

The Roman Catholic Parish of
Holy Trinity Church
 Hackensack~Teaneck, New Jersey



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 December 2017

Holy Trinity Church is a multiethnic community reflective of her Catholic tradition, united in one holy, catholic, and apostolic faith. Together we desire to adore the Triune God with the same reverence and devotion as do our Blessed Mother and all the saints. We invite all Catholics who have moved into the Hackensack~ Teaneck area to join us in worship and register as members of our parish. We invite those interested in becoming Catholic to visit and join us in our faith, good works and devotion.

The Lord's Day Masses~Misas

Saturday Evening (anticipated)
 5:00 PM
 Sunday
 7:00 AM; 8:15 AM (español)
 10:30 AM; 12:30 PM
 4 PM (Tagalog-2nd Sunday)
 6:30 PM (español)

Holy Days: 7 AM, 8 AM, 12:10
 7:30 PM – bilingual

Monday-Friday:
 7 AM, 8 AM, 12:10 PM

Saturday:
 8:00 AM, 12:10 PM

Penance & Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 – 4:45 PM
 or by appointment

Baptism:

Please call to arrange for your child's baptism soon after birth.

Por favor llame para registrarse a su niño para el bautismo con anticipación.

Sacraments of

Christian Initiation:

Adults and youngsters desiring to be baptized, confirmed or become a Catholic please speak to any priest or Mr. Julian Garcia.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good grace & receive Eucharist. Contact a priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 AM till 8:00 PM
 Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:00 AM till 5:00 PM
 Friday: 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM
 Saturday: 1:00 PM till 6:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM

CEMETERY OFFICE: 201-342-2096

St. Joseph's Cemetery located on Hackensack Avenue offers graves, cremation niches, and mausoleums. Planning ahead saves the family much worry and anxiety.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Christmas: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY	
5:00 PM	Ron Pezzillo
6:30 PM	Simbang Gabi
SUNDAY December 24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
8:15 AM	En acción de Gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe
10:30 AM	Deidre Pardal
12:30 PM	Joan F. Reinhardt
December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE - LA NOCHE BUENA	
5:00 PM	Anne Prevosto
7:00 PM	Theresa Palifrone & Mary Buonomo
11:00 PM	Intenciones de la Familia Velecela (Spanish)
December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - CHRISTMAS DAY	
7:30 AM	The Kasper & Wellnitz Families
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
12:00 noon	Vita Badalucco
TUESDAY December 26 Stephen, the first martyr	
7:00 AM	Deacon Vincent Messina
8:00 AM	Ian Alvarado
12:10 PM	Intentions of Eric MacFarlane
WEDNESDAY December 27 John, apostle and evangelist	
7:00 AM	Sue Adamson
8:00 AM	Anthony Ribustello
12:10 PM	Joan Smith
THURSDAY December 28 Holy Innocents, martyrs	
7:00 AM	Juanita Walker
8:00 AM	Josefina Sarmiento
12:10 PM	Rafael Ospina
FRIDAY December 29 Fifth Day of Christmas Octave	
7:00 AM	Uncelao & Lorenzo Contreras
8:00 AM	John Dugas
12:10 PM	Guillermo Montoya
SATURDAY December 30 Sixth Day of Christmas Octave	
8:00 AM	Nellie O'Shea
12:10 PM	John & Sophie Chrzanowski
ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY	
5:00 PM	Ron Pezzillo
SUNDAY December 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
8:15 AM	En acción de gracias a la Virgen de Guadalupe
10:30 AM	Pablo & Julia González
12:30 PM	Edward Moylan
6:30 PM	Cecilia Vidal

**Life with Christ: The Commandments
The Sixth Commandment**

“You shall not commit adultery”
 2392 "Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being" (FC 11).
 2393 By creating the human being man and woman, God gives personal dignity equally to the one and the other. Each of them, man and woman, should acknowledge and accept his sexual identity.
 2394 Christ is the model of chastity. Every baptized person is called to lead a chaste life, each according to his particular state of life.
 2395 Chastity means the integration of sexuality within the person. It includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery.
 2396 Among the sins gravely contrary to chastity are masturbation, fornication, pornography, and homosexual practices.
 2397 The covenant which spouses have freely entered into entails faithful love. It imposes on them the obligation to keep their marriage indissoluble.
 2398 Fecundity is a good, a gift and an end of marriage. By giving life, spouses participate in God's fatherhood.
 2399 The regulation of births represents one of the aspects of responsible fatherhood and motherhood. Legitimate intentions on the part of the spouses do not justify recourse to morally unacceptable means (for example, direct sterilization or contraception).
 2400 Adultery, divorce, polygamy, and free union are grave offenses against the dignity of marriage.

Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2nd Edition. Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997

MEETINGS

Finance Council	Jan 03	7:30	Rectory
Knights of Columbus	Jan 16	8:00	Council Chambers
Spiritual Renewal	Jan 15	7:30	Rectory
Human Concerns	Jan 08	7:00	Convent
St. Vincent de Paul	TBA	7:00	Convent
Pastoral Council	Jan 17	7:30	Parish Hall
Amor de Dios	Lunes	7:00	Parish Hall
Rosario	Lunes	7:00	Chapel
CCC	Viernes	7:30	Parish Hall
HT Prayer Group	Thurs.	7:30	30 Maple
Fil-Am: Officers	TBA	6:00	30 Maple
Fil-Am Ministry	TBA	1:30	Parish Hall
Children's Choir	Tues	7:00	Chapel
Adult Choir	Thurs	7:00	Chapel

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



**Sanctuary Lamp is donated in memory of
Theresa Polifrone & Mary Buonomo**

**The Bread & Wine for Mass are donated
in memory of Richard & Paul Polifrone.**

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Carol Yaner /Baby Rolfson //Carlos Corredor, Xiomara Melo, Billy Kyle////Jose Leon, Emma Leon, Hector Martinez

Please pray for our Faithful Departed & their loved ones:

**Segundo Alvares, Julia Perez Hernandez,
Marco Antonio Angamarca, Bernardo Mercado**

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection/Colecta de Domingo Pasado: \$9008.00
 Grupo de Oracion Unidos por el Amor de Dios: \$500

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The Christ that She Bore;
The Kings did Adore.

Endlessly Forgiving,
Man's now Weeping.

The Christ has Died;
The Angels have Cried.

Oh, Christ is Coming!
The Church Rejoicing!

A Blessed Christmas and
Joyous New Year



Anno Domini 2018

Fr. Paul Prevosto

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who's naughty and who's nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the *Christkind* in Austria and Belgium, *El Niño Jesús* in Columbia, and *Le Petit Jesus* in France, where he shares his duties with *Père Noël*. In the Czech Republic *Ježíšek*, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the "Star Man" is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop's mitre, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop's crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ's birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Winners of the Nativity Raffle
Elvira (#967771) The Infant Jesus
Amarilis (967787) The Nativity Set

Congratulations!

Christmas has Not Ended

In our secularized society, a Catholic might believe that Christmas ends on Dec. 25, but in reality, Christmas continues for many days. From December 26 to January 1 is the Octave of Christmas. We celebrate, the Holy Innocents on Dec. 28, the Holy Family on Dec. 31 and the Holy Mother of God on Jan 1., a holy day of obligation. Then we have the Feast of the Epiphany (The 3 Kings) on January 6 (celebrated Sunday, Jan 7). The Christmas season ends liturgically on Jan. 14 with the Baptism of the Lord. The old tradition extended Christmas to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on Feb. 2. So don't give into commercialism and secularism. Celebrate the Nativity of the Lord for weeks to come. Fr. Paul

Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift:

Are you near retirement or retired and looking to make a year-end gift? A Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time. Also, if you are 70 ½ or older, don't forget about the IRA Charitable Rollover. Let us help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch at the Archdiocese. She can be reached at (973) 497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.

Sanctity of Life

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

For post-abortive healing, confidential help, & info call:
Newark Respect Life Office (973) 497-4350 or via e-mail
rileyche@rcan.org or www.Rachelsvineyard.org

SPIRITUAL LIFE LA VIDA ESPIRITUAL

COME, PRAY WITH US

Holy Trinity Prayer Group - charismatic prayer every Thursday at 7:30 PM at 30 Maple

Adoration - every first Friday from 12:30 to 10:00 PM

"I PLACE MUCH OF MY HOPE FOR THE FUTURE IN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER" (St. John Paul II).

The Holy Father invited all married couples to experience the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, which is a fantastic gift of the Catholic Church. For more information call Contact Mike and Janet Turco at 973 427-7016 or 609 335 6880 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com for more information.

MILITARY FAMILIES, are you getting ready to deploy? Is your family trying to reconnect after deployment? Marriage Encounter offers tools of communication that have kept many military marriages strong and happy throughout the ups and downs of military service. Contact your local chaplain or call 973 427-7016 for more information.

