

Holy Trinity Church



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
475 N. Hwy 92, P.O. Box 304
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
In Spanish: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses: See bulletin

Contact office for help with transportation to church

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Parish Code: BFRHHH

Confessions:

- Saturday afternoons 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday mornings 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
- First Saturday of each month before Mass at 8:15 a.m. and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Heard upon request.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring—our time, service, and some share of what we earn from the work we do—are equally precious in His sight.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, send the Holy Spirit to confirm me in my identity as Your child.
- Jesus, like the Magi, I give You the gift of my life, I will follow You wherever You lead. “In my life, Lord, be glorified.”
- Father, send the Holy Spirit, the true Christmas Spirit, to teach me the meaning of Christianity.
- Jesus, I’ll fight for You, even if I have to die.

CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

- Pre-School thru 6th : 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 7th thru 12th : 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. Wednesday

Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2nd Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4th Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Pastoral Council: Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 7:15pm
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2nd Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- AA meetings Sundays in Trinity Hall at 6:00pm

Baptism:

- Please contact Fr. Patrick or the Church Office at least 4 weeks prior to the desired baptism date.
- Completion of the Baptismal Class is required.

Weddings:

- There is a six-month marriage preparation period in the Diocese of Knoxville.
- Contact Fr. Patrick for an appointment.

Planning to Move?

- Please keep your address and telephone number current on our church records.
- If you move out of the parish, we will need a forwarding address for your year-end contribution statements.

Parish Registration:

- If you attend Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis, you should complete a registration form.
- Remember that in order to receive sacraments (other than Confession or Eucharist), or to be a Godparent or Sponsor, you must be registered.
- Registration forms are available in the narthex & the church office & provide for the optional receipt of offertory envelopes. You may fill out the form in the office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket.

Dear Parishioners:

Happy and Blessed
Did you get
blessed for your
blessing? Are you
Epiphany house
not, you can still do
having the chalk



Epiphany!
your chalk
house
ready for the
blessing? If
it without
blessed.

The Epiphany chalk blessing is the old Catholic custom of blessing the home, about which I have written in prior years, but Epiphany comes every year, so here it is again.

The family brings their chalk to church for blessing. If not, the head of the house may bless the chalk. Then the abbreviated blessing is written on the lintel or top part of the front door in chalk after the prayers and blessing thusly: 20+C+M+B+20.

This time-honored custom has its roots in Old Testament times in the blessing for the first Passover, to protect the faithful. For Epiphany, the first and last numbers are the year, this year 2020. The initials C, M, and B represent the traditional names associated with the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, but also stand for “Christus Mansionem Benedicat.” that is, “May Christ bless this house.” The “+” represents the cross of Christ, of course.

The prayers are readily available on-line; just Google “Epiphany+chalk” and you’ll find many sites containing them including Aleteia, the USCCB site, and OnePeterFive. The reading of Exodus 12:1-13 should be part of the blessing.

Practicing customs such as this help us to live our Faith more concretely and encourage us to dedicate ourselves to God. It makes a great conversation started, too, when visitors arrive and reminds us of the welcoming by the Holy Family of the Magi. It can remind us to be welcoming, too, in all we do.

If it is not practical to chalk the door or lintel itself, a chalk board with the inscription on it can be hung above the door.

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My thanks to all for your Christmas cards. I don’t know what you do, but I read my cards and enjoy the art work. Then I keep them, sometimes for the whole year, in a basket. I go back a few times throughout the year and look over them again, appreciative for the effort people took to send them and to think of them, often to say a prayer for them. Some of them, end up clipped and used as postcards during the following Christmastide.

A continuing Merry Christmas! It’s not over till January 12th!

Fr. Patrick

Maria Barnhart’s funeral arrangements

are as follows: Receiving of Friends on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10am followed by the Mass of Resurrection at 11am. Lunch will follow immediately after Mass in the Parish Life Center.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner Maria Barnhart who was born on July 1, 1929 and passed away on December 28, 2019 at the age of 90. Maria was born in Waltrowitz, Czechoslovakia. She was married to Andrew Barnhart for 33 years. They were blessed with 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Maria was a loving mother who cared deeply about all her family and friends. Her Catholic faith was her guide for all of her life. Maria loved to cook, bake and share her wonderful creations with family and friends. She spent a lot of time giving detailed attention to her beautiful flowers and garden. Very seldom could a weed be found. Volunteering at church for anything was a delight for Maria. Her joy could be seen by the beaming smiles she would express at that time. Please keep Anna and Bobby Davidson, Anna’s two brothers and family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time.

