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THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY HAS AS ITS MISSION:

- to form a welcoming community of believers
- to worship God
- to serve God and each other, and
- to spread the Gospel to all

We strive to carry out the teachings of Christ in our daily lives and through our parish activities.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of the month after Mass (except during Lent). Parents must contact the parish office in advance; first-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Sponsors (Godparents) for Baptism and Confirmation are required to verify their eligibility. They must be fully initiated Catholics who actively practice their faith and are in good standing with the Church. For more information please contact the Parish office.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are considering becoming Catholic, or desire to complete your sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information about the OCIA.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to arrange for a pastoral visit, Anointing of the Sick, and/or Holy Communion for those who are ill or elderly and unable to come to church.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please contact the parish office before booking a reception venue. Once a wedding date is confirmed, a priest or deacon will assist with the required marriage preparation process.

PARISH OFFICE

Hours ----- Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone ----- 908-526-2394

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Under the Pastoral Care of the Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri

Very Rev. Jeffrey M. Calia, C.O. ----- Pastor
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Rev. Steven J. Bolton, C.O. ----- Parochial Vicar

Mr. Michael Forrestall ----- Deacon

Mr. John Phalen ----- Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening

4:00 pm (English) ----- St. Joseph

5:00 pm ----- Holy Trinity

Sunday

7:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm ----- St. Ann

7:30 am (Spanish), 12:00 pm (Spanish) ----- St. Joseph

9:00 am (English) ----- St. Joseph

10:30 am ----- **Holy Trinity**

10:30 am (Latin) ----- Shrine Chapel

Weekdays

Monday - Friday, 8:00 am ----- St. Ann

Monday - Friday, 12:15 pm (English) --- Shrine Chapel

Friday, 7:00 pm ----- **Holy Trinity**

Saturdays

9:00 am ----- St. Ann

First Saturdays, 9:00 am (Latin) ----- Shrine Chapel

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday ----- 11:00 am - 12 noon
or by appointment

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Briana George ----- REoffice@holytrinitynj.org

March 30, 2025
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass
Intentions

SATURDAY, March 29, Vigil: The Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm People of our Parish

SUNDAY, March 30, The Fourth Sunday of Lent

10:30am John Herdman r/o Kathy, Wendy, and Christopher
Domenico Conte r/o Maria Donadio
Josephine Catarella & Joseph Sanfillippo r/o
Nicky LaRocca and Family

MONDAY, March 31, Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, April 1, Lenten Weekday

WEDNESDAY, April 2, Lenten Weekday

THURSDAY, April 3, Lenten Weekday

FRIDAY, April 4, Lenten Weekday

7:00pm Gertrude Epple r/o Lucille Frevert & Family
Pete Ferluga r/o Mary Jane Ferluga
Kennynlen Villasoto-Tuburan r/o Debbie Gavin &
Xander Hobayan

SATURDAY, April 5, Vigil: The Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm People of our Parish

SUNDAY, April 6, The Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30am The Rosary Altar Society
Domenico Conte r/o The Balliro Family
Thelma Dinio r/o Den Mike & Barbara Forrestall
Andrew Gorman r/o Den Mike & Barbara Forrestall
Elizabeth Mariani r/o Den Mike & Barbara Forrestall

*(*indicates Intention for the living)*

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

March 22/23 2025: \$2,675.00 (2024: \$2,751.00)

Thanks to all who generously supported our special collections!

Thank you for your continued support!

*Figures do not include Online Giving, which accounts
for approximately 1/3 of our collection income.*

Online Giving: Holy Trinity offers Online Giving through eCatholic. Visit
holyltrinitynj.org/donate and follow the easy registration instructions.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament this week is in honor of Elena Figueroa, as lovingly requested by her Children, Grandchildren, and Great Grandchildren.

Men's Fellowship Meeting

Holy Trinity invites you to our Men's Fellowship Meeting on the second Tuesday night of the month, from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Holy Trinity Church Basement. Come join us as we gather for Fellowship, Prayer, and Formation.

Religious Education Corner

March 31: Monday, 4:30- 5:30

April 7: Monday, 4:30- 5:30

April 14 to April 27: Easter Break

We Need Teachers and aides to help with our Religious Education program. If you are interested in helping, please contact Briana George at reoffice@holyltrinitynj.org
Don't forget to grab this week's activity sheet as you leave mass!



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As I mentioned last week, on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, a particular sequence of Gospel readings is used at Mass, to highlight – especially for those preparing for the Easter sacraments - specific aspects of Baptism. On the Fourth Sunday in Lent, we read the account of the healing of a man who had been born blind, from St. John's Gospel. There is so much that we can say about this encounter, but I want to focus on one aspect that I think connects to our message from last week: the impact of the encounter with Jesus.

