

Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Third Sunday in Lent

“You shall not covet” is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. May this understanding that *all* is gift help us be less resentful of the gifts of others.



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Father Andres Cano —In Residence
David Oatney—Deacon
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: 10:00 & 11:30 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 9:00 - 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.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, rebuild the relationships in the Church.
- “Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing”.
- Father, send the Holy Spirit to prepare the Church for Jesus’ return. Make the Church “holy and immaculate, without stain or wrinkle or anything of the sort”.
- Father, may I stand up in the fire and praise You.
- Father, may the renewal of my baptismal promises at Mass on Easter be all You want it to be.

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:

- CCW: 2nd Monday March-May and Sept-Dec 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:

As we continue our Lenten journey together, our Holy Trinity family is finding new ways to adapt our ministry and outreach so that people can continue to participate in parish life. Just as I wrote in this space some months ago, we are not yet back to normal, and all you have to do to understand that is look around on any given Sunday or other day.

Despite the fact that Catholic people in East Tennessee and elsewhere are attempting to return to some semblance of a regular spiritual life, both we and Catholics in other parts of the country remain under restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A few bishops around the country have been bold and brave enough to restore the Holy Precept to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. However, those bishops who have done so have added a number of caveats and exceptions to their decrees. Most dioceses, including our own, have not restored the Sunday obligation largely because of the very restrictions under which we must labor, which make it impossible for some people to attend Mass every week.

There is no substitute in the Church's liturgical and spiritual life for the physical attendance of people at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Nothing that the Church can do, or that our Parish could possibly do, will ever change that, so we continue to encourage anyone who can to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, even if under restriction. However, we recognize that some people will not be able to join us each week because of the present situation. As a result, we have responded to the request of Bishop Stika for each Parish in the diocese to make live streamed Sunday Mass available to parishioners.

Deacon Jim Prosak has very graciously set up a YouTube page for Holy Trinity Parish at https://youtube.com/channel/UCY_BPZLO6JGDIK8ijLrn3hw. If the link seems a bit long to remember, just do a YouTube search for "Holy Trinity Jefferson City" and our page will come right up. We already have some Masses and the recent parish mission archived there. If any parishioners happen to have a Google Chromecast or Roku device, you can even stream the Mass right on a digital television.

For now, the Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass has been selected as the weekly Mass which will be live streamed, as will Holy Days and special events, such as Parish missions. In addition to being found on the above mentioned Parish YouTube page, each live stream event can be found on a special page on our Parish website: <https://htjctn.org/masses-online>.

Deacon David

Laetare Sunday is next week and it's the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Because the midpoint of Lent is the Thursday of the third week of Lent, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow", and on Laetare Sunday, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. So may each of us Rejoice with Joy this day.

Lent: Fast From; Feast On

- Fast from negatives;
Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures;
Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility;
Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness;
Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern;
Feast on compassion for others.



*Let's Welcome our newest
parishioners in February*
Cindy Delph
Matt & Cindy Giandiella

Easter Lilies - A tradition at Holy Trinity is for parishioners to purchase a lily(s) in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The lilies are used to decorate the altar during the Easter season. Cost of the lilies is \$15. There are envelopes in the narthex. Please fill out completely and enclose your payment.



Father, I hold back from totally loving You. I fear that I will lose out in the enjoyment of life. I fear that You may demand too much from me. I love You, but I am not quite ready to surrender everything to You. Perhaps this Lent I can grow in loving You with all my heart, mind, soul and strength. With Your grace, may it be so. Amen.

**What is holding me back
from loving God with all
my heart, soul and strength?**

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday March 6 th	Mass at 9:00am For Joseph & Genevieve Giedrycz+ by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday March 6 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Lucy Simmons+ by Mike & Marie King
Saturday March 6 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday March 7 th	Mass at 10:00am For Diane Longo+ by Frank Longo
Sunday March 7 th	Mass at 11:30am For Kathy Shannon by the parishioners
Tuesday March 9 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Mariah Denman by Father Patrick
Wednesday March 10 th	Mass at 9:00am For Suzanne Harrison by Betty Jo Lavelle
Thursday March 11 th	Mass at 9:00am For Kristy Spivey by the parishioners
Friday March 12 th	Mass at 9:00am For Ray, Mildred & Raymond Wozniak+ by Bonita Giedrycz
Saturday March 13 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Rita Payne+ by Jim & Sue Pickering
Saturday March 13 th	Mass at 7:00pm For the parishioners by Father Patrick
Sunday March 14 th	Mass at 10:00am For Terry Brady+ by Mary Brady
Sunday March 14 th	Mass at 11:30am For George & Flossie Dube+, Lloyd & Elvira Dube+ Tom & Murna Squire+ by Gary & Sandra Dube



Food Pantry— Thank you for your contributions this weekend to the food pantry. Your gift of food helps those in need in our local counties.

Remember to set your clocks Spring Forward



at 2am on March 14th. However, many folks set their clocks forward **BEFORE** they go to bed on March 13th. Either way, make sure you change your clocks or you will be late for church on Sunday.

Catholic Relief Services



Collection is next Sunday, March 14th. CRS is the international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Bishops and Catholic community. They help to break the cycle of poverty in more than 90 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East and Eastern Europe. CRS also provides emergency relief in the wake of natural disasters. Your donations assist the work of the U.S. Bishops' Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care, Catholic Legal Immigration Network and relief work of the Holy Father.

