



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
Website ----- www.holytrinitynj.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

March 15, 2020

Third Sunday
of Lent



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

How is your Lent going so far? I don't mean how you are doing with keeping to your Lenten resolutions. More important is whether you are experiencing transformation, the inner change that results in healthier and holier ways of thinking, speaking, and acting. Are you allowing the Lord to do His work on you during these days? Our Lenten discipline is meant to facilitate that work by making us more receptive to it. I pray that in these remaining weeks of Lent, however we have done so far, we can make good use of this time by opening to the Lord and giving Him access to bring about the conversion we need.

One area where so many of us struggle is with accepting and responding to unexpected challenges. We're currently dealing with a big one in the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak, which is disrupting social, economic, and political life in various parts of the world, and threatens to do so here as well. We will continue to keep you updated on impacts to parish activities, especially through our website and Facebook page.

I also want to update you on a few (relatively mundane) new and unexpected challenges:

-In recent months, the refrigerator in the Parish Center has gradually reached the end of its useful life (and once it can't keep food cold anymore, it's not useful!). Rather than replace the entire unit, we had it rebuilt by JD Rosenbaum using the existing case (which is in good condition), at a cost of approximately \$2,800.

-The front steps of the Rectory have begun to collapse. Upon examination, we determined that the steps need to be completely rebuilt. We have hired Jeff Natale Masonry, and weather permitting, the work will take place over this weekend at a cost of \$3,400. The railings will also need to be replaced.

-Last week, the water heater in the Rectory breathed its last (and discharged its contents in the basement!). Thanks to our own Joe Langon for getting a replacement installed so quickly over last weekend, and at a cost of \$1,275.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff

Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water He gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir...". Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

Religious Education News

- March 15 10:30am Mass **Children's Liturgy of the Word**
- March 16 4:30 to 5:30pm **Monday RE**
(Grades 1 to 7)
- March 18 4:30 to 5:30pm **Wednesday RE**
(Grades 3,5,6)

SATURDAY, March 14th, Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Justin Flynn (10th Anniversary) r/o Grandparents

SUNDAY, March 15th, Third Sunday of Lent

8:30am Our Parishioners

10:30am Michael Sunder r/o His Family

MONDAY, March 16th, Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, March 17th, Lenten Weekday

St. Patrick, Bishop

7:00pm Dominick Foti r/o The Palmeri Family

WEDNESDAY, March 18th, Lenten Weekday

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, March 19th, ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FRIDAY, March 20th, Lenten Weekday

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00pm Joyce Walker r/o Rebecca Majewski

SATURDAY, March 21st, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Terry Hatch (10th Anniversary on 3/19/20) r/o

The Hatch Family

SUNDAY, March 22nd, Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am Our Parishioners

10:30am Paul Fletcher r/o Wife, Margaret

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



WEDDING BANNS

Banns III – Jaclyn Roth & Christopher Rovere

Pray for Jaclyn Roth & Christopher Rovere as they

begin their lives together through the

Sacrament of Marriage

on March 20, 2020.



Our Weekly Offering

February 2020 online giving – 2,571.50

March 7/8, 2020 - \$3,745.00 / 2019 - \$3,887.20

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.

Lost & Found: If you lost your gloves, hats, glasses, etc., check the lost & found box at the Maple Street exit, bottom shelf of the Catholic Spirit rack.

If you would like to become an Apostle of Prayer, making a commitment to pray each day for the thousands of people who request prayers, please contact us so we can send you an application for a prayer kit at 732-765-6431.

Ministry Schedule 

MARCH 13/14/15

7:00pm Mass & Stations
Fri. **Altar Server:** *Emily Caldarola*
 5:00pm **Reader:** *Peter George*
Sat. **Extraordinary Minister:** *Ray or Linda Rakowitz*
Altar Server: *Matthew George*
 8:30am **Reader:** *Francine Giorello*
Sun. **Extraordinary Minister:** *Sandy Kuklo*
Altar Server: *Kari La Canna*
 10:30am **Reader:** *Chris Mariani*
Sun. **Extraordinary Minister:** *Irene Fialkowsky*
Altar Servers: *Catherine Ulassin & Krisztopher Nunez*

House Communion: *Irene Fialkowsky*

LENT...
 IS A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION
 AND CONTEMPLATION

MARCH 20/21/22

7:00pm Mass & Stations
Fri. **Altar Server:** *Maeve Siddons*
 5:00pm **Reader:** *Chris Halligan*
Sat. **Extraordinary Minister:** *Tom or Allison Truchan*
Altar Server: *Zachary Salvato*
 8:30am **Reader:** *Anna Marie Vendemia*
Sun. **Extraordinary Minister:** *Nick Vendemia*
Altar Server: *Timmy La Canna*
 10:30am **Reader:** *Emily Cichocki*
Sun. **Extraordinary Minister:** *Frank Meier*
Altar Server: *Maeve Siddons*

House Communion: *Frank Meier*

Pray for the Sick 

To add a name please call the Parish Office at (908) 526-2394.

