

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH

Then Jesus
straightened up
and said to her,
“Woman, where
are they? Has no
one condemned
you?”

She replied,
“No one sir.”
Then Jesus said,
“Neither do I
condemn you.
Go, and from
now on do not
sin any more.”

John 8:10, 11

Christ and the Woman Taken
In Adultery by Emile Signol
Circa 1842



5TH SUNDAY OF
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St. Sylvester
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Sacraments

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm..... St. Albert
4:00 pm..... St. Basil
4:00 pm..... St. Sylvester
6:00 pm..... Holy Angels

Sunday Mass

8:00 am..... St. Albert
9:00 am..... St. Basil
9:30 am..... Holy Angels
10:00 am..... St. Sylvester
11:00 am..... St. Albert

Confessions

Saturday
8:30 am Holy Angels
(After Mass • Until 9:30 am)
9:00 am St. Sylvester
(Until 10:00 am)
11:00 am St. Basil
(Until 12:00 pm)

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Welcome

Blessed Trinity Parish is a welcoming & all-inclusive family. Everyone is welcomed in our parish and to our celebrations.

Expect warm welcomes, regardless of who you are, where you are from, or where you are following the Lord in life.

We have multiple celebrations of Mass in multiple locations on both Saturday and Sunday. Please see the schedule of masses on the front of this bulletin, and come join us and bring a family member or friend as well!

If you would like to join us for Mass, but can only arrive in the middle of our celebration, please do not feel embarrassed. We are happy to have others join us for Mass even if and when they enter in the middle of our celebration. Everyone is welcome at every and any moment! You are never a bother to us and we understand that life happens!

Cleanliness and Modesty are appreciated and respected, know that we thank you in advance for trying not to dress in ways that could distract others from our praise of the Lord and our celebration of the Church's sacraments. Please know, however, that having you join us as you are, is more important to us.

Remember! God loves you for who you are, as you are, and so do we!



"That was then. This is now!"

"Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."

Do you know anyone who loves to dwell in the past thinking things will be like they used to be in "the good old days." It's nice to reminisce and share how those memories made us feel but those memories prevent us from living in the "here-and-now" and trying to grow with God now. I know people who love to dig up the past, especially when they can remind me of my mistakes and failures. Sometimes I feel as though they hope to prevent me from moving forward so they are not left in the past alone. When we allow ourselves to get caught up in this kind of behavior, it can become very easy to lose sight of what God has planned for our future. When God is working in our lives, things change. Some things die and other things come to life or begin to grow. The readings today speak as a reminder that Jesus came to free us from our past mistakes and lead us to a future with him. Jesus was an encourager and he teaches us to be the same in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. True encouragers help us to forgive others and ourselves, appreciate the blessings in our lives, and motivate us to move forward beyond the past and live in the here-and-now with hope for the future. A true encourager will inspire us to make changes in our lives, our families, our places of work and our parish so that we can unleash the hidden potential God has planned for us. Jesus was very present to the sinful woman in the gospel today. He did not focus on her past as the Pharisees did. He forgave her where she presently was and encouraged her not to sin again. His actions gave her hope for the future. Together we can come to know God's love and mercy where we are now and his plans for us, but only if we are willing to "Let Go and Let God" and we encourage others to do the same.

This past Tuesday I met with the Pastoral and Finance Councils to discuss the parish raffle and the proceeds when it is completed. After an informative discussion about the parish finances and the current state of the parish resulting from the love and generosity of our parishioners, it was decided and a consensus reached, that giving 100% of the raffle profits to the relief efforts in Ukraine was a wonderful opportunity for our parish to live the Lenten Gospel message by continuing to pray for the victims of the war in Ukraine as we do at Mass, fast from spending money on unnecessary parish expenses this Lent and give alms in the form of donating our raffle proceeds to help ease some of the suffering for the victims of the war. All of this is made possible because of your continued love and generosity to the parish and to those in need. Our parish is centered on the Gospel pointing us to *what* God has done through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for us, what we are preparing to celebrate this Lent and Easter. His Love and mercy changes our lives causing us to want to love and serve him by loving and serving others. Being gospel-centered means recognizing that everything flows out from and points back to what God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. I am blessed to be part of a parish family that recognizes His Love and mercy and responds to It by extending It to others. Together, we can do great things by "Letting Go and Letting God!"

