

Holy Trinity Church



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Holy Trinity Catholic Church
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.
In Spanish: 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses: See bulletin

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Confessions:

- Saturday afternoons 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
- Sunday morning 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.
- First Saturday of each month before Mass at 8:15 a.m. and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Heard upon request.

Sunday, December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.

Prayers for the Week

- Father, this Advent give me humility and Gospel poverty, no matter what it takes.
- Jesus, may I profess, worship, and serve You as God.
- Father, in Your love do three miracles in my life to begin the Christmas season.
- Jesus, I accept You as Lord of my life and of my Advent.
- Father, may I let You make the new year the best year of my life and conclude it with worldwide peace.
- Father, thank You for accepting my little "all."

CCD Class Times (In Trinity Hall):

- Pre-School thru 6: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Sunday
- Grades 7 thru 12: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday

Meetings:

- Council of Catholic Women: 2nd Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4th Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Pastoral Council: As Scheduled
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2nd Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Legion of Mary: Weekly on Saturday at 2pm in Trinity Hall
- His Majesty's Gift Shop: Open Before and After Mass

Baptism:

- Please contact Fr. Patrick or the Church Office at least 4 weeks prior to the desired baptism date.
- Completion of the Baptismal Class is required.

Weddings:

- There is a six-month marriage preparation period in the Diocese of Knoxville.
- Contact Fr. Patrick for an appointment.

Planning to Move?

- Please keep your address and telephone number current on our church records.
- If you move out of the parish, we will need a forwarding address for your year-end contribution statements.

Parish Registration:

- If you attend Holy Trinity Church on a regular basis, you should complete a registration form.
- Remember that in order to receive sacraments (other than Confession or Eucharist), or to be a Godparent or Sponsor, you must be registered.
- Registration forms are available in the narthex & the church office & provide for the optional receipt of offertory envelopes. You may fill it out in the office, mail it, or drop it in the collection basket.

Dear Parishioners:

Happy New Year! Today we start a new year, new beginnings, a new opportunity to grow closer to God.



Today is the first day of Advent, that wonderful period of waiting with expectation and preparing for the coming of the Savior.

Advent is a period of waiting; that's what the First Reading, from Jeremiah, calls to mind. It is waiting to celebrate the coming of Jesus, *but*, not just his coming at Christmas but also his second coming which will bring history to its end.

And, another "but," it is not just a period of waiting. It is a time for preparation, a time to get ready, to accept the special graces we receive in this time of preparing. As with every new year, with every significant undertaking, it is a time for an **examination of conscience** so we can get rid of bad habits (and more importantly sinful habits) to be able to properly greet our Lord in his coming. This is why it is a tradition to make New Year's resolutions, even in the secular world. How much more so in the Christian world! The Sacrament of Penance is *the* best way to get ready for Christmas. (N.B., our Advent Penance Service will be December 21st; but Confession is available Saturdays and Sundays, too.)

Here are a few specific suggestions for Advent:

- Establish daily prayer if you don't already do so. At least 15 minutes, more as you grow in prayer. Aim for an hour.
- Come to daily Mass. If not every day, try for one or two days. The most valuable gift in the world waits there for you: the Eucharist. Yet, most turn down this great gift.
- Go to Confession.
- Find some quiet time. Ignore the secular Christmas-before-Christmas hubbub. Read a good Catholic book as preparation. (*Jesus of Nazareth: His Infancy and Childhood*, by Ratzinger would be a great read for this time or *Hidden Christmas* by Timothy Keller).

May you have a blessed and holy Advent.

A blessing for a Christmas tree: Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel, the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of Sacred Scripture. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: Emmanuel, God-with-us, Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father Patrick

The Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be held on Friday, December 7th at 6:30pm. The Spanish Mass will be held that evening at 8pm. On Saturday, December 8th, Mass will be at 9am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Remember this is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The first Mass at Holy Trinity was December 7, 1996. We have been greatly blessed by God throughout the years. Holy Trinity thrives because of our parishioners willingness to give of their time, talent and treasures. We are grateful to our new parishioners who continue to help us serve the needs of Holy Trinity. Please keep our parish community in your prayers.

Teresita Waksman, a former member of Holy Trinity, passed away on Monday, November 26, 2018. The Receiving of Friends will be at Holy Trinity on December 6th at 5pm followed by the Funeral Mass at 6pm.

