

Repent, and believe in the Gospel



Very soon, a wonderful season in the Church will begin again: Lent. I say "again" because year after year the Roman Catholic Church insists on repentance, conversion, to see God face-to- face, and to ask Him to forgive our sins. But, why does the Church say this again and again, year after year? Why does the Church always invite us to prayer, fasting, almsgiving, penance, sacrifice, conversion? How many times have we heard about this in the sanctuary through the preaching of many priests? Once? Twice? Three times? Thirty times? Fifty times? Eighty times? One hundred times?... In my case, I have heard about this forty-three times, because that is how old I am.

The answer to these questions is very simple, and sometimes we do not pay enough attention. The Church is inviting us year after year to think about all of these because she is thinking about our salvation. If you and I belong to the

Roman Catholic Church, go to the Eucharist, practice the sacraments, it is not because we do not have anything else to do, but because we want to go to the Kingdom of God, that means to gain eternal life.

We need to think about our salvation; hence, all the elements that the Church is introducing us, such as fasting, penance, almsgiving, sacrifice, service, etc., are tools that help us to think how we can be closer to God, surrender to Him, and reach eternal life. If we do not think about our salvation and eternal life, our faith does not make sense. I do not go to Church because I have nothing interesting to do or because my mom, dad, child, or friends are there, but because I want to have a closer encounter with Christ.

Thus, not only during this Lenten season, but all the days of our lives that we should pray and celebrate the sacraments, such as the sacraments of Eucharist and Penance (confession or reconciliation). Let us serve one another and let us allow our love for Christ to be reflected in our service to our neighbors. Through this love and service, we gain salvation and eternal life.

May this Lenten season lead us to have a special encounter with Christ to get to the house of our Heavenly Father.

So, when we go to Church this coming Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of this great season, let us think about the words that our priest or lay people say at the moment we receive ashes on our forehead: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel," or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Both sentences should, once again, make us to think about our salvation. Why will we go to receive ashes this coming Wednesday? Will I receive because of tradition, or because I really want to change my life? May this Ash Wednesday help us to think about our spiritual life, change many aspects in our lives, and prepare ourselves to go to the house of our heavenly Father.

God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you always! Fr. Jorge Ramirez

Our Mission

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey!

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call (315) 604-8070.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome new members! Please introduce yourself after Mass to the Pastor and stop by the Parish Office to register. Members moving to another parish, changing address or phone numbers, please notify the Parish Office promptly.

FAITH FORMATION: See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or Tricia.Kull@dor.org

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- RCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K 3.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

Becoming Catholic

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults is a spiritual journey for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church through Baptism or in completing the Sacraments of Initiation. For more information, please contact Fr. George or Mary Kramer.

Stewardship by the Book

In today's second reading, St. Paul urges the Corinthians to "do all for the glory of God." If we follow that advice in everything we do, we cannot help but be good stewards!"

Community Rosary Opportunity

February 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

The Adoration Chapel St. James Church 123 Whittington Road Rochester NY 14609

Peace of Christ has opened a 24-hour adoration chapel in hopes that community members will have space to spend time in prayerful contemplation.

In February, the Knights of Columbus Ascension Council will lead a rosary with special intentions for those who work to make the community and world a better place. For more information, please contact Matt Jackson at 585-300-3157 or by email at mrj4868@rit.edu.

FROM THE FATIH FORMATION OFFICE

Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024) marks the beginning of Lent, one of the Church's most important seasons in the liturgical year. Beginning this Wednesday, it will last forty days (not including Sundays)...which reflects how long Christ spent praying and fasting in the desert. The Sundays of this season are all special, and the last one known as Passion (or Palm) Sunday will begin Holy Week.

Not only is Lent a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter, but it is also a time to consider Christ's gift of himself to each one of us and the ways in which we can model that amazing love in our own lives and families. Can we create a space in our home that becomes a visual reminder of this Lenten season? Can we spend some time reading the Bible? Will you give up something special to you or, perhaps, make the extra effort to reach out to others to assist them or to be kind. Let us be mindful of our thoughts and actions this season so that we may share the "Light of Christ."

