

# 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.**

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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, April 19, 2020

## Second Sunday of Easter

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, he speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

## Prayers for the Week

- Father, teach me how to witness with power for the risen Jesus.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit to teach me everything and guide me to all truth.
- "Lord, remember Your church throughout the world; make us grow in love together with" our Pope, bishops, and clergy.
- Father, may I read several chapters of Mark's Gospel today and be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

## 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:

This is my homily for Divine Mercy Sunday.

The readings for this Sunday are about God's Divine Mercy given to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our need for trusting Faith, and our need for the forgiveness of our sins.

The early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy -- sharing, sacrificial agápe love --practiced by the early Christians.

(1 Peter 1:3-9); St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son, Jesus, Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection.

Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven, and whose sins you retain, they are retained (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "My Lord and my God," the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service.

The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and communal prayer. Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.

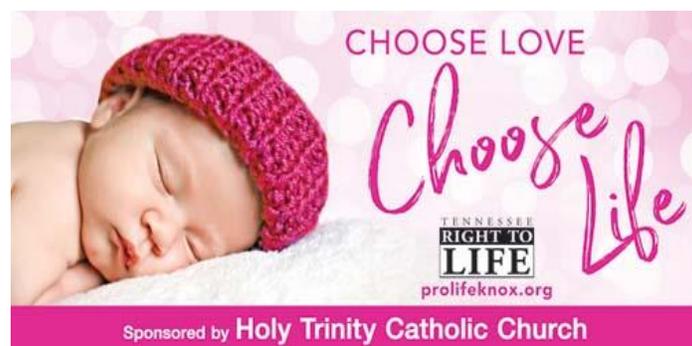
It is our genuine doubts about the doctrines of our religion that encourage us to study these doctrines more closely and thus to grow in our Faith. We are not to keep the gift of Faith locked in our hearts, but to share it with our children, our families and our neighbors, always remembering the words of Pope St. John XXIII: "Every believer in this world must become a spark of Christ's light."

Current events have brought many challenges to our Faith. The "nail marks" of Jesus are all around us in the lives of those walking their own Calvary's. Jesus calls us to be willing to place ourselves in the pain and struggle of others and bring the joy and peace of Easter into hearts, entombed in winter cold and darkness." **Deacon Jack**

## ProLife News and Notes:

The end of the spring **40 Days for Life** campaign, despite activities being cut short by Covid 19, brought the good news that **346 babies were saved!** Glory to our Savior! Fr. Frank Pavone's words sum up the unwavering efforts of all of those in the pro-life movement, "Jesus calls us to the purest form of love, love of those who cannot repay us. The unborn children, whose lives we seek to protect, cannot repay us and do not even know we are fighting for them. *Lord, increase my love for the children in the womb who cannot acknowledge or repay me. May You be my only reward.*" Pray for Fr. Pavone and for end to the violence of abortion.

It was reported in the April *National Catholic Register*, "U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., is an eight-term Catholic pro-life congressman who lost his primary recently to pro-abortion challenger, Marie Newman after abortion groups backed her with substantial funding." The funding amounted to \$2 or \$3 million and, perhaps, more to run attack ads against him because he is pro-life. Pro-abortion groups and lobbyists have exerted tremendous influence on the Democratic leaders to keep abortion front and center in the party. Democratic leaders and presidential candidates now say there is no room for pro-life voters in the Democratic Party. According to the U.S. Bishops reflection, "*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*", "As Catholics we are not single issue voters. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion . . . may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support." Mr. Lipinski says, "After I leave Congress--I have nine months left-- I'm going to continue to work to promote a culture of life." Keep Dan Lipinski and all courageous pro-life politicians in your prayers.



**Novena to St. Catherine of Siena** begins April 20<sup>th</sup>. See the last page of bulletin or you can pick up a copy of the novena in the narthex.

## Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	For Richard George+ by The LaMonte Family
Saturday April 18 <sup>th</sup>	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday April 19 <sup>th</sup>	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Tuesday April 21 <sup>st</sup>	For Tom Karpick by the parishioners
Wednesday April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	For Sally Emmons by the parishioners
Thursday April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	For JoAnn Hopko by the parishioners
Friday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	For Jim Knox by the parishioners
Saturday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	For Ginger Curran by Dick Curran
Saturday April 25 <sup>th</sup>	For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday April 26 <sup>th</sup>	For the parishioners by Father Patrick

Saturday April 25 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm	
Deacon	
Lector	
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, April 26 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	
Deacon	
Lector	
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### Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
04/12/2020	0	0	0

### Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 4,110	Collection: \$ 8,590
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense: \$ 12,509
Difference:	\$ (2,144)	Difference: \$ (3,919)

**Time to turn in your Rice Bowl!** Please bring your rice bowl and leave in the narthex by the statue of the Holy Family. Thank you to everyone that participated this year for being so generous.

**"Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!"**  
*St. John Chrysostom*

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal** - The collection for this appeal will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. This collection helps to strengthen the Catholic Church in the U.S. in its 87 mission territories. As the Diocese of Knoxville is one of the smallest in the nation, it is a direct beneficiary of Catholic Home Missions assistance. Your generosity in support of this appeal is greatly appreciated for the additional blessings it brings to our diocese. Be sure to mark your check if you don't use envelopes.