Christmas cards for our homebound and those in nursing homes can be dropped off in the narthex. The cards will then be sorted and delivered to each of the recipients. Think of how you are brightening the days of these parishioners. Thank you for your act of kindness. **Cards must be dropped off by December 16th.**

PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES - After the mid-term elections we learned the good news that voters in two states, West Virginia and Alabama approved amendments to their state constitutions, eliminating any mandate for state funding of abortions. There was a pro-life defeat in Oregon where a measure to block state funding of abortions failed. Catholic causes may lose steam in New Mexico where the new governor is in favor of assisted suicide. Potentially, there are a number of states where assisted suicide bills could be introduced. Compassion and Choices, a leading pro-assisted suicide group has organized volunteer efforts in about two-thirds of the states. It is troubling to consider what the pro-abortion House of Representatives majority will do; Nancy Pelosi has said they will do everything they can to thwart the president's agenda, a big part of which has been pro-life. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia and all assaults against life.

Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday Dec. 1 st	Mass at 9:00am For Helen Ruth & Ralph Welsby by the parishioners
Saturday Dec. 1 st	Mass at 5:00pm For Mary Frances Stonehouse+ by Ken & Karen Booker
Saturday Dec. 1 st	Spanish Mass at 7:00pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday Dec. 2 nd	Mass at 10:30am For Bruce & Sherri Kramer by the parishioners
Tuesday Dec. 4 th	Mass at 6:30pm For Jeff Florek by his Mother
Wednesday Dec. 5 th	Mass at 9:00am For Donna Breach+ by Marie King
Thursday Dec. 6 th	Mass at 9:00am For Bill Mitchell+ by Ken & Teresa Mabe
First Friday Dec. 7 th	Mass at 9:00am For Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Friday Dec. 7 th	Mass at 6:30pm Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary For Lu Windham by the parishioners
Friday Dec. 7 th	Spanish Mass at 8:00pm Vigil Mass for The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Saturday Dec. 8 th	Mass at 9:00am The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin For Sarah Cole by the parishioners
Saturday Dec. 8 th	Mass at 5:00pm For Sandy Reagle by the parishioners
Saturday Dec. 8 th	Spanish Mass at 7:00pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday Dec. 9 th	Mass at 10:30am Edith Garman+ by Brian & Terri Garman

Saturday, December 8 th 5:00pm	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Mike Colicchio
Servers	Elli & Jazdin Weatherbie
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Bonita Giedrycz Marlene Holt

Sunday, December 9 th 10:30am	
Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Hal Morrill
Servers	Natalie Arnold Lorenzo Manalili
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joyce Haigh Trish Morrill

Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
11/25/18	122	68	151

Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection: \$	5,765	Collection: \$ 21,707
Fixed Expense: \$	<u>5,224</u>	Fixed Expense: \$ <u>20,896</u>
Difference: \$	541	Difference: \$ 811



Advent Prayer

O God as light
comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ
come to us,
warming our hearts and
brightening our way.
May Christ our Savior bring life
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.

Food Pantry — Thank you for your contributions this weekend to the food pantry. Your gift of food helps those in need in our local area.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN sign-ups will take place in the narthex on December 8th & 9th. For several years our parishioners have participated in this simple program designed to save the lives of babies, unknown to us, who are in danger of abortion. Just commit to praying the prayer written by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen each day for nine months, "*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much . I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*" Prayer cards will be available as reminders to say the prayer each day. Consider your desire to save the unborn with this prayer as an Advent gift our dear Lord will receive with delight.

252 boxes of Saltines Crackers were donated by you for Sharing Christmas in Jefferson County. Jesus says "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me". Matthew 25:40. Thank you for your generosity.

Poinsettias - A tradition at Holy Trinity is for parishioners to purchase a poinsettia(s) in honor of, or in memory of a loved one. The poinsettias are used to decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season. Cost of the poinsettias is \$15 each. The sign-up table will start December 8th and your poinsettias should be paid for at that time.

His Majesty's Gift Shop has many Christmas gifts for family and friends. Come see the collector plates we have available. The staff of Evangeline, Marge, Michael, Ginger and Antonio will be happy to help you. Your purchases support the Spiritual Life Committee at Holy Trinity Church.

