

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

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FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCILS

Pastoral:

- Alexander McMahon (Young Adults)
- Don and Maureen Drew (Marrieds)
- Odelia Ramirez (Spanish speakers)
- William Quinn (Seniors)
- Rosario Campos (Teenagers)

Financial:

- Michael Donofrio, Vincent Pascal
- Carol Joyce, Emily Cho Roache (Trustees)

WORSHIP

Acolytes, Msgr. Sandi

Devotions, Private,

Adoration/ Daily Evening Rosary, Ellen Valko
Hijas de Sagrado Corazon, Yolanda Pardo

Lectors, *Colleen Glazer

Floral Decorations, Maryann Finegan

Sacred Music, *Andrew Yeargin, Director

Cantors, *Andrew Yeargin

Contemporary Choir, Janet Chung

Misa in Espanol, *José (Cheito) Guevara

Schola Cantorum, *Andrew Yeargin

Sunday Sacristans, * James Hulak, Patrick Machado

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Bulletin, Parish Weekly, *Catherine Jestice

Calendar, Master Parish, *Catherine Jestice

Concert Series

GUEST, *Andrew Yeargin

PARISH, *Andrew Yeargin

Trinity Counters, JoAnne Pollio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith Formation, *Colleen Glazer

RCIA (Christian Initiation), *Msgr. Sandi

Religious Education, *Colleen Glazer

OUTREACH

Breakfast Line, *Colleen Glazer

Food Pantry, *Colleen Glazer

Guest Clergy Hospitality, *Msgr. Sandi

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Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Kate Concannon, Anne Lia, Devinee Worrell, Gloria Frucht, Gloria Harris, Michael Waters, Robert Donofrio, Kenneth Larson, Amy Fisher, Tony Hartner, Josephine Zingone, Dennis Joseph, Maria Lameda, Edna Harris Lilienthal, Cindy Hunt, Bishop Timothy McDonnell, Nancy Towbin, Tony Cooper, Linda Cooper, Alfie Regan, Camilia Avila, John Phillips, Kathia Almeida, Jennifer Daly, Margarita Perla, Jane Brown, Mary Jarvis, James Moore, Elizabeth Nichols, Mary Keaveny, Jacqueline Reilly, John Pierce, Virginia Funa, Zopra Koshak, Jenna Lasel, Gary Nichols, Dontay L. Colvin, Marko E. Santos, Joan Kennedy, Rebecca Annette Forbes, Alicia Tarasiewicz
Names will remain on our prayer list for one month. If you would like us to carry a name longer, please contact the Rectory.



“If you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

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YOUR DONATIONS
(collected in church)

February 5th collection: \$4,987.00

THANK YOU!

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❖ The New York Encounter ❖

Participants include Arch. Pierre, Heather King, John Cavadini, Chris Beha, Diane Foley, John Hinselrath.

This year’s New York Encounter – “Who am I that you care for me?” – will take place February 17-19, in person and live streamed, at the Manhattan Pavilion, 125 W. 18th Street. The Encounter is a three-day cultural event organized by members of **Communion and Liberation**, featuring panel discussions, artistic performances and unique exhibits.

Some highlights: a presentation of the Religious Sense, the seminal book by the Servant of God Fr. Giussani, founder of C & L, with theologian John Cavadini; a conversation among experts on the good and bad of the metaverse and cryptocurrencies; a discussion on inflation with the Wall Street Journal senior writer John Hinselrath; the Catholic teaching on peace and the situation in Ukraine with Arch. Gabriele Caccia, papal nuncio to the UN, and Arch. Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Catholic Church; witnesses on forgiveness with Arch. Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, and Diane Foley, mother of journalist Jim Foley, publicly beheaded by ISIS.

These events and many others can be found at <http://www.newyorkencounter.org>. All events are FREE and no registration is required. All are invited!

