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- to worship God
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- 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
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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**
 Saturday, 9:00am ----- St. Ann

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 11:00 am - 12 noon ----- **Holy Trinity**
 Friday, 11:00am - 12 noon ----- Shrine Chapel
 Saturday, After 9:30 am Mass----- St. Ann
 Saturday, 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm ----- St. Joseph
 (or by appointment)

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

This High
Priest of ours
is One who
has taken
His seat in
heaven, on
the right
hand of that
throne where
God sits in
majesty.

—Hebrews 8:1

June 1st, 2025

The Ascension of The Lord

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, May 31, Vigil: The Ascension of The Lord

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, June 1, The Ascension of The Lord

10:30am The Rosary Altar Society

Joseph Toole r/o The Hodorowski Family

Gloria Langan r/o Joe and sons

Marie Piatkowski r/o The Piatkowski Family

Billy J. Sullivan r/o Marie & Robert Vale

MONDAY, June 2, Easter Weekday

TUESDAY, June 3, St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

WEDNESDAY, June 4, Easter Weekday

THURSDAY, June 5, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

FRIDAY, June 6, Easter Weekday

7:00pm Elizabeth Yeager r/o Joan Fine

SATURDAY, June 7, Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, June 8, Pentecost Sunday

10:30am The Holy Name Society

Steve Sulzer r/o daughter and family

James Chiselko (21st Anniv) r/o Mother & Family

Arthur Luhlback r/o His loving Family

Nicola Giampietro r/o The Family

(*indicates Intention for the living)

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

May 24/25 2025: \$2,535.00 (2024: \$2,565.00)

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 Francesco & Eugenia Milleli, as lovingly requested by their Daughter.

The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays after Memorial Day. The summer hours will be Monday - Thursday, 9am-4pm. Please note that there will still be Mass and Bingo on Friday evenings.

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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update:

As of May 23, we have received 138 gifts and pledges, totaling \$36,294.45, which is 72.6% of our parish goal of \$50,000. At the same time last year, we had received 138 gifts and pledges, totaling \$39,875.75.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This weekend we observe the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The observance of this feast in New Jersey was transferred from its traditional Thursday, forty days after the Resurrection, to Sunday during the Covid pandemic. That move has been made permanent by the bishops of New Jersey, with the hope that it will facilitate participation in this feast day by more of the faithful. It is worth noting, especially for travelers and commuters, that while most of the United States observes the Ascension on Sunday, our neighbors in New York and Pennsylvania (as well as all of New England and Nebraska) retain the traditional Thursday observance.

What is the great significance of the Ascension? When Jesus ascended into heaven, He took His body with Him. Yes, it was a glorified, resurrected body, but a human one nonetheless. This was the completion of what began on the day Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Blessed Mother, when He emptied Himself of the glory of divinity to become one with our humanity, a human nature loved by the God who created it, but also in need of healing and redemption. Jesus is fully divine and fully human, one person uniting two natures (theologians call this the Hypostatic Union), so when He returned to the right hand of the Father in heaven, He could not simply shed the human body and leave it behind. So, He brought our humanity, redeemed and glorified, into heaven.

The Ascension of the Lord is a tremendous sign of hope for us. It reminds us of the dignity of our humanity and the value of our body, too often obscured by sin and suffering. It tells us that, by participation in the life of Jesus, we can also be redeemed and glorified, and that there is a place for us in heaven, too. The Collect of the Mass for this feast captures this hope beautifully:

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff

The Ascension of The Lord

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to his disciples after his resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does he say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is his body."

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus tells His disciples that with His death and resurrection scripture has been fulfilled. As witnesses, when the Holy Spirit comes upon them, they will go out and teach in the name of Jesus, repentance and forgiveness to all nations. Then Jesus led them out, raised His hands and blessed them and was taken into Heaven.

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@holyltrinitynj.org



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Pray for the Sick

Kaitlyn Baucum
Bishop Bootkoski
Kevin Cain
Dcn. Mike Forrestand
Donna Hall
Sophie Holewski
Kathy Kowal
Nicky LaRocca
Dolores Martinez
Kathy McGill
Judy Mead-Morgan
Joan Mohan
Sheila Parente
Richard Peck
Cindy Pieja
Jean Radice
Aurora Romero
Ruth Stives
Jon Ulassin

Dorothy Bennett
Fran Brzezinski
Michael Fialkowski
Paul Gsell
Lois Hoffman
Anita Kavanaugh
David Landis
Sharon Lawler
Robert McCarthy
Harry McLellan
Frank Meier
Joey Ortiz
Elizabeth Peck
Arthur Piatkowski
Lisa Pozarycki
Mary "Sue" Reh
Tom Russell
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, June 6, 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: July 2025 through December 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 Right to Live with Dignity



"Every human being has the right to live with dignity and to develop integrally; this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. People have this right even if they are unproductive, or were born with or developed limitations. This does not detract from their great dignity as human persons, a dignity based not on circumstances but on the intrinsic worth of their being. Unless this basic principle is upheld, there will be no future either for fraternity or for the survival of humanity." (Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 107)

Coming Soon: The first event of the Senior Adult Ministry will be a Strawberry Festival, Wednesday, June 25, 1-3pm at the Parish Center. Look for the flyer in the next bulletin for more information.



June 19th-21st, 2025
5:00-10:00 PM

Discounted Festa Food Tickets

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Knights Corner:

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Ringoes. The cost is \$175 per player and includes lunch, dinner, free beverages, contests and prizes. Registration via www.heron Glen.com or contact Roy Thoden at 908-448-7775. **Makes a GREAT Father's Day GIFT!** You have attended others now attend the BEST. Hope to see you there!



Now Enrolling! St. Ann Classical Academy is now enrolling Pre K-8th Grade for the 2025-2026 school year, and we have room for your family! Visit us at stannclassical.org/open-house or call at 908-725-7787 to learn more, register for a personal tour, or apply today. We look forward to welcoming you!



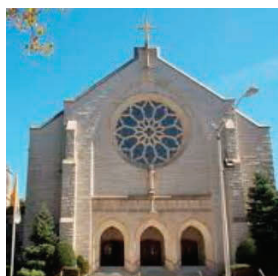
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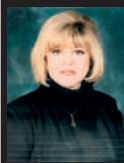
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