

The Roman Catholic Parish of

# Holy Trinity Church

Hackensack~Teaneck, New Jersey



## Second Sunday of Advent 9 December 2018

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-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 and guarantees your desires.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,  
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7;  
Lk 3:10-18

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY</b>	
5:00 PM	Mary, Nicholas & Jean Gentile
<b>SUNDAY December 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
7:00 AM	Intention of Cece Suarez
8:15 AM	Intenciones de Catalina Pelaez
10:30 AM	Sam DeMartino
12:30 PM	Cecelia Dunphy
4:00 PM	People of the Parish
6:30 PM	Humberto Mora—1° Aniversario †
<b>MONDAY December 10</b>	
7:00 AM	Zabdail Holmes
8:00 AM	Fr. Louis M. Savio
12:10 PM	Charlotte Podesta
<b>TUESDAY December 11 Damasus I, pope</b>	
7:00 AM	Charlotte Podesta
8:00 AM	Sonia Pascual Napiza
12:10 PM	Thomas Osinski
<b>WEDNESDAY December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	
7:00 AM	Deceased members of the Podesta Family
8:00 AM	Antonina D'Alessandro
12:10 PM	Elisa Joson
7:00 PM	Luis Calle & Fabian Torres <i>Spanish</i>
<b>THURSDAY December 13 Lucy, virgin martyr</b>	
7:00 AM	Florence Adler
8:00 AM	Deceased members of the Kotalba Family
12:10 PM	Lucia D. Conti
<b>FRIDAY December 14 John of the Cross, priest</b>	
7:00 AM	Deceased members of the Podesta Family
8:00 AM	John, Josephine & Robert Mangini
12:10 PM	Charlotte Podesta
<b>SATURDAY December 15</b>	
8:00 AM	Evelyn Potenti
12:10 PM	Charles & Tyler Madison
<b>ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY</b>	
5:00 PM	Laura Dugas
6:30 PM	Novena Mass—Simbang Gabi
<b>SUNDAY December 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
7:00 AM	People of the Parish
8:15 AM	Amado Tineo
10:30 AM	Louis Sarto
12:30 PM	Damien Owens
5:00 PM	Novena Mass—Simbang Gabi
6:30 PM	Julia Pérez Hernández—1° Aniversario †

The Bread & Wine offered at the Masses this week are donated in Memory of Petra Perez.

The Sanctuary Lamp this week is donated in Memory of Petra Perez.

**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.



**Our Parish Community prays for the sick:**

Brenda Dembow, Fr. Hubba, Fr. John Salvias, Jeffrey Tisserand, Carol Yaner, Josephine Vitiello, /Ellen Wickersheim// Elaine Greene, Hector Martinez, Jose Andrade, //Graciela Moreno, /// Stacy Schultze, Richard Kunzweiler

Please pray for our Faithful Departed & their loved ones

What are they teaching your children in school?  
Come on  
**January 15, 2019** to the  
Parish Hall and find out:  
**7:30 PM**

**Religious Freedom & Religious Values**

Sponsored by Trine: the Holy Trinity youth Group

**Charitable Gift Annuities**

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at Theresa.lynych@rcan.org.

**MEETINGS**

Finance Council	Jan 09	7:30	Rectory
Knights of Columbus	Dec 18	8:00	Council Chambers
Spiritual Renewal	Dec 17	7:30	Rectory
Human Concerns	Dec 10	7:00	Convent
St. Vincent de Paul	TBA	7:00	Convent
Pastoral Council	Jan 16	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	Friday	7:30	30 Maple
Fil-Am: Officers	Jan 05	6:00	30 Maple
Fil-Am Ministry	TBA	1:30	Parish Hall
Children's Choir	Thurs	5:45	Chapel
Adult Choir	Thurs	7:00	Chapel

**STEWARDSHIP**

Last Sunday's Collection/Colecta de Domingo Pasado: \$6617.00  
Maintenance Collection: \$5530.00  
Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1207.00

**Christmas Cheer**  
**Sunday, December**  
**16 at 3:00 PM**

**Lucia Wehr**  
**and**  
**the Children's**  
**Choir**  
**with Friends.**

**Come "Sing**  
**Along" with us!**



**"Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."**

2019 is upon us! It seems like just yesterday that we welcomed the new millennium. It started with great excitement but within months we entered into a new era, one in which the United States became all too aware of its vulnerability as a free and open society. We pride ourselves on our freedoms. And it's about the freedom of religion that I would like to reflect. The United States began as the loose union of separate states, united with the common cause of being independent of British control. Some states wanted total independence and others wanted a union. Some states even wanted to have their own state religions, and if it weren't for the small Catholic influence this might have been the case. But the Bill of Rights, eventually accepted by all 13 states, provided that the state should *make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*