MASS INTENSIONS FOR THE WEEK / 2/11

SATURDAY 2/11 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

5:30 **RENARTE BARTONCINI**

SUNDAY 2/12

7:30 Parishioners of Holy Trinity

9:30 **BRANDON MICHAEL RUSSO**-2nd Anniversary

11:15 **FLORENTINO ESPINO**

12:30 **REBECCA ANNETTE FORBES** (living)

5:30 **BROOKE McROBERTS**

MONDAY 2/13

9:00 **THE TORELLI FAMILY**

5:30 **CECILIO & REBECCA RODRIGUEZ** (living)

TUESDAY 2/14 *Cyril and Methodius*

9:00 **THE PETER KRAMER FAMILY**

5:30 **NOEL JANG** (living)

WEDNESDAY 2/15

9:00 **JAMES BRYAN PIRSCH**

5:30 **WILLIAM FRANCIS GORDON**

THURSDAY 2/16

9:00 Families of our parish

5:30 **RAFAEL JANG** (living)

FRIDAY 2/17 *Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

9:00 **MARY HELEN PIRSCH**

5:30 **ELEANOR JAWERS**

SATURDAY 2/18 *Our Lady of Lourdes*

9:00 **HERMAN BAECHLE**

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Second Collection TODAY

Today, along with Catholics throughout the world, we will take up the *annual Second Collection* for **PETER'S PENCE**, which provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering because of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease around the world. Please consider making a donation. *Thanks.*

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ASH WEDNESDAY is February 22nd

MASS SCHEDULE

9:00 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM, and in Spanish at 7:00 PM

It's "around the corner." **Lent 2023** (which has never happened before) is a **40-day period of personal renewal** undertaken by Christians to better themselves. You know that. Well, think about it. Plan now for a spiritual "growth spurt" that can change the way you live your Faith!

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"Practicing" Catholics

CARA poll, August 2022

Only 17% of U.S. Catholics regularly participate at Sunday Mass, with 5% simply "watching" Mass from home. (Pre-Pandemic it was 24%.) Jesus commanded us "**Do this in remembrance of me.**" *Nothing* is more important for a Catholic than regularly sustaining yourself on His Body and Blood along with your spiritual family—the Church. **NOTHING!** Think about that . . . and help others choose to come to Sunday Mass.

PASTORAL Advisory COUNCIL: Today

Today at 2:00, your parish representatives and the Pastoral Staff will meet for a **brief meeting** in the rectory to discuss plans for Lent-Easter-Pentecost:

- Alexander McMahon**, Young Adults;
- Don and Maureen Drew**, Married Couples;
- Bill Quinn**, Seniors;
- Odelia Ramirez**, *Comunidad Latina*;
- Rosario Campos**, Youth.

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Already?

Good Lord! There are only 11 days left before **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday**. Don't let *the annual, liturgical opportunity for penance and good works* sneak up on you. Spend a few minutes thinking about how you, God's amazing *work-in-progress*, can discover more breadth and depth. After all, you are "an original." The world has never experienced someone like you; nor will it ever) . . . and there are lots of God's family members worse off than you.

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❖ **A Reflection** ❖

"BEFORE MAN ARE LIFE AND DEATH, GOOD AND EVIL ..."

"In the First Reading, Sirach clearly states that when it comes to sin, the Devil does not make us do it. We may go through life avoiding taking responsibility for our actions. We may tell ourselves we were the victim of bad parenting or the influence of others. But we alone make the choice to put our hands into fire or water. When we choose the fire, we cannot blame it for being too hot. We need the courage to take personal responsibility.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us sin begins in the human heart. Following the Law is not simply about external behavior. The root is sin lies in human intentions. Jesus warns against letting anger become corrosive. Lust is not sexual attraction, but the desire to dominate another person." — *At Home with the Word*

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2023 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal

Just to make you very proud, you should know that at the end of 2022, 78 Holy Trinity households donated \$110,865 in pledges!! CONGRATULATIONS!

Soon, we shall kick off the 2023 Cardinal's Appeal with all the other parishes in our Archdiocese. The 2023 financial goal for Holy Trinity Parish is **\$85,000**. Because of your support, this year **we enable our** Archdiocese to continue to:

1. sustain numerous **charitable offices**, agencies, and programs to provide compassionate and effective assistance to those most in need.
2. offer financial support to **needy parishes** and Regional schools.
3. ensure excellent academic and **spiritual formation** in our schools and catechetical (Religious Education) programs training in our parishes.
4. and care for our **retired clergy and Religious Order** men and women who have given their lives in service of the Church, and
5. excellent preparation for **future clergy** who will give theirs in the years to come.

