

Holy Trinity Church



Father Patrick Resen—Pastor
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Jim Prosak—Deacon
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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
475 N. Hwy 92, P.O. Box 304
Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

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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 12, 2020

Baptism of Our Lord

Our Baptism, like the Lord's, is a consecration to service. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us that "...there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism that people place their gifts, their resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church."

Prayers for the Week

- Father, purify me "by obedience to the truth...for a genuine love".
- Father, may this Christmas season result in many thousands receiving the Holy Spirit deeply.
- Father, may I rejoice greatly at the Bridegroom's voice, the voice of Jesus.
- Father, I am Your child. May I build Your kingdom wherever You put me.

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:

Christmas is over...or is it?

By our current liturgical calendar, the Christmas season ends with and Ordinary Time starts with the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate today. From Medieval times it ended on the feast of the Presentation of the Lord aka the Feast of the Circumcision aka the Feast of the Purification of Mary aka Candlemas, which is 40 days after Christmas in accordance with Mosaic Law. The date is February 2nd. Hmm.

Some people like to keep to the old date of February 2nd as it is what they grew up with or because they just like the old calendar (which was changed in 1969). It does give some pause to overturn more than a century of tradition. I read just last week that the queen of England keeps her Christmas decorations up until February 2nd, not that that affects my decision. I have no trouble with either date on a personal level. How can we, after all, when we have "Christmas in July" events and live in a culture that sometimes celebrates Christmas before Advent even begins. Most of all, in the current calendar for the Ordinary Form of the Mass the Church has decided that Christmas ends at Vespers of the eve of the Baptism of the Lord so I am fine with that.

The writer Susanna Spencer feels there are five good reasons to keep celebrating Christmas until February 2nd. She says that first of all, Candlemas is the traditional end of the season. True. Her second reason is more substantive: with so much busyness during Advent (thanks to the secular culture) and at Christmas it is much easier to focus on the birth of Christ after all the days of feasting. I like that. Thirdly she notes that "in the bleak season of January we need a little Christmas spirit." Well, I suppose there is sense to that. Fourth, she says, most Christmas music is still appropriate after Christmas. "You can skip all the songs about Santa and longing to be home for Christmas and focus on the carols about Christ being born. Newborn babies are not forgotten 12 days after their birth." I guess I can't argue with that. And lastly, and I presume with some jesting, she says that knowing that Christmas can be celebrated for 40 days keeps Christmas cookie consumption in moderation. You don't have to cram all the cookies in beforehand. Well, I'm all for cookies, so....

But I will follow the liturgical calendar we have and consider Christmas over today. But feel free to keep eating Christmas cookies. Even in July, if you want! And welcome to the Ordinary Time readings where we hear of the ministry of Christ in those three years in the Holy Land.

Fr. Patrick

Pro Life News and Notes: Last November we read about another unjust blow to the pro-life cause. On November 15 of last year, a San Francisco jury in a federal civil trial found David Daleiden and his four co-defendants liable of trespass and illegal recording of conversations with Planned Parenthood staff and ordered them to pay \$2.2 million in damages to Planned Parenthood. The judge in the case William Orrick has ties to Planned Parenthood and his wife posted her support for Planned Parenthood in its legal battle against Daleiden on social media. On December 6 of last year, a San Francisco court judge ruled the case will proceed to criminal trial, while dropping 6 felony charges against Daleiden. You will recall that these reporters for the Center for Medical Progress, David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt, went undercover to secretly record conversations with Planned Parenthood abortionists who casually talked about how to abort babies in such a way as to preserve their organs for sale. In 2017 California Attorney General Xavier Becerra filed 15 criminal charges against David Daleiden and Sandra Merritt. This prosecution was initiated by Becerra's predecessor, Kamala Harris, who had received thousands of dollars in campaign contributions from Planned Parenthood. Rather than applauding their actions in exposing the truth about Planned Parenthood's illegal activities, California wants to put them in jail. Please pray for David Daleiden, Sandra Merritt and the other defendants so that they are vindicated and the truth continues to be exposed.

MARCH FOR LIFE – Plan to attend this year's March for Life **Sunday, January 26th**, 2pm at Knoxville Convention Center. Take a stand for life and kick off a year that could change everything in the battle for life in our city, state and nation. It will begin with a brief prayer service in the ballroom of the Knoxville Convention Center. The march will then proceed down Clinch Avenue towards one of the state's busiest abortion facilities and then back to the Convention Center via Cumberland Avenue. Invite family and friends to this important pro-life event that will help change the community to one of a 100% pro-life mindset. You may consider making home-made signs advertising your pro-life views as well as those of our church. Let's try to help exceed the 1000 marchers who participated in last year's March for Life, Knoxville. For more information contact TN Right to Life Knoxville Chapter, (865) 689-1339, www.proLIFEknox.org or trlknox@trlknox.com.