**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](http://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.

**Congratulations to Dan and Marion Byron on their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Jailbreak**—Many Christians don't seem to be able to get into the Spirit of the Easter season because they stay trapped in compulsive behavior. They feel as if they're in jail or in a tomb. Under these circumstances, how can they celebrate Christ's resurrection? The risen Jesus will roll away the stones of alcoholism, drug addiction, self-hatred, overeating, smoking, sexual sins and fantasies, compulsive shopping, gambling and gossiping. When Jesus frees us from our prisons, He will command us: "Go out now and take your place in the temple precincts and preach to the people all about this new life" (Acts 5:20). Jesus frees us not only from slavery but also for evangelization. He calls us to be living proof of the new life His resurrection has made possible.

**Congratulations to David and Deanna Bednarzyk on their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 20<sup>th</sup>**



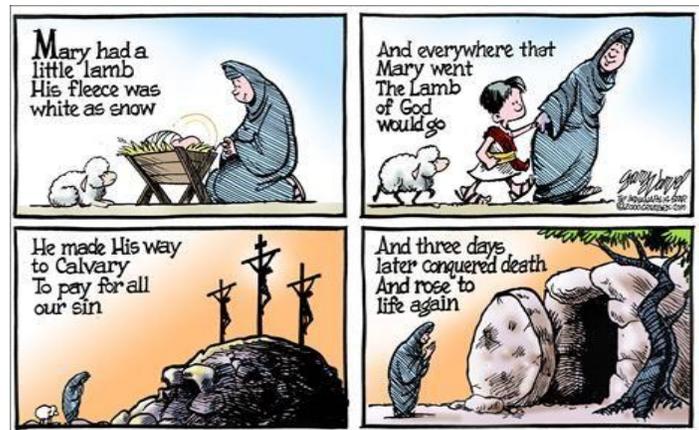
**Divine Mercy Sunday** - In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Blessed John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699: My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.

**Prayer Requests:** Linda Bonner, Terry Baresh (nephew of the Currans), Alphonse Caldiero (Jennifer LaMonte stepdad), Toni Caprio, Sarah Cole, Mike Colicchio, Jackie Crupi, Tom Karpick, JoAnn Hopko, Jim Knox, Andy Ladner, Helen LaShier, Joe Lavelle, Donna McCormack (Evangeline Webster's daughter), Reuben Mellberg (friend of Edwin Zawaki), Mary Morin, Viki Motulewicz (Marie King's sister), Robert Mynatt (Roger Mynatt's father), Mary Nelson (Gloria Bohrer's niece), Janet Potts, Jim Ray, Sandy Reagle, Mary Ellen Resen (Fr. Patrick's mom), Jim Shannon, Kathy Shannon (Therese & Jim Shannon's daughter), Lucy Simmons, Carly Snyder (Sue & Jim Pickering's daughter), Kristy Spivey (Greg & Polly Freund's daughter), Margie Swope, Helen Ruth and Ralph Welsby (Mary Legge's parents), John Wharton, Patricia Wilkins and Lu Windham.

**Scam Alert Warning** - There have been reports of different scams going on all over the country. People are preying on our country's concerns during this COVID-19 pandemic and we want our parishioners to be ever vigilant. One of the scams are companies selling special cleaning products that will kill the virus. The products have not been proven to do what they are telling people. Also with the stimulus money due to be distributed, there will be phone scammers trying to get your personal information or money. Never give out your information over the phone unless you have been the one to contact the company and never purchase gift cards to pay something over the phone. If you get a call and it doesn't sound right, ask a family member or friend what they think before doing anything.

**KARM Donations** - Holy Trinity has joined KARM's Corners of Your Field program. This comes from Leviticus 19:9 not to reap the corners of your field so the less fortunate can glean them for food. How the program works is when you donate your gently used items (clothing, shoes, books, furniture etc.), tell them you are from Holy Trinity Catholic Church. In turn they give KARM store gift cards to the church that we can give to people who need them or we give them to LOC for their clients to use. This is a great way to donate unused items and help someone in need. There are locations in Sevierville, Talbott and Morristown.

**HopeLine®** from Verizon Wireless helps support victims and survivors of domestic violence while ensuring that phones are reused or recycled in an environmentally responsible way. Anyone can donate no-longer-used phones (from any provider), batteries and accessories to HopeLine; Verizon then uses the proceeds from these donations to provide cash grants to domestic violence organizations across the United States. Please place your donation in the white basket in the church narthex.



**NOVENA TO ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

**NOVENA DATES: April 20-28**

**MEMORIAL: April 29**

**Heavenly Father,**

**Your glory is in your saints.**

**We praise your glory in the life  
of the admirable St. Catherine of Siena,  
virgin and doctor of the Church.**

**Her whole life was a noble sacrifice  
inspired by an ardent love of Jesus,  
your unblemished Lamb.**

**In troubled times she strenuously  
upheld the rights of His beloved  
spouse, the Church.**

**Father, honor her merits and hear  
her prayers for each of us, and for  
our whole parish family dedicated to her.**

**Help us to pass unscathed through the  
corruption**

**of this world, and to remain unshakably  
faithful**

**to the Church in word, deed and example.**

**Help us always to see in the Vicar of  
Christ**

**an anchor in the storms of life, and a  
beacon**

**of light to the harbor of your Love, in this  
dark night of your times and men's souls.**

**Grant also to each of us our special  
petition. . .**

**(State your need here)**

**We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, in  
the bond of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us.**