

# Holy Trinity Church



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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.**

## Parish Office:

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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 19, 2020

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's responsorial psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

### Prayers for the Week

- Father, may I accept Your gift of silence each day.
- Father, may I yearn to hear Your Word far more than I yearn to hear the person I love most tell me they love me.
- Father, You are my only Hope and the only Hope I need.
- Father, change my mind so I will love You in greater ways.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit to give me love, which increases my desire for holiness.
- Father, may I see obedience and disobedience as You do.

### CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

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

### Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

R.R. Reno in the December First Things magazine notes that the suicide rate among Americans aged ten to twenty-four has increased by more than 50 percent in the years 2007 versus 2017. More than 50%; the increase was 56% to be exact. (Centers for Disease Control, US Department of Health and Human Services). To say this is shocking is an understatement.

Far too many of us have had to deal with suicide in our families and among our friends. And far too often they have been among the young, the ten to twenty-four group that the CDC say have had such an increase.

Two books come to mind. They are of different purpose and different perspective. One deals with the issue very directly; the other address teaching children these days about major moral issues.

The first book is *After Suicide: There is Hope for Them and You*, by Fr. Chris Alar, MIC and Br. Jason Lewis, MIC. (Both are members of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception; many of you are familiar with them from Fr. Donald Calloway's work or Fr. Michael Gaitley's work which we have used here at Holy Trinity.) Each of the authors has lost a family member to suicide. The book is very pastoral in its approach, orthodox in its teaching, and encouraging in how to approach the grief in prayer. The book is \$14.95 from the Marians of the Immaculate Conception on-line shop or from Amazon.

The second book is, we might say, part of helping to prevent the confusions of young people about the moral teaching of the Church and therefore helping them to lead happy, healthy lives. The book is *Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues*, by Leila Miller with Trent Horn. Mrs. Miller writes for the Arizona Republic and is the author of the excellent book *Primal Loss: The Now-Adult Children of Divorce Speak*, which I also highly recommend. Mr. Horn is a staff apologist at Catholic Answers and is adjunct professor of apologetics at Holy Apostles College and Seminary and the author of seven other books. The book directly addresses major issues children of our age have to understand: sex outside marriage, same-sex "marriage," divorce, contraception, abortion, reproductive technologies, modesty, pornography, transgender identity, and homosexuality. These are issues every parent must be prepared to teach about to their children, remembering that the parents are the primary teachers of their children about matters of the Faith and morals. Deacon Matt Pidgeon, our DRE, by the way made sure each of our CCD teachers got a copy last month. If you have children or grandchildren, this is a must read and a tool to be used. (\$12.61 from Amazon). Teaching children well, instilling the truths of the Faith in them, is a major step to making them happy, well-adjusted adults and who will not be inclined to suicide or other destructive behavior.

Fr. Patrick

**Pro Life News and Notes:** On Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, Fr. Tim Sullivan will pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood on Cherry St. in Knoxville beginning at 10am. There is much for which to pray on the life front. Planned Parenthood released their yearly abortion numbers which are on the rise, especially chemical abortions. Chemical abortions when compared to surgical abortions have a higher complication rate and result in a higher rate of emergency room visits. The dangerous abortion pill, Mifeprex was approved in 2000 after being brought to the U.S. by the eugenics-founded Population Council and funded by the Packard Foundation and other pro-abortion philanthropy groups. A highly secretive company, DANCO Laboratories was set up to manufacture the drug. Doctors, increasingly, urge moms and dads to abort their babies believed to have Down Syndrome. Extremist legislation is being introduced in states such as New York and Maryland that says abortion clinics should not be burdened with having to maintain hospital-like standards of cleanliness and care. Washington D.C. has the most lenient abortion laws in the country--women or girls may obtain an abortion for any reason at any time in their pregnancy and parental consent is not required for under-aged girls. Abortion workers in Washington have conscience rights protections, whereas, those who do not support abortion do not have their conscience rights protected. Washington, D.C. has the highest maternity death rate in the country. Actress Michelle Williams recently touted abortion at an awards show in California stating, "I would not be able to do this had I not been able to exercise the right to choose." Success is not dependent on killing your unborn child. Please continue daily prayer for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all assaults against life. Join Fr. Sullivan in his efforts to defend life on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**As of the second week of January, due to your compassion and generosity, we collected \$1312 which is 52% of our goal for our twinning parish, the Parish of Baintet in Haiti.**



With your continued help, we only need to raise \$1,188 to reach our goal of \$2,500. When we send the money to the Parish of Baintet, they will use it to help build the Chapel of Saint Clements. Thank you to those of you that have opened your hearts and your checkbooks. Thank you in advance to all our other parishioners who will donate to this important cause. 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".