At the beginning of this nation, Catholics were a minority. As Irish immigrants came in the mid-1800's, the Catholic population began to burgeon and the old time Protestant powers began to fear their numbers, and so Catholics were discriminated against: *Irish need not apply.* Then the German Catholics came under the Kaiser's anti-Catholic policies. Then came the Italians. Whole towns in Italy emptied as the poor came to America (named after an Italian explorer, Amerigo Vespucci by the way) to find prosperity. And to this day Catholics from the Philippines, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, the Middle East, et. al. come to America. They come to escape religious persecution, poverty, and oppression, and for a better life. And other faiths have come: Jews, Protestants, Hindus, Moslems, and yes even the atheists. We now live a country of diverse faiths. As Catholics were met with suspicion, and so too are these people with unfamiliar customs and religious practices. It is up to Catholics, to reach out to these people, to welcome them to America, to give them a chance to achieve the American Dream and to be good citizens. The Scriptures always talk about being hospitable to strangers because you never know whom you might bring to the Lord. And wouldn't it be great if a Hindu or Moslem were your witness before Jesus that you reached out when no one else cared? So in this era of fear and vulnerability, don't ever forget that you are Christ's, and He desires that you love, not only those who are easy to love, but most especially your enemy and those you fear, because it is in his conversion and the salvation of his soul that God has called us to be an agent. Remember, the only person we need to fear is God, for He is our judge and in this nation of many religions, we are called to be good models of the Catholic faith and US citizenry. And as good citizens, it is imperative to participate in politics and be represented in the public forum. So while we respect others' religion, never fear to express your faith in public and to defend it when it is attacked. Freedom of religion is a blessing because we cannot truly love God and our neighbor if we do not freely choose to do so.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul Prevosto

**The Giving Tree**

The tree is up!  
Please, gifts must be returned,  
wrapped with the star attached, and  
placed under the tree by December 9.  
Thank you for your generosity.



**Santa's Helpers Wanted**  
to:

**Sort gifts** on Friday evening,  
December 14 from 7 pm till 9 pm and Saturday morning,  
December 15 from 9 am till 1 pm in the Parish Hall (lower church).

**Distribute gifts** on Saturday, December 15 from 2 pm till 6:30 pm in Parish Hall. Spanish speakers are most needed.

***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](mailto:rileyche@rcan.org) or [www.Rachelsvineyard.org](http://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

#### **A Ministry to those Seeking an Annulment**

**Lynn Berhalter** and **Deacon Orlando** are **Pastoral Advocates** for those seeking a marriage annulment. Call Lynn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM at 201-343-5170. Call Deacon at 201-815-7932 for an appointment.

#### **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 SHU please come to the rectory and get an application. Fr. Paul

### **Transfiguration Academy**

Are you looking for a quality education in a Catholic setting? Transfiguration Academy is a United States Department of Education 2018 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and is accredited by the Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges. Please call the school, 201-384-3627 or email [principal@transfigurationacademy.org](mailto:principal@transfigurationacademy.org) for more information or to arrange a tour.

#### **REFLECTION ON THE WORDS OF THE MAGNIFICAT**

The words of the *Magnificat* reveal how our Blessed Mother lived a life of expectation, joy and hope. St. Andrew's Parish has invited Fr. Phil Latronico, Chaplain of the Community of God's Love, to lead us in a reflection that will unlock the path that leads to the heart of Christ.

Fr. Phil will present this reflection in St. Andrew's Parish Center, 120 Washington Avenue, Westwood. The dates and times are as follows: Friday, Dec. 14, 10:00 – 11:30 am **and** Wednesday, Dec. 19, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

Please call to register and advise which session you plan to attend: 201-666-5697

### **IHA Annual Christmas Concert**

Calling all Senior Citizens and Parishioners, You are invited to Immaculate Heart Academy's Annual Christmas Concert! Please join us on Thursday, December 13 from 7pm-8:30pm in the IHA Performing Arts Center for a Christmas celebration filled with traditional Christmas music and art! IHA's Vocal Ensembles will perform, the Orchestra will play and a surprise guest in a red suit may come by for a visit! All are welcome!

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### EN LA COMUNIDAD

#### **Boy Scout troop 5/Pack 5**



#### **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

Our annual Pancake Breakfast and Tricky Tray with SANTA CLAUS is today Sunday, December 9, in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$7.00 each with a chance for a door prize. Tricky Tray drawing will start at 12:30 pm, 12/9  
**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING HOLY TRINITY BOY SCOUTS**

#### **WREATH SALES**

SUNDAY NOV 25th thru DEC. 9th. After all masses, the Scouts will be selling hand-decorated Wreaths & Grave Blankets.

To Order in advance- forms will be in the back of the church & can be filled out and left in the box next to the forms.

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING  
HOLY TRINITY BOY SCOUTS**



#### **BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS**

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses next weekend December 15th and 16th. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

#### **RICHEs**

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistry, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three nativities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

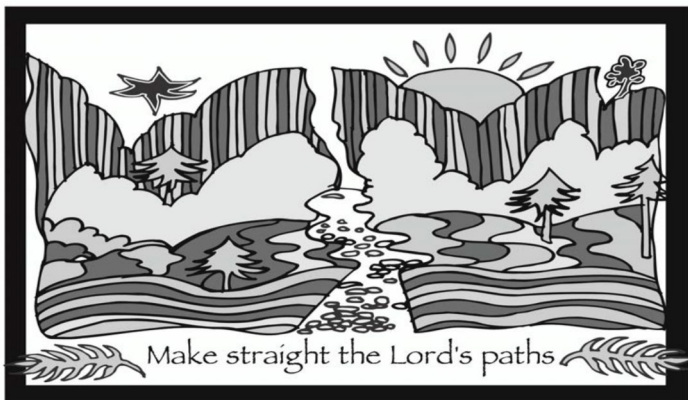
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## PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or see one of the Priests.

