

Laetare Sunday

Once I was presiding at the Eucharist wearing the rose vestments on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. In my homily, I explained why the priest wears this color, which is not very often used in the liturgy. Some people said to me, “Father, you look very nice in ‘pink’”, or “this is a very unusual color in Church.” These were nice comments, but the most significant comment that day for me came from a 4 year old boy. After Mass, he came to me, looked at me, and said, “Father... don’t wear pink... pink is for girls.” His parents, people who were there, and me just laughed. I knelt down to his level, smiled, and said to him, “thank you very much for your words... I will keep in mind what you said to me.” He smiled with me at that moment. Even though I continue to wear the “pink” color because this is a suggestion by the Church (it is not obligatory to wear this color), I remember in a special way this boy who reminded me of the simplicity of the gospel, and how God expresses His love through these “little ones.”

The little boy saw a color that in his understanding was only for girls, not for boys. In the understanding of the Church this color is used to manifest the joy that we feel for knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ came to save all of us. To see the priest wearing the “pink” or “rose” color should produce in us a big smile because this color is telling us that the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ is coming soon. We smile because we are happy. We smile because Jesus gave us salvation and eternal life through His Death and Resurrection. For this reason, the priest wears the “rose” color. A color which is a combination of two colors: red, which means the Passion and Death, the blood that Jesus shed for us on the Cross, and white which is the color of the resurrection. I learned in elementary school that red and white produces “pink” or “rose.”

This Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* or Sunday of Rejoicing, and it is very different from *Gaudete Sunday* which is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent. This one also means joy. However, the joy of Advent is because the savior of the world is coming on Christmas, but the joy of Lent is because Christ saved us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. “In Lent it comes in the form of *Laetare Sunday* and in Advent it comes in the form of *Gaudete Sunday*. Both days get their name from Latin roots which are principally used to express joy. The difference between the two is that Laetare reflects a joy that is manifest outwardly whereas Gaudete reflects a way of rejoicing internally” (<https://gezemiah.wordpress.com/2018/12/15/gaudete-v-laetare/>).

It does not matter what you call this color, “pink” or “rose.” The most important thing is to start to celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord. Let us prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of Easter with joy and always have a thanksgiving attitude toward the Lord.

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.

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.

Senior Ministry Springtime Potluck Lunch Thursday 4/11/24, 12-2pm. Trinity Hall

Spring is on the way! Let's shake off the last of winter and join together for a delicious lunch with our friends! Bring a dish to pass, a friend, and a big appetite!



Sign up will be available at our March 12 event, *I Am Patrick, Patron Saint of Ireland*, or by calling Mary Sue Spisak at (585) 789-7512.

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

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork", says St. Paul in the second reading, "created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

FAITH FORMATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation – Did you know?

There are many components included in our parish Confirmation program including Catechesis, Worship, Community, Service, Parent & Sponsor Involvement, Retreat, and Ongoing Formation. The journey toward Confirmation for our youth also involves what is known as *Remote* and *Immediate* Preparation. Remote preparation refers to the years of catechesis prior to one's eligibility to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Immediate preparation refers to catechesis and formation related specifically to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our parish youth are now in that time of preparation that no longer focuses on the general teachings of our faith, but rather centers specifically on the sacrament itself. How Confirmation increases and deepens the grace of Baptism, strengthening the baptismal conferral of the Holy Spirit to incorporate them more firmly in Christ, strengthening their bond with the Church. They are discovering the ways in which God's grace in the Sacrament of Confirmation associates them more closely with the Church's mission, increases in them the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and helps them bear witness to the Christian faith in words and deeds. Our last few weeks of preparation will focus on their mission of Christian discipleship lived in the context of a Catholic community exploring the activity of the Holy Spirit in their individual lives and in the life of the Church.

Confirmation is not a form of graduation, nor does it mark the end of one's formation. Faith Formation is a lifelong process. **We invite each of you to keep these students, their families and sponsors, and their catechists in your prayers, especially in these coming weeks.**



Flowers for Easter



If you wish to make a donation to our Easter Flower Fund, you may do so by either calling the Parish Office or placing the name or the intention in an envelope and dropping it in the collection baskets in the front of the sanctuary.

Thank you!

Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the Special Intentions of Jessica Bukowski, req. by Theresa Graff.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn for the Special Intentions of Jean & Tom Anson, req. by the Schoene family.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in Loving Memory of William Kull, req. by Robert & Emily Brunner.

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.

Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead



Dawn Mann, sister-in-law of Wendy Mann; Marjorie Wohlabach; Judy McKechny, Adeline Canpanara, mother of Lynda Robinson and those who mourn for them.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Update



As of this date, 486 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so.

The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

GOAL:	\$185,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	\$159,003.89
DONORS:	489
% TO GOAL:	85.95% (as of March 6th)

Eucharistic Adoration Holy Trinity Church This Week



The better you know Jesus,
The more you will love him.

Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 PM

Litany of the Sacred Heart, Silent Adoration,
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Friday 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Silent and personal Adoration, Reflection, and
Conversation with Jesus and you.

Jesus is waiting!

February 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	\$ 50,142.19
LOOSE COLLECTION:	\$ 3,603.55
HOLIDAY	\$ 120.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERING	\$ 40.48
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 22,201.50
VARIANCE:	\$ 7,987.72

Attendance for March 2/3: 1,014
Penny Sunday for the Missions in Kenya \$5,161.78

Holy Trinity Cemetery Reminder

Please remove Christmas wreaths

Just a reminder that all Christmas wreaths and Christmas decorations in the cemetery need to be removed by April 1st. They will otherwise be discarded.

Also, a gentle reminder no plastic flowers on any grave. Finally, no planting of flowers are allowed in Section K. In the spring and summer months a ground level vase in front of the Sacred Heart statue is available for cut flowers. If you are unsure of rules, or have a question, please call the parish office at 585-265-1616.

Bereavement Meeting
Tuesday, March 12th
2:00 p.m. Wing Room





The Eucharistic Revival: A Year of Parish Revival

Jesus is alive and present in the Eucharist.

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.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in Trinity Hall. The gatherings will be about 90 minutes and light refreshments will be served. Sign up sheets will be located at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space after each Mass. 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 2: "Who is Jesus?" for an informative and engaging look at God's Word and how it shows His plan for us. All are welcome.

**March 14, 2024
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Trinity Hall**

Due to the nature of the series, we are unable to livestream this event. If you are not able to come for the Eucharistic Revival reflection, you are invited to watch the videos at home. Just scan the QR code below.



"Who is Jesus"

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**A Senior Ministry Event
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Trinity Hall 1:30 pm**

March Penny Sunday March 16/17



In early 2021 the finances of Cabrini Parish forced the decision to close Saint Michael Church on N Clinton and Clifford, thankfully such decision was delayed for some months which allowed for some creative thinking as to how to better use all the unused buildings the parish was holding in great locations to provide services to the community. In July 2021, the idea of Rochester Hope was conceived, under the direction of Father Daniel Ruiz, as a separate not-for-profit non-religious corporation to relieve the parish of the upkeep of its unused buildings and bring services and caring hands to the heart of our city. In January 2022, Rochester Hope was incorporated as a 501(c)3 and begun activities with a Food Pantry and Services Fair every Saturday from 9 AM to 3 PM. Expenses to purchase food from Food Link runs \$1500.00 a week. There is such a huge need, and so much remains to accomplish. With your most generous donation we can achieve it together!

Mass Intentions: March 9th - March 17th

Saturday - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Patricia Wallace, req. by Richard Vaeth

Sunday -

March 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Allan Schichtel, req. by family

10:30 a.m. † Paula Mix Spanganberg, req. by mom & dad

Monday - Lenten Weekday

March 11, 2024

9:00 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

Tuesday - Lenten Weekday

March 12, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Pamela Bennett req. by Madeline Azoulay

Wednesday - Lenten Weekday

March 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory, req. by the Tran Family

Thursday - Lenten Weekday

March 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Kay Nagel (3rd anniversary), req. by family

Friday - Lenten Weekday

March 15, 2024

9:00 a.m. † Eileen P. Nealy, req. by Lisa Silvernail

Saturday - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 16, 2024

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

Sunday -

March 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Matthew Leonardo, req. by mom & dad

10:30 a.m. † Matt Haas, req. by mom & dad

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cursillo - Wing Room

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

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Senior Ministry Event - Movie "I Am Patrick" - Trinity Hall

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Bereavement Support - Wing Room

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

Thursday, March 14

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

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Revival Series "Jesus and the Eucharist" - Trinity Hall

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

12:30 p.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, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

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



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Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

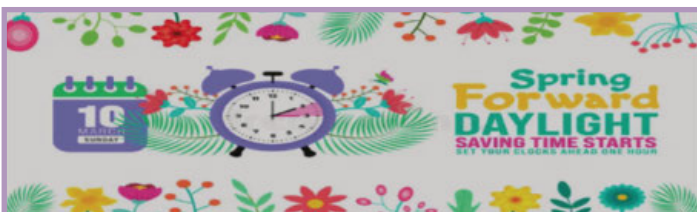
Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

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you may view our live-stream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/18862485/events/5598269>**

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Victims Assistance Coordinator:**

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