**This weekend's sanctuary flowers are in memory of Jinx Bryant by Jack Bryant**

**Thursday, January 23, 2020** after the 9am Mass will be the Inurnment of Maria Barnhart. Please come join the family.

**Our Weekly Mass Schedule**

Saturday January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Bruce & Betty Vantress by Martin & Valerie Witberg
Saturday January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday January 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:30am For Ed Prosak+ by Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe
Tuesday January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mass at 6:30pm For Kay Clossey+ by Vince Clossey
Wednesday January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Ashley Mercereau Greene+ by Jennifer LaMonte
Thursday January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Bob Weniger by the Shannons
Friday January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Annie Heffernan+ by Joe & Betty Jo Lavelle
Saturday January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Tim Galla+ by Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe
Saturday January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:30am For Sandie Caldiero by the LaMontes

**2020 Bishop's Appeal "A Joyful Witness"**

Most parishioners have received or will soon receive a mailing from Bishop Stika asking for a generous pledge to this year's Appeal. Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries in our parish. Each Appeal gift enables the Diocese to build up the kingdom of God throughout East TN. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our Diocese and to the Church throughout the world. This gift enables ministries, education and services that touch thousands of lives. Our parish goal this year is \$21,800. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. If you received your pledge form in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses the weekend of February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

<b>Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm</b>	
Deacon	No Deacon
Lector	Diane Arcuri
Servers	Josh & Nick LaMonte
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Marlene Holt Andy Ladner June Lich

<b>Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30am</b>	
Deacon	No Deacon
Lector	Hal Morrill
Servers	Jay Heaberlin Dominik Solarz
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Frank Longo Trish Morrill Shari Nash

**National Collection for the Church in Latin America will be next weekend January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

A *second collection* will be taken in support of the pastoral work of the Church in the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and South America. Your donation will assist the bishops, priests, and religious in countries such as Haiti, El Salvador and Chile in their work of evangelization, the formation of seminarians and religious, catechesis, and youth ministry. Thank you for your generosity in support of the Church in Latin America.

**Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship**

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
01/12/2020	94	54	177

**Envelope and Offertory Collections**

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Month-to-Date</u>
Collection:	\$ 3,553	Collection: \$ 9,256
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 12,508
Difference:	\$ (2,701)	Difference: \$ (3,252)

**January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Come out for**



**"Brunch"** at the Knights of Columbus annual brunch on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 10:30 am Mass. Tickets are on sale in the narthex until

January 26<sup>th</sup>. 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!



**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 this weekend January 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Ask the Pastor** takes place on Sat., Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5pm Mass. Please join Fr. Patrick for this time of sharing. Any question is welcome. We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Life Center.

**Knights of Columbus** general meeting is Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> following the 6:30pm Mass.

**Poinsettias** are in the narthex now. If you helped decorate the sanctuary at Christmas, please feel free to take one home.

**Christmas Child!** There were **8,866 Boxes** donated by the participating churches in Jefferson County to Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes will soon be in the hands of a loving child who has nothing. Keep all these children in your prayers as that is an endless gift we can all give to these special children all around the world.



**Pancake Breakfast**—Buy a ticket to help the SJS 8<sup>th</sup> Graders raise money for their camp Greenville trip the end of April 2020. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 per family. If interested in buying a ticket, please ask Nicholas LaMonte or call Jennifer. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

## January 20<sup>th</sup> honors Martin Luther King, Jr.

Martin Luther King, Jr., was a great man who worked for racial equality in the United States. He was born on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 1929, in Atlanta, GA. Both his father and grandfather were ministers. His mother was a schoolteacher who taught him how to read before he went to school. Young Martin was an excellent student in school. After graduating from college and getting married, Dr. King became a minister and moved to Alabama. During the 1950's, Dr. King became active in the movement for civil rights and racial equality. He participated in the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and many other peaceful demonstrations that protested the unfair treatment of African-Americans. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Dr. King was assassinated on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968, in Memphis, TN. Commemorating the life of a tremendously important leader, we celebrate Martin Luther King Day each year in January.



**Cheryl Prosak Retires.** Serving Holy Trinity Parish since 2005, Cheryl Prosak has announced her retirement, effective January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## Post Abortion Healing Opportunities

If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone. Catholic Charities is here to assist you with **Rachel's Vineyard** healing and recovery retreat Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at the Christ Prince of Peace Retreat Center in Benton, TN. Complete confidentiality is honored at all times. The deadline for registration is Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If you are unable to attend a weekend retreat, one-on-one counseling is available with counselors who have been trained in this area. For more information, please contact Sandi Davidson (865) 776-4510 [sandi@cctn.org](mailto:sandi@cctn.org).