

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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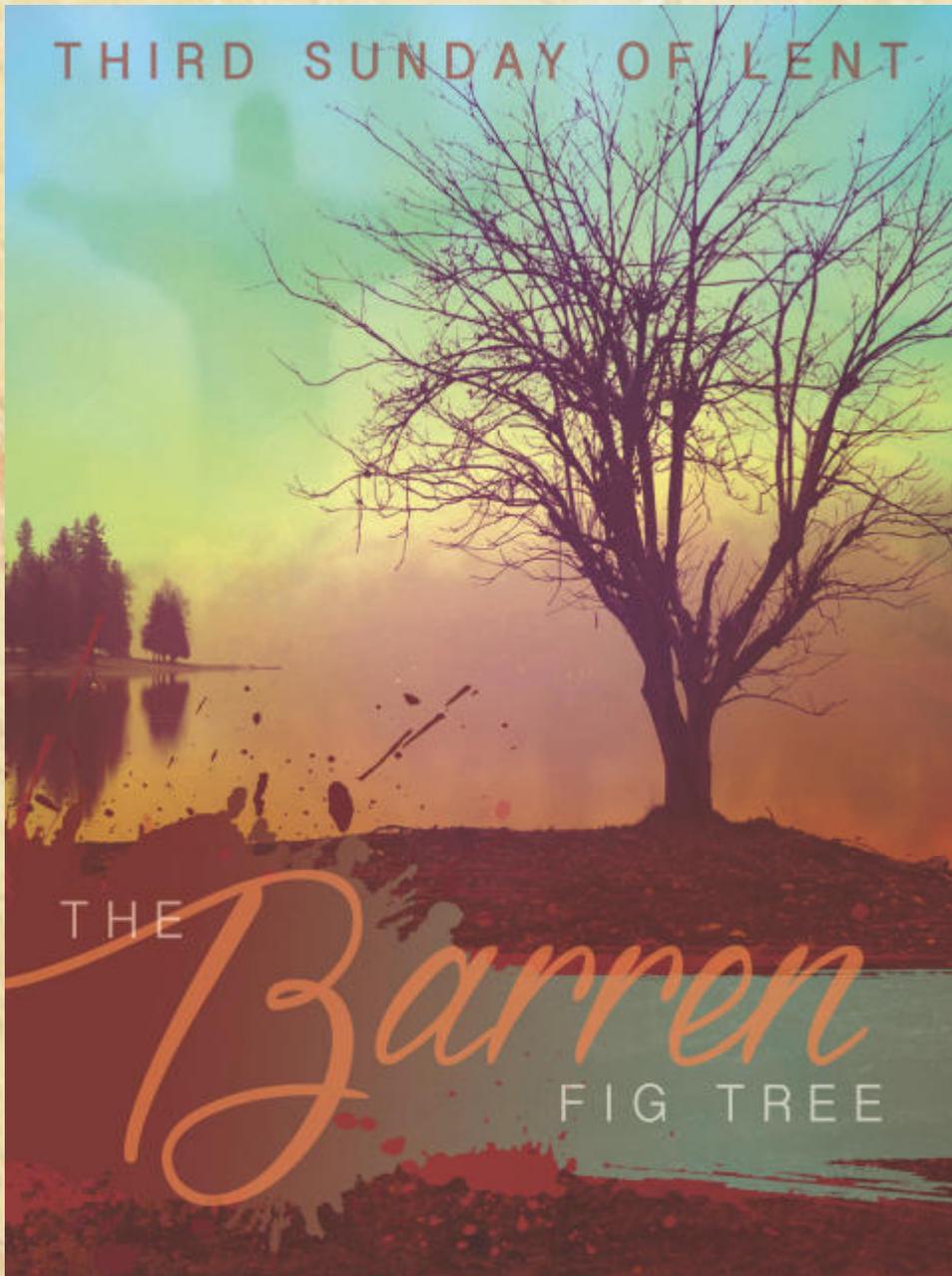


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Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community of Most Holy Trinity Parish, rich in diversity, strive to achieve the unity that is the essence of God and the heart of the Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be faithful stewards of the apostolic tradition, to stir into flame the gifts of God the Father, and to evangelize through our action as witnesses to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

March 7, 2021



Pastor:

Rev. Gregory Loughney

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Jaime Perez-Restropo

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Jose Mendoza

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Msgr. John Bergamo

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Ron Verkon

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Gladys Guardia
Benito Juarez
Joe Matarazzo
Barb Page
Danielle Rake
Nancy Santi
Ginger Walsh
Eileen Ziobro

Parishioners of the Parish

In the Roman Catholic Church of the United States of America, a member is considered “active” when “one is registered and actively participates in the liturgical and pastoral life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his/her God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure.”

As a Catholic and registered parishioner of the parish, I am expected to:

- ◆ Regularly attend and participate in Sunday Mass – preferably as a family
- ◆ Regularly participate in the sacramental life of the Church
- ◆ Develop and practice an ongoing personal/family prayer life
- ◆ Witness to the teachings of the Church by my manner of living life
- ◆ Seek to understand and practice what it means to be and live as an active and committed Christian steward in service to the parish and the Church
- ◆ Commit annually to a generous, sacrificial and proportionate commitment of my time, talent and treasure in service to the mission of the parish and the universal Church without counting the cost or any expectation of something in return
- ◆ Recognize, understand, and accept my need to regularly give and share rather than giving and sharing only when there happens to be a need
- ◆ Acknowledge, as a registered parishioner, that I am to participate in the mission of the parish rather than being only a spectator.
- ◆ Realize the necessary and ongoing importance of love, generosity, faith and family.

