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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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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

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

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 11:00 am - 12 noon----- Holy Trinity

Friday, 11:00 am - 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

September 7th, 2025
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass
Intentions

SATURDAY, September 6, Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, September 7, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am The Rosary Altar Society

Robert Hutchins (5th Anniv) r/o Wife and Children

Frank Quinn r/o The Russell Family

MONDAY, September 8, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

TUESDAY, September 9, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

WEDNESDAY, September 10, Weekday

THURSDAY, September 11, Weekday

FRIDAY, September 12, Weekday

7:00pm For the Victims of 9/11

Sharon Lawler r/o The Rosary Altar Society

Josephine Hoblock r/o Her niece

SATURDAY, September 13, Vigil: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, September 14, The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10:30am The Holy Name Society

Jack Condon r/o Fran Brzezinski

(*indicates Intention for the living)

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Aug 30/31 2025: \$2,649.00 (2024: \$2,199.00)

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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 FLOWERS

The Sanctuary Flowers placed before the Blessed Sacrament this week are in honor of Lewis Babbitt, Sr., as lovingly requested by Ida Babbitt and Family and Nicky LaRocca.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Let's help families in need in our community to give their children a strong start to the new school year! We are collecting the following items: binders, fill paper, spiral notebooks, writing utensils, calculators, tape, erasers, glue sticks, folders, etc. We would also love to get gift cards to Target, Walmart, Kohls and grocery stores for school clothes and lunch items. Items may be dropped off at any church entrance, through **September 7**. All help is appreciated. Any extra items will be shared with area food banks or other non-profits or agencies. Questions? Contact Lisa Hanlon through the Parish Office. Thank you to our always generous parishioners!



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

With the unofficial close of summer, I wanted to provide an update on a few recent developments...

Our new Parish Pastoral Council was inaugurated back in the spring, and after a brief summer break, will resume monthly meetings in September. The Pastoral Council is an advisory body that assists the Pastor to articulate a vision for the community and develop strategies for making that vision a reality. Each of our meetings begins with a substantial time of prayer drawn from our rich Catholic tradition (Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, etc.) and a time of formation. Together we are reading and discussing *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell. My hope is that in time, the Pastoral Council will become a nucleus for building a culture of intentional, evangelizing discipleship, with our church as a center of missionary outreach to the surrounding community.

This month, the Pastoral Council is coordinating our involvement in the Branchburg Country Fair on the 27th. If you attend the fair, make sure to stop by our table!

This past week, our Parish Finance Council and Trustees met to review and sign the annual financial report that we are required to submit to the Diocese. We are also preparing the annual report that we share with you, which I plan to present in late October as usual. As always, we are grateful for your ongoing financial support of your parish!

Our Senior Adult Ministry held a couple of successful events over the summer, a Strawberry Festival and a Retro Game Day. This growing ministry aims to help our senior parishioners stay connected to each other and to our church community. The next event will be a special Mass on October 8, followed by a presentation by Sr. Ella Mae MacDonald, MPF, Director of Religious Education at St. Ann's in Raritan.

This month includes two great opportunities for pilgrimage as we near the conclusion of the Holy Year 2025 the Jubilee of Hope. The first will be this coming Saturday the 13th at the Blue Army Shrine in our own Diocese, and the second is the following Saturday the 20th at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. I hope to see many of you there!

Next week, I will provide an update on the recent upgrades to our buildings and grounds.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

This reading acknowledges that people have had a difficult time attempting to know God's wishes. At times we have difficulty understanding the things that happen on earth. Therefore, learning of things in heaven would have been impossible, except that God sent us wisdom and the Holy Spirit to help us understand him.

Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon regarding Onesimus, a slave who ran away and encountered Paul. Although Paul wished Onesimus could remain with him, he did not want to violate Philemon's wishes. Paul asks that Philemon receives his friend Onesimus as a beloved brother, not as a slave. He closes by saying, "Welcome him as you would me."

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus warns people who wish to follow him that they must abandon everyone else first. A person calculates the amount of money needed to complete a project before they begin it. In the same way, Jesus warns these people to consider exactly what is involved before they make a commitment to follow him.

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	Dorothy Bennett
Bishop Bootkoski	Fran Brzezinski
Kevin Cain	Susan Catterson
Michael Fialkowski	Marjorie Fitzgerald
Dcn. Mike Forrestall	Paul Gsell
Donna Hall	Karen Healy
Lois Hoffman	Sophie Holewski
Anita Kavanaugh	Kathy Kowal
David Landis	Nicky LaRocca
Dolores Martinez	Kathy McGill
Harry McLellan	Judy Mead-Morgan
Frank Meier	Joan Mohan
Robert Morgan	Joey Ortiz
Sheila Parente	Arthur Piatkowski
Cindy Pieja	Lisa Pozarycki
Mary "Sue" Reh	Aurora Romero
Tom Russell	Ruth Stives
Christian Tozzi	Josephine Trentacoste
Jon Ulassin	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, September 12, 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 Sanctity of Human Life



"New Jersey Right to Life is the state's largest and most active pro-life, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting and fostering the most basic value of our society – human life. As the premier pro-life organization in NJ, our activities are always lawful and peaceful. We continue to lead the effort on all public policy matters concerning the sanctity of human life at the state and federal level. We promote, uphold, and support reverence and respect for all innocent human life from conception to natural death. We expect a number of pro-abortion bills which have been dubbed 'NJ Reproductive Equity Package' to be voted on in the lame duck session, which is the period after the November General Election and the second Tuesday in January. In order to keep informed on the latest legislative activity please sign up to receive Action Alerts at njrtl.org." (NJRTL)

Please also support NJ Right to Life by purchasing **NJ Right to Life Raffle** tickets next weekend after mass. 1st Prize 20225 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV, 2nd Prize Shoprite Gift Card \$1,000, 3rd Prize Shoprite GC \$750, 4th Prize Shoprite GC \$500. Please consider supporting this organization that works so hard to promote respect for human life in NJ.

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, October 6 from 6:30pm until 8pm. No fee, but registration is required. Contact Deacon John Phalen at bereavement@holyltrinitynj.org or (908) 526-2394.

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USED CLOTHING DRIVE

Time for Summer Cleaning!

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- clothes, hats, gloves, scarves, ties
- shoes, belts, etc.
- handbags, briefcases, backpacks
- linens, pillows, towels, drapery, small rugs
- stuffed animals

Alternative drop-off times?

Call the school or parish office to make arrangements: 908-725-7787.

Please put donated items in TALL KITCHEN GARBAGE BAGS.

Visit clothingdrive.net for more information and a complete list of donatable items.

Volunteers needed to help make this a success!

Questions? Contact us at hsa@stannparish.com



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.

Hispanic Heritage Festival at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Everyone is cordially invited, Sunday, **Sept 7!** The event starts with a Buffet Breakfast at 8:30-10:30am in the School Auditorium. The festival, from 1pm -7pm, at 16 East Somerset Street, begins with a Eucharistic Procession. This event features food from more than 10 different countries of Latin America! The festival will also have games for children, face paint, raffles and folkloric dance groups, D.J. Chazy, and live music. All proceeds go to benefit St. Joseph Church!

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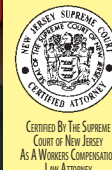
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