

# 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: 10:00 & 11:30 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 9:00 - 9:45 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, September 20, 2020

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

## Prayers for the Week

- Father, give me the grace to "rise up" from any apathy, fear, sin, and distractions and follow Jesus wherever He calls me.
- Father, may I lavishly give to the poor.
- Father, thank You for transcending our understanding.
- Father, thank you for changing everything by sending Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I worship You now and forever. May I share this new life with the hopeless.
- Father, enlighten our minds to know Your truth and guide our footsteps in the ways of righteousness.

## 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:

**Scripture Study class:** The Bible! Sacred Scripture! Sacra Scriptura! The Good Book! We expect to start our next course on September 30<sup>th</sup> using Fr. Mitch Pacwa's book *The Holy Spirit: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics*. \$9.95 plus tax from Amazon. Wednesday mornings after the 9am Mass to noon.

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Speaking of studying Sacred Scripture: there are two books I would particularly recommend, books that everyone should read and that provided a good orientation for anyone beginning the study of the Bible. The first is by Dr. Scott Hahn: *Scripture Matters: Essays on Reading the Bible from the Heart of the Church* (Emmaus Road Publishing, 2003, 191 pages, from \$1.99 used on internet booksellers). The second is *Always Inspired: Why Bible-Believing Christians Need the Catholic Church* by Abbot Basil Christopher Butler, Sophia Institute Press, 1960, 111 pages, from \$3.50 used on internet booksellers). Of course there are hundreds and hundreds of valuable books about Scripture in addition to Scripture itself, but these two provide a very good orientation about how to approach studying the Bible. If you had to pick just one, I'd say Scott Hahn's book is the one to pick. It is succinct, well-written, and provides a good overview of what any Catholic should keep in mind in studying Scripture or just reading Scripture period.

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**Do you ever get distracted at prayer**, at private prayer or at the great prayer of the Church, the Mass? It's not uncommon—and that's the first thing to keep in mind. You're not alone with this problem; we all can get distracted.

St. Bernard of Clair Vaux knew that distraction at prayer could be a problem. There is a wonderful story about him in this regard. St. Bernard was traveling with a poor farmer who noticed the abbot kept his eyes downcast and asked St. Bernard why he did so. St. Bernard answered that he was praying and trying to avoid distractions. The farmer boasted "I'm never distracted when I pray!" The good saint responded: "I don't believe it. I will make a bargain with you: if you can say the Our Father without one distraction, I will give you this mule I am riding, but if you don't succeed you must come with me and be a monk." The farmer agreed and began "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed...." Then after a short pause the farmer said "Does that include the saddle and the bridle, too?"

St. Francis had a practice to assist him from being distracted. Whenever he was about to enter a church for Mass or to pray, he would say "Worldly and frivolous thoughts, stay here at the door until I return." St. Teresa of Avila suggested that we close our eyes. I often suggest that people look at the crucifix (at church or at home); it reminds us of what Jesus did for us