Let us remember, it is only through God’s love that we receive the gift of life. In the course of our lives, we are the recipients of God’s grace and giftedness. Through our Baptism, we are called to serve as God’s disciples, sharing - *in gratitude* - His gifts and grace in loving service of God and neighbor.

Our expectations within this gift of life must not be allowed to take precedent over what is expected of us in gratitude thereof. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mt. 16:24)

Email Addresses

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Modified Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00am - 12 noon

Office is closed to the public.

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:15am

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am
12:00pm - Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:00pm - 3:00pm

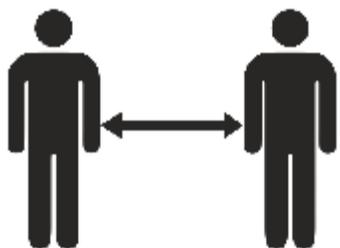
Other times available by appointment.

MHT Parish Mass Intentions

3/8	8:15am	Special Intentions of Allan Thomas	The James Family
3/9	8:15am	Paul Latzanich	The Garber Family
3/10	8:15am	Angelina Gargano	Karl & Madeleine Forssell
	7:00pm	For the People	The Pastor
3/11	8:15am	Gert Mignat	Karl & Madeleine Forssell
3/12	8:15am	Chris Turi	The Craunakis Family
3/13	4:00pm	Angelina Gargano	The Morrow Family
3/14	8:00am	For the People	The Pastor
	10:30am	Emoy Mathilda Williams	The James Family
	12:00pm	Intentions of Mercedes Pebe	Gladys Guardia

Safety Measures when Attending Mass

**6 ft
Safe, Social
Distancing**



**Masks On
Covering Nose
and Mouth**



**Sanitize Hands
before
Communion**



**Ongoing help is needed at the
Msgr. McHugh Center!**

There are a variety of tasks to complete including cleaning, to painting, to repairs, etc.

We will meet each Tuesday from
8:30-10:00am and 6:00-7:30pm.
If you can join us for one of those times
please simply show up.



The Light is ON  for You.
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Each Monday evening of Lent from 5:30pm to 6:30pm the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton. We encourage you to avail yourself of the sacrament during this time as there will be no communal penance services during Lent due to covid restrictions.

Lent

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

What can you sacrifice?

If each family gave up one of these items just once a week during Lent and contributed the dollar amount to our Capital Campaign, then our financial forecast for our building project would be much brighter and we ensure our ability to secure a loan.



Doughnut:
\$0.89



Large Iced Coffee:
\$2.79



Medium Shake:
\$4.39



Quarter Pounder
Value Meal:
\$6.75



Haagen-Dass
28oz Ice Cream:
\$8.75



Grande Meal:
\$10.99



16" Pizza:
\$12.95



16" Cheesesteak:
\$14.75

Donate a Portion of Your Stimulus Check



As the pandemic has placed an extra financial strain on many households, some households find themselves in a sound financial position. To that end we invite you to consider donating a portion of your government issued Stimulus Check to our parish building fund.

Work is continuing at the Msgr. McHugh Center and in areas connected to our worship space. As a parish, we have taken on the work in multiple areas to reduce costs. We have also relied upon and are most thankful to the volunteers who help in some many ways thus eliminating some labor costs. Nevertheless, there remains material and certain labor costs. Any donation that you make will directly support our efforts in these areas. Thank you again, and with your support our dream will soon be a reality.

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

In six days the LORD made the heavens
and the earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
but on the seventh day he rested. (Ex 20:11)



PSALM

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
(Ps 19)



SECOND READING

For the foolishness of God is wiser
than human wisdom,
and the weakness of God is stronger than
human strength. (1 Cor 1:25)



GOSPEL

"Destroy this temple and in three days
I will raise it up." (Jn 2:19)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Many prefer a "create as you go" approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a "you can't tell me what to do" attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other's space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of "anything goes" and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on "relativism island" where only a possible suggestion to "love and do not harm" may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus' display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life's preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Parents Just Don't Understand

Anybody remember the old rap song by the Fresh Prince, aka Will Smith, "Parents Just Don't Understand?" As we grow up, it is sometimes a struggle for us to imagine that our parents understand us. It can seem impossible that Mom and Dad remember the stress of exam week or peer pressure. We never saw them as children; we never saw their disappointed faces when they weren't invited to a party, or their dashed hopes at a bad test grade. We never saw them homesick their first week of college or nervous to ask their crush to Homecoming.

We're often the same way about God. We gripe about what He asks of us. "He doesn't understand sin — He's all-good," we think. "He doesn't understand temptation — He is perfect."

In Scripture, God can be very much a father, telling us what we can and cannot do. And yet, in His divine genius, He is sometimes simply a man at a well, asking for a drink.

For me, it turns out I didn't need to tell my parents anything about what I was going through as a kid — they knew already. What I needed was for them to tell me what to do, and how to do it.

Similarly, we don't need to tell God about human nature. We need God to tell us about His nature. He's good enough to ask us for a drink, to enter into our humanity. But we have to remember, for our own sakes, to have the humility to ask Him for something, too — the water that will quench our eternal thirst.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:

The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).

Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.

Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.

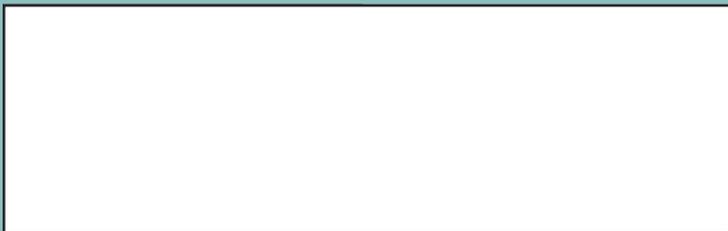
Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

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