

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, April 12, 2020

Easter

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body with precious oils. The reward of this good and conscientious steward was to be among the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!



Father Patrick Resen—Pastor
Father Alex Waraksa—In Residence
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Matt Pidgeon—Deacon
Jim Prosak—Deacon
Jack Raymond—Deacon

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.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, should anyone ask me the reason for this hope of mine, may I “be ever ready to reply”.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit of Easter to free me.
- Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All...”
- Father, make me a missionary of mercy.
- Risen Jesus, so transform my lifestyle that others are amazed at me.
- Father, make Divine Mercy Sunday one of the most important days of my life because of my love for 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:

Like you, Margo and I are trying to keep ourselves busy here at home. Our flowerbeds have never been so weed free as they are this year! That initial excited feeling of having unlimited time at home to work on pet projects and binge old movies from our DVD collection has long worn out. We miss our families who reside in Chicago and St. Louis despite "Facetime". And whereas Jefferson County has only 6 cases of coronavirus and zero deaths, Cook County in Chicago, where my daughter, her husband, and our first grandchild lives, has 7400 cases and 167 deaths. Our fear for them is palpable. We pray and hope that they do not get sick.

When this pandemic is over most if not all of us will be different. We need to ask ourselves can we grow through this experience, especially in our faith and religious practices. Despite the fact that we can't gather at the Table of the Holy Eucharist the Church continues to offer us hope, grace, and love by showing us the person of Jesus Christ in all that we do. Maybe right now that seems a distant concept. But it doesn't have to be. Habits that were encouraged before, but maybe you found reasons not to do, should be reconsidered in these days to bring us comfort. Habits like daily prayer, spiritual reading, reflection and study (FORMED online is great!) are just a few ideas that come to mind.

But I also want to ask you to consider what you were doing before all this started and what your attitude will be when it is over? Catholic Mass attendance never reflects the number of registered parishioners in all the churches I've attended over the years. What is your personal attendance at Mass like? What example are you setting for your children and grandchildren? Our parish offers formation opportunities for adults. Have you ever taken a Bible study class? And as the DRE I know that we have more children in the parish than attend our RE classes. The parish prepares your children for challenging times like this by strengthening their understanding and relationship with God. Religious education does not stop with receiving First Communion or Confirmation.

St. Paul states in his letter to the Philippians: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:6). Now is the time to evaluate our lives in the context of Jesus death and resurrection. Is His gift one that you take for granted? How can I fuel the fire of His presence in my heart and those of my family? Prayer, study, reflection, and action will be our fuel. May God's grace be with all of our families at this our time of need.

Deacon Matt

Serenity Prayer

**God grant me the Serenity
To accept the things I cannot change,
Courage to change the things I can,
And the Wisdom to know the difference.**

**Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time.
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as he did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would like it.**

**Trusting that he will make all things right,
If I surrender to his will.
That I may be reasonably happy in this world
And supremely happy in the next.**

Reinhold Niebhr, Theologian

Saint for April is St. Catherine of Siena

She is Virgin and Doctor of the Church. Her Solemnity is April 29; the novena will be prayed April 20th-28th. St. Catherine was born during the outbreak of the plague in Siena, Italy on March 25th, 1347. She was the 25th child born to her mother and father, a cloth dyer. Half of her brothers and sisters did not survive childhood. Catherine was a twin, but her sister did not survive infancy. It was in her childhood that Catherine consecrated her virginity to God. In 1365, at age 18, she received the habit of the Third Order of St. Dominic. In 1374, during the great pestilence, she devoted herself heroically to the care of the infected. Thousands of people were converted because of her powerful exhortations. She is said to have received the stigmata, although Catherine implored God to let the wounds be seen by her alone. In 1376 she went to Avignon to intercede with the Pope for the Florentines, who had been placed under ecclesiastical sanction for joining in a conspiracy against the temporal possessions of the Holy See in Italy. She influenced Pope Gregory XI to return to Rome and restore peace in Italy. Catherine died on April 29th at the age of 33. She was canonized in 1461 by Pope Pius II. She has long been regarded as one of the finest theological minds of the Church, as is shown by her outstanding work, DIALOGUE. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church. St. Catherine is the patroness of illness, the United States, Italy, miscarriages, people ridiculed for their faith, sexual temptation, nurses and against fire.

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday April 11 th	For Betty Jo Lavelle 80 th Birthday by Gordon and Kathy Marshall
Saturday April 11 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday April 12 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Tuesday April 14 th	For Frank and Diane Longo by the parishioners
Wednesday April 15 th	For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Thursday April 16 th	For All Souls lost to COVID-19
Friday April 17 th	For Charlotte O'Donovan+ 100 th Birthday by Jan Krasinski
Saturday April 18 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Saturday April 18 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday April 19 th	For the parishioners by Father Patrick



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!

U.S. Census Bureau is currently hiring Census Takers for the 2020 census. Pay is \$16.50/hour plus 58 cents per mile mileage. It is, of course, a temporary job for a few months. You can work up to 40 hours per week. If interested in applying contact Janie Ward, US Census 2020, Knoxville Area Census Bureau 865-909-6000.

