

# Holy Trinity Church



**Father Patrick Resen—Pastor**  
**Father Alex Waraksa—In Residence**  
**David Oatney—Deacon**  
**Matt Pidgeon—Deacon**  
**Jim Prosak—Deacon**  
**Jack Raymond—Deacon**

**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**

Contact office for help with transportation to church

## Parish Office:

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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, June 2, 2019 The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus ascended into heaven, blessing His disciples and promising that they would soon receive the power of the Holy Spirit. We who have received that promised gift of the Spirit are now empowered to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth – to use our time and talents to spread the good news of salvation.

## Prayers for the Week

- Father, I set my heart on the gifts of the Spirit.
- Father, how merciful You are to allow me to derive You, the omnipotent and almighty One. Renew me in Your love.
- Lord, I give You the credit for all the good that has been or ever will be.
- Lord Jesus, may all Your disciples joyfully obey Your command to behold and accept Mary as mother.
- Jesus, my Love, I am all Yours.
- Father, put a smile on my face and joy in my heart forever.

## 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
- 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:

"Man is a social being." So Aristotle insightfully reminded us twenty-three hundred years ago. We live in society. We worship in society (as well as individually and privately). Every home is a little society, a family. We speak of our church "family," our work "family," and so forth. What's my point?

Our annual picnic, our fiesta, is soon upon us. We are fortunate that our parish feast day is always a Sunday, Trinity Sunday, though this year because of a couple of conflicts we will be celebrating on the Sunday before which happens to be Pentecost, a great day of celebration.

I want to urge you very strongly to come to the picnic, enjoy your fellow parishioners, our parish family, our community. Be a social being.

I know people in the parish who have been here 10, 12, or more years and do not at all know others who have been here as long. Usually parishes fall into Mass time groups: I go to the 5; I don't get to know many of those who go to the 10:30, and vice versa. That's somewhat understandable but unfortunate. We should know each other! We should be reaching out to each other. It is part of being Christian. A big part.

So come to the picnic and enjoy. But also make a point of meeting someone you don't know. Yes, it is good for people new to the parish, but just as good for those who have been here a long time. "We, though many, form one body and each member belongs to the other." Romans 12:5.

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If you're Irish, you have St. Patrick. If you're English, you have St. George. If you're Italian...well, most people would say St. Joseph but actually the patron saints of Italy are St. Catherine of Sienna and St. Francis of Assisi. If you're German? It's St. Boniface, who Christianized much of Germany.

Boniface was born 675 in Devonshire, England. Yep; he's English. (But then, St. Patrick wasn't Irish). He was the great missionary to the Germans and Pope Gregory III made him Archbishop of Mainz. He, and 52 companions, would be martyred in 754 in Frisia (northern Germany-Netherlands area). His foundations of the Church in the German lands were really a great part of the foundation of Christian Europe as a whole. His feast day is this week: June 5<sup>th</sup>. So if you're of German heritage, it's your feast day.

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Quote of the week: "If you aren't a thorn in somebody's side, you aren't doing Christianity right." Mother Angelica.

Please pray for the priests of Knoxville and Nashville as we gather for our annual convocation in Chattanooga. We'll be praying for you.

*Father Patrick*



**Father Patrick will celebrate** the twelfth anniversary of his ordination on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you, Fr. Patrick, for the gifts you bring to our parish and most importantly the gift of the Eucharist.

**FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD**, continues at 710 N. Cherry Street in front of Planned Parenthood in Knoxville, **June 7 from 9:30-2:00**. Carpooling can be arranged; call Marlene Yurick, 865-399-0314, or Fr. Patrick, 202-8066. Pastor Cecil Clark will be on Cherry St. **each Friday** until the facility closes its doors for good.

