



*Lord my God,
I called to you
for help, and
you healed me.*

-Psalm 30:2



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- to form a welcoming community of believers
- 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

Faith
HEALS

September 28th 2025
The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass
Intentions

SATURDAY, September 27, Vigil: The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, September 28, The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am David C. Camara r/o The Camara Family
James Soriano r/o Diane Soriano
Karin Boller r/o Mary & Joe Raimondo

MONDAY, September 29, Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

TUESDAY, September 30, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

WEDNESDAY, October 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

FRIDAY, October 3, Weekday

7:00pm Sandra Le r/o The Camara Family
Christopher Woolis r/o Ida Babbitt & Family

SATURDAY, October 4, Vigil: The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, October 5, The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am The Rosary Altar Society
Russell Hann r/o Josephine & Family
Linda Lee Schmitt-Dembiec r/o Mother & Siblings
John Halligan r/o the Halligan Family
Karin Boller r/o Gina & Alex HooFatt

(*indicates Intention for the living)

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Sept 20/21 2025: \$3,362.00 (2024: \$2,753.00)

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The KoC 54th Annual Charity Ball

The Knights of Columbus Council #1432 cordially invites you, your family members and friends to attend their 54th Annual Charity Ball in support of the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP).

SHIP increases the area's capacity to respond to the needs of the poor and working poor in Somerset County and surrounding areas. Visit them at ship908.com. The event is on **Friday, October 10**, at the Somerville Elks Lodge #1068, 375 Union Ave., Bridgewater, from 6-10pm. The Council will be honoring Thomas Lippai, member of St. Bernard's Parish, as the "Knight of the Year"! Cost is \$70 per person and includes complementary drink. NOTE: cash bar will be available all evening. Enjoy a multi-course buffet dinner, DJ, entertainment and dancing as well as opportunities for door prizes and raffles. For additional information, contact the event coordinator Bill Marzzacco by calling 908-208-9698 or by email at bill51@oponline.net. Come on out to a fun night and honor Tom and the Knight's!



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

"Lay hold of eternal life," St. Paul writes to Timothy in this Sunday's second reading at Mass (1 Tim 6:12). His words imply action, they suggest a dynamism that should propel us forward towards our fulfillment.

Do we actively pursue eternal life? Do we even understand what eternal life means, and why we should desire it?

I remember that once, when I was a kid, I told my mom that I wasn't sure I wanted to go to heaven, because eventually I would run out of things to do and become bored. My understanding of eternity was that it's just a really, really, long time. If anything, that sounds even less appealing now than it did then. Fortunately, it's also incorrect!

Eternal life is not merely a very long time, an endless extension of the life we already have. Eternity is a state of being outside of time, where there is no change. Eternal life is being in total communion with God, who is eternal. It is the total fulfillment of our longing to love and to be loved unconditionally and permanently. It is good that in eternity there is no change, because it means that once attained, this perfect life can never be lost. While our understanding is limited, we can know that experiencing this all-consuming communion will never become boring!

While eternal life is fundamentally a gift from God, "who gives life to all things" (1 Tim 6:13), it is not automatic. Contrary to popular belief today, everyone does not automatically go to heaven. To "lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called" is to respond to God's initiative in order to receive this ultimate gift. St. Paul lists ways that we do so: "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" (1 Tim 6:11). The purpose of our faith, of our discipleship of Jesus, is so that we can lay hold of eternal life. This life is a gift that we cannot earn or deserve, but we can prepare ourselves to receive it by an active pursuit of virtue, aided by God's grace.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Amos denounces the selfish attitude of those who surround themselves with luxuries with no concern for others. He goes on to warn that because these people lacked interest in the state of their society, they would be the first to be exiled.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Paul tells Timothy to seek integrity, faith and love. Paul urges him to attain everlasting life by maintaining strong faith in Jesus and in God until Jesus returns.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Jesus tells of a rich man who feasted daily, while a beggar named Lazarus went hungry outside his gates. When both men died, Lazarus was taken to Abraham, but the rich man was in torment. When he begged for mercy, Abraham reminded him that Lazarus had lived in torment, while the rich man lived in selfish luxury. The man then asked if Lazarus could be sent to his brothers to warn them. But Abraham said if they had not heeded Moses or the prophets, they would ignore even the warning of one risen from the dead.

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
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 Wojek	



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, October 3, 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.



October: Respect Life Month

October is Respect Life Month. What ways can you outwardly promote respect for all human life in October? Possibly help a mom in need, provide clothing, diapers, bottles, etc. to the Pregnancy Aid Center in Raritan, offer your service as a volunteer at the center, pray for the protection of the unborn, educate yourself on what bills are being considered in Trenton and Washington DC that would either protect life or harm life, reach out to those who are lonely or homebound, pray the rosary, make a positive impact on the world around you, love as Jesus loves.

LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Please join fellow parishioners on Sunday, October 5, from 2 to 3:30pm, on Mountain Ave., Somerville, Rain or Shine, as we quietly pray for the protection of human life.

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@holytrinitynj.org or (908) 526-2394.

Senior Adult Ministry presents

Mass in Honor of Our Lady of the Rosary

Wednesday, Oct. 8th at 1:00 PM

Parish Center

Following mass: **Sr. Ella Mae, Speaker**

Coffee, tea and desserts afterwards

No RSVP

Please Come and Join Us!

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.

Healing Mass

Come celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary Feast Day with a Healing Mass with Father John Campoli, i.v.dei, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 1730 US Hwy 130 North, North Brunswick, on Tuesday, **October 7** at 7pm. All are welcome! A gifted homilist, Father's beloved Masses are always a grace-filled, peaceful celebration of God's Healing Love & Mercy. Sponsored by the Columbiettes. More info: <https://www.frjohncampoli.com/>

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Fall Vendor & Craft Fair

The Somerville Columbiettes are hosting over 25 vendors from 10am to 2pm on **November 8** at St. Ann Classical Academy Cafeteria, at 47 Anderson Street, Raritan. The Fair will feature a variety of local artisans, unique handmade goods, and seasonal treats. Feel free to bring friends and family to support small businesses and help the Columbiettes continue their charity work in your local communities.



Men's Rosary Rally: Saturday, **October 4** at 11am will be our next Men's Rosary Rally. This will be our 4-year anniversary, and we are hoping for a big turnout! Please make every effort to be there! The location will once again be on Division Street in downtown Somerville. Please feel free to join us at the Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament in Raritan for Latin Mass prior to the rally at 9am. The prayer program will be available on site. Consider bringing a mat or towel to kneel on. Contact us with any questions and please keep us in your prayers if you are unable to attend. Queen of the most holy Rosary, *pray for us.*



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