Bring your children and grandchildren to our St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 16th after the 10:30am Mass. The festivities for the children will take place in the Parish Life Center from 12-3pm. Bring your children & grandchildren to our Winter Wonderland where they will visit with St. Nicholas, hear his story and have their picture taken with him. There will be hotdogs, chips and other goodies, as well as music, games, goodie bags for the kids and door prizes for the adults. Please come and enjoy this feast time of St. Nicholas and learn the true story. Signup sheets are in the narthex next to the poster. All you'll need to do is return them to the basket on the table. Signups will be through December 9th. If you have any questions contact Deacon Jack Raymond (352) 318-8728 or the church office 865-471-0347.

Heifer International (www.heifer.com) During Advent, the Knights of Columbus offer parishioners an opportunity to permanently and progressively help poor families become self-reliant. Your donations thru Ark Banks and Catalog purchases enable H.I. to give food and income-producing animals to those in need. The receiving family is required to pass on a gift animal's offspring to another family. Your gift is not a "hand-out", but a "hand-up" and it keeps on giving. Please pick up an Ark Bank and Catalog beginning December 1st & 2nd. You have until the end of January to fill the bank or place an order. Banks are to be returned to the narthex.

December 7th, 2018 Featured Movie is Three Coins in the Fountain (1954) Join your fellow parishioners in the Parish Life Center at 7pm. Feel free to bring food and your favorite refreshments.

Rediscover the joy in preparing for Christmas. Sign up for FREE, at BestAdventEver.com/Youreinvited

PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

continues in front of Planned Parenthood on Cherry St. in Knoxville on each first Friday of the month. On **December 7th, 9:30am - 2pm**, please join in prayer and witness with Pastor Cecil Clark and other pro-lifers who stand up for the troubled moms and their babies as they face a crisis pregnancy situation. Call Fr. Patrick for carpooling information at 865-202-8066.



**Wedding Anniversaries
December 2018**

Raymond & Helen LaShier	12/05/59	59 yrs
Raymond & Janice Mussio	12/09/72	46 yrs
Roger & Kristine Mynatt	12/14/91	27 yrs
Ken & Raissa Symington	12/14/02	16 yrs
Ray & Pam Brostean	12/20/75	43 yrs
Eric & Kirsten Perry	12/23/88	30 yrs
Stan & Dagmar Szalkiewicz	12/31/71	47 yrs

During this Advent season as we celebrate the new relationship between God and his people, may that be mirrored in our renewed relationships with spouses, children, family and those near and dear to us. May we speak tenderly to each other amidst all the rush of the season and transform the shopping days till Christmas into the true Advent of Christ.

"Holy Trinity Advent Caroling" Come share in our tradition of caroling to our homebound parishioners.



It's easy for us to forget that our homebound parishioners may not have many visitors during the Christmas season. Everyone is invited to make this a memorable visit for them on Saturday, December 15th at 10:00am. We'll meet at the church and carpool.

You are invited even if you think your voice sounds like a "frog." For more information, call Cecile Passi at 423-748-6340 or Trish Morrill 865-475-4217.

Advent-Praying Over My To-Do List

I sit here with my list, Lord, and I know I need help finding a balance. I am so looking forward to Christmas Day, with the family here, the company, the wonderful celebration. But, Lord, there is SO much to do! When will it all get done? How will I maintain any semblance of inner peace in this "peaceful" season? I think, Lord, that I need some balance in my life. I feel so torn between wanting to cook and fill my house with wonderful welcoming smells, and wanting to finish decorating the house. I have shopping to do, the house to clean and cards to write and mail. When? How?

Help me, guide me, Lord. Help me to set priorities around doing those things that will bring me closer to You. Maybe my house really is clean enough, or maybe I can ask my family for help. Can the cards wait until a quiet afternoon after Christmas? Can my house decorations be simpler? Is there more than a little ego involved when I want so desperately to have my house "magazine perfect" for the holidays?

Help me rediscover the joy of simplicity, Lord. Help me to remember what I am celebrating. Help me to find it in my heart to call out, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Spiritual Life Committee will meet in the Parish Life Center on Tuesday, December 11th after the 6:30pm Mass.

Thank you to our Altar Servers in November. When you see Grant Arnold, Jay Heaberlin, Andy Ladner, Nick LaMonte, Ciannon Lehman, Marydeary Lehman, Michael Love, Diego Manalili, Emma Mulligan, Samantha Richards, Elli Weatherbie and Jazdin Weatherbie make sure to say thank you.