

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: 10:00 & 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, October 25, 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship – joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, give me Your heart for the unity of all Christians.
- Father, do in me whatever You must, to do through me whatever You will.
- Jesus, I will trust You enough to ask and receive.
- Father, may I be “pure and follow the Lamb wherever He goes”.
- Father, put Your Word on our lips that we “may courageously make known the mystery of the gospel”.
- Father, may my lifestyle be a clear prophecy of Your presence, love, and truth.
- Jesus, may Your love make me forget about myself and my problems.

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:

Can you believe it's almost Halloween? But it is, come this Saturday.

What does "Halloween" even mean? It is, simply, a contraction of "All Hallows Eve," the eve of All Hallows or of All Saints. "Hallow" is an old English word for saint, as in Holy One. We still see it used as a verb sometimes as in to hallow someone meaning to honor someone as holy. In more modern terms, then, we would refer to it as the Eve of All Saints Day or All Saints Eve, as we say with Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve.

Christmas Eve, we know, can be celebrated as the vigil of Christmas. Important feasts in the Church often have vigil celebrations and so it is with All Saints Day. In fact, the Church has celebrated All Saints Day and its vigil, All Saints or All Hallows Eve since the early eighth century.

One sometimes hears that Christians should not celebrate Halloween because it has pagan roots. Usually this assertion is based on a claim that Halloween started as the Celtic celebration of Samhain which marked the end of the harvest and the beginning of the "dark" months of winter. But there is no link. In fact, no link was claimed for more than a thousand years after the feast of All Saints was instituted. And the establishment of the feast was hundreds of years after the Celts had become Christian. All this is not to say that some customs of Samhain are not still with us, such as carving turnips (or here, pumpkins) and collecting treats from house to house. But there is no spiritual or religious connection between Halloween and paganism and Christianity.

There have been anti-Catholic attacks on Halloween. After the English "Reformation," a great many Catholic traditions were suppressed as were most Holy Days. (Holy days were holidays—literally meaning the same thing—and a day off from work. Suppressing those days meant big landowners got more work from their workers. Good for the friends of Henry VIII but not good for most people). In fact, the Puritan Parliament suppressed even Christmas; it became just another work day. In the 20th century, more anti-Catholicism sparked a campaign against celebrating Halloween.

So, have fun with Halloween if you wish. Some people have moved trick-or-treating to a more controlled format. Some Christians follow a practice of dressing as saints not ghosts or goblins, and I think that's a nice way to celebrate. But, Halloween is not a pagan ritual but the vigil of All Saints, so whatever you do to celebrate, don't forget to say a prayer of thanks for all the saints, known and unknown by name.

"The saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult moments in the Church's history." St. John Paul

Fr. Patrick

All Saints Day

What makes this feast so important? The Church has always honored those early witnesses to the Christian faith who have died for the Lord. (The Greek word for "witness" is martyr.) During the first three hundred years, Christians were severely persecuted, often suffering torture and bloody death -- *because they were faithful*. They refused to deny Christ, even when this denial might have saved their own lives, or the lives of their children and families. Many of those especially holy people whose names and stories were known, the Church later canonized (that is, the Church formally recognized that the life of that person was without any doubt holy, or sanctified -- a "saint" who is an example for us.) But there were thousands and thousands of early Christian martyrs, the majority of whose names are known only to God -- and throughout the history of the Church there have been countless others who really are saints, who are with God in heaven, even if their names are not on the list of canonized saints. In order to honor the memory -- and our own debt -- to these unnamed saints, and to recall their example, the Church dedicated a special feast day -- a sort of "memorial day" -- so that all living Christians would celebrate at a special Mass the lives and witness of those "who have died and gone before us into the presence of the Lord." This feast that we know as All Saints Day originated as a feast of All Martyrs, sometime in the 4th century. At first it was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. About a hundred years later, Pope Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a new chapel in the basilica of St. Peter to all saints (not just to the martyrs) on November 1, and he fixed the anniversary of this dedication as the date of the feast. A century after that, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration of All Saints to **November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation** for the entire Church. It is a principal feast of the Catholic Church.