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

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
Tuesday January 14 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Jack McCoy+ by the Knights of Columbus
Wednesday January 15 th	Mass at 9:00am For All Souls in Purgatory by Chris Dale
Thursday January 16 th	Mass at 9:00am For Lu Windham by the parishioners
Friday January 17 th	Mass at 9:00am For Lucy Simmons by the parishioners
Saturday January 18 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Bruce & Betty Vantress by Martin & Valerie Witberg
Saturday January 18 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday January 19 th	Mass at 10:30am For Ed Prosak+ by Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe

Saturday January 18 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Cheryl Ladner
Servers	Andy Ladner Michael Love
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Karen Booker Bonita Giedrycz

Sunday, January 19 th 10:30am	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Frank Longo
Servers	Josh LaMonte Chloe Prosak
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Roger Mynatt Cheryl Prosak

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
01/05/2020	94	72	162

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 5,703	Collection: \$ 5,703
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 6,254
Difference:	\$ (551)	Difference: \$ (551)

Wednesday January 15th, 2020 at 7pm Confirmation class. There will be a **mandatory parent** meeting on Sunday January 12th after the 10:30am Mass in Trinity Hall with Deacon Matt Pidgeon.



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Cheryl Prosak Retires. Serving Holy Trinity Parish since 2005, Cheryl Prosak has announced her retirement, effective January 7, 2020. She joined Holy Trinity as an assistant to Jinx Bryant. Following Jinx's sudden death in 2009, Cheryl took over as office manager and was later promoted to parish administrator. Her background in senior financial management at Berkline Corporation and Eaton Corporation has served our parish well. During the next several months, Cheryl will assist in the office one day each week as Jennifer LaMonte takes on the role of office manager. Jennifer will be assisted by Andrea Jarnagin, who serves as part-time office assistant. In her retirement years, Cheryl plans to spend more leisurely time with her husband Jim and daughter Chloe, increase her prayer time and travel.

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 sale the weekends of January 11th & 12th and January 18th & 19th.



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!



Married Couples and Priests: Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage! Start the year with a plan to make your marriage a priority. Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 28th - March 1st. Apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling (678) 242-WWME.



Saint Joseph School Open House

Saint Joseph School will be hosting an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 26th, from 12-2 pm to kickoff Catholic Schools Week. Please come and learn more about the opportunities for Pre-K - 8th Grade at SJS! Refreshments will be served. Can't make it?

Call to schedule a tour! Saint Joseph School, 1810 Howard Drive Knoxville, TN 37918 (865) 689-3424, email azengel@sjsknox.org or website www.sjsknox.org.

Grief Share Support Group - Need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? Come and join us to begin your journey from mourning to joy. Weekly meetings will be held at Faith Baptist Church, 118 Colossians Ct., Jefferson City beginning Saturday, January 11th thru April 4th from 10am - 12pm. To register contact the church office by phone (865) 475-7608 or email info@faithbaptist.net. Cost for the 14 week support group is \$20 which includes one workbook.

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.

Bishop Stika's prayer intentions for January - As we begin this new year, please pray for a true recognition and understanding of the words given to us in the Gospel of Luke, that we should treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated. Please also pray for our diocese, which continues to grow in faith and charitable mercy, that we proclaim God's glory in all of our words and deeds in 2020.

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

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

Door Greeter's are needed for the Saturday 5pm masses. Please contact Vickie Van Ormer at (386)589-9925 if you can help out.

Are you feeling depressed? Isolated? Worried? Overwhelmed? There is hope. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers counseling services in Knoxville. Please call (865) 314-8870. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, or if you are worried about someone who may be in a crisis, help is available by calling the Tennessee Statewide Crisis Line at 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

HopeLine® from Verizon Wireless helps support victims and survivors of domestic violence while ensuring that phones can be reused or recycled in an environmentally responsible way. Anyone can donate no-longer-used phones (from any provider), batteries and accessories to HopeLine; Verizon then uses the proceeds from these donations to provide cash grants to domestic violence organizations across the United States. Please place your donation in the white basket in the church narthex.

Pray for our military personnel: Family members of parishioners on active duty include Dave & Linda Budde's son, Tech Sgt. Brett Budde (stationed at McGuire AFB, NJ), Polly & Greg Freund's granddaughter, HM3 Keyah Vison (stationed at Okinawa, Japan), Frank & Diane Longo's son, Major Alex Longo (stationed at Ft. Bragg, NC), Kay McBride's grandsons, MSgt Martin Smith (stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX), TSgt Andrew Smith (stationed at RAF Lakenheath, England), and TSgt Todd Maker (stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany), Shari Nash's nephew, Col. Joe McKeon (stationed at West Point), Deacon Jim & Cheryl Prosak's nephew, ETR2 Dan Moreno (Stationed in Yokosuka, Japan), Tom & Jessica Richard's daughter, 2LT Jackie Richards Hicks (stationed at Goodfellow AFB, TX) and Tom & Jessica Richard's son-in-law, 2LT Jonathon Hicks (stationed at Columbus AFB, MS).

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11