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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & Noon Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:45 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mondays: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thursdays: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Morning Prayer: Thursday at 7:45 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Confessions

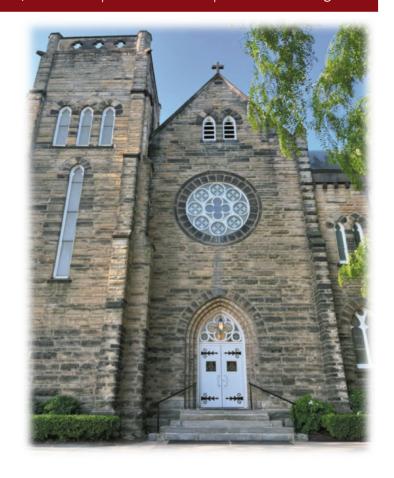
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Anointing

Please call the pastor

Marriage

Couples who are registered members of the parish should contact the pastor 6 months in advance of the intended date.



HOW TO REACH US

Phone: 440-937-5363 Website: htavon.org

Email: office@holytrinityavon.com

School Phone: 440-937-6420

School Website: holytrinityavon.org School Email: holytrinity@htsavon.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday......8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. The Parish Office is located near the school's Main Entrance

HOLY TRINITY STAFF

Parish Staff and Phone Extensions

Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Deogratias Ruwaainenyi (ext. 250)

Seminary Intern...... Sean Neville (ext. 251) Executive Assistant......Karen Boehm (ext. 239) Director of Religious Education......Kevin Kaufhold (ext.241) Music Minister......Helen Herbst (ext. 238) Care & Consolation Minister......Tammie Frank (ext. 223) Youth Minister.....John Nunney (ext. 244) Communications.....Brooke Uehlein (ext. 243) Accountant......Colleen Stalla (ext. 245) Receptionist......Kathleen Ulintz (ext. 240) Maintenance.....Stan Vitovich and Steve Uhas (ext. 235)

Pastor......Rev. Vincent Hawk (ext. 237)

Holy Trinity School & Preschool Staff

Principals......Kim Kuchta (ext. 227) and Mike Modzeleski (ext. 236) Director of Marketing & Admissions......Cheryl Roche (ext. 234) Secretary......Mary Kay Kotsybar (ext. 221) Office Assistant.....Laura Menser(ext.229)

| | MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| | HOLY TRINITY | St. Mary |
| Mon. Jan. 1 | There will be no Mass at HT TODAY | |
| 9:00 A.M. | | Teresa Zientarski |
| Tues. Jan. 2 | | |
| 7:45 A.M. | Marcia Pellegrene | |
| Wed. Jan. 3 | | |
| 7:45 A.M. | Larry & Kevin Hanzie | |
| 8:30 A.M. | | |
| Thurs. Jan. 4 | | |
| 7:30 P.M. | | |
| Fri. Jan. 5 | | |
| 7:45 A.M. | Steve Uhas Retirement | |
| 8:30 A.M | | |
| Sat. Jan. 6 | | |
| 8:30 AM | | |
| 4:00 P.M. | | Doris Linden |
| 5:00 P.M. | Parishioners | |
| Sun. Jan. 7 | | |
| 7:30 A.M. | Kathy Herda | |
| 8:00 A.M. | | Nancy Cad |
| 9:00 A.M. | Living/Deceased members | |
| 10:00 A.M. | | Nancy Mohr |
| 10:30 A.M. | Greg Shmelter | |
| Noon | Richard Martin | Parishioners |

OPENINGS IN 2024 FOR MASS INTENTIONS REMAIN. Please call the parish office (440) 934-4212 if you would like to schedule a Mass intention.