Benedictine Center of St Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ

A New Year's Eve Retreat for Women

4 PM Sunday eve until 1 PM Monday.

Join others to begin the New Year with prayer and reflection. \$60. For info and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com

"The Annual Thomas Merton Retreat"

Read and reflect on the writings of this Trappist monk who combined contemplation with deep concern for the world..

February 3 from 9 AM-3:30 PM.

\$35 for the day, lunch included.

February 2-4 Spend the weekend, . \$135.

For information and registration contact Sr Marita, 908-353-3028; maritaosb@aol.com

Morning of Healing: For Perinatal Loss

The Offices of Family & Respect Life are offering a Morning of Healing to support families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage, stillbirth or neo-natal death. We invite all parents, siblings, grandparents and others who are affected by the loss of a baby, either recently or long ago. Agenda includes: Presentations on topics specific to perinatal loss, small group discussions, a memorial service, resources and fellowship. Lunch and refreshments provided. When: **Saturday, February 17, 2018** at 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield
Free of charge and babysitting is provided.

Must register online at:

<http://Events.rcan.org/PerinatalLoss/>

IN THE COMMUNITY EN LA COMUNIDAD

A Ministry to those Seeking an Annulment

Lynn Berhalter is a **Pastoral Advocate** for those seeking a marriage annulment. Call Lynn on the 2nd or 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM at 201-343-5170.

Free Singing Lessons for Men Teaneck Blue Chip Barbershop Chorus

Open to men, young and old, who like to sing.

When: Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 PM for 6 weeks.

Where: Richard Rodda Rec Center, 250 Colonial Court, Teaneck

Register: Call Paul at 201-913-9272, leave a message

Who: No experience needed. Team of directors with years of voice training.

Why: Learn to sing for your church choir or other events.

Visit the Nativity

In the basement, Fr. Jose and his crew have completed the *Presepio* (crib). It is from an Italian tradition that parishes construct these panoramic Nativity scenes. It has become like a competition between parishes. Come down and see this magnificent piece of religious artistry.

HOLY TRINITY BOY SCOUTS would

like to thank everyone who came to our Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Everyone had a great time taking pictures with Santa, winning gifts from the Tricky Tray and enjoying some great pancakes. We would also like to thank all of the Parishioners who purchased wreaths or grave blankets from the Troop. We sold out pretty quickly this year.

With the support that our family and friends from Holy Trinity gives us, the young men in the Troop and Pack are growing in character and learning a lot of life skills while having fun at the same time.

Merry Christmas and have a Wonderful and Prosperous 2018 from Boy Scouts at Holy Trinity Parish



**Epiphany of
the Lord**

**January 7,
2018**

**La Epifanía
del Señor
7 de enero
2018**



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GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

Donald Hill

Seton Hall Scholarship

Any parishioner going to Seton Hall is eligible for a grant to attend Seton Hall University. If you are attending or plan to attend please come to the rectory and get an application.
Fr. Paul

Most acceptable must it be to Him
who has commanded us to carry
our cross.

—St. Elizabeth Seton

Christmas Schedule

A.D. 2017

Christmas Eve – La Noche Buena

Sunday, December 24

5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 11:00 PM (español)

Holy Day of Obligation - Dia de Precepto

Christmas Day – La Navidad

Monday, December 25

*** 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM ***

Solemnity of the Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation - Dia de Precepto

Solemnidad de la Madre de Dios

Monday, January 1, 2017

10:30 AM

12:30 PM (español)

Making Those Funeral Arrangements

Planning or even thinking about one's own funeral is unpleasant and therefore something we tend to push far out of our minds. When the time finally comes it leaves the family stressed and overwhelmed by all the decisions they must make. You can relieve some of this stress for your loved ones by planning your Funeral Liturgy (Mass of Christian Burial). Lynn Berhalter would like to assist you in choosing the Scriptures to be read at your funeral Mass according to the archdiocesan guidelines. She can also help you choose the hymns that will add to the solemnity of your Mass. This is simple to do and it helps fulfill your wishes and eases your families' burden.

Make an appointment to see Lynn at the rectory to get started.

Your plans will be kept on file at Holy Trinity Church and may be amended anytime if you wish. Planning ahead ensures your family that the readings and music you desired are carried out and they need not worry. It is a beautiful final gesture, a gift to those who grieve. Call 201-343-5170 now and make your appointment.