Stations of the Cross are each Friday of Lent

at 7 p.m. in the church. This 14-step Catholic devotion commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station, each representing a specific event from Christ's final day. At each station, you're to recall and meditate on what Jesus was experiencing at that point in time. Come join us and reflect on what Jesus experienced for us.



Saturday March 13 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	David Oatney
Lector	June Lich
Servers	

Sunday, March 14 th 10:00am / 11:30am	
Deacon	Jim Prosak
Lector	Frank Longo
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Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10am / 11:30am
02/28/2021	62	38	62 / 34

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date w/Vanco
Collection:	\$ 7,360	Collection: \$ 25,722
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,692	Fixed Expense: \$ 22,767
Difference:	\$ 1,668	Difference: \$ 2,955



Sustainability in El Salvador

Drought has become a big problem across El Salvador, making it difficult for farmers to produce enough crops to support their families. But new farming techniques are making a difference. What would you do if your livelihood was threatened? How can you support young people in your community and around the world? **Fill your Rice Bowl** and turn your contribution into actions for these communities.

CANCELLED

CCW Meeting has been cancelled for March. We know it has been a long time since we have been able to meet. We can look forward though to a beautiful spring and summer that we can once again meet and have wonderful fellowship together.

PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES: As of last Monday's report from **40 Days for Life** volunteers from all over the country, **101 babies** have been saved from abortion that are known. We praise God for each of His gifts of life! Of course, we cannot say how many babies' lives have been spared by *all* of our collective prayers each day, but what we do know is that God encourages our patience and perseverance in prayer. *"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."* Romans 12:12. And, He is a God of justice, *"... will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly."* Luke 18:7-8. The \$1.9 trillion Covid-19 relief bill that, as of this writing Congress is considering, includes abortion funding. The package contains \$750 million for global health and billions for community health centers—but without the pro-life Hyde amendment protections, funding could go towards abortion, abortion coverage, or abortion providers. Pro-life groups are also raising concerns over the Equality Act, which passed the House of Representatives. The bill redefines 'sex' to include sexual orientation, gender identity as well as pregnancy, childbirth, or a related condition. This is largely interpreted to mean patients can insist on abortion from an individual doctor, compelling medical professionals to participate in abortion procedures. Prudence Robertson of the Susan B. Anthony List called the Equality Act an "attempt to deceive the American people". She explained the pro-life concern with the bill, stating, "While Democrats are claiming that this bill stands for human rights and equality, it really pushes the most extreme aspects of their party, including their belief in abortion. It includes abortion in the definition of sex discrimination, right alongside pregnancy and child-birth, putting abortion on the same level as giving birth to a child." Planned Parenthood released its latest annual report about 2 weeks ago, revealing a 2.7% increase in abortions last year. Breast exams are down 63.9% and prenatal services are down 72.3%. Abortions have gone up 7.7% over the past decade at Planned Parenthood and government funding, adjusted for inflation, has gone up by 6.8%. These numbers prove, that despite many years of claiming to be a women's "healthcare" clinic, Planned Parenthood has always been, first and foremost, an abortion provider.

Holy Trinity's Last 40 Days for Life event in this Lenten campaign is the **PRAYER CHAIN FOR LIFE in front of Holy Trinity on March 28th after the 11:30am Mass**. Signs will be available, but bring your own, if you wish. Plan to attend this important event that provides a powerful witness to the community as to the sanctity and value of each human life.

*Rediscover the joy in preparing for Easter
by signing up at
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>
for daily videos during Lent.*

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

March marks the 4th month of development for the spiritually adopted babies for whom you have been praying the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen prayer daily—*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.* Month 4 of pregnancy in the second trimester of pregnancy—months 4, 5 and 6, baby's fingers and toes are well-defined. Baby's eyelids, eyebrows, eyelashes, nails, and hair are formed, and teeth and bones are becoming denser. Baby can even suck his or her thumb, yawn, stretch, and make faces. We will celebrate the birth of our spiritually adopted babies with a "baby shower" in the narthex at the end of August; all your donations of baby goods will be donated to LOC Resources, our local pregnancy assistance center.

Are you feeling depressed? Isolated? Worried? Overwhelmed? There is hope. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers counseling services in Knoxville. Please call (865) 314-8870. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, or if you are worried about someone who may be in a crisis, help is available by calling the Tennessee Statewide Crisis Line at 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

Letter to the Editor of Quad-City Times,

Davenport Iowa - We are blessed to be Americans! We are free because thousands of American soldiers went to war to keep us free. Sadly, a great many soldiers gave their lives and died on foreign soil to achieve this goal. The expression 'War is Hell' is so true. Behind all the evil in the world is the devil who comes from Hell. He enters people's minds and souls and unless they have God in their lives, he is able to lead them down a sinful path. The saddest and most heinous war of all time is going on right now. It is called Abortion. Since 1973, we have actually killed over 62 million little Americans, more than soldiers who died in all the wars put together. Granted, they are human babies still in the womb, but they are alive, they are our future. How did this happen in America? Are we so blind to this atrocity? We must not lose this war! Our soldiers fought for each and every one of us, from the babies in the womb to the elderly, to have life until natural death. God gave us the Ten Commandments and a free will to choose right from wrong. We will never have peace until our "Little Americans" have life. We are a country of a lot of good people who save animals' lives. Now let's save our children, including the unborn!

Ruth Weber