The man who received his sight from Jesus would have been an outcast, one living on the margins of society, as Pope Francis often describes it. Not only would he have struggled to support himself, but as Jesus' disciples pointed out, his disability was seen as a punishment for sin. In a way similar to the Samaritan woman we read about last week, he probably would have avoided encountering others, fearful of subjecting himself to judgment and ridicule.

Just as the Samaritan woman was empowered by her encounter with Jesus to proclaim the Gospel and invite others to come to Him, so the man who had been blind gained not only his physical sight, but also spiritual sight that made him courageous in offering witness testimony, from his own experience of what the Lord had done for him. Under questioning from the authorities, and even in a sense abandoned by his fearful parents, he defended the simple truth that he had once been blind, he had encountered Jesus, and now he could see.

All of us who are baptized have been enlightened by Christ. We have the capacity to see reality clearly, overcoming with His grace the blindness of sin. And we all have a share in the task of communicating to those around us what Jesus has done for us, for their good and His glory. How has Jesus healed your blindness and given you sight? Your testimony could help others to experience healing and new life!

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



The Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION!

Welcome to our celebration and we invite you to return again. If you are thinking about becoming part of the Catholic family, or receiving Confirmation and Eucharist, and would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office at **908-526-2394**, or reach out to us via email at office@holytrinitynj.org

Local Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening

4pm: St. Joseph (English)

5pm: **Holy Trinity**

Sunday

7:30am: St. Ann

7:30am: St. Joseph (Spanish)

9am: St. Joseph (English)

10:30am: St. Ann

10:30am: **Holy Trinity**

10:30am: Shrine Chapel (Latin)

12pm: St. Ann

12pm: St. Joseph (Spanish)

5pm: St. Ann

(See cover page for the local daily Mass schedule)



Confessions

Wed: 11am - 12 noon: Holy Trinity

Fri: 11am - 12 noon: Shrine Chapel

**Sat: After 9:30am Mass: St. Ann
3 - 3:30pm: St. Joseph**

Confession is possible at other times by appointment by contacting any of the parish/shrine offices.

Connect with us!

 Raritan Oratory

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Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Bennett
Fran Brzezinski
Dcn. Mike Forrestall
Donna Hall
Sophie Holewski
Kathy Kowal
Nickie LaRocca
Elizabeth Mariani
Robert McCarthy
Harry McLellan
Frank Meier
Joey Ortiz
Elizabeth Peck
Arthur Piatkowski
Lisa Pozarycki
Mary "Sue" Reh
Tom Russell
Bob Skorny
Christian Tozzi
Sally Wojack

Bishop Bootkoski
Michael Fialkowski
Paul Gsell
Lois Hoffman
Anita Kavanaugh
David Landis
Sharon Lawler
Dolores Martinez
Kathy McGill
Judy Mead-Morgan
Joan Mohan
Sheila Parente
Richard Peck
Cindy Pieja
Jean Radice
Aurora Romero
Charlotte Shipley
Ruth Stives
Jon Ulassin



To add/remove a name call the Parish Office at 908-526-2394

Confidential Reporting for Ethics Violations

Navex EthicsPoint provides a confidential method for employees, volunteers and parishioners to report suspected financial malfeasance and other violations of ethical conduct in any of the parishes, schools, cemeteries and diocesan institutions in the Diocese of Metuchen. To make a report: <https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com> or 844-796-1296

Children's Break Spot

The first-grade religious education class has put together a "break spot" in the church basement across from the bathrooms for little ones that get antsy during mass. It includes a shelf of children's books and coloring materials. Please stop down and check it out!



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The 10:30am Mass on the first Sunday of the month is for the living and deceased members of the Rosary Altar Society. The Altar Rosary Society meetings are held before this mass on Sunday at 9am in the church basement.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The 10:30am Mass on the second Sunday of the month is for the living and deceased members of the Holy Name Society. The Holy Name Society meetings are held before this mass on Sunday at 9am in the church basement.



Next game: FRIDAY, April 4th, 2025

Kitchen Open @ 6pm | Games Begin @ 7:30pm

Help with the games or kitchen is always needed and appreciated! Please contact the Office at 908-526-2394

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP:

Donations of Sweet Pickle Chips, Sauerkraut and Mayonnaise can be left at any church exit in bags marked "For Bingo"

Thank you for your Help!

Rosary on Tuesday Mornings: Come join in a group recitation of the Rosary. All are welcome to take part each **Tuesday morning** at 9:15am in the church.