Pro Life News and Notes: Thousands of pro-life advocates from around the country will participate in the **March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 24th**. This is the nation’s largest and most visible and inspiring pro-life event. EWTN will cover the entire event beginning at **9:00 a.m. on Jan. 24th with an encore presentation at 10 p.m. and Jan. 26th at 11 a.m.** If you are interested in going to Washington for the event, there are a few spaces left on the bus that will leave Our Lady of Fatima, contact Tim Brown at 574-242-8008. The **Walk for Life West Coast** will be broadcast on EWTN on **January 25th at 2:30 p.m.** Also a highly inspirational event with important speeches and interviews with pro-life leaders and walk participants. The opening Mass of the all-night **National Prayer Vigil for Life** begins with a Solemn Opening Mass, live from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., **January 23rd, 5:30 p.m.** The **Closing Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life will be shown on EWTN on January 24th, 7:30 a.m.; encore 6:30 p.m.**

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday January 4 th	Mass at 9:00am Ralph & Helen Ruth Welsby by parishioners
Saturday January 4 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Geraldine & Robert Bickerton+ by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday January 4 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday January 5 th	Mass at 10:30am For Diane Longo by Frank Longo
Tuesday January 7 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Bernard Flederbach+ by the Boothe Family
Wednesday January 8 th	Mass at 9:00am For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Thursday January 9 th	Mass at 9:00am For Nancy Skahan by Father Patrick
Friday January 10 th	Mass at 9:00am For Patricia Wilkins by the parishioners
Saturday January 11 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Martin & Catherine Witberg+ by Martin & Valerie Witberg
Saturday January 11 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday January 12 th	Mass at 10:30am For Jack McCoy+ by the Knights of Columbus



Food Pantry—Kingswood School:

Thank you for your contributions this weekend to the food pantry. The kids at Kingswood enjoy the food we send them.

Purchase a flag for your loved one. “Flags on the Hill” is sponsored by CCW. Each flag will be personalized in honor or memory of your loved one, or you may choose to honor a branch of the service. Flags will be on sell the weekend of January 11th & 12th and the 18th & 19th.

Wedding Anniversaries January 2020



Tom and Nancy Maursetter	1/15/1983	37 yrs
Jerry and Margaret Swope	1/15/1971	49 yrs
Peter and Diane Heinen	1/30/1965	55 yrs

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) is a



day to celebrate the intrinsic value of all human life. This important day also provides an opportunity for pregnancy centers to share about the work they do to bring life-

affirming resources to their communities and to empower women and men to choose life for their unborn children. The National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is held on the third Sunday in January to bring attention to January 22nd, 1973, the day which the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court. **SOHLS will take place on Sunday January 19th, 2020.**

Thank you to all the **Cantors** who in 2019 gave of their time and talent to lead the songs for Mass. As Psalm 156 says “*Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord.*” What wonderful blessings our cantors have received.

Thank you to all the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** who in 2019 gave of their time to reverently assist with the distribution of the Body or Blood of our Lord.

Contribution Envelopes for 2020 are in the narthex. If you currently do not receive envelopes, but would like to, please call the church office at 865-471-0347. Also, if you prefer not to use an envelope for your contribution and you currently receive them, please call the office to let us know.

Saturday January 11 th 5:00pm		Sunday, January 12 th 10:30am	
Deacon	Matt Pidgeon	Deacon	David Oatney
Lector	June Lich	Lector	Jim Knox
Servers	Elli & Jazdin Weatherbie	Servers	Anna Holt Jim Shannon
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Sharon Jurkonie Pat Karpick	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Polly Freund Joyce Haigh

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
12/29/2019	101	29	144

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 11,055	Collection: \$39,168
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$31,273
Difference:	\$ 4,801	Difference: \$ 7,895

Holy Trinity's Christmas Masses Stewardship

Masses on Dec 24th/25th Attendance: 423

Envelope/Offertory: ½ to Parish — \$1,941.58
½ to Diocese — \$1,941.58

CCD classes will resume on Sunday, January 5th and Wednesday, January 8th.

