



For forty days we, the followers of Christ, were in a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We were preparing ourselves during that time to celebrate the most important mystery of our faith: the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Resurrection of Christ came three days after His death. This is a great teaching for all of us because not only with the death and resurrection of Jesus we were saved from the slavery of sin, but also, we receive a message of hope. This message tells us that among the darkness that we are living with, we see the light of hope. The light, the Risen Lord, who triumphantly rose from the dead, is saying to us that we cannot fear, especially at this time of crisis in which humanity is living. We need to rejoice not only because Jesus rose from the dead, but because He is always with us. He is the only one who can help us in moments of distress and sorrow. We need to rejoice because the Lord has changed our mourning into dancing; He took off our sackcloth and clothed us with gladness (cf. Psalm 30:12).

“Pope Francis reminds us in *Evangelii Gaudium* that Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; something that happened to Jesus 2000 years ago. Rather it is a vital power, an irresistible force permeating the world. He reminds us that there are signs of resurrection everywhere transforming situations of injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. He says: ‘Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads’ (EG 276). And we, missionary disciples, are instruments of that transformation” (<https://www.holyfamilybordeaux.org/reflection/the-joy-of-the-resurrection/>).

Our mission as Jesus’ disciples is to share the Risen Lord with our brothers and sisters who lose hope, are in sorrow, and do not see the light. Our mission is to tell others that Jesus is alive, and He will give us strength in difficult times of our lives. Let us feel the joy of the Risen Lord and share this joy with our brothers and sisters who need a word of hope.

May the Risen Lord be with all of you!

Happy Easter 2024!

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



**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.

## 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

*“Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.”*

## FAITH FORMATION and YOUTH MINISTRY

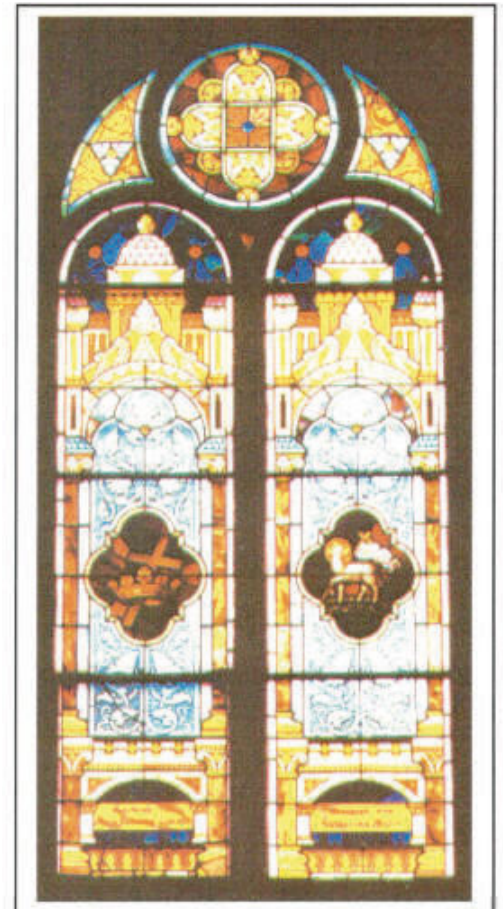
### ALLELUIA!

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the foundation of the entire Christian faith. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, we should all go home and forget about it. As St. Paul himself puts it: *“if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain, your faith also is in vain.”* (I Corinthians 15:14) But Jesus was, in fact, raised from the dead. And his resurrection shows that Christ can gather back to the Father everyone whom he has embraced through his suffering love.

Did you know that each of the stained-glass windows you see in our church tells a very special story about our faith? Look to the large windows on the East side of our main nave and you will find one showing a cross and a crown in the left panel and the lamb in the right panel. Saint John the Baptist said to Jesus, *“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.”* (John 1:29) We usually think of the lamb as victim, as we read in Isaiah 53:7, *“He was like a lamb led to the slaughter.”* But in our window the banner-bearing lamb signifies the risen Jesus, triumphant in victory over the cross. The cross-emblazoned banner is a sign of triumph. The left panel gives a similar symbol with the crown indicating victory over the cross. The cross in Jesus' time was a sign of degradation, corruption and humiliation, but Jesus made it a Christian sign of serving, contradicting its former meaning. The left window was donated by Joseph and Katharina Zimmer and the right by Katharina Miller.