Pray for the Sick at Holy Trinity:

Tina Doss Abshire | Joe Buettner | Kelly Callahan | David Carroll | Mark Fox | Matt Gould | Kelly Konya | Theresa Lattimore | Christy Lauer Janice Leemans | Patrick O'Toole | Paula Parker | Chad Rawlings | Regis Saltis | Tom Shaughnessy | Robert Shinko | Amanda Shultzberger | Brittany Snahnican | Jim Somers | Cyde Thom | Mary Travagliante-Bloss | Jennifer Varga | Marc Williams | and for all of our homebound parishioners.

Pray for our Troops:

Patrick Bergen | Paul Bohnert | John Camp |Ethan Cutright | Cayden Fischbach | Dillon Franciscus | Grace Fryer | Emma Kennelly | Ryan Kennelly | Alex Leigh | Jacob McCann | Dominic Opron | Katie Schlather | Michelle Kennelly Sweeney | Daniel Vrabic | David Vrabic | Ethan Williams

Please Pray for the Sick at SMIC: Allen Arendt | Fr. Lawrence Bayer | Pat Beckman | Anne Benisek | Arlene Bores | Natalie Butchko | Ryan Case | Patricia Cernac | Irene Chrulski Elaine Citro | Kerry Coleman | Elizabeth Conners | Kurt Cummings | Patrick Fahey John Matthew Gibson | Ann Gomos | Bill Grabert | Anita Grant | Gwendolyn Gurney Wendy Hallier | Brenda Hazelwood | Louis Holley | Jeffrey Hostottle, Norma James Alexa Jennings | Gerald Laco | Lamb family Kate Liauw | Brian Madia | Kathleen Mahoney | Bob Mayton | Timothy McCarthey Betty McGreal | Barbara Milota | Vicky Motes | Jessica Mueller | Carey Neal | Marcia Notarberardino | Mildred Ondrus | Sandra Pitts | Thomas Richards | Judy Richardson | Joel Rivera | Tina Roach | Joan Rodger | Arthur Rossi | Diane Urig | Gerda Vanthoor | Dylan Vega | Joan Votes | Owen Winters | Joe Zvosecz | Ann Lopez | Edward Bahr | George Szocs | Celia Zegarec.



As we start 2024, what is "your word," for the New Year?

Father Hawk: Community.

"Our God is a community. Avon is a community. Our parish is a community."

Seminarian Sean: Patience.

"When I try to do things on my timeline instead of God's timeline, it does not end well. I want to be more patient with others and myself this year."

Karen Boehm, Operations/Executive Assistant: Hope.

"I eagerly anticipate 2024 and all of the exciting opportunities for our parish communities to grow together spiritually, prayerfully and socially. My hope is that each receives the good fortune to make lasting memories with family and friends."

Michael Modzeleski, Co-Principal Holy Trinity: Joy.

"This coming year I hope to spread joy as Jesus did to all those he encountered. I also am going to challenge myself to find the joy in those moments that it might not be as clear. Any situation is what we make of it and that is my outlook in 2024."

Helen Herbst, Music Minister: Moment.

"Live in the moment. God is not in the past with its regrets. God is not in the future of doubts and fears and plans we cannot see. God is in the timeless now, in this moment. This is where He waits for us to find Him."



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

- Father John Muir

TIME-TALENT-TREASURE

THE REMAINING COLLECTIONS FOR DE-CEMBER WILL BE REPORTED AFTER 12/31 DUE TO HOLIDAY PRINTING

CATHOLIC

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..." — Colossians 3:12

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten Open House in January

If you know of anyone looking for preschool, pre-K or Kindergarten programs for their children for Fall 2024, Holy Trinity School will hold Open Houses on Tuesday, January 17 from 6 - 7 p.m. & Sunday, January 28 from 10 a.m. - Noon. Additionally, Eagle Tots "Mommy and Me" class for children 18 months to 2 years of age with a parent or caregiver is open for enrollment. For more information, please contact Cheryl Roche at 440-937-6420 or scan the QR code.





The 8-Week Grief Recovery Program will begin:

January 10 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Office at Holy Trinity.

