

Holy Trinity Church



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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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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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, February 2, 2020

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the kingdom *will* be rewarded!

Prayers for the Week

- Father, use this book to lead many thousands to live the Mass daily.
- Father, make me pure and prophetic.
- Father, make me a missionary of Your mercy.
- Lord, may the hearts of the fathers and mothers be turned to their children and vice versa.
- Father, may Jesus dwell in my heart through faith
- “A clean heart create for me, O God; and a steadfast spirit renew within me”.
- Father, my food is to do Your will. Feed 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
- Bible Study: Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass
- 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:

We call our celebration today The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. In fact, it is more than a feast, it is a solemnity. And in truth, it is a marvelous collection of feasts, of celebrations.

Some might recall when we termed this day the Circumcision of the Lord, an official induction into Judaism for the child; it is that celebration still. It is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple in Jerusalem, a day of consecrating the first-born son to God; it is that. It is also known as the Purification of Mary; it is that, too. In Eastern Churches it is known as *Hypopante*, "The Meeting," that is, the meeting by Simeon of his life-long hope, the Messiah, as well as the meeting of Anna of the child, too. And in the West it is also often known as Candlemas, the day when candles are blessed, candles for the church but also candles for the home. The candles in church, and at home if used for prayer, represent Jesus, the Light of the World. And to top it all off, it is the World Day for Consecrated Life.

Whew! What a gathering of events and symbolism! But they all fit together; there is no contradiction in the festivities. What we see are levels of joy, hope, sorrow, faith. All of these enlighten us and teach us.

In the most central focus of our day we see Jesus, the babe still, only forty days of age, presented in the temple. He is consecrated to the Lord and as required by Jewish law, redeemed by an offering, the two turtledoves, a symbolic exchange. It acknowledges that their child is a gift from God. The ritual was required for a first-born son, which evokes for the Jews—and for us—the great feast of the Passover when God spared the firstborn of the Jews.

In the purification we see the requirement of Jewish law that new mothers wait forty days before appearing in the temple or in religious rituals. The new mother had been set aside, we can say, for she has participated in the great mystery of life, cooperating with God in his act of creation and sustainer of life, life "in the image of God."

We, too, can rejoice in Simeon's and Anna's meeting of Jesus in the temple. We, too, meet Jesus in his temple, our church, in as personal a way as they did! That is, we meet him in the Eucharist. Simeon had waited a long time praying that he be able to meet the coming Messiah. Anna, too, had lived a long life, waiting to meet the Christ. How fortunate they were; their hopes were rewarded; their faith was rewarded; their love was rewarded. So, too, our faith, hope, and love is rewarded in the great sacrament of the Eucharist. We are as blessed as Anna and Simeon. How fortunate we are! What a great thing this Eucharist is! How grateful we should be!

Fr. Patrick

PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES: Over the last 47 years abortion has, sadly, become ingrained in American culture. As Dr. Carrie Gress reports in the 40 Days for Life magazine, "Day 41", "For most of human history, the killing of other human beings was most often soldier against soldier. This all changed with the arrival of second-wave feminism. Suddenly, abortion was what the cool girls were doing. Almost overnight, even in the midst of the Vietnam War, the casualties shifted from strangers killing strangers, to mothers killing their own children. What changed? **Mass media targeting women.** The new message promoted by every influence maker—including celebrities, politicians and journalists—is that abortion is cool. Abortion has become the "it" thing; Oprah encourages her readers to "shout your abortion" in the pages of her magazine; Martha Plimpton praised the abortion clinic in Seattle for her "best abortion" and Teen Vogue suggested post-abortion gifts for teenage friends". The pro-life message is being outshouted by the shrieking pro-choice voices. Continue to pray and fast to change hearts and that the evil of abortion will be exposed as a complete degradation, not cool. Women should be elevated as the life-bearers and nurturers of society. When women say yes to God, the miraculous happens, as witnessed in the humble life of the Virgin Mary whose yes changed history. Abortion should become a distant memory of our shameful past, never glamorized.

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD on Friday, Feb. 7th from 9:30am-2 pm, offers another opportunity to actively participate in the work of saving moms and babies from the horror of abortion. Car-pooling is available. Call Marlene Yurick, 865-399-0314 or Fr. Patrick 865-202-8066.