**Fr. Patrick**

## Pro Life News & Notes:

**St. JOHN PAUL II** will continue to inspire and enlighten us in the decades and centuries to come. His words in his 1995 encyclical, *The Gospel of Life*, are especially poignant in this day, "**Thus democracy. . . becomes totalitarianism. No longer is the State the home where all are considered equal; rather it is a tyrant State, which thinks it can kill its weakest and most defenseless members.**" Some may see abortion as a minor imperfection among the laws of our land, but what the Pope is saying here is that abortion changes the very nature of our country and the countries of the world. We are at the precipice in the battle for life in our country—will the fight be won by those who uphold the sanctity of life or by those who think it is permissible to, "kill its weakest and most defenseless members"? Through prayer and action (voting) **we can unite to build a Culture of Life.** The positions of President Trump and candidate Biden are in stark contrast. President Trump enacted the Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance policy which prevents tax dollars from funding the international abortion industry, and combating efforts at the United Nations to make abortion an international right; he was able to stop taxpayer funding of the U.S. abortion industry such as Planned Parenthood through the Title X Protect Life Rule; he fought for the conscience rights of the Little Sisters of the Poor and for medical professionals from being forced to participate in abortions; he ended taxpayer funding for new medical research using aborted baby parts at the National Institutes of Health; he confirmed Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court and over 200 lower court judges who follow Constitutional principles and do not legislate an abortion agenda from the bench; he was the first president to address the March for Life and the Susan B. Anthony List Campaign for Life gala in person. In contrast, Joe Biden and the Democrat Party supports extreme pro-abortion policies. Joe Biden supports taxpayer funding for abortion on demand up until the moment of birth, and even infanticide; he chose pro-abortion extremist, Kamala Harris, as his running mate. Focus on the Family revealed details of a virtual on-line event called "See Life 2020" on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. There will be a live 4-D third-trimester ultrasound of a child in the womb in addition to prominent pro-life speakers. Go to [www.FocusontheFamily/see-life](http://www.FocusontheFamily/see-life) for more info. **VOTE PRO-LIFE, PRO-RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, PRO-FAMILY. Come out to join us in these upcoming events:**

- **Mass for Life, Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**
- **First Friday Prayer at Planned Parenthood in Knoxville, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 am-12:30 pm**
- **Prayer Chain for Life in front of Holy Trinity, Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:30 Mass**

**This weekend's sanctuary flowers are in honor of daughter Donna by Evangeline Webster**

**Our Weekly Mass Schedule**

Saturday September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Gil & Polly Wetzel+ by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday September 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:00am For John Wharton 75 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sunday September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 11:30am For Lucy Simmons by the parishioners
Tuesday September 22 <sup>st</sup>	Mass at 6:30pm For Our Country by Hal & Trish Morrill
Wednesday September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Holy Trinity & Special Intentions by Robert & Cindy Kisting
Thursday September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Linda Bonner by the parishioners
Friday September 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Angie Prosak+ by Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe Prosak
Saturday September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Robert & Geraldine Bickerton+ by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday September 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:00am For Alphonse Caldiero by the parishioners
Sunday September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 11:30am For Pearce Didier+ by Kathy Didier

<b>Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm</b>	
Deacon	Matt Pidgeon
Lector	June Lich
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

<b>Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00am / 11:30am</b>	
Deacon <b>10:00</b>	Matt Pidgeon
Lector <b>10:00</b>	Frank Longo
Deacon <b>11:30</b>	Matt Pidgeon
Lector <b>11:30</b>	Frank Longo

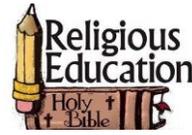
**Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship**

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
09/13/2020	53	76	67 / 52

**Envelope and Offertory Collections**

	<u>Weekly</u>		<u>Month-to-Date</u>
Collection:	\$ 5,858	Collection:	\$ 10,741
Fixed Expense:	\$ 6,254	Fixed Expense:	\$ 12,509
Difference:	\$ (396)	Difference:	\$ (1,768)

**Knights of Columbus** general meeting will be on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 6:30pm Mass.



**Catechetical Sunday is September 20<sup>th</sup>**

It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect upon the role that each of our religious education teachers play, by virtue of Baptism, in passing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith. Due to COVID restrictions, we won't be having them come forward. We ask each of our parishioners to pray throughout the year for these special catechists, which include: DRE-Deacon Matt Pidgeon, Cheryl Ladner, Andy Ladner, Jenny Withem, Marylou Jenkins & Barb Rogers, Chris & Michele Weatherbie, Karen Booker, Karin Collins, Wednesday Evening Assistant-Jamie Roberts, and RCIA-Pat Duda, Deacon Jim Prosak & Deacon Jack Raymond.