—Fr. Steve

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 4

- 8:30 am Rev. Robert Connolly:
Betty BelanSt. Sylvester
 9:00 am Ray Stewart Jr:
Stewart & Eisel Family.....St. Albert

Tuesday, April 5

- 8:30 am Albert Gurcak:
Mary L. Gurcak.....Holy Angels
 8:30 am Angelo & Roseann DiRenna:
Radcliffe Family.....St. Sylvester
 9:00 am Andrew, Mary & Sister Marie Petruska:
Bill & Terri Ortman.....St. Basil

Wednesday, April 6

- 8:30 am Rene Graziano
Burdelsky Family.....St. Sylvester
 9:00 am Hank Stevens:
John & Helen Beres.....St. Albert
 9:00 am Elvira Dieterle:
Louise & George NixonSt. Basil

Thursday, April 7

- 8:30 am Fr. Albert Koser:
FamilyHoly Angels
 9:00 am Marie Talamo:
Gloria McPhillipsSt. Basil

Friday, April 8

- 8:30 am Donald Jordan:
Nancy, Linda, Debbie & Sylvia....Holy Angels
 8:30 am Annela Vaccaro:
Fran & Chiara Griffin & Maria Vaccaro.....
St. Sylvester
 9:00 am Judy Joseph:
Kathy OlackSt. Albert

Saturday, April 9

- 8:30 am Jack Walters:
Andrea & John Paul Spina.....Holy Angels
 8:30 am Rene Graziano:
Marlene & Tony Denk & Family..St. Sylvester
 9:00 am Elvira Dieterle:
Nancy J Bondi.....St. Basil

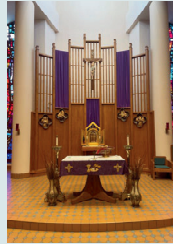
Saturday, April 9 • Vigil

- 4:00 pm Joseph Drapp:
Wife, Marlene.....St. Albert ▪ SK
 4:00 pm Jacob Hankovich:
Debbie & JudySt. Basil ▪ KS
 4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Parish:
St. Sylvester ▪ LH
 6:00 pm Deceased Members of the Rigot, Johnson &
 Plinta Families:
Family.....Holy Angels ▪ BA

Sunday, April 10

- 8:00 am Harry Kozlowski:
Claire.....St. Albert ▪ LH
 9:00 am Augustin & Bondi Families:
Nancy Bondi & Family.....St. Basil ▪ KS
 9:30 am Pete Pribila:
Jackie.....Holy Angels ▪ BA
 10:00 am Graziano & Cappetta Families:
Kowalski Family.....St. Sylvester ▪ LH
 11:00 am John Macey:
FamilySt. Albert ▪ KS

Sanctuary Candles



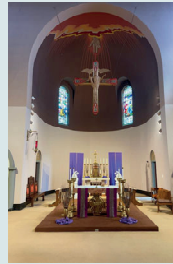
St. Albert

John Barry

From: Kastrol Family

Dolores Thorns - Mom "Nana"

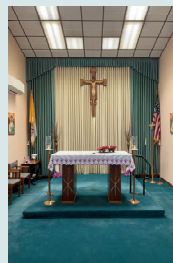
From: Daughter & Grand Children



St. Basil

Peter Forrisi, Sr

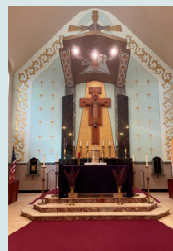
From: Family



Holy Angels

Ernst Family

From: Family



St. Sylvester

Ed Skirtich

From: Andrea Shawley



Blessed Lord, accept this burning candle as a sign of my faith and love for You.

Like this candle, I am ready to be used in your service without asking why and to what purpose.