Rosary on Friday Evenings: Pray for Peace! The rosary is prayed every **Friday night** at 6:40pm, prior to the 7pm Mass. Please join us in praying for peace in our hearts, our families, our communities, our nation and around the world.



Mass Intentions

**Our Mass Book is currently open for requests:
January 2025 through June 2025.**

10:30am Sunday and 7pm Friday Masses are available
To make a request, please stop by the office or call at 908-526-2394, during regular business hours.



Praying with Faith and Constancy

"Do not forget that one of the valuable resources you possess is the essential one of prayer: become interceders with God, praying with faith and with constancy. Pray for the Church, for the needs of the world, for the poor, so that there may be no more violence in the world. The prayers of the elderly can protect the world, helping it, perhaps more effectively than collective anxiety. Today I would like to entrust to your prayers the good of the Church and peace in the world." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program

Once again Holy Trinity is participating in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program which eases hunger and poverty. Twenty-five percent of your donation is used in our diocese and the rest is used in CRS international humanitarian programs. As part of your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, please take a Rice Bowl home, deposit whatever you can into the Rice Bowl and return it to Holy Trinity starting on Palm Sunday. Your donation makes a positive difference in people's lives. Thank you for your generosity!



Now Enrolling! St. Ann Classical Academy is now enrolling Pre K - 8th Grade for the 2025-2026 school year. Join us for one of our Open Houses on March 12, or April 9 from 9am-11:30am. Visit us online at stannclassical.org/open-house or call us at 908-725-7787 to learn more, register for an Open House, or apply today. We look forward to welcoming you!

Senior Adult Ministry: Prayer Meeting

Please join an informal prayer group on Wednesday, April 2 at 1pm on the Holy Trinity Rectory patio. Bring your prayer requests which the group will intercede for in prayer. By praying together for about 20 minutes, we can make a great difference in our lives, our families and our world. This will be the first gathering of the Holy Trinity Senior Adult Ministry. Following prayer, parishioners are invited for fellowship and the sharing of ideas for the formation of the ministry. It is important to understand the needs of our seniors so that they can be addressed.

2025 Lenten Obligations

- 1) The days of both fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Good Friday (April 18).
- 2) The other Fridays of Lent (Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, and 11) are days of abstinence.
- 3) Fasting in the Roman Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal with two smaller meals which together do not equal the size of your full meal. The obligation of fasting applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- 4) Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from eating meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.).
- 5) Abstinence applies to all Catholics aged 14 and up.

As of March 21, we have received gifts and pledges from 74 households, totaling \$19,773.45, which is 39.5% of our parish goal of \$50,000. This figure does not yet include gifts or pledges made through the "In-Pew Weekend" last weekend. Thanks to all who have already generously supported this year's appeal.

2025 Holy Week Schedule: Raritan Oratory

April 13 - Palm Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule

April 14 - Monday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

7PM - 8:30 PM Confession St. Joseph Church

April 15 - Tuesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

4PM Chrism Mass St. Francis Cathedral

April 16 - Wednesday of Holy Week: Regular Schedule

11AM - 12 PM Confession

Holy Trinity Church

12PM Stations of the Cross

St. Joseph Church

8PM The Service of Tenebrae

St. Ann Church

April 17 - Holy Thursday:

9AM Sung Morning Prayer St. Ann Church

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

7PM English

Holy Trinity Church

7PM Latin (EF)

Blessed Sacrament Shrine

7:30PM Spanish

St. Joseph Church

10PM Sung Compline (Night Prayer) **Holy Trinity Church**

April 18 - Good Friday:

9AM Sung Morning Prayer

St. Ann Church

12PM Stations of the Cross

St. Ann Church

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3PM English

St. Joseph Church

3PM Latin (EF)

Blessed Sacrament Shrine

7:30PM Spanish

St. Joseph Church

7PM Stations of the Cross **Holy Trinity Church**

April 19 - Holy Saturday:

9AM Sung Morning Prayer

St. Ann Church

11AM Blessing of Easter Food

St. Joseph Church

The Great Easter Vigil

8PM English

St. Ann Church

8PM Latin (EF)

Blessed Sacrament Shrine

8PM Spanish

St. Joseph Church

April 20 - Easter Sunday: Regular Sunday schedule

(except NO 7:30AM Spanish Mass at St. Joseph Church, and

NO 5PM Mass at St. Ann Church)

April 21 - Easter Monday:

8AM Mass at St. Ann Church; and Shrine Chapel

The Parish Prayer Chain

is a group of parishioners that regularly pray for your needs. Should a need for prayer arise, please call Mary Raimondo at 908-725-7369 or email: babysis30@optonline.net

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