

# Holy Trinity Church



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**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**  
**475 N. Hwy 92, P.O. Box 304**  
**Jefferson City, Tennessee 37760**

**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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**Parish Code: BFRHHH**

#### 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, March 10, 2019 First Sunday of Lent

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

### Prayers for the Week

- Father, others have fasted for me to move me to the point where I am today. May my Lenten fasting move many people, particularly my loved ones, to be set free from the chains that bind them, and set free for Your service.
- Father, not my will but Yours be done.
- Father, may I celebrate Lent with zeal.
- Jesus, I freely pledge allegiance to You, Lord of creation and Lord of my life. Do with me whatever You will.
- Jesus, I surrender 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Month at 7pm
- Knights of Columbus: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Month at 7:15 pm
- Pastoral Council: As Scheduled
- Spiritual Life Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Lent: the three pillars of Lent are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. Let us consider for a minute a part of prayer.

The highest form of prayer is **adoration**, that is, praising God for being God, recognizing his majesty, his omnipotence and omniscience, his goodness. The most common form of prayer, however, is probably **petition**, that is, asking God for things we need or want (which are certainly not always the same). Another form of prayer is **thanksgiving**, spending time thanking God for all the good we have in life because it comes from Him. (Somehow, we never seem to spend as much time of prayer in thanking God as we do for asking for things—only one leper returned, after all.) But the fourth form of prayer is **reparation or contrition**.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass contains all of these forms but after an entrance antiphon (or a hymn, which may be substituted for it) and an opening in the name of the Trinity and a greeting, we immediately go to the Act of Penitence. This is a great wisdom, because reparation is the logical preparation for the other forms of prayer which we find in the rest of the Mass. While in petition we soon realize we do not deserve what we ask for, and while in thanksgiving we acknowledge we are creatures dependent on God's goodness, in contrition we recognized that we are sinners in need of God's mercy.

We pray because we need to be healed from sin and because we need to be strengthened against temptation to sin again. If we fail to spend some time in this form of prayer it can lead us to presumption. We need to acknowledge to ourselves that we do not negotiate with God from a position of strength; rather, we come to Him as we are, sinful creatures. Only then can we recognize Him as the merciful provider.

The Mass helps train us to do this by our quick entry in the Act of Penitence. It comes in varied form: the Confiteor, the three-fold form incorporating the Kyrie, the "Have mercy on us O Lord..." or can be by the Asperges, the sprinkling rite. Whichever one is used, the rubric instructs the priest to pause at the beginning. This is not for drama; this is so we have a moment to think of our sins, to call them to mind, so that we express our contrition for our actual sins. It is not just a general nicety; as we say in the Confiteor, the primary form, "I confess." We come to ask mercy and forgiveness for our sins. We repent. (Mortal sins still need to be confessed in the Sacrament of Penance, of course).

The reparation of this form of prayer is to ask God's mercy for *others*. This is beautifully captured in the Divine Mercy Chaplet, yes? "...in atonement for our sins, *and those of the whole world*." Why should we pray for mercy for others and not just our own sins (even those of an enemy!)? We need look only to Jesus who suffered and died—for us. He suffered for us, not for His sins. What would Jesus do? What did Jesus do?

Lent is the quintessential time for examination and penance, for seeking healing and mercy. So let us not waste these moments at every Mass when we pause to review our sins and ask God's mercy.

*Father Patrick*

## Mark your calendars! Our Parish Lenten Mission is March 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Sr. Anna Marie McGuan, RSM, will present: "The Mystery of the Cross in John's Gospel." Sister Anna Marie McGuan is a Religious Sister of Mercy of Alma, Michigan. Sr. Anna Marie was reared in Gary, IN, and entered the Institute of the Religious Sisters of Mercy in 2003. Prior to her response to religious life, she spent one year at the US Military Academy, West Point NY. Her education includes studies at the Pontifical University Santa Croce in Rome as well as the Pontifical Biblical Institute, also in Rome. She holds, inter alia, a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture and is the Director of the Office of Religious Formation for the Diocese of Knoxville. She is a compelling and insightful teacher of Sacred Scripture. Mark the dates now!