Whether your loss is from: Death - Divorce or end of a relationship -Loss of a career -Loss of trust - Loss of faith

People say you have to let go and move on in your life, but they don't tell you what you need to do to accomplish that. The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program not only makes that possible, but provides partnerships and guidance to ensure that it happens.

For further information call: 440-937-5363 X223 Tammiemarie Frank, Certified Grief Recovery Specialist. RSVP Space is limited.

PSR NEWS

January 2024



FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Meeting: Sun., Jan. 21 Parent & Child Holy Trinity Gym 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



HOLY TRINITY

In Person PSR Mon., Jan. 8: Classes Resume

Mon., Jan. 15: No Classes (MLK Day)

HT Family Based Catechesis
Unit 2 Due
January 8, 2024
Visit the portal at htavon.org/psr

FBC Next Meeting: Wed., Jan. 10 Holy Trinity Gym 7:00 pm

CONFIRMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Workbook Due: Tues., Jan. 16

Next Meeting: Tues., Jan. I6 Confirmation Candidate Only St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Gym 6:30 pm-7:30 pm



Dear Holy Trinity Parish Families,

Last year, Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF) donations amounted to \$130,000 which was used to help reduce the tuition for 92 students at Holy Trinity School (HTS). The ASF allows you to direct a portion of your Ohio state income taxes towards supporting HTS.

It's crucial to highlight that this isn't just a deduction – it's a tax credit. When you donate to this fund, every dollar you give serves as a credit on your taxes up to \$750 per single filer or \$1,500 per married couple filing jointly.

Timing is of the essence with respect to this initiative. While contributions made by April 15, 2024 will apply to the 2023 tax year, only donations made by January 31, 2024 can be used for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. Donations after January 31, 2024 will apply to the 2025/2026 school year.

It is essential to recognize the significance of the ASF even in light of the existence of Ed Choice funding. While Ed Choice provides substantial assistance, certain families may not qualify for significant support. The ASF serves as a crucial supplemental resource, particularly for those families facing financial constraints in the context of escalating educational costs.

In the past year, we proudly ranked among the top five parishes with the highest amount of donations. With your continued support this will lighten the parish subsidy toward the school and grow the offerings for our parish community. In essence it is a win-win-win. We thank you for your continued support toward Catholic education.

To donate to the ASF visit www.catholiccommunity.org/angel and select Holy Trinity - Avon - #54. Thank you in advance for your consideration to support this important initiative!

For more information about ASF, please consult with your tax advisor, contact Colleen Stalla, CPA for Holy Trinity Parish at 440-937-6420 or <u>finance@htsavon.org</u>. You can also visit<u>www.catholiccommunity.org/angel</u> or call 216-902-1312.

Be an angel today,

Pastor Vince Hawk



Your Taxes. Their Tuition. OUR FUTURE

The Angel Scholarship Program allows you to keep Ohio State Income Taxes at Holy Trinity.

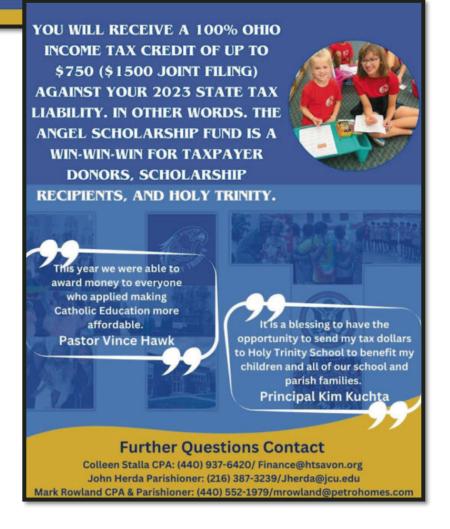
Last year we raised over \$100,000 to provide tuition assistance for our community.







Turning taxes into tuition



Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Your own issue shall be your heir."
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."
(Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm:

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading:

By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age —and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel:

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God,

New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the

Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Jn 1:29-34

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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