

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: 10:30 p.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, May 16, 2021

Ascension of the Lord

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, in the Spirit may I do my part in Your plan.
- Holy Spirit, use Mary's intercession to lay bare the thoughts of my heart, making me docile for Jesus to change me.
- Father, on this sixth day of the novena to the Holy Spirit, send the Spirit of truth.
- Father, when I receive Communion and hear the words "Body of Christ," may I say "Amen" with a greater love than ever.

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:

Bishop Stika has issued another decree regarding COVID19 restrictions. I summarize the most pertinent highlights herein. The decree is posted on the diocesan website and I have asked Jennifer and/or Deacon David to post it as a link on our website.

*The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, granted in March of last year, is lifted, i.e., the obligation of the First Precept of the Church is reinstated effective next Saturday, May 22nd. The constant provisions of excusal still apply: those who are homebound, ill, those exposed to a highly contagious disease recently, etc.

*The requirement to wear a facemask is lifted effective July 31st.

*Collection baskets may resume May 22nd. Please note we need ushers to step forward for all our Masses!

*There is no holding of hands during the Our Father.

*Choirs are permitted.

*Holy water fonts are to remain dry. (I don't understand this one; there has been no evidence that the virus is transferred via water, but so be it).

*There are some changes to the distribution of Holy Communion:

There will be two distribution points, one on each side of the church. There will be distribution on the tongue at the front of the church at the Mary-side Communion rail. We will, therefore, need the assistance of one Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the Sunday Masses if there is only one deacon. The priest, deacon/s, and EMHC will continue to wear masks for distribution of the Eucharist.

Let us pray all this will be behind us soon. It is not 14 months past the two weeks we were told were needed to "flatten the curve."

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The movie **Fatima** is now showing at AMC Theater on Peters Road, Knoxville. The movie gets high reviews for faithfulness to the true story and as cinema art.

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In the last year, I know the numbers for; there were more than 877 attacks on churches in France in 2018, many times with deaths. It doesn't seem to be slowing down. Many attacks are arson; two thirds of the fires in churches are arson. One church disappears every two weeks, by either demolition or terror attack. A new mosque opens every fifteen days in France. Oremus.

Father Patrick

**"In my deepest wound I saw your glory and it dazzled me."
St. Augustine**

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. It commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical (i.e., universally celebrated) feasts of Christian churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost. Ascension of the Lord is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter. In our diocese, it is observed on the following Sunday. The observance of this feast is of great antiquity. At the beginning of the 5th century, St. Augustine said that it is of Apostolic origin, and he speaks of it in a way that shows it was the universal observance of the Church long before his time. The Latin terms used for the feast, *ascensio* and, occasionally, *ascensa*, signify that Christ was raised up by his own powers, and it is from these terms that the holy day gets its name.



The reality of Christ's

Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and

the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is the denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.

Holy Trinity Annual Parish Picnic for



parishioners will be on **Sunday, May 30th** after the 10:30am Mass. This is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. There will be places to sit at the picnic tables but you also may consider bringing your folding chairs. We hope to see all of you here.

Did you miss the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Bishop Stika will celebrate a Diocesan-Wide Adult Confirmation Mass on Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 (Pentecost) at 4pm at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Any adult (18 or over) who has had the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Reconciliation, but has not been confirmed, can receive the sacrament on this date. If you are interested, please contact the office 865-471-0347.

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday May 15 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Ray LaShier+ by parishioners
Saturday May 15 th	Mass at 7:00pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday May 16 th	Mass at 10:30am For Wayne MacKintosh+ by Carol MacKintosh
Tuesday May 18 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Eileen Glow+ by LaMonte Family
Wednesday May 19 th	Mass at 9:00am For RosemaryMontalbano+ by Greg & Marie Ward
Thursday May 20 th	Mass at 9:00am For Myra Barrett+ by Eleanor Spencer
Friday May 21 st	Mass at 9:00am For Jack Orstead+ by Jim & Therese Shannon
Saturday May 22 nd	Mass at 5:00pm For First Communicants
Saturday May 22 nd	Mass at 7:00pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday May 23 rd	Mass at 10:30am For Roger Jones+ by Greg & Marie Ward



Knights of Columbus general meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 25th** following the 6:30pm Mass.

Congratulations to James and Mary Eslinger on their 50th Wedding Anniversary May 21st



"Change for Life" to support

Life Outreach (Mother's Day 5/09/2021 to Father's Day 6/01/2021)

You will find "empty" baby bottles in the narthex. If you want to help this cause, take a bottle home and place it in a visible spot as a reminder to pray for the safety and salvation of mothers and their unborn babies. Any change you put in the bottle is an offering to help women who seek assistance at Life Outreach Center.

Saturday May 22 nd 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Polly Freund
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Sunday, May 23 rd 10:30am	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Bill Bonner
Servers	
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5pm	7pm	10:30am
05/09/2021	80	49	141

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Month-to-Date</u>
Collection:	\$ 6,213	Collection: \$ 11,376
Fixed Expense:	\$ 5,692	Fixed Expense: \$ 11,383
Difference:	\$ 521	Difference: \$ (7)

The New One Bread, One Body booklets are in the narthex.



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

Update from KARMS: Holy Trinity is part of



KARM's Corners of Your Field program. This comes from Leviticus 19:9 not to reap the corners of your field for the less fortunate to take from. 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 to pass on to people who come to the church asking for help. This is a great way to donate unused items and help someone in need. There are locations in Sevierville, Talbott and Morristown. In the first quarter of 2021, **KARM Stores received 37 donations!** We received **\$100 in gift cards to share with those in need.** If you know of anyone who can benefit from this gift card, please call Jennifer in the office at 865-471-0347. Many thanks to our generous parishioners for their donations to KARMS and please continue to donate.