During the month of November, a wooden box with purple ribbon is placed at the front of the altar during Mass. In lieu of the box this year, we will have a basket set out so no one will have to touch it. Your "All Souls" envelope, which lists your deceased loved ones, will be placed in the basket and remembered at all the Masses. If you do not receive envelopes, write the name on a piece of paper and place it in the basket. The basket will be on the table in the narthex when it is not at the foot of the altar.

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday October 24 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Diana Laarz+ by Ron, Anna & Jack Laarz
Saturday October 24 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday October 25 th	Mass at 10:00am For Mary Ellen Resen+ by the parishioners
Sunday October 25 th	Mass at 11:30am In Memory of Emery Faulkner+
Tuesday October 27 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Our Country by Hal & Trish Morrill
Wednesday October 28 th	Mass at 9:00am For Mary Morin+ by George Morin
Thursday October 29 th	Mass at 9:00am For Kathleen Austin+ by the parishioners
Friday October 30 th	Mass at 9:00am For Ed Kertis by the parishioners
Saturday October 31 st	Mass at 5:00pm For Cheryl Kirk by Jim & Sue Pickering
Saturday October 31 st	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday November 1 st	Mass at 10:00am For Sandie & Al Caldiero by LaMonteFamily
Sunday November 1 st	Mass at 11:30am For Charlie LaMonte III+ by LaMonte Family

Saturday October 31 st 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Cheryl Ladner
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, November 1 st 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon 10:00	Matt Pidgeon
Lector 10:00	Jim Knox
Deacon 11:30	Matt Pidgeon
Lector 11:30	Roger Mynatt

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
10/18/2020	69	39	56/50

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	<u>Weekly</u>		<u>Month-to-Date</u>
Collection:	\$ 4111	Collection:	\$ 13,865
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,692	Fixed Expense:	\$ 17,075
Difference:	\$ (1,581)	Difference:	\$ (3,210)

Knights of Columbus general meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27th following the 6:30pm Mass.

November 1st "All Saints Day" is a Holy Day of Obligation which means that all Catholics are to attend Mass on that day.

Rummage Sale next weekend Fri Oct. 30th at 10am-5pm and Sat. Oct



31st 9am-12noon. Volunteers are still needed next week for set up and work the rummage sale next Thursday 10am-4pm, Friday 8am-6pm and Saturday 8am-2pm. Please contact Donna Dunn @631-495-0031.

"Fall back" your clocks at **2am** on **November 1st.**



However, many folks set their clocks back an hour **BEFORE** they go to bed on **October 31st.** Either way, make sure you change your clocks or you will be early for church on Sunday!

Christmas Child Shoebox's are due next weekend Oct 31st & Nov 1st.



Please bring your "shoebox" back to church unwrapped. **We are asked not to send any type of Candy, Gum, Food, Glass Mouthwash, Toothpaste, Liquids, Sprays or Lotions!** If you have questions call Trish Morrill at 865-475-4217.



Annual Christmas Card Sale

The Knights of Columbus project "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas card sale begins this weekend. These religious cards will be sold through the beginning of December. As you go to buy your "Christmas Cards" please consider buying them here-remember this will allow you to send out "religious Christmas cards" and it will save you gas and time in going elsewhere to purchase your cards. You can pick up information at a table in the Narthex after Mass.

Little Bethlehem will present its uniquely carved



olive wood religious articles on the weekend of November 14th - 15th. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase beautifully crafted items from the Holy Land. So mark your calendar, you won't want to miss this event.

During each Mass prayers are said for your loved one or for the repose of the soul of your loved one. Please call the church office at 865-471-0347 to reserve a Mass.



Christmas in Jefferson County is only taking money donations this year due to Covid-19. Last year they provided 425 food baskets, 156 senior baskets, and toys

to 348 children. You can mail your donations to: *Christmas in Jefferson County, C/O Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 890, Dandridge, TN 37725.* Please designate in memo line on check for food or toys donation. Otherwise it will evenly split for food and toys.