## Women's Religious Life

Contact Sr. Theresia Maria at  
[holtstctg@rcan.org](mailto:holtstctg@rcan.org)



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You are cordially invited to a

## SYMBOLON\*\*

CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED  
SUBTITLES IN SPANISH

YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF CATHOLIC FAITH. . . . . BUT HOW DOES IT ALL FIT TOGETHER ? AND WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE FOR OUR LIVES?

EVERY THURSDAY – 7:30 TO 8:30 P.M.  
30 MAPLE AVE., (HOUSE BESIDE THE RECTORY)

\*\* A DVD PRESENTATION THAT DELVES INTO THE HEART OF THE TEACHINGS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH  
A project of the Holy Trinity Charismatic Prayer Group

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week we begin Advent and preparation for the celebration of the Birth of our Lord Jesus. In anticipation we have many special things planned.

1. Added times for **Confessions**: Monday evenings at 7:00 (Dec 3 & 10), and 9:30 AM on Sundays.
2. Advent Retreat (in Spanish) Dec 9 from Noon till 6:00 PM
3. **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**—Dec 12 at 7:00 PM (Spanish)
4. Bethlehem Handicraft: Dec 15 & 16.
5. **Christmas Novena** (Simbang Gabi) Dec 15 -23.
6. **La Novena** (in Spanish) Dec 16-24.
7. **Lucia & Friends Concert**—Dec 16 at 3:00 PM
8. **Christmas Eve Masses**: 5 PM & 7 PM in English; 11:00 PM in Spanish
9. **Christmas Day Masses**: 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:00 noon
10. **New Years Day Masses**: 10:30 AM in English; 12:30 PM in Spanish

Christ is born into the hearts of those who believe in his Love.

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## Readers & Communion Ministers

Please sign up for serving during the holidays ASAP.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex of the church.

# ¿QUE PASA?

Padres, ¿Qué se les enseña a sus hijos en la escuela?

Vengan el 15 de enero de 2019 a la Salón Parroquial y descubran:  
7:30 PM

Libertad religiosa &  
Valores religiosos

(esta charla presentará en inglés.)

Patrocinado por Trine: el grupo juvenil de la Santísima Trinidad

El hermano **Salvador Gómez Yáñez**,  
Escritor y conferencista católico viene a predicar a nuestra parroquia

Cuando: el Viernes, 14 de diciembre de 2018

Hora: 7:00 PM

Lugar: Templo Parroquial de Holy Trinity

Están todos invitados y que el Señor prepare sus corazones para esta Navidad.  
*primero llegado primero servido*

## ST. JUAN DIEGO



### RIQUEZAS

Las riquezas son la causa de todos los vicios, porque nos hacen capaces de poner en práctica aún nuestros peores deseos.

— San Ambrosio

## 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 del Matrimonio; Ud. no puede recibir los otros Sacramentos y no puede ser un padrino o una madrina.

Por favor, no aparcar en frente de la escuela. Es ilegal y causa mucha congestión, mientras que las clases de religión están en sesión. La anchura de la calle no puede dar cabida a los coches aparcados a ambos lados de la calle y los padres dejar o recoger a sus hijos. También en caso de una emergencia en la escuela, personal de emergencia no tendrá acceso fácil e inmediato. Por favor, no hay estacionamiento en frente de la escuela o la iglesia. Tenemos amplio estacionamiento de nuestro propio y hay varios estacionamientos disponibles alrededor o cerca de la iglesia.

## A LA ESPERA DE LA SALVACIÓN DE DIOS

El mundo no parece tan grande como para contener el alborozo que causa la primera lectura. En la lectura del Evangelio, el Imperio Romano tampoco es lo suficientemente grande. Los grandes poderes de Roma se designan y se hacen esperar por la salvación de Dios. Y encontramos a Pablo que medita gozosamente en lo que importa, en lo que realmente cuenta.

De acuerdo con Baruc, la ciudad de Jerusalén es como una persona que en puntillas espera la salvación de Dios, que viene del Este. Los que fueron llevados a pie, con la cabeza gacha, regresan ahora orgullosos. Todo el camino está pavimentado. Al lado del camino hay árboles fragantes y frondosos.

No puede haber algo mejor que eso, ¿no es así? Bueno, sí puede haber algo mejor. Porque una voz grita en el desierto. Aquí comienza la salvación de Dios.

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## Vocaciones Sacerdotales

Llame 973-313-6190 o hable con el sacerdote.

## La Vida Religiosa para Mujeres

Contacta Hermana Theresia María a  
holsctg@rcan.org

## 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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