AO 15th Annual Tom Cronan Memorial Golf Tournament:

Come out and help support Appalachian Outreach Friday May 21st at 10:00am at Patriot Hills. The Golf Classic will be a four-person scramble format. Player entry fee is \$125 and includes lunch, green fee/cart, range balls, goody bag, and eligibility for contest prizes. For more information, please call 865-475-5611

PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES:

Fr. Shenan Boquet, President of Human Life International, is calling for prayer and fasting for Pope Francis and all bishops. He explains that, although Pope Francis has spoken against making the Church into just another non-profit organization, a Non-Governmental Agency that advocates for various causes, he is promoting conferences and other activities at the Vatican that are almost completely secular. The latest is the Vatican's Fifth International Conference, *Exploring the Mind, Body & Soul, A Global Health Care initiative*. During this pandemic and loss of access to the sacraments there is an urgent need for Catholic thinkers to discuss healthcare concerns. How do bishops and pastors balance the spiritual needs with the physical health of the Church? BUT, in this conference, there are almost no Catholic clergy, bishops or theological experts listed on the program. Instead, there is a huge list of secular globalists billionaires, business owners, celebrities, academics and healthcare experts. **Many of these figures are extremely anti-life and anti-family**—such as Chelsea Clinton, pro-abortion model Cindy Crawford, Marc Benioff, the CEO of Salesforce, one of the most virulent anti-family corporations on the planet, new-age guru Deepak Chopra. Anthony Fauci and the CEO of Pfizer are among the many other secular speakers. Cardinal Parolin and Cardinal Ravasi are scheduled to speak, as well as a handful of Catholic speakers, but they represent a tiny minority. Fr. Boquet questions “why has the Vatican poured such enormous effort into hosting a conference that any other NGO on the planet could have hosted”? One Catholic healthcare expert, Ruth Institute President Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse, has said the Vatican's choice of speakers for the conference is “deeply embarrassing” for the Church. “The Catholic Church is a world-wide institution of over one billion members. Among all those people to choose from, the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Culture couldn't find anyone better than this lineup of **abortion advocates?**” she said. The Ruth Institute calls on the Vatican to cancel the event and plan a new conference with scientists, philosophers and religious leaders who are committed to authentic human rights, including the **rights of the most vulnerable among us.**” Fr. Boquet stated, “I couldn't agree with Dr. Morse more”. He continues, “by providing these individuals a global pulpit from which to preach, the Vatican is exposing millions of vulnerable souls (Catholic and non-Catholic) who are weak in knowledge of the perennial teaching of the Catholic Church, to secular viewpoints on faith, religion, human dignity, sacredness of life, marriage, healthcare, and science. Moreover, because it is a Vatican-sponsored program, what is proposed, in most people's minds, must then be true, accepted as Gospel. And as we have witnessed with past events, there will likely be little to no rebuttal to what is being proposed, thus **sowing confusion and scandal!**”. This conference is merely the latest example of a disturbing pattern of Vatican-sponsored events that have given prominent platforms to some of the strongest anti-life and anti-family activists on the planet. Pro-population control activist Jeffrey Sachs has repeatedly appeared at conferences hosted by the Pontifical Academy of the Sciences. Often these conferences enthusiastically tout various tenets of the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals, some of which pro-abortion activists

interpret as including a right to abortion and contraception. Pope Francis himself gave an award to George Clooney, Richard Gere and Salma Hayek at the Vatican. As LifeSite reports, the pope gave the three pro-abortion and anti-family actors the award “in recognition of their activism against climate change, war and terrorism.” The three actors were also designated as “ambassadors” for Scholas Occurrentes, an education-focused charity founded by Pope Francis in 2013. Scholas Occurrentes is a strangely secular organization which has also been caught peddling troubling anti-family materials. The most disturbing event of all was when population controller Paul Ehrlich, who has promoted forced contraception/sterilization and even forced abortion, was invited to speak at the Vatican in 2017. It is hard to think of anyone who is more opposed to Catholic teaching, and whose anti-life influence has been more pernicious, than Paul Ehrlich. His alarmist 1968 book, *The Population Bomb*, predicted impending, massive food shortages and starvation. It gave enormous fuel to the population control movement and has been used to justify all manner of inhumane and coercive population control measures all around the world. Fr. Boquet ends his article by saying, “We must fast and pray for our Holy Father and all bishops that they will renew their commitment to the Church's *evangelical* mission and eschew the secularist humanistic interpretation of the Church, that reduces Her mission to a worldly one.”



Grief Share Support Group – Need help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? Come and join us to begin your journey from mourning to joy. Weekly meetings will be held at Faith Baptist Church, 118 Colossians Ct., Jefferson City beginning **Wednesdays, June 2nd thru August 25th** from **6:30pm – 8:30pm**. To register, contact the church office by phone (865) 475-7608 or email info@faithbaptist.net. Cost for the 14-week support group is \$20, which includes one workbook.

Knoxville Diocese CCW Annual Convention will be held **June 10th – 12th, 2021** at Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Our guest speakers this year are Maria Johnson, Katherine Bogner and Sonja Corbitt. For more information and to register visit <http://kdccw.org/conventions>. If you don't plan on staying overnight and would like to carpool, contact Sharon Jurkonie 865-964-2388 or Donna Dunn 631-495-0031.