

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.
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, March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

Prayers for the Week

- Jesus, thank You for becoming a man. Mary, pray for me to say "yes" as you did.
- Father, bring me to the next level of sacrificial love. May my love for the people in my life reflect Your love for them.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit to lead me more deeply into the mystery of Christ's sufferings.
- Father, may the burning coals of kindness I pour on my enemies melt their hearts and lead them to You.

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:

Are you starving? I hope so. I hope your hunger for the Eucharist is palpable.

How sad it is that we cannot have public Masses, receive Communion. It breaks my heart. I hope it breaks your heart, too. The bishop's decision is prudent. Yet....

What to do? Many things. Make a spiritual Communion. There are many versions around. Bishop Stika has provided us with one:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally; come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Make lemonade out of the lemons we have been handed. Take the time to grow closer to each other, and strive to do so even if separated. Letters, email, social media, telephone calls are a great blessing in a time like this.

Carve some time out for spiritual reading. Set time for increased prayer, especially Lectio Divina. Discipline is important or time can be squandered. Schedule time for prayer each morning, for reading. Take some time to watch EWTN (you can check the schedule on the EWTN website).

As of 1579, there were about 130,000 Catholics in Japan. In 1587, the *de facto* ruler of the nation outlawed Catholicism. The persecutions began. By 1597, there were no priests in the whole country. No priests, no Eucharist.

By 1865, priests were able to return. To their amazement, they found Catholics. After more than 150 years! There had been no priests, native or foreign. No Mass, no Eucharist, no Confirmation, but there was Baptism, there was Marriage, and there were faithful catechists who passed the Faith on. How hungry they were for the Eucharist! They had heard of it for generations but not experienced it. They loved it even though they did not have it. They were ready for it, so, so ready.

The hunger for the Eucharist is a cross, and yet, it can make us appreciate it even more, to grow in love for it even while not having it.

If you are not missing the Eucharist, if you are not hungering for it, this is something of great concern and something that should be prayed about, meditated about.

The church is open during the week for prayer before the Real Presence in the tabernacle and for Exposition and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, 10:30 to 3:00. Come visit. He's waiting for you.

Fr. Patrick

Bishop Richard F. Stika issued a decree to assist the clergy and the faithful in the spiritual celebration of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. The decree mandates that there shall be no public gatherings (inside or outside churches, in cars, etc.) during Holy Week. Masses shall be celebrated without a congregation by the pastor/parish priest. Bishop Stika will privately celebrate liturgies throughout Holy Week, and they will be available to watch via live stream at dioknox.org:

Palm Sunday: Sunday, April 5th at 9 a.m.

Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 9th at 7 p.m.

Good Friday: Friday, April 10th at 3 p.m.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 11th at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 12th at 9 a.m.

DO THE FIVE - How to help stop COVID-19 from the CDC and World Health Organization.

1. HANDS - Wash them often or use hand sanitizer if soap is unavailable. **2. ELBOW** - Cough or sneeze into it or a tissue.

3. FACE - Don't touch it. **4. FEET** - Stay more than 6ft apart. **5. FEEL** - sick? Stay home or wear a mask if you have to be around other people. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks.



Stacy Mynuk would like to thank the parishioners that did so much to help during the recent passing of her husband Chris. Stacy and her children are grateful for all the friends and family that came to celebrate Chris's life with them.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of our oldest parishioner Myrtle Reidell who passed away on Sunday, March 22, 2020 at the age of 104. She was born on February 28, 1916 in Pittsburg, PA to Thomas and Carrie Anna Bailey. Myrtle married Frances Raab in 1929. They were blessed with 4 children, Don, Chuck, Jim, and Myrna. In addition to raising her children, Myrtle worked as a seamstress and in the fabric department of a local department store. Myrtle moved to Tennessee in 2002 to be closer to her son Chuck and joined Holy Trinity in 2003. She has been an active resident at Jefferson Park at Dandridge where she had just celebrated her 104th birthday with a party. Please keep Myrtle's children and all the family and friends in your prayers during this most difficult time. Myrtle will be dearly missed by them.

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday March 28 th	For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
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Sunday March 29 th	For Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kaczor+ by Charles & Marlene Yurick
Tuesday March 31 st	For Myrtle Reidell+ by the parishioners
Wednesday April 1 st	For Mary Ellen Resen by the parishioners
Thursday April 2 nd	For Helen Clark+ by the parishioners
First Friday April 3 rd	For Judy Hall+ by the parishioners
First Saturday April 4 th	For Rita Payne+ by Sue Pickering
Saturday April 4 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday April 5 th	For Frank & Diane Longo by the parishioners

Saturday April 4 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra- Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, April 5 th 10:30am	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra- Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
03/22/2020	0	0	0

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 1,690	Collection: \$ 16,431
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 25,016
Difference:	\$ (4,564)	Difference: \$ (8,585)

Ken Schroer Memorial Scholarship



was created in memory of Ken to help college students defray the cost of their education. This scholarship is open to high school seniors of current Holy Trinity parishioners and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. If you wish to fill out an application, please contact the church office at 865-471-0347 for more information.



