

The Sacrament of Penance

During Lent, the Roman Catholic Church invites us to practice the Lenten observances: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. These practices help us to have a better understanding of the real meaning of this wonderful liturgical season called Lent. In addition to the Lenten observances, the Church also is insisting, not only during these 40 days of conversion, but through the whole year that we go to the wonderful Sacrament of Penance.

Penance is the sacrament in which we experience the mercy of God. This is a wonderful sacrament. Unfortunately, not everyone goes to receive forgiveness, and they are denying themselves the gift of many graces and blessings from God.

I would like to remind you about the steps to have a good confession:

Before Confession

How to Make a Good Confession

Confession is not difficult, but it does require preparation. We should begin with prayer, placing ourselves in the presence of God, our loving Father. We seek healing and forgiveness through repentance and a resolve to sin no more. Then we review our lives since our last confession, searching our thoughts, words, and actions for that which did not conform to God's command to love Him and one another through His laws and the laws of His Church. This is called an examination of conscience.

To make an examination of conscience:

Begin with a prayer asking for God's help.

Review your life with the help of some questions, which are based on the 10 Commandments.

Tell God how truly sorry you are for your sins.

Make a firm resolution not to sin again.

During Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) involves four steps:

Contrition: A sincere sorrow for having offended God, and the most important act of the person confessing. There can be no forgiveness of sin if we do not have sorrow and a firm resolve not to repeat our sin.

Confession: Naming our sins—aloud—to the priest, who represents Christ and the Church.

Penance: The prayers—or sometimes, the good deeds—the priest gives, for our healing and the healing of those we have hurt by our sins.

Absolution: The words the priest speaks by which "God, the Father of mercies" reconciles us to himself through his death and resurrection, called the Prayer of Absolution. (Taken from https://www.archindy.org/thelightison/guide.html).

Let us go to the wonderful Sacrament of Reconciliation and let us allow the Spirit of God to come to us.

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Call Tricia Kull, Faith Formation Coordinator at 265-4750.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Oct. - June or by appointment with a priest.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least six months in advance through the Parish Office. Preparation includes meetings with the pastor, Pre-Cana and the Fully Engaged inventory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 p.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

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism... that people place their girts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church."

Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead



John McKinley, father of Erin Adams, John Toscano Jr., and Angela Michelsen, grandmother of Mary Michelsen and those who mourn for them.

FROM THE FATIH FORMATION OFFICE

This month our Holy Trinity families enrolled in Sacrament Preparation will begin to prepare together for their children's Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep these families and their catechists in your prayers as together we learn about the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Join your prayers with those of their parents that these children will always know the Peace of Jesus, the Light of His Love, and the Joy of His Life.

For more information on our events or programs, please contact the Faith Formation office at (585) 265-4750 or email us at tricia.kull@dor.org.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

"Prayer Shawl Ministry provides shawls and lap blankets for those in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing. Contact Dawn Waver at 362-2942 to receive a shawl or to join the team who meets twice a month from Sept-June."

Legion of Mary

Our Legion of Mary is an association of Catholic men and women under the leadership of our Blessed Mother and the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The Legion's work consists of the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, homebound and nursing home visits, assistance at funerals and any other assignment given by our Pastor. The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday @ 9:30 am. in the Marian Room.

The Legion also uses a **Prayer Chain** dedicated to those with special needs. If you have a loved one or yourself who may be in need of prayers, please call the parish office @ 265-1616 or email norazark@aol.com to be placed on their prayer chain.



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in Loving Memory of Jayne Fogarty, req. by Carl.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in Loving Memory of John DeLutis (birthday remembrance), req. by Jim & Nancy Rank.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in Loving Memory of Father Tim, req. by Denny & Pam Schultz.

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. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.