(from *Through the Years – A 140 Journey of Faith 1861-2001 Holy Trinity Church* written by Deacon Leo Kester; photograph by Rick Duncan)

**A question for reflection:** *How does your life tell the good news story of resurrection?*



**Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:**



The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in Loving Memory of Judy McKechney, req. by Jean & Dave Wolf.

**Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle** will burn in Loving Memory of Judy McKechney and Special Intentions of Dave McKechney, req. by Dan & Judy Cass.

**St. Joseph's Altar Candle** will burn for the Special Intentions of Shirley, req. by Barb & Larry Ritzenthaler.

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

**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 by calling Mary Sue Spisak at (585) 789-7512.

Don't miss this opportunity to sign up for "The Jersey Boys" Bus Trip scheduled for Monday, June 17!

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"*  
1 Peter 1:3

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Continue collecting spare change in your cardboard bowl to help those in need around the world. If you need another, you can find the CRS Rice Bowls at every parish entrance. We will collect your **CRS Rice Bowl through Sunday, April 7** and it may be turned into the Faith Formation Office or Main Parish Office.



**Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead**



Anne "Nancy" Murphy, Marilyn Gilman, Kathy DiBella, Louise Miller and those who mourn for them.

**Christmas Wreaths**

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

Thank you.

**Catholic Ministries Appeal Update**



As of this date, 509 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!

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>\$185,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$163,478.89</b>
<b>DONORS:</b>	<b>509</b>
<b>% TO GOAL:</b>	<b>88.37%</b> (as of March 25th)

**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.

<b>GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 68,120.00</b>
<b>OFFERTORY ENVELOPES</b>	<b>\$ 50,142.19</b>
<b>LOOSE COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$ 3,603.55</b>
<b>HOLIDAY</b>	<b>\$ 120.00</b>
<b>CHILDREN'S OFFERING</b>	<b>\$ 40.48</b>
<b>ONLINE GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 22,201.50</b>
<b>VARIANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 7,987.72</b>

Attendance for March 23/24: 1142  
Penny Sunday for Rochester Hope: \$3,152.81

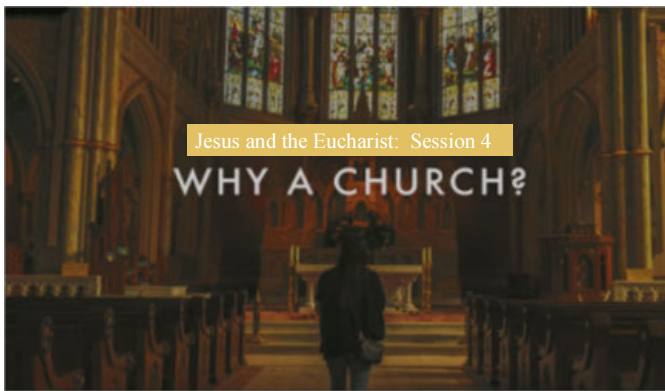
## The Eucharistic Revival: A Year of Parish Revival

Reflecting on Session 3: *Jesus and the Eucharist. Am I Saved?*

Session three was a great reminder that we are saved. We may all view salvation differently, but we were reminded that salvation is more than just avoiding hell. Salvation applies to the here and now because, as humans with free will, we are enslaved by our sins. While this fact may cause us to despair, even St. Peter, the rock on which Christ's Church was built, was aware of his own sinfulness when he told Jesus "Go away from me, Lord, because I am a sinful man (Lk 5:8)." God foresaw our sinfulness and offered us a way to be saved. Like Peter, we are imperfect, but that doesn't mean God will abandon us. On the contrary, the Lord continually offers us salvation. The Eucharist is a reminder of this, and it plays an important role in our salvation. Receive it often, and with reverence, for the Eucharist was given to us by Jesus for the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting.