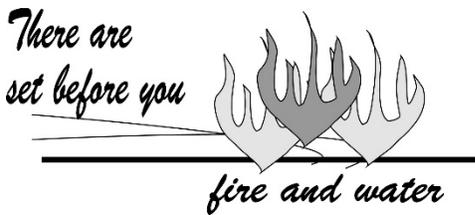


Sophia, ChurchMouse
Reporting unseen works of faith,
hope and charity to uplift you.

“In the depths of Winter, I learned that within me
there lay an invincible Summer!”
Albert Camus, philosopher and author (1913-1960)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

- The **First Communion Group** will meet today in the Murphy Center at 10:30 AM.
- The **Parish Advisory Council** will today at 2:00 PM in the Rectory.
- The **Confirmation Group** will meet today in the Murphy Center at 4:00 PM.
- The **Holy Trinity Rosary Group** will meet in the Church at 5:10 PM, Monday through Friday.
- **R.C.I.A** will meet in the Rectory Conference Room, Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 PM.
- The **Food Pantry** will be held Saturday, Feb. 18th from 10:30 to 11:00 AM in the Rectory Conference Room.



Happy Saint Valentine's Day!



Be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your [Christian] hope. (1 Peter 3:15)

Unlike many saints, Valentine is not on the General Liturgical Calendar, for much of his life story is not historically verifiable. However, stories, passed down for well over a thousand years, tell us he was a faithful, 3rd century, Roman priest, who would not renounce his Faith in the face of torture and execution. Emperor Claudius II condemned him to be beaten with clubs and then beheaded. Just before he was executed, he wrote to a little girl whom he had cured of blindness, and signed it, "Your Valentine." Medieval Christians extended his patronage to engaged and married couples and the sacrificial love one person has for another.

A dar plenitud...



Jesús no vive centrado en la Ley. No se dedica a estudiarla ni a explicarla a sus discípulos. No se le ve nunca preocupado por observarla de manera escrupulosa. Ciertamente, no pone en marcha una campaña contra la Ley, pero ésta no ocupa ya un lugar central en su corazón. Jesús busca la voluntad del Dios desde otra experiencia diferente. Le siente a Dios tratando de abrirse camino entre los hombres para construir con ellos un mundo más justo y fraterno. Esto lo cambia todo. La ley no es ya lo decisivo para saber qué espera Dios de nosotros. Lo primero es “buscar el reino de Dios y su justicia”.

Los fariseos y letrados se preocupan de observar rigurosamente las leyes, pero descuidan el amor y la justicia. Jesús se esfuerza por introducir en sus seguidores otro talante y otro espíritu: «*si vuestra justicia no es mejor que la de los escribas y fariseos, no entraréis en el reino de Dios*». Hay que superar el legalismo que se contenta con el cumplimiento literal de leyes y normas. Cuando se busca la voluntad del Padre con la pasión con que la busca Jesús, se va siempre más allá de lo que dicen las leyes. Para caminar hacia ese mundo más humano que Dios quiere para todos, lo importante no es contar con personas observantes de leyes, sino con hombres y mujeres que se parezcan a él. Hemos de escuchar bien las palabras de Jesús: «*No he venido a abolir la Ley y los profetas, sino a dar plenitud*». No ha venido a echar por tierra el patrimonio legal y religioso del antiguo testamento. Ha venido a «*dar plenitud*», a ensanchar el horizonte del comportamiento humano, a liberar la vida de los peligros del legalismo.

Nuestro cristianismo será más humano y evangélico cuando aprendamos a vivir las leyes, normas, preceptos y tradiciones como los vivía Jesús: buscando ese mundo más justo y fraterno que quiere el Padre.

❖ **Mass Reminder** ❖

A reminder that the **2023 Mass Book** is available at the Rectory. It is a long-standing tradition in the Church to offer Masses for family, friends and loved ones. Cards can be taken to a wake or sent to a family, letting them know they are in your prayers. By noting an anniversary, we keep our memories fresh, never forgetting those we loved in life. And, of course, Masses can be offered for the living, for matters of health or other special intentions. Masses may be arranged at the Rectory; the usual offering is \$15.