## Encourage your children to pray during Lent.

One simple prayer that you could add to your morning routine is called,

### "My Morning Offering"

God, our Father, I offer you today  
all I think and do and say.  
I offer it with what was done on  
earth by Jesus Christ, your son.

Teach your children to pray it during Lent and then all year long!



## CCD and Social Action host the LENTEN MEAL on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Meatless pasta & salads are on the menu. There will be a free will donation at the door. All money collected will be used to feed the Appalachian Outreach workers breakfast and supper the third week in July.



## Stations of the Cross

follow the Lenten meals each week and start at 7 p.m. in the church. Please join your parish community during these six Fridays. Lent is an "attitude". Make this a good Lent and we'll find ourselves happier people. The first day of Lent is like an exercise program—our lives without our realizing it can become flat. Lent is a time to take a long look at our life. How much *is* God a part of my life?

## Our Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Helen Clark+ by Joe & Betty Jo Lavelle
Saturday March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Mass at 7:00pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:30am For Richard Hornyak+ by Marge Hornyak
Tuesday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 6:30pm For Juan Lopez Piñeda+ and Maria Vazquez Silva+ by Scott & Valerie Mulligan
Wednesday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Judy Hall+ by the Scripture Study Group
Wednesday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mass For Life at 7:00pm For the unborn
Thursday March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Janet Potts by our parishioners
Friday March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Angie Prosak by our parishioners
Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Terry Brady+ by Mary Brady
Saturday March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spanish Mass at 7:00pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:30am For Joy Borchers+ by Roger & Kristine Mynatt

Saturday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> 5:00pm		Sunday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am	
Deacon	David Oatney	Deacon	Jack Raymond
Lector	Pat Karpick	Lector	Roger Mynatt
Servers	Andy Ladner Michael Love	Servers	Natalie Arnold Lorenzo Manalili
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	June Lich Scott Mulligan	Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Frank Longo Trish Morrill

### Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
03/03/19	108	52	147

### Envelope and Offertory Collections

	Weekly	Month-to-Date
Collection:	\$ 5,104	Collection: \$ 5,104
Fixed Expense:	\$ <u>5,224</u>	Fixed Expense: \$ <u>5,224</u>
Difference:	\$ (120)	Difference: \$ (120)

**Parishioner needs ride** - If you live in the Strawberry Plains area we have a person that needs a ride each weekend to Mass. He lives off of 11E so he will be easy to get to. Please contact the office at 865-471-0347 if you can be of assistance.

## PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES -

Dr. Haywood Robinson is a former abortionist who converted in 1986 and now serves on the **40 Days for Life** board of directors. I found his remarks about the lies propping up the abortion industry enlightening and wanted to share some excerpts.

- **Lie #1--Abortion is safe.** Depression, suicide, drug abuse, promiscuity, hemorrhage, infertility, breast cancer, just to name a few, are all possible complications. Abortion is the only medical procedure where the intended outcome is the death of a patient.
- **Lie #2--Abortion is health care.** Before performing any medical procedure, a physician must determine that it's both safe and therapeutic. Abortion isn't safe and pregnancy isn't a condition that needs to be treated because it's not a disease. It's a normal state of human development.
- **Lie #3--The preborn child is not a person; it's "potential life."** Life begins at conception when the sperm and ovum combine to make one cell. That one cell is human, and this is how we all began life. A definition of personhood that begins any time other than conception is a misdirection play designed to keep the focus off the key issue: the destruction of human life. The medical field's abandonment of the Hippocratic Oath has led to consequences horrific beyond measure. The lies that support the "abortion distortion" are weak, flimsy, and often delusional. As an advocate for life and a servant of God, it is your responsibility to seek, know, and share the truth in love.

