

Holy Trinity Church



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Spanish Mass: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:00 & 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, January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses told the people, "The Lord will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own kinsmen." God still provides among His people the gifts and talents necessary to continue the work of His Church. What gifts are yours to share?

Prayers for the Week

- Father, may I be enlightened, encouraged, and built up by the prophetic messages of the Pope.
- Father, "deliver us from evil."
- Father, may I love Jesus so much that it will cause me more distress to not speak of Him than to speak of Him.
- Lord, forgive and heal me. May I throw away my crutches.
- Father, may I be fearless in situations where I've always previously been afraid.

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:

We heard last Sunday in the first reading today about Jonah. Sadly, about all most people know about Jonah is that he was three days in the whale. That's sad because the story of Jonah is a great story and I don't mean because he was swallowed by a great fish (the Bible doesn't say whale, actually). In fact, being swallowed by a great fish is rather a sidebar to the real story of Jonah.

Jonah was a prophet. A very reluctant prophet. So reluctant that when God commanded him to go to Nineveh, he went the opposite direction. The second time around he was so reluctant that he told the sailors on the boat to throw him overboard to avoid God's mission of going to Nineveh to call the people there to repentance. Which is how Jonah ended up swallowed by a great fish because, after all, God had to get Jonah to Nineveh to do his mission—for the great fish threw Jonah up on the shore at Nineveh. Literally threw him up.

In Judaism and in Christianity the story of Jonah is a great story of *teshuvah* (in Hebrew) that is, of the ability to repent and be forgiven by God. Not only is it the story of the great repentance of the people of Nineveh, whose repentance was so profound that God changed the plan to destroy the huge city; it is also the story of the repentance of Jonah and his willingness, finally, to accept the work God called him to do.

So this is a great story just as a story. What incredible images! What a great turning to the Lord, both by Jonah and the Ninevites! Swallowed by a whale (or whatever)! The scale of the city which took three days to cross! You can already see the advertising for such a Hollywood spectacular. But wait; there's more!

Jesus himself tells us in the twelfth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew that he is "greater than Jonah." Remember that Matthew was writing to a Jewish audience who would well know the story of Jonah. Jesus could top this fantastic story? Yes. Jonah may have survived three days in the belly of the fish and been thrown up on the shore, but Jesus would be dead for three days in the tomb and be resurrected and ascend to heaven! So, Jonah is a type for Jesus, a classic example of typology from the Old Testament. Jesus will give the Pharisees "the sign of Jonah" in his resurrection.

Nineveh was an ancient Assyrian city in the Upper Mesopotamia, near modern-day Mosul in today's Iraq. It was the largest city in the world for many decades until it was sacked in 612 BC by a coalition of Babylonians, Persians, and others, all its former enemies.

What can we do with all this? We can realize that, as with Jonah and with the Ninevites, God calls us to repent and that he wants to forgive us. That is not just the good news: that is great news. The whole book of Jonah is only about two pages long, so it can be read in just a few minutes. It is worth the time.

Father Patrick

PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES:

On EWTN's Pro-Life Weekly program on January 21, it was reported that Pope Francis prayed for Pres. Biden's decisions to respect "the rights and dignity of every person, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice." Archbishop Jose Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said, "the continued injustice of abortion remains the preeminent priority". Dr. Fauci confirmed that the Biden administration will repeal the Mexico City Policy in the "coming days". The Biden/Harris ticket campaigned on a number of extreme abortion promises, from restoring full federal funding to Planned Parenthood to restoring the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive mandate. Autumn Christensen is policy director for the Susan B. Anthony List. She says, "We expect to see an exporting of abortion overseas. By pulling back the Global Protect Life Rule, or the Mexico City Policy, they will begin to fund radical pro-abortion groups like Planned Parenthood International and the Marie Stopes Foundation and Pres. Biden will move quickly to withdraw from the Geneva Declaration, a coalition of countries who declared that there is no international right to abortion. By pulling back on the Geneva Declaration they will be promoting abortion overseas." According to a 2020 Knights of Columbus-Marist poll, 60% of Americans oppose taxpayer-funded abortion, which they consider a form of murder. So why this aggressive effort to place taxpayer-funded abortion so prominently and quickly at the head of our country's main concerns? Could it be that our politicians gladly take massive handouts from pro-abortion groups and individuals?