**A Prayer for Catechists**



Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your church. Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you. Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

**CCD Classes for 2020-2021**

“Unfortunately the pandemic is keeping us from “business as usual” when it comes to RE classes. For now, we encourage parents to register and then home school using a provided student text. The only exception will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who will be receiving 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in the spring. They will be the only class meeting on Sunday mornings beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Additionally, all high schoolers are encouraged to meet on Wednesday evenings in our Youth Ministry at 7pm beginning October 7<sup>th</sup>. Once the registration form and payment is turned in, we will provide you with the textbooks for your child/children’s class. Thank you for your understanding.” Deacon Matt Pidgeon

**Ask the Pastor** takes place on **Sat., October 2<sup>nd</sup>** after the 5pm Mass. Please join Fr. Patrick for this time of sharing. Any question is welcome. We look forward to seeing you in the Parish Life Center.



### **"Frequency" is the featured movie on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

What if you had the chance to travel back in time and change just one event in your life? What would it be? For John Sullivan (Jim Caviezel), there is no question. He would undo the events of October 12, 1969, when the out-of-control Bruxton fire took the life of his father (Dennis Quaid), a heroic firefighter. Now John may get exactly what he wished for -- and much more than he bargained for. Come join us in the Parish Life Center at 7pm.



### **Knights of Columbus Annual Tootsie Roll Drive**

– Each fall the KOC help to raise funds for individuals with intellectual disabilities through their Tootsie Roll Drive. The drive is normally held outside the Jefferson City Wal-Mart, but due to COVID-19, Wal-Mart is not hosting fund raising events this year. In lieu of this, the Knights are asking parishioners to help the cause by making a nominal donation before or after Mass on the weekends of September 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. A donation table will be in the Narthex during those weekends. Tootsie Rolls will be available. Please be generous.

**Middle Schoolers** – Come join us at **MARVELous**, our **1<sup>st</sup> Virtual Middle School Camp** sponsored by the Diocese of Knoxville Office of Youth, Young Adult and Pastoral Juvenile Ministry. This virtual camp will take place Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30pm and Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-3:30pm. We will have some **MARVELous** games (including a Superhero Scavenger Hunt), you will discover your own Superpowers, and we will be inspired together by some Super Saints. On Friday, we will conclude with an incredible experience of Star Gazing into the Galaxy and Saturday, with the endgame in mind, we will close with an amazing moment of Eucharistic adoration. You will hear some heroic talks from both Teens and Adults! Invite your friends, spread the word, and we will see you all on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>! Search "Catholic Youth" on Eventbrite to register. This event is **FREE!** For more information, contact Brittany Garcia at 865-776-9635 or bgarcia@dioknox.org.



### **October is the month of the Living Rosary.**

The Living Rosary starts October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends October 31<sup>st</sup>. Could you take 5 minutes daily in October to say one decade of the rosary for the intentions of our Lady? The decade can be said anytime in 24 hours at your convenience. The contribution of one small decade can become something much bigger when joined with the offerings of others. The grace is definite and the power is more than we know. If you have participated before, you will be contacted. If you have not participated before or want more information contact Trish Morrill at 865-475-4217.



### **Save the Date**

for Holy Trinity's Bi-annual Rummage Sale on October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Please hold onto those items you may have been planning on donating or throwing away. Items can be dropped off at the church beginning October 25<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds from the rummage sale go to the parish.



### **Expressions Performing Arts**

dance students and acting friends will be performing The Secret Garden on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm at Stanley Stables, 780 Graham Road, New Market. Parishioners are invited to attend and enjoy this one-hour show. Tickets are available by donation. 100% of ticket donations will be given to Operation Underground Railroad, an organization that fights human trafficking and rescues victims. Masks are optional and seating will be spaced out a little more than usual. Please contact Ashney Patoka at 865-755-3263 if interested in reserving tickets.

### **Bishop's Appeal through August 2020**

Thank you for your support!  
Parish Goal: \$21,800  
Total Committed: \$22,487  
Collections to Date: \$20,169  
Collections Needed to Reach Goal: \$1,631

### **Colecta del Obispo, Agosto de 2020:**

¡Gracias por su apoyo!  
Meta Parroquial: \$21,800  
Compromiso Total: \$22,487  
Colectas a la Fecha: \$20,169  
Cantidad necesitada para alcanzar la Meta: \$1,631