### "Plan to Attend the Following Events During 40 Days For Life:

- Wednesday, **March 13<sup>th</sup>**, 7pm, Mass For Life
- Saturday, **March 30<sup>th</sup>**, 10:30am, Prayer Chain For Life in front of Holy Trinity on Hwy. 92
- Friday, **April 5<sup>th</sup>**, 9:30am-2pm, First Friday Prayer at Planned Parenthood, Cherry St., Knoxville
- Monday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, 7:30pm, Stacy Dunn of Tennessee Right to Life will speak to the CCW meeting at Holy Trinity

### Lent: Fast From; Feast On

- Fast from judging others;  
**Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.**
- Fast from emphasis on differences;  
**Feast on the unity of life.**
- Fast from apparent darkness;  
**Feast on the reality of light.**
- Fast from thoughts of illness;  
**Feast on the healing power of God.**
- Fast from words that pollute;  
**Feast on phrases that purify**

**Adult Education** - Come and join Dave Budde to hear the teaching of *No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*. Class is on Sunday mornings at 9am. Join your fellow parishioners in this thought-provoking time of sharing.

**Ladies, do you have a green thumb?** Join your fellow CCW members for a presentation by two members of the Martha Dandridge Garden Club. CCW's meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Life Center. Also come to enjoy light refreshments and socializing with other ladies from our parish.

**Spiritual Life Committee** will meet in Parish Life Center on Tuesday March 12<sup>th</sup> after the 6:30pm Mass.

**"What should I give up for Lent?"** It is customary, Lord to give something up during the season of Lent. What would you have me do without? I who have so much. Chocolate? Cream cakes? Cigarettes? Sweets? Swearing? The list is endless and I could give up all those things for the span of 40 days quite easily and almost painlessly. But what difference would it make other than make me feel 'holier' than my friend who makes no such sacrifice?

Jesus, what would you have me do without?

I who have so much.

Selfishness?

Conceit?

Envy?

Pride?

I fear before I ask,  
that the answer might be 'yes'

and the giving up  
would be all too real, Lord.

It would be difficult,  
painful,  
sacrificial,  
a real cross to carry for 40 days,  
and more?

**KDCCCW Convention** - This year's meeting will be April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church, Oak Ridge. This year's theme is Reflecting God's Joy and our keynote speaker will be Kelly Wahlquist. Registration fee includes meals, events and materials. To register online go to [kdccw.org](http://kdccw.org) to Conventions tab.

Father, this Lent I mean business. I want to leave behind my sin. Despite this desire I also admit I have an attachment to them. I admit that it is not easy to let go of them. Over time they have become part of me. With your grace, may I let go of my sin and learn to do good. Amen

**What habitual sin do  
you need to leave behind?**

**Rice Bowls -- Share the Journey to**

**Guatemala:** Nutritious food is necessary for a dignified life. If none is available, families may be forced to migrate. Facts to consider about Guatemala: Population: 15,460,732. Size: 108,889 sq miles; smaller than Pennsylvania. Guatemala has the highest population of all the countries in Central America, as well as the youngest--almost half of the population is under the age of 19. CRS has been providing humanitarian assistance in Guatemala since 1963, supporting food security, nutrition, health, agriculture, education, disaster risk reduction and emergency response programs. They also work with YouthBuild, which provides employment, education and leadership opportunities to young people. How is God inviting us to think outside the box in service to others this Lent? Please be generous as you fill your rice bowl with coins, cash or checks. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more information.

**Thank you** Eva Walker and the LaMonte family for giving of their time in February to prepare the altar for the Celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. What a priceless gift they each received.

**Thank you to our Altar Servers** in February. When you see Natalie Arnold, Jay Heaberlin, Jackson Holt, Andy Ladner, Josh LaMonte, Nick LaMonte, Michael Love, Lorenzo Manalili, Chloe Prosak, Dominik Solarz, Elli Weatherbie, and Jazdin Weatherbie make sure to say thank you.

**His Majesty's Gift Shop** has communion gifts for boys & girls. We will always be glad to order any items you don't see in the gift shop and have them in a week. All proceeds from sales go to the Spiritual Life Committee.