As a family, share with each other how you each mirrored Christ's light in your day with love. Jesus displayed the greatest love when he died on the cross for our sins. May God bless your families on your Lenten journey.



Webster Hope Current Needs

- Juice, canned or jarred
- Spaghetti sauce, jarred
- Sugar and flour
- Cooking oil, especially olive oil
- Ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard
- Dish soap (not for dishwashers)
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Ground Coffee

Thank you!

Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for Father George - Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year, req. by Dave and Jean Wolf.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn for the Special Intentions of "All the Single Ladies".

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn for people who are experiencing loneliness.

If you would like a candle in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

> Penny Sunday February 10th & 11th

Fr. Tulio Ramirez, a member of the Yarumal Missioners will be here to present the various projects and needs for the Mission of Lodungokwe, a small center in Sambura County, in the Republic of Kenya.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK FEBRUARY 7-14, 2024



Couples & Soon-to-be-Couples!

Did you know February 7-14, 2024 is National Marriage Week? Check out For Your Marriage, an initiative of the USCCB for ways to celebrate National Marriage Week 2024. <u>https://shorturl.at/quwyM</u> Among other resources, this includes an at home retreat for married couples!

Bishop Matano is celebrating a Mass of Recognition of the Sacrament of Marriage on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 11:15 am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. All married couples and their guests are welcome to attend and renew their vows. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition. Register for that Mass at <u>https://shorturl.at/rEGL3</u>

The June issue of the Catholic Courier will feature a Wedding Jubilee section. If you would like your name and anniversary (25, 50, and above) to be included, send an email or letter with the following information: Names, Church, Town where you were married, wedding date/year, and a wedding photo (optional) to: weddings@catholiccourier.com or Wedding Anniversaries, Catholic Courier, PO BOX 24379, Rochester, NY 14624-0379. Submissions are due by April 30.

Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead

William Kull, father of Kevin Kull and father-inlaw of Tricia and those who mourn for him.

Are you age 70 & 1/2 or older? Here's a way to reduce your Income Tax for 2024

If you have an individual Retirement Account (IRA) and you will reach age 70 & 1/2 or older during 2024 you may be subject to the Required Minimum Distribution rules under the federal tax law. If so, you might be able to reduce your taxable income, and the amount of tax you owe, by making gifts to charities directly from your IRA. Qualified charities would include our parish and the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Talk with your income tax advisor to see if this might benefit you.



We thank those who have given generously to the CMA. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways.

Join our appeal and give back what you can, so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

If you wish to give to the CMA, there are envelopes at all the entrances and at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.

GOAL: TOTAL TO DATE: DONORS: % TO GOAL: \$185,000.00 \$155,063.89 475 83.82%

*totals as of February 7th

January 2024 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

Please consider going online to give - Call Tim Reetz @265-1616 ext. 304.

GOAL:	\$ 68,120.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES	\$ 38,988.27
LOOSE COLLECTION:	\$ 2,798.00
HOLIDAY	\$ 1,746.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERING	\$ 53.41
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 24,258.50
VARIANCE:	\$ <275.82>

Attendance for February 3/4: 908

Tithing: Stewardship in Motion

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Holy Trinity Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account with no charge to you using our electronic Intentional Giving Program.



St. Michael's Food Pantry Needs Volunteers

There is a newly formed food pantry at St. Michael's that provides a weekly community lunch program for those in need in the area. Help is needed preparing, serving and cleaning up for these meals.

St. Michael's is asking for Holy Trinity volunteers specifically for Saturday, February 24 between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm.

Please reach out to Gloria Forgione at (585) 288-1644 or <u>pgjforgione@rochester.rr.com</u> to help on February 24. Also, check out the website <u>https://www.rochesterhope.org/</u> for additional ways to help this organization throughout the year.

We're accepting donations!

Garage Sale Donation Days WEDNESDAYS, January 31, February 14 & 28

3:00-5:00pm Knights of Columbus basement 1460 Ridge Road, Webster (behind Holy Trinity) Enter from Phillips Road No clothing at this donation site! No furniture or large items at this time. See our Donation Guide at websternyhope.org.