Even as this candle, I wish to stand in Your presence and to be consumed in the light and warmth of our Love.

Please hear my prayer and, if it is Your will, grant my petition.

But above all, make me loyal and faithful to You in all circumstances of my life.

Amen.



Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 3, 2022

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11

Monday

Memorial Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

Memorial of Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23: 1-49

Please pray for Bella

We ask for strength, Father, and comfort in this difficult time. Be with Bella and guard her with Your angels. We pray that she regains her health and recovers fast. May she grow to become an instrument of Your love and hope. Guard her future, Lord, let all that she is going through remain temporary. Be at her side. Amen.

Please Pray...

For Those Who Have Passed

Our sympathy is extended to the families of:

Margaret DeMartino
Dorothy Hartman
Regina Recker

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.*

For the Sick

*Please remember members of
our parish who are in nursing
homes, the homebound, the
sick and their caregivers in
your prayers. May God's mer-
cy shine on them.*

For Those who were Baptized

Catherine Rose Walker

*Who was Baptized into our
Faith & Family.*

*Congratulations to the Parents
and Godparents!*

For Those in the Military

*Protect them as they protect
us. Bless them and their fami-
lies for the selfless acts they
perform for us in our time of
need. I ask this in the name of
Jesus, our Lord and Savior.
Amen.*

LCDR Barry Budd, USN
SGT Justin Budd, USA
MSgt Kevin Clancy, PANG
PO1 Leigh Dicks, USCG
CPT Anthony Grolemond, ANG
2dLt Megan Hirlehey, USAF
HM2 Jared Kercell, USN
LCpl Zachery O'Halloran, USMC
LCDR Jonathan Mocker, USN
E4 Chase Murray, USN
E3 Lucas Nizankiewicz, USN
LCpl Thomas Rehtorik, USMC
GySgt John Rethage, USMC
MSgt Joshua Rush, USAF
NFOLT Mikaela Sakach, USN
MAJ Drew Schaub, USA
SSGT Wyatt Burke Schueler, USAF
LT Michael Sokol, USN
CSSA Elliot Stypula, USN
CAPT Tyler Troesch, USAF
CAPT Alex Teeney, USAF

*To add your family member to
our prayer list, please
contact the office. Please let
us know when they are no
longer in active duty.*

Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.



Parish Events

Sunday, April 3

1:00 PM **RCIA**
Parish Office Building

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 pm **Bible Study**
St. Albert Chapel

Wednesday, April 6

6:00 pm **Christian Mothers Board Meeting**
St. Basil Hall
7:30 pm **Men's Fellowship**
St. Albert Chapel

Friday, April 8

9:00 am **Stations of the Cross**
Holy Angels
11 am - 2 pm and 3 pm - 7 pm
Fish Fry
Parish Office Building
12:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
St. Albert
12:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
St. Basil
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**
St. Sylvester

Saturday & Sunday, April 9 & 10

Food Bank Collection
All churches

Sunday, April 10

1:00 pm **RCIA Easter Prep**
Parish Office Building

Monday, April 11

9:45 am **St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

Tuesday, April 12

6:30 pm **Bible Study**
St. Albert Chapel
6:30 pm **Pastoral Council Meeting**
Parish Office Building
6:30 pm **Pre Baptism Class**
Parish Office Building

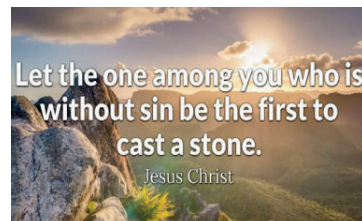
Jesus teaches us through dilemmas. The Scribes and Pharisees frequently tried to trap Jesus by presenting Him with impossible problems.

In the story of the woman captured after committing adultery they try to put Him in an impossible situation. Should He uphold the traditional demand of the Mosaic law He would condemn her to death by stoning. This practice was forbidden by the Romans who claimed the sole right to impose capital punishment. If Jesus simply forgave her sin He would violate the Mosaic law. The Scribes and Pharisees thought they had Jesus trapped until Jesus turned the tables and said, "let the one among you without sin be the first to cast a stone at her." The trappers were trapped since, as Jesus reminded them, no one is without sin.