**NOVENA PRAYERS:** Periodic novenas, in conjunction with Church feast days, holy days or special remembrance days will be placed in the bulletin in order to enrich our prayer lives and enhance our conversations with God. A novena means **nine days of public or private prayer**. Its origin goes back to the nine days that the disciples and Mary spent together in prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. It means fulfilling our Lord's teaching that we must continue praying and *never* lose confidence. We make novenas to God, Our Lady and the Saints, in petition for a special favor but also in thanksgiving. Novenas encourage people to pray frequently because prayer, after the Sacraments, is the richest source of God's grace. **Plan to pray the HOLY TRINITY novena beginning on Friday, June 7, prior to Holy Trinity Sunday, June 16.** Look for the printed novena in this bulletin. Plan to begin the SACRED HEART novena on June 19, prior to the feast of the Sacred Heart on June 28. You will find the novena in the June 15 and 16 bulletin.

**Congratulations to  
Jack & Linda McCoy on their  
40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 1ST**

**Active Shooter Training:** If you were at Mass on May 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> you heard Tom Wissemann talk about Active Shooter Run, Hide or Fight. He and Ray LaShier would like to hold an hour long class providing more information on this topic. We need to determine the interest level for this. Please contact the church office at 865-471-0347. We plan to hold the class in July.

**Welcome to our newest parishioners in May:**  
❖ Michael & Holly Hogan

## Our Weekly Mass Schedule

First Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For John Resen+ by the parishioners
Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Ed and June Collins+ by Karin Collins
Saturday June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mass in Spanish at 7pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mass at 10:30am For Arnold & Eileen Borchers+ by Roger & Kristine Mynatt
Tuesday June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Service at 6:30pm
Wednesday June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Service at 9:00am
Thursday June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Communion Service at 9:00am
First Friday June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 9:00am For Sean Resen+ by the parishioners
Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 5:00pm For Ed Hatrick+ by Eileen & Joe Hatrick
Saturday June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mass in Spanish at 7pm For our parishioners by Fr. Patrick
Sunday June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mass at 10:30am For Bill Flaherty+ by Knights of Columbus

<b>Saturday June 8th 5:00pm</b>	
Deacon	Jim Prosak
Lector	Bonita Giedrycz
Servers	Chloe Prosak Elli Weatherbie
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Cheryl Prosak Peggy Ray

<b>Sunday, June 9th 10:30am</b>	
Deacon	Matt Pidgeon
Lector	Bill Bonner
Servers	Nicholas LaMonte Jay Heaberlin
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Tim Potts Frank Longo

### Holy Trinity's Parish Stewardship

Attendance for	5:00pm	7:00pm	10:30am
05/26/19	141	49	133

### Envelope and Offertory Collections

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Month-to-Date</u>
Collection:	\$ 6,527	Collection: \$ 21,258
Fixed Expense:	\$ <u>6,209</u>	Fixed Expense: \$ <u>24,836</u>
Difference:	\$ 318	Difference: \$ (3,578)

**The priests in our diocese** will be at their Annual Priests' Convocation from June 3-6 in Chattanooga. Please pray for Fr. Patrick, Fr. Alex and all the other priests in our diocese. We will have Communion Services during this time.

## PRO-LIFE NEWS AND NOTES:

So many people have become indifferent to the miraculous nature of life--the precious human beings and all of God's gifts that surround us. Is it due to the fact that politicians speak glibly about killing members of society through abortion, infanticide and euthanasia and these have become a major party platform for them? Could it be that for the last 50 years the ACLU lawyers, left-wing judges and the Freedom From Religion Foundation have been feverishly working to outlaw God in our culture? The pace at which secularization has taken hold in this country is stunning, given the fact that our country was founded as "one nation under God". Public prayer at high school graduations is no longer allowed. The Ten Commandments can't be displayed in a public school. The radical secularists have just about convinced a generation of Americans that even mentioning God in public is against the law. They do not want our children to know that the Founding Fathers built this country on a faith in God. Thomas Jefferson cautioned the new United States to never forget that their "liberties are the gift of God." George Washington hoped that all nations would "acknowledge the providence of the Almighty God and obey His will." Benjamin Franklin proposed that the Constitutional Convention of 1787 begin each day with a prayer. Atheists like Michael Newdow who filed the lawsuit to strip "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance are winning battles in court rooms across the nation. During the Obama administration, our elected Representatives in Congress were *banned* from wishing their constituents a "Merry Christmas" in their official holiday greeting. In 2010 U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Crabb ruled our National Day of Prayer unconstitutional. At a rally of anti-God protesters in Washington, D.C. thousands of atheists chanted, "We're here, we're Godless, get used to it." Once God is taken out of a society, the government becomes the god of the people. We can't sit idly by and allow the secularists to fundamentally change our country. We need to preserve God in our schools, the public arena and halls of government. Without God, emptiness and chaos ensue, our lives lose meaning and purpose. **PRAY** each day, **SPEAK UP BOLDLY FOR GOD** in daily conversations, remind our politicians that this is a Christian country founded on a faith in God. Vote pro-life and pro-God.

