

Most Holy Trinity Parish

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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.

April 25, 2021



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Pastor:

Rev. Gregory Loughney

Parochial Vicar:

Rev. Jaime Perez-Restropo

Permanent Deacons:

Alan Baranski
Jose Mendoza

In Residence:

Msgr. John Bergamo

Retired Deacon:

Ron Verkon

Parish Pastoral Council:

Jen Beers
Wayne Beers
Cindy DeLuca
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

Main Office: mht-poconos@outlook.com

Bulletin: mht-bulletin@outlook.com

Modified Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday

9:00am - 12 noon

Call or email to contact us.

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

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| 4/26 | 8:15am | Angelina Gargano | Rivera Family |
| 4/27 | 8:15am | Joseph Martinez | Anonymous |
| 4/28 | 8:15am | Vincent Martinez | Anonymous |
| | 7:00pm | For the People | The Pastor |
| 4/29 | 7:00pm | Maureen Hover | Frank & Faith Young |
| 4/30 | 3:00pm | Sister Ann Damian, OSF | Anonymous |
| 5/1 | 8:00pm | Marie Matarazzo | The Kissell Family |
| 5/2 | 8:00am | For the People | The Pastor |
| | 10:30am | Kathleen Raimondo | Matthew & Aline Stroessner |
| | 12:00pm | Francisca Cordero | James & Angelina Cordero |

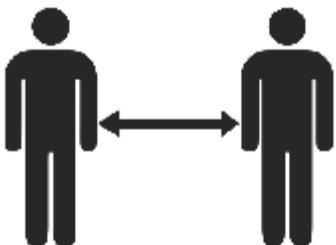
Starting on May 8, Mother's Day weekend, St. John Paul II of the Poconos Council 4159, Faith in Action-Life Program, will start a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise money for the purchase of an Ultrasound machine that will be donated to the Greater Hazelton Pregnancy Center. Your donations will be greatly appreciated and Baby Bottles need to be returned by Father's Day, June 20th. Baby Bottles will be available after each Mass and in the Lobby. Any question please call.



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Bill Musa 908-500-1174
Bill Jones 570-460-0678

Safety Measures when Attending Mass

**6 ft
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Distancing**

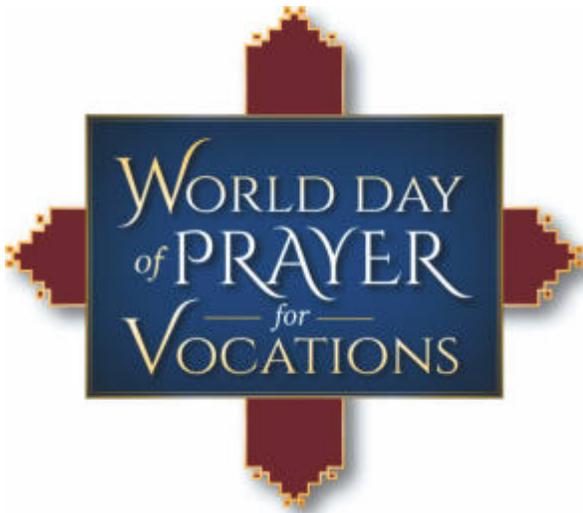


**Masks On
Covering Nose
and Mouth**



**Sanitize Hands
before
Communion**





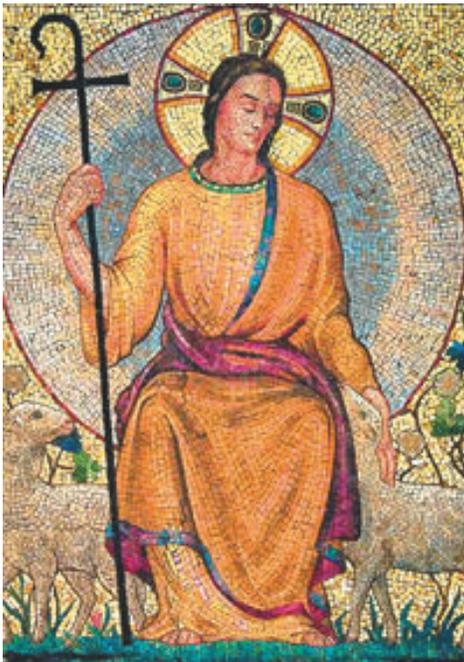
This year marks the 58th Anniversary of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 25, 2021 .