Jesus warns us of judging others and teaches us to forgive as we want and need to be forgiven. When confronted with their own sins and weaknesses the crowd leaves one by one beginning with the eldest. When no one is left except Jesus and the Woman He asks, "has no one condemned you" and then tells her "I do not condemn you, go and avoid this sin in the future."

What began as a trap for Jesus can be a trap for all of us who, when we learn of some one's weakness or sin, leads us to sit in judgement or condemnation and forget to escape the dilemma by imitating Jesus. When we are presented with an impossible choice what are we to do? Only God knows all the circumstances and can justly judge. The crowd gave no thought about bringing shame or even death on the woman but soon discover their own weaknesses and sin. Jesus gift of forgiveness means all things are made new.

—Fr. Bob





One afternoon the priest was getting ready to hear confessions. As he was entering the confessional room, which had a divider in it, he found a man already sitting in the room waiting for him. The man told the parish priest, "It's been 45 years since I've been to confession. I am impressed how things have changed. The room is well lit, it has a nice easy chair to sit in, a bottle of scotch, and some nice cigars. It wasn't that way the last time I went." The parish priest said, "yes, it is rather comfortable, but where you are sitting is my side of the confessional room."

Now I mention the confessional because today's reading reflects on the woman caught in adultery and about to be stoned. As you know Jesus knelt and wrote in the sand on the floor. What he wrote is a mystery. Many have tried to figure it out. Was it the sins of her accusers? Was it a scripture? We will never know, I'm sure, until we are able to ask Jesus when we get to heaven.

For me this is an example of the confessional. Jesus knew the sin. He was able to achieve forgiveness from all her accusers by what ever was written in the dust of the floor. He was able to offer His forgiveness for the hurt of the world for her sin.

If Jesus ever said to us, "let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone," we would all have to walk away. We are all sinners. We are all in need of God's mercy and love. That is why Christ came to us, as he came to the woman in the Gospel. So next Sunday, as we begin to recall Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his Passion, give him all praise and thanksgiving for all he has done to reclaim our redemption, our salvation.

Deacon Mike

In Christ: We Are One, We Are Sent"

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday — April 8

9:00 am Holy Angels
12:00 pm St. Albert
12:00 pm St. Basil
7:00 pm St. Sylvester



HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:00 pm Holy Angels

7:00 pm St. Sylvester

GOOD FRIDAY

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

12:00 Noon St. Basil

2:00 pm St. Sylvester

3:00 pm St. Albert

HOLY SATURDAY

THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER BASKETS

11:00 am St. Basil

11:00 am St. Sylvester

12:00 Noon Holy Angels

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL MASS

8:00 pm St. Basil

There will be only one Easter Vigil Mass per Diocesan guidelines.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 am Holy Angels

8:00 am St. Albert

8:00 am St. Sylvester

9:00 am St. Basil

9:30 am Holy Angels

10:00 am St. Sylvester

11:00 am St. Albert



From the Music and Worship Department...

Ask the Liturgist



Question: Why is it that the date for Christmas never changes and yet the date for Easter always does?

We have to go back to the reign of Constantine, who was the first emperor of Rome to convert to Christianity. The Church in Rome began formally celebrating Christmas on December 25 in 336 AD, during the reign of Constantine. Constantine made Christianity the effective religion of the empire. Some historians speculate that by choosing this date Constantine wanted to offset or weaken established pagan celebrations held around the same time.

Now to the subject of Easter, which is a movable date.

Constantine also convened the First Council of Nicaea. It was a council of Christian bishops who met in the Bithynian city of Nicaea (in Turkey) in 325 AD. This ecumenical council was the first effort to attain consensus in the Church through an assembly representing all Christendom. The decision by the council was that Easter be

observed on the Sunday following the **first full moon after the spring equinox**.