Weekly Collections

- Since Mass has been suspended by Bishop Stika, we have to think outside the box regarding collections. The office will be open Tuesday – Friday 9am-4pm, if you would like to drop your donation off. You can also give **electronically** by going to htjctn.org and **click on Online Giving** and set up an account or **mail your donation** in to **Holy Trinity Church P.O. Box 304, Jefferson City, TN 37760**. Please do not mail any cash!

The Paraclete Catholic Store Closed

- To be in compliance with Knox County Department of Health "Safer at Home" order. The Paraclete will be closed for 2 weeks starting March 24-April 7. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Please take advantage of our ONLINE store at paracletecatholic.org. All orders through our website will be shipped as received.

Diocesan Resources for Parishes & Parishioners during Coronavirus Era

Dioceses and parishes around the world are now challenged with ways to stay connected to the faithful during the coronavirus pandemic. Imagine this situation even as recently as thirty years ago. The digital age and the technology we sometimes detest have provided resources that can build powerful links to stay connected to those that we serve. Since Monday, the Diocese of Knoxville's website has received 20,550 visits compared to roughly 4,500 during a typical workweek. The value of your parish website and other forms of parish communication, both electronic and printed, will be vital during this highly unusual time. We are striving to keep dioknox.org relevant by providing updated practical information and spiritual materials for you and your parishioners. We will continue to update the website as we move deeper into this unique (and we pray brief) time in our history.



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. If you don't receive a phone call, please contact the office 865-471-0347 to order your Lily.

Don't Forget to keep filling your Rice Bowl

If you have already filled your bowl and started another, you can leave the full bowl in the narthex by the statue of the Holy Family. You have through Easter to fill and turn in your rice bowl so please be generous.



CCD & Confirmation Classes:

Governor Lee has announced *closure of all schools through April 24th*.

Therefore, all RE classes will be cancelled until April 24th. If Jefferson County expands their end date, then we will act accordingly. Order of Confirmation Mass on May 13th is postponed also.



Holy Trinity Penance Service:

Our parish's Lenten penance service scheduled for March 31st, after 6:30pm Mass has been cancelled.

Lenten Activity with your children - Crown

of Thorns: Use frozen bread dough and kneed it into a circular braid. When the dough rises, stick toothpicks all around it; this represents the thorns in the crown. Each time the children perform an act of kindness or mercy, instruct them to remove a toothpick from the dough and keep it in their jar. When Lent ends, total each child's toothpicks, paying out 10 cents for each one. Encourage the children to put their money in the rice bowls or in the weekly collection.

ProLife News and Notes: The good news this week is that **271 babies have been saved since February 26th** when the international **40 Days for Life** spring campaign began. Thanks be to God, our Rock! Since 2007, 16,742 lives that are known, have been saved, 106 abortion centers have closed and 196 abortion workers quit their jobs. The campaign is limiting our presence on the street during this coronavirus pandemic, so please continue to pray each day from your homes for an end to abortion, euthanasia and all assaults against life--and, indeed, for the preservation of *all* life during these uncertain times. During the March 19th Pro-Life Weekly program at 10 p.m. on EWTN, it was announced that President Trump ensured that Hyde Amendment protections were included in the coronavirus spending bill. Any healthcare funding that does not have Hyde protections, could potentially be used to fund abortion.

Lent: Fast From; Feast On

- Fast from thoughts that weaken;
Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow;
Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip;
Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm;
Feast on prayer that undergirds.



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Father, I am often tempted. I foolishly think if no one knows or sees, then it is okay to commit the offense. Help me to realize that you know, and most of all I know. Help me to avoid sin, not merely for fear of punishment, but for the blessing of peace that a clear conscience brings. Amen.

What lies do I tell myself to excuse my sinful behavior?

Did you know Holy Trinity has a Library?

Holy Trinity Library has a wide range of books that will make our walk with God so much more meaningful. Be sure to visit the Library in the Parish Life Center and please continue to peruse the books placed each weekend in the narthex. The library is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.

Heart Prayer

John 11: 3-45 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
Scripture comment: **Do you like seeing flowers begin to bloom?** Can you picture a flower growing after a cold winter, pushing through the dark, cold, hard earth and then breaking through the top of the soil and being alive for you to see? **Tell Jesus or show him in your heart** how it might feel to be alive, feeling the sunshine on you, after a long, cold winter. Are there some times when you feel like your heart is in a cold place because of something that is happening in your life? Take time to tell Jesus about one of these times. **Now see Jesus taking you by the hand** and helping you in that hard time. Stay with Jesus and let Him know what it is like for you, now that you know He is with you.