> Food Drive & Garage Sale Donation Day Saturday, March 23, 10am-12pm Please help us restock our food pantry!

Food Donations accepted at Knights of Columbus parking lot, 1460 Ridge Road

> Garage Sale Donations accepted at Knights of Columbus basement 1460 Ridge Rd (behind Holy Trinity)

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Please join us!

Thursday, February 22, 2024 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Trinity Hall

Ministry Corner Bereavement Ministry

Bereavement Support Meetings: In a small group setting we encourage listening, sharing, and guidance in hopes that our experiences will help each other lighten the grief of loss either recent or years ago.

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month (except July and August) in the Wing Room at 2:00 pm. Contact: Mary Ann Spinelli at 265-9395.

Next Meeting: <u>Tuesday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m.</u> Holy Trinity Church - Wing Room

The hours for Ash Wednesday are:

6:30 am: Morning Prayer and reception of Ashes.
9:00 am: Mass and reception of Ashes.
11:05 am: Mass and reception of Ashes at Maplewood.
12:15 pm: Prayer service and reception of Ashes.
5:30 pm: Mass and reception of Ashes.

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Friday, February 16th and will continue on all Fridays during Lent from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7:00 p.m.



We welcome our newest members of Holy Trinity.

January 2024

Elise Marie Streeter Beau Kyle Keniston James Michael Lynch Michael Robert Juhasz

Due to our pastor's request, the bible study has been expanded to include a morning session for those who find it difficult to attend the evening sessions. The morning sessions will be held on **Thursdays, every other week at 10 a.m. in Trinity Hall. The first morning session will be on Thursday, February 22, 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.** The sessions will follow the same structure and theme as the evening sessions, studying the scriptures for the following Sunday mass. All are invited and welcome. Come and bring a friend and enjoy a deeper understanding of the Sunday readings. Call Will and Linda Trout with questions at 315-333-1098.

Mass Intentions: February 10th - February 18th

Saturday - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 10, 2024 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) †Anthony Cerasoli, req. by Carol Pawluckie

Sunday -February 11, 2024 8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased 10:30 a.m. † Bernadette Sippel, req. by David and Jean Wolf

Monday - Weekday February 12, 2024 9:00 a.m. † Sandy Carnevale, req. by John Carnevale

Tuesday - Weekday February 13, 2024 9:00 a.m. [†] Virginia Nicastro, req. by the Legion of Mary

Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

February 14, 2024 6:30 a.m. Morning Prayer/Ashes 9:00 a.m. † Kay Nagel, req. by family 12:15 p.m. Prayer Service/Ashes 5:30 p.m. 1st Wedding Anniversary for Todd & Jennifer Terran

Thursday - Thursday after Ash Wednesday February 15, 2024 9:00 a.m. † Paula Bruneau, req. by Madeline Azoulay

Friday - Friday after Ash Wednesday February 16, 2024 9:00 a.m. † Bob Aldrich, req. by Barbara

Saturday - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 17, 2024 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) * Matthew Bittner, req. by Joseph & Mary DiCecco

Sunday -February 18, 2024 8:30 a.m. † Father Tim's birthday, req. by Holy Trinity parishioners and staff 10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, February 13 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cursillo - Wing Room 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room 2:00 p.m. Bereavement Support Meeting - Wing Room 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Confession - Church

Wednesday, February 14 (see page four of bulletin for Ash Wednesday schedule) 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Webster Hope Donation Drop-off - McGivney Center (behind church)

Thursday, February 15 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Adoration - Church 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Holy Hour - Church

Friday, February 16 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Adoration - Church 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Webster Quilt Guild - Peace & Unity 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 17 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confession - Church 4:30 p.m. Rite of Sending - Church

Sunday, February 18 10:30 a.m. Family Mass - Church 2:00 p.m. Rite of Election - Sacred Heart Cathedral



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MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday:

Saturday: Sunday:

9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Vigil 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: Tuesday

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may view our live-stream at https://livestream.com/ accounts/18862485/events/5598269

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator:

> Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to victimsassistance@dor.org housel@dor.org



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