As of the fourth week of January, we collected \$1,747 which is 70% of our goal for our twinning parish, the Parish of Baint in Haiti. With your continued help, we only need to raise **\$753 to reach our goal of \$2,500.** When we send the money to the Parish of

Baint, 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 honor of
Saint Gertrude of Nivelles by Jill Zodrow

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday February 1 st	Mass at 9:00am For Helen Waraksa+ by the parishioners
Saturday February 1 st	Mass at 5:00pm For Joe & Betty Jo Lavelle by Gordon & Kathy Marshall
Saturday February 1 st	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday February 2 nd	Mass at 10:30am For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Tuesday February 4 th	Mass at 6:30pm Communion Service
Wednesday February 5 th	Mass at 9:00am Communion Service
Thursday February 6 th	Mass at 9:00am For Patrick Coughlan+ by the parishioners
Friday February 7 th	Mass at 9:00am For Ellen Coughlan+ by the parishioners
Saturday February 8 th	Mass at 5:00pm For People & Animals of Australian Wildfires by Gordon & Kathy Marshall
Saturday February 8 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday February 9 th	Mass at 10:30am For All Souls in Purgatory by Chris Dale

Saturday February 8 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Pat Karpick
Servers	Elli & Jazdin Weatherbie
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, February 9 th 10:30am	
Deacon	Jim Prosak
Lector	Roger Mynatt
Servers	Ciannon & Marydeary Lehman
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
01/26/2020	86	101	176

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 5,159	Collection: \$ 19,730
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 25,018
Difference:	\$ (1,095)	Difference: \$ (5,288)

Father Patrick and the priests of the Diocese of Knoxville will be at their Gatlinburg study days on February 3rd-5th. Please lift them up in prayer on these days.



Wedding Anniversaries February 2020

Burlin & Lisa Allen	2/14/1987	33 yrs
Doyle & Peggy Hinton	2/14/1976	44 yrs
Todd & Jennifer Holt	2/14/2004	16 yrs
Roy & Carolyn Cross	2/16/2008	12 yrs
Tom & Monica Witkowski	2/22/1998	22 yrs



"Big Night" is the featured movie on Friday February 7th.

Chef Primo and businessman Secondo are immigrant brothers from Italy who open their dream restaurant, Paradise, in New Jersey. However, Primo's authentic food is too unfamiliar for the local tastes, and the restaurant is struggling. When famous Italian-American bandleader Louis Prima is scheduled to appear at Paradise, the two brothers put all of their efforts into the important meal, which will likely decide the fate of their restaurant. Come join us in the Parish Life Center at 7pm.

2020 Bishop's Appeal "A Joyful Witness"

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Diocese to deliver needed ministries and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they fund a significant portion of the work of our Diocese. We will conduct our in-pew pledge at **all Masses this weekend, February 1st & 2nd**. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. Please remember that the Bishops Appeal is **much different than a onetime special collection. It is a pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

Bishop Stika is suspending the distribution of the Precious Blood and handshakes during the sign of peace February 1st thru March 1st due to the peak of flu season.



In times past, Europeans held a celebration called Candlemas Day on February 2nd of each year. Candlemas Day was originally a Christian celebration to observe Jesus' first appearance in the temple and the purification of Blessed Mary, mother of Jesus. During these early times, people believed that if Candlemas Day was sunny, then winter would last for six more weeks and if Candlemas Day was cloudy or overcast, winter would soon be over. Eventually, the German people also began watching hedgehogs to predict the future spring forecast. When the Germans began to immigrate to the United States, the German people continued to celebrate Candlemas Day on February 2nd but they came across a problem. As many German people chose to reside in Pennsylvania, hedgehogs were not in abundance in this state. However, groundhogs were everywhere. The German people chose to use the groundhog in place of the hedgehog for the determination of future weather forecasts.

Do you have 30 minutes to give Jesus? Sacristans are needed for 2020. If so, each month two people help prepare the altar for Mass—one for Saturday, the other for Sunday. This function is named "Sacristan." It takes 15 minutes before Mass and 15 minutes after Mass. If you are new to this ministry, Greg & Polly Freund will train you on the first weekend. Please call them at 865-940-1332 for more information. So please prayerfully consider if Jesus is calling you to this ministry.

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful Sunday brunch on January 26th. The turnout was wonderful and the food was outstanding. The Knights of Columbus did an excellent job; no one went away hungry.

Spiritual Life Committee will meet in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, February 11th after the 6:30 p.m. Mass.



Thank you to all the **Cantors** who gave of their time and talent to lead the songs for Mass in January. What wonderful blessings our cantors have received.

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

Help needed with transportation for some international students attending Carson Newman College wishing to attend a weekend Mass. If you can help, please contact Phyllis Hoover at 865-471-4805 or email her at phoover@cn.edu.

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



Food Pantry — Thank you for your contributions this weekend to the food pantry. Your gift of food helps those in need in our area.

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

March for Life - Roughly 1,000 anti-abortion activists gathered at the Knoxville Convention Center on Sunday January 26th before parading solemnly to a local clinic for the 46th annual March for Life.

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

Women's Retreat - Cultivate stillness, silence and focus through this free day-long retreat with Sister Anna Marie, RSM. This retreat is for women and will focus on the theme of "Cultivating the Interior Life". It will be held Saturday, February 22nd, 9am to 3pm at St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City. Contact Sister Anna Marie srannamarie@dioknox.org with any questions. Register on dioknox.org, Events Page.

Is there any change in your address, phone number(s) or email? Have you moved, disconnected your landline, change your cell phone number or email address? Please notify the church office immediately of these changes at 865-471-0347 or email the office at holytrinity.jeffcity@gmail.com.

The new One Bread, One Body booklets are on the table in the narthex.