Harry Corbin	Donna Hall
Frieda Helmstetter	Ann Marie Izzo
Jim Kenely	Sharon Lawler
Christine Otto	Tom Russell
Red Scoloveno	Ruth Stives
Marion Wojcik	Sally Wojcek

Turn in your Kolach order forms to a Holy Name Member THIS weekend and NEXT weekend

Authentic Slovak Kolach orders to be taken with delivery in time for Easter

(nut roll, prune, poppy seed, apricot, seedless red raspberry & coconut cream).

Cost: \$16.00 (payment due when placing order)

Pick up date: Holy Thursday, April 9th

Sponsored by the Holy Name Society



MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

WORKERS – MONDAY – TEAM #3

CAPTAIN:

Janet Bergan, Marge Garzillo, Carol Martin & Rebecca Majewski (sub)

GAMES BEGIN AT 7:30PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 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



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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – this Monday, March 16th at 7:30pm in the Church Basement/TV Room. All are invited!

FLOWER ENVELOPES - In your March envelope mailing you will find an envelope for flower donations. This is an opportunity to contribute towards the lilies and plants that make our church so beautiful for the Easter season. You are welcome to contribute in honor or in memory of loved ones; the inscriptions will be listed in the parish bulletin if received by Sunday, April 5th. This opportunity is also available through Online Giving on our website.

THE GIVING BASKET



At each of the three exits you will find an Easter Basket with Easter Eggs inside it. On each



egg will be a request for an item or items to fill empty Easter Baskets. We would like to be able to fill donated empty baskets with Easter items and donate them

to a local charity to be distributed to needy families in our area. Items can be returned and placed in the baskets by the exits no later than **Sunday, March 29th**.

Thanks in advance for your generosity and support of this project.



Wind Creek Bus Trip, Bethlehem, PA (formerly Sands)
 Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society on Thursday, April 30
 \$35.00 per person ~ \$25.00 back in Slot Play ~
 Bus leaves at **9:30am** from the Parish Center
 If interested call: Fran at 908-231-0592 or Pat at 908-526-0427



"USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Kat Talalas issued a statement Wednesday regarding *June Medical Services v. Russo*, a case in which an abortion provider challenges a 2014 Louisiana state law that requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges in a hospital within 30 miles of the abortion facility. These admitting privileges would allow a woman to go directly to the hospital if she needs urgent care. 'The Catholic Church encourages all people of faith to pray about the outcome to this very important case,' the secretariat said in the statement. 'We also ask all to pray for the women who are compelled to seek abortion: that they may find alternatives that value their health and well-being, and the lives of their precious children.' 'Women, their bodies, and their babies are immeasurably valuable,' Talalas noted in the statement. 'The violent act of abortion not only destroys the lives of unborn children, but often severely harms women's physical, psychological, and spiritual health.' The USCCB Secretariat said that the state of Louisiana is 'right to prioritize women over abortion industry profits' and that all states are strongly interested in regulating abortion, 'which is lethal to children and immensely damaging to women.'"

-National, Mary Margaret Olohan



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 Church Basement/Classroom #3. Supplies are available. For information please call Charlotte at 908-526-0477.



Pray for the Military

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.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in the Church of the Holy Trinity. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 21/22, which has been designated as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Caritas Chamber Chorale Concert – Into Your Hands

- Friday, March 20th at 7:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Church, Martinsville
- Saturday, March 21st at 6:00pm at St. John The Evangelist Church, Lambertville
- Sunday, March 22 at 3:00pm at St. Andrew Church, Avenel

Visit www.caritaschamberchorale.org or call 732-718-0775

MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

THIS Sunday, March 15th 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.

St. Ann School OPEN HOUSE (29 Second Ave., Raritan)
Tuesday, March 24 / Tuesday April 21 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Discover how a Catholic Classical Education at St. Ann School can inspire your child to be a joyous learner, and filled with wonder and awe for all creation. Our new academic approach allows for students to be formed and immersed in virtue, beauty and goodness-through their everyday curriculum.

Calendar of Events

- March 14/15 Social Ministry Easter Baskets begin
- March 14/15,21/22 Kolach for Easter
- March 15 Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30am Mass)
- March 15 Eucharistic Holy Hour (St. Ann's)
- March 16 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
- March 18/25 "UNTOLD BLESSING Three Paths to Holiness" (St. Ann's, Raritan 7:30-9:00pm)
- March 20 Stations of the Cross (after 7pm Mass)
- March 20-22 Rosary Altar Society Retreat (off-site)
- March 29 March Gathering