World Day of Prayer for Vocations falls on Good Shepherd Sunday. We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. He says, “A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” The mission of Jesus culminated in his self-sacrificing love. He gave himself so that we might live. This is the great mystery of love present in the Eucharist: “This is my body, given up for you. This

is my blood, poured out for you.” Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church.

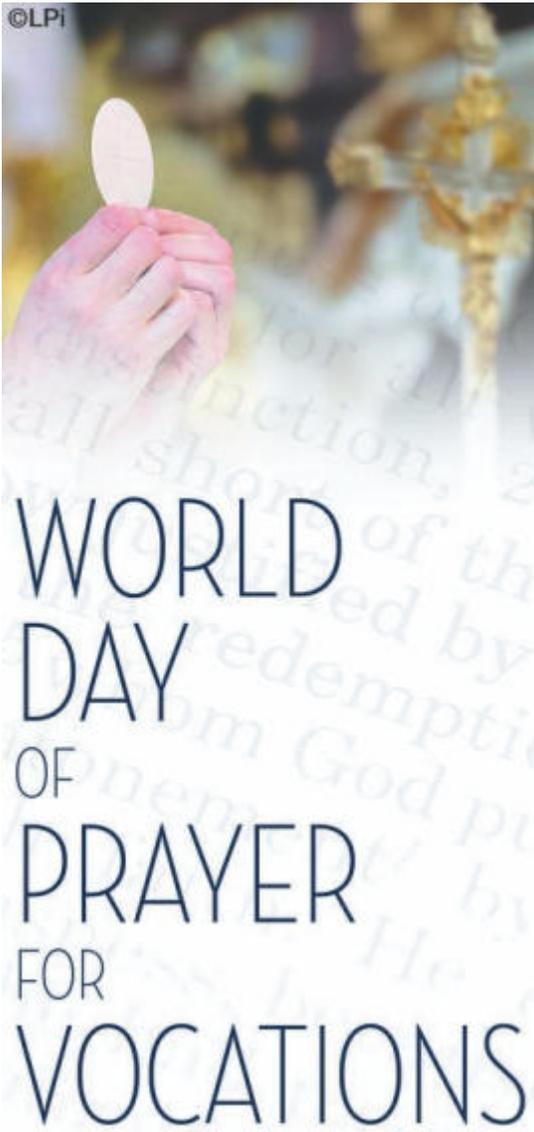
As today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations, will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God’s call.



It is the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the *dream* of your lives, *servicing him* in your brothers and sisters through a *fidelity* that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

--Pope Francis, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2021



Loving God, you call all who believe in you to grow perfect in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son.

Call from among us more men and women who will serve you as religious.

By their way of life, may they provide a convincing sign of your Kingdom for the Church and the whole world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Scranton.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Vocation or Calling

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

Gardening for God

Blessed with an abundance of land, we would like to begin work to develop gardens on our property which can serve as spiritual oases that provide a peaceful place for prayer, quiet spaces for contemplation, and a welcoming respite for our friends and neighbors alike.

This ministry will care for the cultivation of flowers, plants and landscaping around our beautiful, rural campus. We will work the earth to create reflective landscapes and to present the natural beauty of creation. We are asking parishioners and friends from neophyte to master gardeners to share their horticultural talents in a social environment. We will design, plant, transplant, water, weed, prune, rake and sweep to transform our parish campus into a beautiful place of prayer and contemplation. In the process, ministry volunteers experience God through the beauty of nature and in the friendships that are formed.

For more information and to volunteer contact the parish office at mht-poconos@outlook.com.



Given the size of our property and a desire to exercise good stewardship we are looking for volunteers to help with lawn care. We need people to help with cut the grass and trim around the buildings. Ideally we could form four (4) teams of volunteers so that each team works once a month.

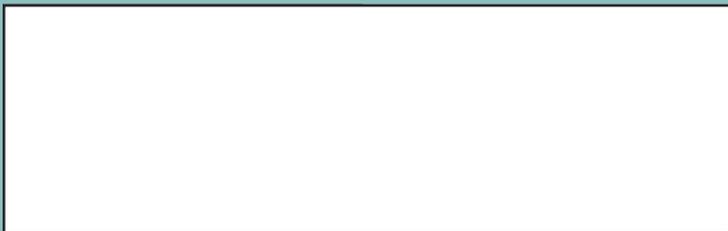
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