The Parish of Baint in Haiti needs our help—



can you help us send \$2,500 to them? Each January and July we take a special collection for our twinning parish. If you use envelopes, please use the gold one marked "Haiti Mission" for your contribution.

However, if you don't receive envelopes, please be sure to mark your contribution "Haiti".

Save the Date...Take your kids out for "Brunch" at the Knights of Columbus annual brunch on Sunday, January 26th, immediately following Mass. The brunch includes foods ranging from scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, assorted casseroles and muffins, to baked ham and an assortment of luncheon items. Tickets are on sale in the narthex until January 26th. Please buy your tickets beforehand so the Knights know how much food to prepare. However, if you don't buy a ticket in the narthex, they will also be sold at the door. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with Pre-School and under free. The maximum cost for a family is \$30. Come and enjoy a scrumptious meal!

Special thanks to Martin Witberg for installing the extra handrail on the stairs between Trinity Hall and the Church.

Thank you to all the **Sacristans** who in 2019 gave of their time to prepare the altar for the Celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. What a priceless gift they each received.

Thank you to all the **Altar Servers** who in 2019 gave of their time to assist Fr. Patrick in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. They each received the priceless gift of serving others.

Thank you to all the **Lectors** who in 2019 gave of their time to read the first (Old Testament) and second (New Testament) readings to our congregation during Mass.

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Your Year-end Contribution Statements will only be mailed this year upon request. You can put your request in the collection basket—be sure your signature is on the request. Mark the envelope to Jennifer's attention. You can also call the office at 865-471-0347. Statements will be mailed at the end of January.

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will not meet in January-February, 2020. Meetings will resume on Monday, March 9th, 2020 at 7pm.

Significance of Gold, Frankincense &

Myrrh: The Magi presented Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts were very prophetic for they spoke of our Lord's offices of King, Priest, and Savior. **Gold:** This carries obvious significance. It's precious and worthy across all cultures and times. It's a gift fit for royalty. It says to the Christ child, You are a King. **Frankincense:** Ancient people burned frankincense, believing it to carry their prayers to heaven. Its use as incense illustrates His role as our Priest. **Myrrh:** The Egyptians made it famous in Biblical times, having acquired myrrh about the fifteenth century B.C. from Africa. It was used in incense, perfumes and holy ointments, but its most notable use to them was that of an embalming material, used in Egyptian mummies. As an embalming ointment it signified that Jesus was born to Die for the world. In fact, Myrrh was one of the burial spices of Jesus (John 19:39).

Spiritual Life Committee will meet in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, January 14th after the 6:30pm Mass.

Prayer Requests: Linda Bonner, Toni Caprio, Sarah Cole, Mike Colicchio, Jackie Crupi, Sue Drew (Chris Dale's cousin), Sally Gilger (Bill Gigler's mom), JoAnn Hopko, Andy Ladner, Helen LaShier, Joe Lavelle, Donna McCormack (Evangeline Webster's daughter), Mary Morin, Viki Morulewicz (Marie King's sister), Robert & Gladys Mynatt (Roger Mynatt's parents), Chris Mynuk, Mary Nelson (Gloria Bohrer's niece), Janet Potts, Jim Ray, Sandy Reagle, Mary Ellen Resen (Fr. Patrick's mom), Jim Shannon, Kathy Shannon (Therese & Jim Shannon's daughter), Lucy Simmons, Carly Snyder (Sue & Jim Pickering's daughter), Kristy Spivey (Greg & Polly Freund's daughter), Margie Swope, Helen Ruth and Ralph Welsby (Mary Legge's parents), Patricia Wilkins and Lu Windham.

KARM Donations - Holy Trinity has joined KARM's *Corners of Your Field* program. This comes from Leviticus 19:9 not to reap the corners of your field for the less fortunate. How the program works is when you donate your gently used items (clothing, shoes, books, furniture etc.), tell them you are from Holy Trinity Catholic Church. In turn, they give KARM store gift cards to the church. We in turn give them to someone in need or to Life Outreach Center to give clients. This is a great way to donate unused items and help someone in need. There are KARM locations in. Sevierville, Talbott and Morristown.