**Spiritual Life Committee** will meet in Parish Life Center on Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> after the 6:30 pm Mass.



The **Annual Parish Picnic** for parishioners & their house-guests only will be on **Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30am Mass. We are asking each family to sign-up for the needed food items; the Knights of Columbus will be grilling hot

dogs and hamburgers. There will be places to sit at the picnic tables but you also may consider bringing your folding chairs. The kids will find games to play during the festivities. We hope to see all of you here.

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> Featured Movie is *Lilies of the Field*.**

This 1963 film was adapted by James Poe from the 1962 novel of the same name by William Edmund Barrett, and stars Sidney Poitier. The title comes from Matthew 6:27-33, a portion of the Sermon on the Mount, and its parallel scripture from Luke 12:27-30. It tells the story of an African American itinerant worker who encounters a group of East German nuns, who believe he has been sent to them by God to build them a new chapel. Join your fellow parishioners in the Parish Life Center at 7pm. Feel free to bring food and your favorite refreshments.

**Thank you,** Chris Dale, Ray LaShier, Eleanor Spencer and Eva Walker for giving of their time in May to prepare the altar for the Celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist. What a priceless gift they each received.

**Thank you** Grant Arnold, Natalie Arnold, Andy Ladner, Ciannon Lehman, Josh LaMonte, Nick LaMonte, Michael Love, Lorenzo Manalili, Chloe Prosak, Dominik Solarz, Elli Weatherbie, and Jazdin Weatherbie for your gift of being Altar Servers during the month of May.

**Are you feeling depressed?** Isolated? Worried? Overwhelmed? There is hope. Catholic Charities of East Tennessee offers counseling services in Knoxville. Please call 865-314-8870. If you are in crisis and need immediate help, or if you are worried about someone who may be in a crisis, help is available by calling the Tennessee Statewide Crisis Line at 855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471) or the Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255.

**Father's Day Cards** are available in *His Majesty's Gift Shop*. While you're in there, take the time to find your loved one a Father's Day gift.

**Please welcome** Jennifer LaMonte to the office staff. Jennifer was born in Buffalo, New York. She married Phil LaMonte in 1997. They are blessed with two sons, Joshua who is 15 and Nick who is 13. Josh is a sophomore at Knoxville Catholic High School and Nick is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Knoxville. Jennifer and her family are very involved at church and you can always see them helping at church by being sacristans, setting up for meals or cleaning up after parish events. Both Josh and Nick are altar servers and Josh is a cantor. Please welcome Jennifer to the office staff!

### **Save the date: The annual women's**

**retreat** at Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center in Maggie Valley, NC will be Tuesday, August 6 thru Thursday, August 8, 2019. The retreat director is Sr. Fran Grady, Sister of Charity of Leavenworth, who is also a Spiritual Director. The cost of the retreat is \$170.00. You can contact Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center at 828-926-3833 or go to the website at [www.catholicretreat.org](http://www.catholicretreat.org).

**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.

**Many thanks** to those of you who joined the Living Rosary group during May to pray for those babies in danger of abortion and for an end to all practices against life. Well done, good and faithful servants!

**We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace. (Pope Francis)**

**The reality of Christ's Ascension** is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is the denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall.