraiser will result in the purchase of at least 100 containers of Enfamil formula. Babies in need will be well fed and content because of your thoughtfulness! Thank you!



*With Much Appreciation,
The Elizabeth Ministry*



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



Looking to share your time & talents? Our parish ministries have some suggestions for you on the leaves of the stewardship tree in the back of the church. The leaves have time and contact information. Please take a leaf off the tree and commit to volunteering your God given talents this year.

The leaves on the tree are in numerical order top to bottom / left to right

1. Prepare a meal for the homeless
2. Pray for expectant mother and her baby
3. Family Project: Fill a diaper bag with needed baby supplies
4. Spiritually adopt an unborn baby and pray for the baby
5. Volunteer at the Pregnancy Aid and Information Center
6. Deliver baby shower items to Pregnancy Aid and Information Center
7. Pray for women who have suffered loss through miscarriage
8. Prepare requests for Easter Basket contents (make eggs) and/or Assemble Easter Baskets for Charity
9. Pray the Rosary with Rosarians on first Sunday of month after 8:30am Mass
10. Help an elderly Rosarian
11. Drive a disabled Rosarian to a doctor visit
12. Bingo Person-in-Charge on Monday night
13. Bingo Game Caller on Monday Night
14. Help make leaves for next Stewardship Tree
15. Bingo Sales Person on Monday night
16. Add your name to be called upon for a baked good or food item for church function
17. Bingo Sales Person on Friday night
18. Bingo Floor Worker on Friday night
19. Bingo Game Caller on Friday night
20. Make coleslaw, potato salad or macaroni salad for Bingo kitchen
21. Donate pickle spears or bread and butter pickles for Bingo kitchen
22. Work in the Bingo kitchen



WHEN: THIS 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

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR
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.factsmgmt.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.

Calendar of Events

- February 22/23 *Collection of Palm Branches*
- Feb. 22 until March 1 *Stewardship Tree*
- 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 3 *Confirmation*
- March 4/11/18/25 *"UNTOLD BLESSING Three Paths to Holiness" (St. Ann's, Raritan 7:30-9:00pm)*