Our church will once again participate in the SPRING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and ending on Palm Sunday, March 28. Look for the dates of events in upcoming bulletins—semi-annual Mass for Life, Prayer Chain for Life in front of Holy Trinity, First Friday Prayer at Planned Parenthood.



Poinsettias are in the narthex and available for you to take home this weekend. The remaining poinsettias will be placed in the garbage.

Year-end Contribution Statements will only be *mailed this year upon request*. You can put your request in the collection basket—be sure your signature is on the request. Mark the envelope to Jennifer's attention. You can also call the office at 865-471-0347. Your statement will be mailed the first week of February.

This weekend's sanctuary flowers are in memory
of our parents by Pete & Vicki Van Ormer

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday January 30 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Fr. John Clark+ by Jim & Therese Shannon
Saturday January 30 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday January 31 st	Mass at 10:00am For Tim Galla+ by Deacon Jim, Cheryl & Chloe
Sunday January 31 st	Mass at 11:30am For Patricia Owens Karpick+ by Tom & Pat Karpick
Tuesday February 2 nd	Mass at 6:30pm For Ray LaShier by Greg & Polly Freund and Carol MacKintosh
Wednesday February 3 rd	Mass at 9:00am For Helena Lindsey+ by Jim & Barb Young
Thursday February 4 th	Mass at 9:00am For Lucy Simmons by the parishioners
First Friday February 5 th	Mass at 9:00am For Gregory Karpick+ by Tom & Pat Karpick
First Saturday February 6 th	Mass at 9:00am For Andrea Jarnigan by the parishioners
Saturday February 6 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Ray LaShier by the parishioners
Saturday February 6 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday February 7 th	Mass at 10:00am For Jennifer LaMonte by Phil, Josh and Nick
Sunday February 7 th	Mass at 11:30am For Lee Webster+ by Evangeline Webster



Women's Silent Retreat

The women's group from Holy Ghost parish in Knoxville is hosting a silent retreat at Holy Trinity in Jefferson City on February 19th and 20th. The retreat will be from 4:30-8:00 pm on the 19th and 8:30 am-6:00 pm on the 20th with meals provided and childcare available on both days. Conferences will be given by Fr. Michael Hendershott. A \$60 suggested donation can be given during the retreat. Women, age 18 and older, are invited to join. Please email Shayla Wieser at shayw646@gmail.com with questions or to sign up. **RSVP by February 9th, 2021 if you will be attending.**

Sacristan Needed Immediately! We need volunteers for **Saturdays & Sunday's for the rest of the year.** Please call Greg & Polly Freund at 865-940-1332 for more information. So please prayerfully consider if Jesus is calling you to this ministry.



Adoration: 1st Saturday is February 6th, 2021 for those who have volunteered to spend one hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. For those who have not volunteered for this beautiful time with Jesus ask yourself "Is Jesus calling you to it?" A sign-up sheet is in the narthex by the gift shop or call Joyce Haigh at 865-475-7828.

2021 Bishop's Appeal Anchored in Christ

Most parishioners have received or will soon receive a mailing from Bishop Stika asking for a generous pledge to this year's Appeal. Your gift not only funds many of the operations of the Diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries in our parish. Each Appeal gift enables the Diocese to build up the kingdom of God throughout East TN. God gives us all that we have. Even when we want to believe that our successes are self-made, we know that it is God who has blessed us abundantly with all we have. One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our Diocese and to the Church throughout the world. This gift enables ministries, education and services that touch thousands of lives. Our parish goal this year is \$21,800. With your support, we can reach and exceed this goal. If you received your pledge form in the mail and have not sent it in, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses the weekend of February 6th & 7th. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Saturday February 6 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jim Prosak
Lector	Vicky Van Ormer
Servers	

Sunday, February 7 th 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon 10:00	Jack Raymond
Lector 10:00	Jim Knox
Deacon 11:30	Jack Raymond
Lector 11:30	Joyce Haigh

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

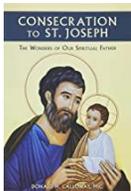
Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
01/24/2021	42	46	61/42

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date w/Vanco
Collection:	\$ 3,786	Collection: \$ 21,659
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,692	Fixed Expense: \$ 22,767
Difference:	\$ (1,906)	Difference: \$ (1,108)

The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being.

