



THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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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

Email ----- office@holytrinitynj.org

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

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

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Email: FrJeff@holytrinitynj.org

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

April 6, 2025
The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass
Intentions

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 Dcn Mike & Barbara Forrestall
Andrew Gorman r/o Dcn Mike & Barbara Forrestall
Elizabeth Mariani r/o Dcn Mike & Barbara Forrestall

MONDAY, April 7, Lenten Weekday

TUESDAY, April 8, Lenten Weekday

WEDNESDAY, April 9, Lenten Weekday

THURSDAY, April 10, Lenten Weekday

FRIDAY, April 11, Lenten Weekday

7:00pm Stella Zielinski r/o Stan & Marcia Pozarycki
The Sanfillipo Family r/o Nicky LaRocca & Family
Kennynlen Villasoto-Tuburan r/o Debbie Gavin &
Xander Hobayan

SATURDAY, April 12, Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

5:00pm People of our Parish

SUNDAY, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

10:30am The Holy Name Society
Daniel Mullery r/o Eileen & Ed Fisher
Anna Giampietro r/o Lucy & Tony Parisi
Elizabeth "Betty" Mariani r/o Pat & Jim Flannery

(*indicates Intention for the living)

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

March 29/30 2025: \$2,729.00 (2024: \$3,069.00)

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.

As of March 28, we have received 90 gifts and pledges, totaling \$22,423.45, which is 44.9% of our parish goal of \$50,000. Thanks to all who have already generously supported this year's appeal.

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

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!



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

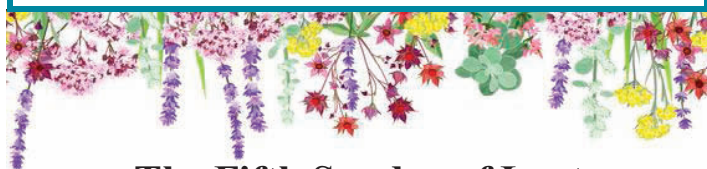
On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, we hear the amazing account of Jesus raising His friend Lazarus from the dead. This is the last of the sequence of three readings from the Gospel of John that are traditionally read as part of the preparation for adults who will be baptized at Easter. What all three passages have in common is that each tells the story of a person who faced a seemingly insurmountable burden, but through an encounter with Jesus, received healing and the grace to begin living a new life, set free from what had bound them.

In the case of Lazarus, this was literally true: He was dead, bound with burial cloths, and in the tomb. If ever there was a hopeless situation, this was it. Jesus wept over His friend, and He wept with compassion for His friends who were mourning their loss. Death grieves Jesus for the same reason it grieves us; because it's not supposed to be this way. We were made to live. Jesus, in His humanity, was able to experience the weight of this grief, the sorrow that accompanies death. But what set Him apart was that, in His divinity, He had the power to do something about it. His words ring out: "Roll away the stone... Untie him and let him go!"

The Gospels these past three Sundays have challenged us to identify the areas of our lives where we stand in radical need of healing and renewal. How are we, like the Samaritan woman, seeking fulfillment where it can't be found? How are we blinded from reality by our addiction to sin? And finally, how are we spiritually dead, distant from the Lord of life in a way that, on our own, we cannot overcome?

We are invited now, in these last days of Lent, to submit all of this to God, trusting in His merciful love that is more powerful even than death. We are called to believe that, through our Baptism into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we have a claim on the life that only He can give. May we allow Him to roll away the stone, untie us and let us go, so that we may live to give Him praise and glory and to welcome others into this saving encounter.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

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@holyltrinitynj.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

Kaitlyn Baucum
Bishop Bootkoski
Kevin Cain
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 Wojeck

Dorothy Bennett
Fran Brzezinski
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 Parish Hall.

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 11th, 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, Mayonnaise and Tuna and can be left at any church exit 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.



The "Let Pregnancy Centers Serve" Act



"On March 24th, Representative Chris Smith (NJ) spoke at a Press Conference on Capitol Hill to announce the introduction of H.R. 2226, the Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act. The bill will prohibit federal, state and local governments from discriminating against pregnancy care centers because of their life-affirming mission.

Pregnancy Resource Centers should be praised, not maligned for the invaluable help they provide for both mother and child. These all-out assaults against them must end. We look to the new Congress and the incoming administration to employ actions and adopt policies to halt these unjust and unwarranted attacks against these Centers' life-saving work.

Please contact your Member of Congress and urge them to sponsor and support H.R. 2226, the Let Pregnancy Centers Serve Act." (NJRTL)

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!

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES: In your envelope mailing you will find an envelope for flower donations. This is an opportunity to contribute towards the lovely flowers and plants that make our church so beautiful for the Easter season. You are welcome to contribute in honor or in memory of loved ones; the inscriptions will be listed in the parish bulletin if received by **Palm Sunday**. This opportunity is also available through Online Giving on our website.



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.

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 5PM Mass at St. Ann Church)

April 21 - Easter Monday:

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



Save the Dates!!!

Festa Returns
June 19, 20, 21

We NEED volunteers!!!
Please email:
FestaStAnn@gmail.com

Sponsorships Available

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!

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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