The spring equinox marks the start of the spring season in the northern half of the globe. In modern terms, after this date, the Northern Hemisphere begins to be tilted more toward the Sun, resulting in increasing daylight hours and warming temperatures.

Easter this year happens just one day after **April's full Moon** (Saturday, April 16), which is the first full Moon to occur after the **spring equinox** (March 20, 2022). This is known in the Christian calendar as the "**Paschal Full Moon**." To make a long story short, Easter always occurs on the first **Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon**, and that date changes every year. Easter Sunday this year falls on April 17, in 2023 on April 9, in 2024 on March 31, and in 2025 on April 20.

A little Easter trivia: The earliest Easter date in the 21st century came in the year 2008 (March 23, 2008). Another March 23 Easter won't come again until the year 2160!

YOUTH MINISTER



That's the Power

by Hillsong Worship and Benjamin Hastings

"Giants fall and strongholds break and there is healing"

God is so good! It's such a cool thing to know that God is good and He loves you. In this song, That's the Power by Hillsong Worship and Benjamin Hastings, it says the quote written above. Knowing God is powerful is awesome, knowing He is Almighty is amazing! When you have hardships in your life, God is greater. When there are things that don't go your way, God is greater. When life is chaotic, God is greater! Always and all the time God is more powerful and He is for you! What a great joy to know! I recommend to give this song a listen. It's given me a renewed outlook, and a chance to rest in the hands of our all-powerful God!

-Nicholas Wolf, Youth Minister



HOAGIE SALE TODAY AFTER MASS

Turkey, Roast Beef and Italian hoagies are being sold today at a cost of \$8.00 each to help support the teens mission trip.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST CELEBRATION

Please join The Knights of Columbus, Gilmary Council #3868 as we return to hosting...



The Annual Mother's Day Breakfast Celebration!

It will take place on **Sunday, May 8, 2022** from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Hall at the Parish Office Building of Blessed Trinity Parish.

The breakfast buffet will be catered by Signature Servings by Chef Steve.

Menu and ticket information to follow. Watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

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BAKED GOODS NEEDED!

We are in need of baked goods for our fish fry. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office Building on Fish Fry Fridays.



Blessed Trinity Parish Spring Cash Raffle The week of April 18th, 2022

The total proceeds of the raffle will now go to help the relief efforts for the Ukrainians suffering because of the current war in their homeland.

Additional books of Raffle tickets can be picked up at the Parish Office or mailed to you.



Our Stewardship

For the Weekend of March 26 & 27

Saturday Vigil • 4:00 PM

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$4,998.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$1,083.00
Loose Money	\$622.75
Parish Share	\$584.00

Saturday Vigil • 6:00 PM

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$943.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$108.00
Loose Money	\$47.00
Parish Share	\$90.00

Sunday • 8:00 AM

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$1,093.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$316.00
Loose Money	\$75.34
Parish Share	\$00.00

Sunday • 9:00 AM

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$789.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$168.00
Loose Money	\$185.50
Parish Share	\$550.00

Sunday • 9:30 AM

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$931.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$204.00
Loose Money	\$191.00
Parish Share	\$10.00

Sunday • 10:00 AM

Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$1,939.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$417.00
Loose Money	\$169.00
Parish Share	\$110.00

Sunday • 11:00 AM

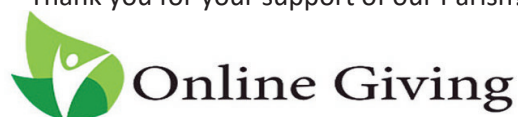
Regular (Weekly/Monthly)	\$1,679.00
Misc. Envelopes	\$343.00
Loose Money	\$132.50
Parish Share	\$153.00

Mail In Reg/Misc.	\$8,827.00
MAIL In Parish Share	\$3,980.00

Total Offering\$30,738.09

2022 PARISH SHARE DUE: \$ 154,721.00

Details about specific collections or questions regarding the collections can be obtained by contacting the Parish office.



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Gilmary Council #3868

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Andrew Warble 412-417-8419

BLESSED TRINITY PARISH WANTS YOUR HELP!

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