Pope John Paul II



Consecration to St. Joseph will start on February 15th and finish on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. We will meet at 6:30 on Monday, February 15th and then for Mass and prayer and discussion on February 23rd and the following three Tuesdays, then finishing with the consecration on Friday March 19th. We will be using the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: the Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Come join us to grow spiritually and spend some time with other men in the parish. You can email Deacon Jim at jim.prosak@gmail.com with any questions. To sign up, just call, text, or email Jennifer or Andrea in the office and order the book.

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER AT PLANNED

PARENTHOOD on Cherry Street in Knoxville has over the years worked its way into the tradition of our Holy Trinity parishioners who must uphold the sanctity of all human life. Join us on **Friday, February 5th from 10am-12pm** in front of Planned Parenthood. Peaceful, prayerful witness in front of abortion centers across the country has always been a strong factor in influencing moms to choose life. We now face challenging times with a new administration who has said they are “committed to codifying Roe v. Wade” and have made advances in just these first few days of the new administration to strengthen a pro-abortion agenda. Join your fellow parishioners on Cherry St. the First Friday of each month or on any Friday during the year, except for holidays, as we pray the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood. Pastor Cecil Clark has reduced his hours of witness to 10am-12pm each Friday because of the pandemic. Quoting from a recent letter from Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life, *“I believe with all my heart that the violence and hatred which grips our nation is the result of abortion. As a nation we’ve lost all respect for the dignity that is due our neighbor.”* As Catholics, we cannot ever accept killing innocent babies in the womb as a normal part of a civil society.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) holds a meeting here in Trinity Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm. If you or someone you know could benefit from this meeting, it is there as a resource to you in your recovery. Meetings are confidential.

Presentation of the Lord: Heavenly Father, on this Feast of Candlemas (the Presentation of Christ-February 2nd), I recall the gift Mary and Joseph gave to the world by offering baby Jesus to You in the temple. I offer up to You all the children in my family. I place them into Your perfect will and I turn their futures over to You. Help me to let go of my ideas of what they should do with their lives, and show me how to guide them into the purposes for which You created them. Help me to learn from the example of the Blessed Mother, whose heart was pierced by the sword of her Son's pain, how to always trust in Your plans. Holy Family, pray for us. Amen.

Ask the Pastor takes place on **Saturday, Feb. 6th** 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.



In times past, Europeans held a celebration called Candlemas Day on February 2nd of each year. Candlemas Day was originally a Christian celebration to observe Jesus' first appearance in the temple and the purification of Blessed Mary, mother of Jesus. During these early times, people believed that if Candlemas Day was sunny, then winter would last for six more weeks and if Candlemas Day was cloudy or overcast, winter would soon be over. Eventually, the German people also began watching hedgehogs to predict the future spring forecast. When the Germans began to immigrate to the United States, the German people continued to celebrate Candlemas Day on February 2nd but they came across a problem. As many German people chose to reside in Pennsylvania, hedgehogs were not in abundance in this state. However, groundhogs were everywhere. The German people chose to use the groundhog in place of the hedgehog for the determination of future weather forecasts.



Food Pantry — Next weekend, February 6th and 7th, is our monthly collection of food. Your gift of food helps those in need in our local counties.



Wedding Anniversaries February 2021

Richard & Cynthia Johnston	2/9/1974	47 yrs
Burlin & Lisa Allen	2/14/1987	34 yrs
Doyle & Peggy Hinton	2/14/1976	45 yrs
Todd & Jennifer Holt	2/14/2004	17 yrs
Tom & Monica Witkowski	2/22/1998	23 yrs



“Bella” is the featured movie on Friday February 5th. (2007) After Nina (Tammy Blanchard) is fired from her waitressing job for being late, she leans on the restaurant's chef, Jose (Eduardo Verastegui), for support. Though they don't know each other very well, Nina confides in Jose that she is pregnant and considering an abortion. Understanding that Nina is going through a tough time, Jose invites her to his home. They spend the day together and tell each other their most painful secrets, and what Nina learns about Jose changes her life forever.