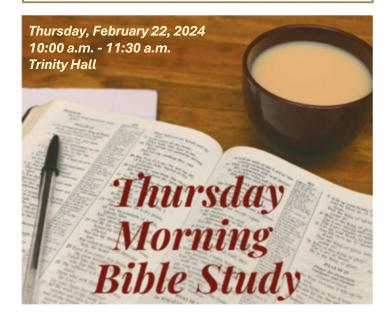
We thank those who have given generously to the CMA. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways.

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: \$185,000.00 TOTAL TO DATE: \$155,833.89 DONORS: 477 % TO GOAL: 84.23%

*totals as of February 14th



Facilities Group Needs Assistance

The facilities committee at Holy Trinity is a group of 12 people of all different career experiences. We have folks that are knowledgeable in electrical, painting, carpentry, project management, engineering, outdoor maintenance, and facility maintenance. Our group members ages span from 65 to 80+. Sometimes we need an ablebodied person or two to help maybe for 30 minutes or more. We are asking if you would be willing to be on a call list for projects that require additional help. Tasks that we have accomplished this year include assisting in the repair of the church bell, installing mulch to make the playground safer, investigating moisture problems in one of the meeting rooms, updating lighting and taking advantage of generous rebates from RGE. Sometimes we suggest vendors to do projects that our in-house maintenance team or our committee cannot do. The committee is always open to new members but what we are really looking for right now are some folks that could lend a hand from time to time.

If you can help, please email James Hassler, Sr., Holy Trinity Facilities Committee Chair at haseco@aol.com.



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 10/11: 953

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
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Jesus is alive and present in the Eucharist.

Is this something that you simply say with your words or truly believe with your heart? If you have ever found yourself questioning the true Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, or want to dive deeper into why Catholics believe what we do, you are invited to join us.

Holy Trinity is presenting a seven part video and discussion series intended to draw upon the insight of some of the best leaders and presenters the Church has to offer. **Starting February 29 at 6:30pm**, we will gather in Trinity Hall every other week for a viewing of a video session followed by group discussion. The gatherings will be about 90 minutes and light refreshments will be served. Sign up sheets will be located on the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space after Mass the weekends of Feb. 17-18 & Feb. 24-25. Registration is encouraged for planning purposes, but all are welcome, even if you do not have the opportunity to sign-up.

More information about the movement can be found at www.eucharisticrevival.org, on the posters located on the parish bulletin boards, or from the friendly faces at the sign up table.

Please email Michael Schoene with any questions at spiceschoene@aol.com

Each session can be enjoyed as a stand alone session. If you can't make every session, please join us for those that you are able. We hope to see you for Week 1: "Our Story" for an informative and engaging look at God's Word and how it shows His plan for us. All are welcome.

February 29 - May 23 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Trinity Hall

Mass Intentions: February 17th - February 25th

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

Monday - Lenten Weekday

February 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Marie Gyles, req. by daughters Joanne, Christine & sister

Tuesday - Lenten Weekday

February 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Barbara Warren, req. by Dan & Judy Cass

Wednesday - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church February 21, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Bernadette Sippel, req. by Beverly Bogardus

Thursday - The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

February 22, 2024

9:00 a.m. † James Guarino (4th anniversary), req. by wife & children

Friday - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

February 23, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Catherine Krowl, reg. by Robert Krowl & family

Saturday - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 24, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

Sunday -

February 25, 2024

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Gallina Family, req. by Dave & Jean Wolf in gratitude

10:30 a.m. † Anne Dorsey, req. by Bill & Lisa Gooley

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Monday, February 19 - President's Day (Office closed)

Tuesday, February 20

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Book Club - Wing Room

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Confession - Church

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 a.m. Št. Monica Ministry - Church

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group - Wing Room 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

Thursday, February 22

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Adoration - Church

Friday, February 23

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Adoration - Church

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, February 24

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confession - Church

Sunday, February 25

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy - Church

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Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday:

Website: www.holytrinityweb.com **Email address:** wholytri@dor.org

MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Vigil Saturday: Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 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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