

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, March 15, 2020

Third Sunday of Lent

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Prayers for the Week

- Father, may I go to Confession frequently and joyfully. Make me a minister of reconciliation.
- Father, during this Lent may I enter as never before into the depths of Jesus' heart of mercy.
- Father, let the Holy Spirit of forgiveness work through me.
- Father, may I decrease so that Jesus may increase.
- Father, in this Lent teach me the "radical newness" of Baptism.

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:

Every Catholic should practice *Lectio Divina*.

Lectio Divina (divine reading, or reading of the divine) is an ancient method of prayer, dedicated to drawing us closer to God. In fact, it has its roots in how the Jews read the *Haggadah*, the text which relates the Exodus story of the Passover and is read each year at the Passover Seder. "*Haggadah*" means "telling" and it is the telling of the great Exodus story, the retelling of the story, so that the people can enter into that story, appreciate and love God for his deliverance and love for us.

The Christian form of *Lectio Divina* had its start with St. Gregory of Nyssa (330-395) and greatly by St. Benedict of Nursia (480-547), the founder of the Benedictines and father of Western monasticism. But it is not just for monks and nuns; it is for all.

Simply put, it is a way of developing a deeper personal relationship with God by reflecting, meditating, on the word of God, Sacred Scripture. It is not difficult; in fact, its very simplicity is what allows it to be deep.

How does one do it? Start with a short prayer, asking God to open your heart to his word. Select a passage from the Bible to read. Read it slowly and carefully, three or four times. Meditate upon the passage. Avoid distractions—so quiet is important. (Sitting in a quiet church is a great place to practice it. This is why the church is open all day.) In meditating, consider what the passage means, its literal meaning but more importantly what it means for you. How is God instructing me? What does it mean for all but especially, what does it mean for *me*? How should it change my life, what I will do today and in the future? Contemplate what one has meditated upon. By that, I mean this: meditating is active. We form words in our own minds pondering the meaning and application of the passage from Sacred Scripture. Contemplation is a "resting" in the presence of God, in his word (and if at a church, in his presence in the tabernacle). It is without words, appreciating the presence of God in our lives. (This can be the hardest part and don't worry if it is not always possible). Lastly, thank God and go forth to apply the lesson learned in your life. How long should all this take? Thirty to sixty minutes.

"Go to your inner room, close the door and pray to your Father." (MT 6:6). We are called by God to pray communally, primarily in the Mass but in other liturgies as well. But we are also told to pray privately. Too often we neglect this private prayer or we just repeat formal prayers. Formal prayers are very good, but we need to move to a deeper level.

A final note: *Lectio Divina* is **praying** Sacred Scripture, not studying it. Study is important, too and will enhance *Lectio Divina* but it is not the same.

Try it; you'll like.

Fr. Patrick

Holy Trinity Penance Service: Our parish's Lenten penance service will be held on March 31st, after 6:30pm Mass with Fr. Patrick Resen, Fr. Alex Waraksa and Fr. Patrick Brownell. Please plan to attend and receive this sacramental gift from Our Lord. Mark your calendars!

Remember Our Lenten Guest Speakers:

Sunday, March 15th at **6:30pm** come and hear Mr. Paul Simoneau, Vice Chancellor of the Diocese of Knoxville, presentation "The Rosary and Icons – A match made in Heaven". **Monday, March 16th** at **6:30pm** come and hear Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM give a presentation on "The Little Way: Lent with St. Therese of Lisieux".

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roger Mynatt's mother, Gladys Mynatt who was born on January 21, 1940 and passed away on February 25, 2020 at the age of 80. She was married to Robert L. Mynatt for 57 years. She was a homemaker and raised 3 children and was blessed with 4 grandchildren. Please keep Roger and Kristine, Roger's brother and sister and all the family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. Gladys will be dearly missed by them.

Worshipping is stripping ourselves of our idols, even the most hidden ones, and choosing the Lord as the centre, as the highway of our lives.

Pope Francis

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our parishioner Chris Mynuk who passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at the age of 58 after a long, hard fought battle with cancer. He was born on October 13, 1961 in Claymont, DE to John and Sharon Mynuk. Chris and Stacy were married in September 1994 and they were blessed to have 25 years together. He was blessed with 4 children, Hannah, Eli, Vincent and Victoria. Chris was a devoted husband and loving father who enjoyed spending time with his family. Chris was an HVAC technician and was skilled in many trades. He found great satisfaction in helping others through his work. Please keep Stacy their children and all the family and friends in your prayers during this most difficult time. Chris will be dearly missed by them.

This weekend's sanctuary flowers are in memory of Joseph & Genevieve Giedrycz by Bonita Giedrycz

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday March 14 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Joseph Brang+ by His Family
Saturday March 14 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday March 15 th	Mass at 10:30am For Terry Brady+ by Mary Brady
Tuesday March 17 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Sr. Timothea, RSM by Father Patrick
Wednesday March 18 th	Mass at 9:00am For Charles LaMonte Jr+ by the LaMontes
Thursday March 19 th	Mass at 9:00am For Sue Drew by the parishioners
Friday March 20 th	Mass at 9:00am For Wes Pierce by Fr. Patrick
Saturday March 21 st	Mass at 5:00pm For Al Caldiero by the LaMontes
Saturday March 21 st	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday March 22 nd	Mass at 10:30am For Charlie Yurick+ by Charles & Marlene Yurick

Saturday March 21 st 5:00pm	
Deacon	Matt Pidgeon
Lector	Pat Karpick
Servers	Elli & Jazdin Weatherbie
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, March 22 nd 10:30am	
Deacon	Matt Pidgeon
Lector	Roger Mynatt
Servers	Jay Heaberlin Dominik Solarz
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
03/08/2020	118	74	134

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 5,024	Collection: \$ 11,393
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 12,509
Difference:	\$ (1,230)	Difference: \$ (1,116)

No CCD Classes on Sunday, March 15th or Wednesday, March 18th for Spring Break. Classes will resume on Sunday, March 22nd & Wednesday, March 25th.