¿QUE PASA?

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**Bendita eres
entre las mujeres**

LA PROMESA DE DIOS

El largo pasaje de Samuel expone de manera maravillosa la promesa de Dios a la dinastía de David: que su trono siempre estaría ocupado gloriosamente por sus descendientes. Oculta en el misterio de la profecía está la promesa del Salvador, el Mesías, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de David. El profeta Natán, quien habla en nombre de Dios, desbarata poéticamente el plan de David de construir una casa para Dios y anuncia que el plan de Dios es construir una "casa", una dinastía, para David. De esta dinastía de David provendrá el Mesías, el Cristo, quien no llegará con el esplendor majestuoso con el que reinó David, sino que vendrá como un hombre humilde, que gobernará por los siglos de los siglos. Cuando Dios hace un regalo; lo que recibimos es asombroso: es muy distinto a lo que podríamos haber imaginado.

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LOS SACRAMENTOS DE LA FE

El Sacramento de Reconciliación: El sábado a las 4-4:45 PM o por cita.

El Sacramento del Bautismo: Por favor llame para registrarse a su niño para el bautismo con anticipación.

Los Sacramentos de Iniciación: Adultos (aquellos tienen 12 años o más) que buscan el bautismo o confirmación debe preguntar acerca de RCIA o Catequesis de Adultos con el Padre.

El Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos: Por favor llame a sacerdote a celebrar este sacramento de sanación y perdón para alguien que está enfermo gravemente. Favor de no esperar hasta que el enfermo este inconsciente.

El Sacramento del Matrimonio: Las parejas deben contactar a un sacerdote con un año de anterioridad a la fecha deseada del matrimonio. Es un pecado grave no casarse sin el Sacramento o la permisión del obispo.

Vida con Cristo: Los Mandamientos El Sexto Mandamiento

«No cometerás adulterio»

2392 "El amor es la vocación fundamental e innata de todo ser humano" (FC 11).

2393 Al crear al ser humano hombre y mujer, Dios confiere la dignidad personal de manera idéntica a uno y a otra. A cada uno, hombre y mujer, corresponde reconocer y aceptar su identidad sexual.

2394 Cristo es el modelo de la castidad. Todo bautizado es llamado a llevar una vida casta, cada uno según su estado de vida.

2395 La castidad significa la integración de la sexualidad en la persona. Entraña el aprendizaje del dominio personal.

2396 Entre los pecados gravemente contrarios a la castidad se deben citar la masturbación, la fornicación, las actividades pornográficas y las prácticas homosexuales.

2397 La alianza que los esposos contraen libremente implica un amor fiel. Les confiere la obligación de guardar indisoluble su matrimonio.

2398 La fecundidad es un bien, un don, un fin del matrimonio. Dando la vida, los esposos participan de la paternidad de Dios.

2399 La regulación de la natalidad representa uno de los aspectos de la paternidad y la maternidad responsables. La legitimidad de las intenciones de los esposos no justifica el recurso a medios moralmente reprobables (p.e., la esterilización directa o la anticoncepción).

2400 El adulterio y el divorcio, la poligamia y la unión libre son ofensas graves a la dignidad del matrimonio.

*Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, 2º Edición.
Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997*

NO DEMASIADO

Si tienes demasiadas cosas que hacer, con la ayuda de Dios encontrarás el tiempo para hacerlo todo.

—San Pedro Canisio

El Santo, que va a nacer de ti,
será llamado Hijo de Dios.

—Lucas 1:35

Ven y Ora con Nosotros

Hora Santa - Todos los viernes a las 6:30 PM en la iglesia

Adoración - El primer viernes de la mes desde las 12:30 hasta las 10:00 PM en la capilla

CCC - Una hora de reflexión de la Biblia cada viernes a las 7:30 PM en Salón Parroquial de Sor Emily Walsh

Amor de Dios - Grupo de Oración todos los lunes a las 7:00 PM en Salón Parroquial de Sor Emily Walsh

El Rosario - Todos los lunes a las 7:00 PM en la capilla.

REGISTRARSE COMO FELIGRÉS

Ventajas del Registro

1. Elegibilidad para ser un padrino o madrina
2. Las tarifas de feligrés para bodas y escuelas
3. Prueba de residencia para la inmigración y una recomendación positiva del párroco que Ud. contribuye a la sociedad y la iglesia.
4. Recibir los sobres para que pueda contribuir al bienestar de su parroquia.

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