Thank you to all that joined us for Session 3 of the Eucharistic Revival video series. Just a reminder that if you have not had an opportunity to join us, each session is a unique topic. You can join at any time without feeling like you are behind.

Come join us for the next enlightening video, sure to teach you something new, followed by informal conversation that, has been both natural and informative. **Our next topic is "Why a Church?" We will gather Thursday, April 11 at 6:30pm in Trinity Hall.** Sign up is located in the gathering space, but of course, if you find yourself available, all are welcome! More information about the movement can be found at [www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org), and on the posters around the church.



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.



### Rosary Repair Clinic

Do you have damaged or broken rosaries? Bring them to Holy Trinity's rosary repair clinic. April Schwenzer-Bennett will be repairing rosaries during masses the weekend of April 13-14.

Please bring them to Trinity Hall before mass. The goal will be to have your rosaries ready to go home with you after Mass. Any rosaries that need extra time will be returned to church for pick up at a later date. April will also be taking donated or broken rosaries to be repaired and left in the church for others to enjoy.

If there are any jewelers or people who can help during any or all the masses or if you have questions, please contact April. 585.820.5810 (text or call)

[April.wcsd@gmail.com](mailto:April.wcsd@gmail.com)

\*please put "rosary repair" in subject line.

Dear Holy Trinity Parishioners,

Mr. and Mrs. Vinh and Thu Tran have generously made and donated the beautiful Divine Mercy stand which includes a picture of the Divine Mercy for our parish. Along with the picture, a platform box to be placed on the altar with a coverlet on which the monstrance will be set for adoration has also been donated. We thank them for their outstanding contribution and ask the Lord to bless them.

Father George, Holy Trinity Staff and parishioners.



### Altar Cleaning Volunteer Needed

Have you ever wondered how the Sanctuary is kept clean and ready for worship? We have five teams of God's helpers.

We are now looking for someone who can take their turn to vacuum and dust the Sanctuary and Sacristy once every three months. It would take about an hour.

If you can help, please call Mary Ann Spinelli at 585 265 9395.

### 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. Please join us.

**Mass Intentions: March 30rd - April 7**  
**All weekday and weekend Masses will be**  
**live-streamed**

**Saturday— HOLY SATURDAY**

**March 30, 2024**

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**SUNDAY - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**March 31, 2024**

8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

**Monday - Monday within the Octave of Easter**

**April 1, 2024**

9:00 a.m. † Tim Hedges, req. by Dan & Nora Craft

**Tuesday - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**

**April 2, 2024**

9:00 a.m. † Roberta Haley, req. by family

**Wednesday - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**

**April 3, 2024**

9:00 a.m. † Jim Donahue, req. by Sheila

**Thursday - Thursday within the Octave of Easter**

**April 4, 2024**

9:00 a.m. † Alma McCoy, req. by Carol & Steven Yahoodik

**Friday - Friday within the Octave of Easter**

**April 5, 2024**

9:00 a.m. † Jean LiPary, req. by Paul & June DiClementine

**Saturday -**

**April 6, 2024**

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

**SUNDAY - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 7, 2024**

8:30 a.m. † Patricia DuRocher, req. by Peter & Thomas

Romeo

10:30 a.m. † Carolyn Brennan, req. by Linda Falzano

**This Week at Holy Trinity Church**

**Tuesday, April 2**

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

**Wednesday, April 3**

9:30 a.m. St. Monica's 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, April 4**

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

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

**Friday, April 5**

8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

**Saturday, April 6**

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

**Sunday, April 7**

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church



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1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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**MASS TIMES:**

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)

**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](mailto:victimsassistance@dor.org) [housel@dor.org](mailto:housel@dor.org)**

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