Knights of Columbus general meeting is Tuesday, March 24th following the 6:30pm Mass.

Take your family out to dinner on Friday,



March 20th Join us at 6pm for a Lenten meal of a variety of homemade soups. This meal is sponsored by Spiritual Life Committee. This Friday's free-will donation will help fund our "week of feeding" those who help with Appalachian Outreach's summer building projects in July. Lent is a time to take a long look at our life. How much is God a part of my life?

What are the Stations of the Cross? They are a devotion that reflects on Jesus' final days on Earth—from being condemned to death to dying on the **cross** and being placed in the tomb. The Stations originated in medieval Europe when wars prevented Christian pilgrims from visiting the Holy Land. European artists created works depicting scenes of Christ's journey to Calvary. The faithful installed these sculptures or paintings at intervals along a procession route, inside the parish church or outdoors. Performing the devotion meant walking the entire route, stopping to pray at each "station." The Stations help us make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. Stations of the Cross are held during Lent on Fridays at 7pm.

Catholic Relief Services Collection is on **Sunday, March 22nd** to support the work being done by CRS. Their generosity is helping to break the cycle of poverty in more than 90 countries. They provide disaster relief in the wake of natural disasters. Your donation also assists the work of the U.S. Bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, and the relief work of the Holy Father.



Easter Lilies - A tradition at Holy

Trinity is for parishioners to purchase a lily(s) in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The lilies are used to decorate the altar during the Easter season. Cost of the lilies is \$15. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex beginning **March 21st & 22nd**. Your contribution is collected at that time.



St. Patrick's Day or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a cultural and religious celebration held on March 17th, the traditional date of Saint Patrick's death. He is considered the foremost patron saint of Ireland. This day was made an

official Christian feast day in the early 17th century. The saying that Saint Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland is an allegory coming from his efforts against the Druids to convert Ireland from paganism to Christianity.

Father, I hold back from totally loving You. I fear that I will lose out in the enjoyment of life. I fear that You may demand too much from me. I love You, but I am not quite ready to surrender everything to You. Perhaps this Lent I can grow in loving You with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. With Your grace, may it be so. Amen.

What is holding me back from loving God with all my heart, soul and strength?

Laetare Sunday is next week and it's the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "Rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. So may each of us Rejoice with Joy this day.

Heart Prayer

John 4:5-42 Jesus tells a woman with whom He is speaking that she should ask for Living Water.

Scripture comment: Did you ever feel tired, or worn out, or really bored, almost like a plant that is all dried up? Can you picture a dried-up plant; and then can you see someone pouring water on the plant? Watch carefully as the plant slowly comes back to life. Could you picture yourself like that dried up plant? Maybe you can tell or show Jesus what it's like when you feel that way. Now, can you **picture Jesus being with you** and pouring water on your inner heart? What happens when Jesus does that? (Take your time picturing what happens in your inner heart when Jesus does this.) **Tell or show Jesus what it's like for you** when He is with you and pours water on your heart.

Lent: Fast From; Feast On

- Fast from negatives;
Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures;
Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility;
Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion for others.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

PROLIFE NEWS AND NOTES: Bad News:

Planned Parenthood is seeking a variance to expand its abortion activities on Cherry St. At a recent City Council meeting, *all* the members approved their variance petition for a building permit. We fear the expansion will allow the addition of surgical abortion services; chemical abortion pills are now dispensed out of the facility. Please pray for a conversion of the abortionists, the abortion center owners and the city council members that will lead them away from the killing of innocent human life. Pray for Stacy Dunn who will continue to seek legal remedies to prevent the expansion. There was a news segment on Channel 6 News with Bo Williams in which he seemed all too gleeful that Planned Parenthood has "scored another victory". The reporter on the scene at the meeting interviewed Pastor Clark for his point of view on the variance to which he replied that selling abortion in this inner-city neighborhood targeting blacks and other minorities was an aberration and against the will of God. Bo Williams did not report Pastor Clark's pro-life side of the matter. **More Bad News:** The two bills that came up for a cloture vote in the U.S. Senate on February 25 did not have the requisite 60 votes to move ahead on a final vote. The **Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act** sponsored by Republican Senator Lindsay Graham would ban abortion at 20 weeks of pregnancy when a baby is able to feel pain, although, a recent study shows a baby is able to experience pain at 13 weeks. There would be an exception in cases of rape or incest or to save the life of the mother. The roll call was 53 to 44, with only two Democrats voting in favor of the bill. The **Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act** sponsored by Senate Republican Ben Sasse would ensure that babies born alive after a botched abortion would receive proper medical attention and be admitted to a hospital. The vote was 56-41. Only three Democrats joined the Republicans in favor of this bill. The usual procedure today when a baby is born alive after a botched abortion is to leave the child in a closet to die. How in good conscience would anyone not support this bill? Why is abortion such a protected pillar in the platform of the Democratic Party? I believe the answer is to follow the money--Planned Parenthood spends millions of dollars to support Democratic campaigns. **VOTE PRO-LIFE.**

Consider participating in the following events:

- **Sunday March 15th** - Prayer Chain for Life in front of Holy Trinity directly after Mass.
- **Friday April 3rd** - First Friday Prayer at Planned Parenthood in Knoxville, 9:30am-2:00pm.