"About Schmidt" is the featured movie on Friday November 6th. Warren Schmidt

(Jack Nicholson), a quiet ex-insurance actuary, is unhappily married to Helen (June Squibb) and brooding over the forthcoming wedding of his daughter Jeannie (Hope Davis) to Randall Hertz (Dermot Mulroney). Feeling useless after retiring, he sees a television advertisement about a foster program for African children, Plan USA, and decides to sponsor a child. He soon receives an information package with a photo of his foster child, a small Tanzanian boy named Ndugu Umbo, to whom he relates his life in a series of candid, rambling letters. When Helen suddenly dies and he finds love letters to her from his best friend, he is inspired to try and stop the wedding, but standing in his way is Randall's feisty mother Roberta (Kathy Bates), and slowly, he realizes he must make the most of his remaining life. Come join us in the Parish Life Center at 7pm.

Pro-Life News & Notes: The November elections are the most critical of our lifetime, especially from the perspective of protecting babies in the womb, traditional family values and protecting our religious liberties. Bishop Sitka in the October East Tennessee Catholic wrote the article *"Before you vote, answer these questions."* For the sake of space here are a few excerpts:

Questions God Asks. God always asks hard questions of us, but only that we might further scrutinize our thoughts and better discern the decisions we must make to bring us closer to God and the way He thinks and loves. With this in mind, I will pose a number of questions that might prove very challenging to answer, but answer you must—not to me, but to God because they are moral questions, and they deal with how you will vote in the upcoming election.

Two Paths. Perhaps you share my serious concern that the election that is upon us will decide whether the path our nation takes will be to the quickening of its ruin or not. At this crucial time in our nation's history, I am reminded of the opening words in the ancient Christian manuscript of the first or second century, "The Didache": "There are two ways, one of life and one of death; but a great difference between the two ways."

Of the two political parties, which do you feel best promotes the way of life or the way of death?

Candidates and Platforms. While many are focusing solely upon the candidates and their personalities and mannerisms, and the media's select reporting of them, it is critically important to go beyond the candidates and to actually examine each party's political platform. For what we actually are voting for is the political platform of the candidate's party and the means that party will employ to obtain its vision for the country and for each of you.

Life Issues. An examination of the party platforms reveals starkly different positions on issues involving intrinsic evils that are never permissible or acceptable. On issues regarding the sanctity of life, the platforms are polar opposites of each other on abortion, infanticide, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide, and the death penalty, as well as on the criteria they will use for the selection of judges and Supreme Court justices to defend their particular stand on these life issues.

Other Issues. The platforms also highlight each party's position on religious freedom and conscience rights (although we must also look at the past 12 years to see the reality of their definition of these), as well as separation of church and state. The parties differ significantly on issues related to marriage and the family, gender identity, on the educational system, on sex and LGBTQ instruction in our public schools, and on school choice. They differ significantly on the size of government and socialism, taxation, more or less business and trade regulations, and on immigration reform and the rights of a nation to control its borders. They have different plans for health insurance and medical care. And they differ on the best way to protect the environment.

Issues We Can't Ignore. There are many issues that are a matter of prudential judgment, meaning there can be legitimate debate about which party offers the better solution on various issues. But some issues are of such moral weight that they rise above all other issues and can become the preeminent issue that decides how we cast our vote.

What I Cannot Vote For. For this reason, I cannot vote for a political party and its agenda that supports the unrestricted genocide of abortion (19,000-plus human lives a week exterminated). I cannot vote for a political party that continues to erode protections of conscience rights. I cannot support the party that attacks and condemns the Catholic Church and people of faith for speaking out on matters of faith and morals. I cannot support a party that attacks the sanctity of marriage and the family, for what harms the family, harms society. I cannot vote for a party that redefines human sexuality and gender identity and wants to force its ideology driven "sex education" in our public schools in violation of parental rights. I cannot support the growing acceptance of the grave social error of socialism that the Church has condemned for over 125 years. And I cannot support any political party that pushes God out of society and its governing, for it is the Lord God who is the true King and Ruler that governments and leaders should pattern their manner of governing after. Words to Heed.