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YOU.

—John 20:21

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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@holyltrinitynj.org
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Mr. Michael Forrestall-----Deacon
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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@holyltrinitynj.org

October 19th 2025
The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass
Intentions

SATURDAY, October 18, Vigil: The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, October 19, The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am Edward Pozarycki r/o Stan & Marcia Pozarycki
Stella & Anthony Kuklo, Sr. r/o Tony & Sandy Kuklo
Ambrosio Punzalan r/o The Camara Family
H. George Schmitt r/o Wife and Children

MONDAY, October 20, Weekday; St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

TUESDAY, October 21, Weekday

WEDNESDAY, October 22, Weekday; St. John Paul II, Pope

THURSDAY, October 23, Weekday, St. John of Capistrano, Priest

**FRIDAY, October 24, Weekday; St. Anthony Mary
Claret, Bishop**

7:00pm Angel Figueroa r/o daughter, Del Schmidt, & Family

SATURDAY, October 25, Vigil: 30th Sun. in Ordinary Time

5:00pm People of Our Parish

SUNDAY, October 26, The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30am Michael Winchock r/o Hodorowski Family
Jim Hayden r/o Claire & Tom Russell
Margaret Shaughnessy r/o Sinead Norman & Family

(*indicates Intention for the living)

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament can be offered for a memorial or other worthy intention. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Oct 4/5 2025: \$2,573.00 (2024: \$2,509.00)

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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 holytrinitynj.org/donate and follow the easy registration instructions.



Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel focuses on another of my favorite themes in the spiritual life, something I think is nearly as important as the gratitude we reflected on last Sunday. We hear a humorous story that reminds us of the importance of perseverance, especially in prayer, as a key to spiritual "success."

How easily we give up when things become difficult! Living as we do in an age of modern conveniences and instant gratification, it is difficult for us to be patient and persistent in the face of challenges. When things come easily, we do not have to put much effort in or think very much about our choices. But when things are more challenging, we have a choice to make: is it worth spending the time and energy, putting in the extra effort? We must decide whether our goals are important enough to pursue with tenacity and determination.

In the spiritual life, we encounter many distractions and temptations to cut corners or to neglect prayer entirely. In the relentless press of daily concerns, which are right before us and often overwhelming – the car needs an oil change, the lawn is three feet high, the kids have soccer practice, the boss called me in on Saturday, etc. – time and space for prayer can end up last on the list, if it makes the list at all. When we do pray, it can be dry and distracted, and we can feel as though nothing is happening and it is a waste of time. We can easily become discouraged – this is the most effective tactic of Satan – and either resign ourselves to mediocrity or give up entirely.

The story Jesus tells in this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of the need for perseverance and of its effectiveness. The goal of our life of prayer is to allow ourselves to be transformed by grace, to let the power of God's love penetrate the depths of our being so that we can live up to the image of God in us. In short, it is to become saints by becoming the people we were created to be. Now this is a goal worth persevering for! When we commit ourselves to prayer, making it a daily priority regardless of how we feel or what is going on, we give God permission to do His work in us, often quietly and behind the scenes. We allow His mercy to heal us and His strength to build us up, not only to be able to flourish in this life, but to embrace and enjoy the next.

In Christ & St. Philip,
Fr. Jeff



The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of his people.



4th Annual Coats for Kids Drive
Raritan and Somerville Knights

No child should be cold this **Winter** please help share the warmth one coat at a time with our neighboring families.

We will be collecting **NEW** children's coats, Boys and Girls sizes 2 to young adult. Collections will be on Saturday 10-18-25 and Sunday 10-19-25.

Before each Mass at St Ann's Church, Holy Trinity Church, St Joseph's Church, Mary Mother of God, Immaculate Conception, St Bernards and The Shrine

(Containers Will be in the Lobby)

Both Councils will combine to match donations up to 50 coats / \$1000 in total!



The KiC is an international Catholic family fraternal service organization with over 2.1 million members in 25000 local councils

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
Anita Esler	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 Wojack

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 24, 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**



Pray the Respect Life Month Novena, October 22-30, 2025

Join thousands of Catholics across the country praying for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different prayer intention, a short reflection, ideas for building a culture of life, and more.

Sign up to receive the daily prayers via email or text message at <http://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena>

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth. Pope Leo XIV encourages us, 'How important it is that each and every baptized person feel himself or herself called by God to be a sign of hope in the world today.' We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened. For 'hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross.'" (USCCB)

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 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.

SAVE THE DATE

The Knights of Columbus Council #1432 is teaming up with the Church of the Holy Trinity to host a **"Breakfast with Santa"** Date: **Saturday, December 13** Location: The Reverend John Pringle Parish Center.

Team members are needed for various positions such as: Managing the entrance, setting up of tables, placing tablecloths and arranging place settings, decorating the venue, cooking, serving food, and cleanup.

If you want to get in the game and be a team player, contact Bill Flynn - call or text 908-267-5033 or email willfly@optonline.net Specific details will be forthcoming.

Men's Conference - Renewal in Hope!

The Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi will be hosting a Men's Conference this **November 15**, from 9:15am to 3pm. This year's conference, which is open to all men, will feature several speakers, including Dr. Ray Guarendi, Kevin Wells, and Fr. Kevin Kelly. Register early (through October 15) for an early-bird discount. If you want to strengthen your life, your family, and your community, please join us at the Cathedral this fall. Questions? Please call 732-548-0100.



23rd Annual Blue Mass

At 10:30am on Wednesday, **October 29**, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the 23rd Annual Blue Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. Gathered together with local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, we will honor and pray for those law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the Diocese of Metuchen. In gratitude for their service to our diocesan family, the Diocese of Metuchen's Blue Mass Committee has selected South Brunswick Police Department to be the host agency for the 23rd Annual Blue Mass. For more information and to RSVP if you are Law Enforcement: <https://diometuchen.org/bluemass>.



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RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with four follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **January 30 - February 1**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please email 3024@helpourmarriage.org or call Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748.



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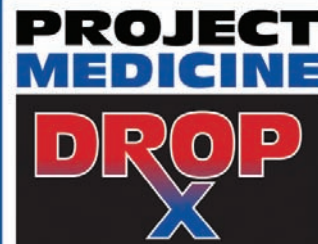
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