Make the Most of Holy Week - Celebrate the Easter Triduum by taking a spiritual journey to the Holy Land. On behalf of the Augustine Institute, we are offering *Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage*, to everyone for the Easter weekend. In light of the separation we face as communities, this special documentary allows Catholics all around the world to unite and make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land and ultimately the heart of the Passion. Go to this link to watch a video <https://watch.formed.org/videos/triduum>. Through Easter Sunday, we are offering this video to all to enrich the pilgrimage of our daily lives. No subscription needed, so be sure to share with your family and friends! God bless! *The FORMED Team*

A Great Holy Week resource for you and your family - On behalf of Bishop Stika and all of our priests, deacons and religious, we are happy to share with you this wonderful resource. We hope you find it helpful and pray that it may enhance your celebration of Holy Week during this difficult time. Please continue to keep our priests in your prayers as I know they continue to pray for all of us. With prayerful good wishes for a blessed Holy Week. Visit https://issuu.com/easttennesseecatholic/docs/journey_through_holy_week

Saturday April 18 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, April 19 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
04/05/2020	0	0	0

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 4,479	Collection: \$ 4,479
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 6,254
Difference:	\$ (1,775)	Difference: \$ (1,775)

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.



Food Pantry — Thank you for your contributions last weekend to the food pantry. The kids at Kingswood School are sure to enjoy the food we send them. Your gift will bring smiles to their faces.

Congratulations to David and Nicole Oatney on the birth of their daughter. Hazel Scarlet Oatney was born on March 30th, 2020 and weighed 7 lb. 3 ounces. Hazel Scarlet has one sister, Riley. We welcome Hazel Scarlet into our church family!

What is the meaning of Easter? While the focus was once on Easter Sunday, now it is on the Easter Bunny. But Easter Sunday is much more than a day of colorful plastic eggs and chocolate bunnies; it is in fact **a day that left the world forever changed.** It had been three days since Jesus had received the death penalty by popular vote. His friends and followers were devastated, as they had come to believe that He was not just an ordinary man, but the Son of God. He had performed miracles, healed every disease, and even brought a man back from the dead. On that third day—the day we now celebrate as Easter Sunday—His friends went to His grave, **but instead of finding His body, they found an open tomb with no body in it.** In fact, what they saw was an angel who told them, “Don’t be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn’t here! He has been raised from the dead, just as He said it would happen” (Matthew 28:5, 6). Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday; now He offers to you the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of sins. **This is the true story of Easter, and this salvation is for you.** Here are 4 principles that tell how you can receive the gift of God for your life. **1.** God Loves You! The Bible says, “God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life”. **The problem is that** **2.** All of us have done, said or thought things that are wrong. This is called sin, and our sins have separated us from God. The Bible says “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” God is perfect and holy, and our sins separate us from God forever. The Bible says “The wages of sin is death.” **The good news is that, about 2,000 years ago** **3.** God sent His only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins. Jesus is the Son of God. He lived a sinless life and then died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. “God demonstrates His own love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.” Jesus rose from the dead and now He lives in heaven with God His Father. He offers us the gift of eternal life -- of living forever with Him in heaven if we accept Him as our Lord and Savior. Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except by Me." God reaches out in love to you and wants you to be His child. "As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name." You can choose to ask Jesus Christ to forgive your sins and come into your life as your Lord and Savior. **You can thank Jesus by saying a prayer.** **4.** "Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Thank you for the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through your gift of our priest that I can go to confession, receive forgiveness of my sins, and gain the gift of eternal life. I ask you in to my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always."

"I am the **resurrection**, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?"
John 11:25-26

ProLife News and Notes: Planned Parenthood never rests when its income is at stake, pandemic or not. The organization is now appealing the Executive Order of Texas Governor Greg Abbott to ban all elective medical procedures except for those critical to saving lives. The ban includes *all* elective procedures--whether dental or eye appointments, routine medical visits or abortion procedures. The governor's order is non-discriminatory and has been put in place to preserve personal protective equipment that is vital to the front-line doctors and nurses who are fighting the corona virus. Pro-abortion activists have accused pro-life activists of "exploitation of a crisis" when it is the pro-choice abortionists who are profiting financially in the midst of a pandemic. Planned Parenthood will likely take the case to the 5th Circuit Court where it usually enjoys preferential treatment. Continue to pray each day for an end to abortion, the holocaust that has killed 61+ million babies in the U.S. since 1973. There was a program on EWTN a few days ago about the Shroud of Turin, which so many have attempted to prove a hoax. Exhaustive and irrefutable scientific studies have authenticated Our Lord's burial cloth. The Shroud reveals many details of Jesus' crucifixion and death, through blood and tissue samples as well as pollen samples found only on the plant that produces the thorns that left 18 piercings in our Lord's head. It was painful to be reminded, in such graphic detail about the excruciating suffering Our Lord endured to demonstrate His extraordinary love for us and His desire to bring us all to everlasting life. Out of indescribable suffering and death, His Resurrection brings new hope, new life to all who accept Him as Savior. So, what can we do in the coming year to show Him how much we love Him? You can visit a nursing home and bring a bit of joy to those who suffer social isolation every day, with no visitors and nothing to look forward to; pray a Rosary each day, give thanks each day for all the blessing we receive, large and small; stand for life and pray and witness at an abortion center; volunteer at the local food pantry; cook a meal for a sick or elderly neighbor; or hundreds of other actions. For reasons only known to Him, He has suddenly provided us with much time to ponder this vast and wonderful plan He has laid out before us and what His expectation for each one of us may be. HAPPY EASTER, beautiful Church! Can't wait until we are together again, sharing the Eucharist!

