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- 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
Website ----- www.holytrinitynj.org

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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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

Palm SUNDAY



HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.

Matthew 21:9

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

Mass
Intentions

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

MONDAY, April 14, Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY, April 15, Tuesday of Holy week

WEDNESDAY, April 16, Wednesday of Holy Week

THURSDAY, April 17, Holy Thursday

7:00pm People of Our Parishes (adoration after Mass)

FRIDAY, April 18, Good Friday

3:00pm (Service at St. Joseph Church)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, April 19, Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

8:00pm (Easter Vigil Mass at St. Ann Church)

SUNDAY, April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord

10:30am Harry Frevert (1st Anniv) r/o Lucille, Lindsay,

Katelyn, Neil, and Grandchildren

Albert & Virginia Tamburri r/o Daughter & Family

Nicholas Balliro r/o Grandmother and Family

James Kenely r/o The Frevert & Glennon Families

Domenico Conte r/o Lucille Frevert and Family

(*indicates Intention for the living)

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

April 5/6 2025: \$2,836.00 (2024: \$2,344.00)

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.

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 14 to April 27: Easter Break

April 28: Monday, 4:30-5:30pm

May3: First Communion 10am

May4: Sunday 10:30am May Crowning (2nd grade)

May5: Monday, 4:30-5:30pm (last day of class)

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,

We are entering into Holy Week, the most sacred and solemn days of the year for us. I would like to reflect briefly on the gift of this week and how we can use it well.

These days invite us to accompany the Lord Jesus, to walk with Him. Everything that Jesus has done, and everything that He has endured, has been for us. And He has not done these things for abstract "humanity", but for each and every one of us, personally. So, we are invited to enter personally into the drama of these days in which Jesus accomplished our salvation, His victory over sin and death, once and for all. The liturgies and traditional devotions of this week are especially rich in imagery and symbolism. They allow us to use our imaginations to enter into the scenes so that it becomes more personal for us. So, I hope you can join us throughout the week, and experience the story of salvation as your own.

Another fruitful aspect of this week is that of fasting and feasting. Observing the traditional paschal fast, from the Mass of the Lord's Supper to the Easter Vigil, heightens the experience of these days. Jesus emptied himself completely for us, and we can only imagine the emptiness His disciples felt, especially as Jesus lay in the tomb on that first Holy Saturday. Allowing ourselves to experience hunger puts us in touch with that emptiness, and reminds us that in the depth of our being is a hunger that only the Lord satisfies. Then, after the Easter Vigil, we must feast! We must rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ that gives us hope. Our fasting and our hunger are not in vain, because Christ has won the victory for us. Enjoying the traditional foods of our cultural backgrounds, surrounded by family and friends, is a fitting way to celebrate.

For me personally, it is a challenge, a privilege, and a joy to journey with you through this time in which the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith is on display. I pray that Easter may find each of us with a deeper appreciation of what Christ has done for us.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual's willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that with God's help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus' name and worship him.

Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56

Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus' last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them he will soon suffer in fulfillment of God's will. Then Jesus prayed that he might be spared if it suited God's will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, he was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people, and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and his body laid in a new tomb.

WELCOME TO OUR CELEBRATION!

Welcome to our celebration and we invite you to return again. If you're thinking about becoming part of our Catholic family, or receiving Confirmation and Eucharist, or 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

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

Ruth Stives

Jon Ulassin

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

Bob Skorny

Christian Tozzi

Sally Wojcek



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 25th, 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.



Support Through the Most Difficult Times



“Suicidal individuals - with or without a terminal illness - typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’” (USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Suicide is Tragic”)

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Program

Rice Bowls can now be returned to Holy Trinity Please leave them in the baskets provided. Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER FLOWER ENVELOPES: 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 this weekend, **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.

Senior Adult Ministry

During the first meeting of the Holy Trinity Senior Adult Ministry, many exciting ideas and thoughts were shared. Game day, guest speakers, homebound outreach, and faith sharing are just a few ideas we hope to implement. First, we need more members!! We would love to hear from you. Please consider attending our next meeting **Wednesday, April 30th, 1:00 PM in the parish rectory patio**. We would love to have more members to share ideas with and build a team. We always pray together first. Seniors are parishioners who have reached the age of 50 and beyond.

The Bereavement Ministry strives to bring consolation and peer support to those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Informal small group gatherings are facilitated by caring parishioners. Sharing thoughts, feelings, and emotions in the atmosphere of our faith with others who are also going through a personal loss can often bring some peace and acceptance, when understanding that these experiences are normal. A ten-week session will begin at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, May 5th from 6:30pm until 8pm. No fee, but registration is required. Contact Deacon John Phalen at (908) 526-2394 bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org.



St. Bernard Annual Golf Classic

Monday, **May 5** at Heron Glen Golf Club, in Ringoes, NJ. We're accepting registrations for Sponsors and Golfers for our St. Bernard Golf Event! Please consider registering and supporting St Bernard while enjoying a day on the golf course! For more information, contact Patrick Mulrooney at 908-655-7841 or pjmulroon3@aol.com

Bishop's Appeal Update: As of April 5, we have received 99 gifts and pledges, totaling \$23,688.45, which is 47.4% of our parish goal of \$50,000. 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 5PM Mass at St. Ann Church)

April 21 - Easter Monday:

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

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Thursday, April 17 through Monday, April 21, in celebration of the Easter Season.

Special Collection: The special collection for this weekend is the Retirement Collection for Diocesan Clergy. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for our retired diocesan priests.

The Holy Land Collection: For Good Friday, the beneficiary of this collection is the Commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land and the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches.

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