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The Church of the Most Holy Trinity



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Years
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Many people confuse the roles of intercessor and mediator. I have heard many say that we cannot pray to the Virgin Mary or the Saints because the only mediator is Our Lord Jesus Christ—as He Himself states in the Gospel: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (cf. John 14:6). This is, of course, true in the sense that Jesus is the sole mediator between God and human beings. However, being a mediator is different from being an intercessor.

What is the difference between a mediator and an intercessor? Let us begin with the definition of an intercessor. An intercessor is someone who steps in on behalf of another person to present their needs to God. We see this clearly in the Sacred Scriptures. The most common example is Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the Gospel of John, we see Mary speaking on behalf of the couple celebrating their wedding at Cana. They had run out of wine, so she spoke to her Son, Jesus, asking Him to perform the miracle of providing more wine for the wedding feast (cf. John 2:1-12). Yet Mary is not the only one who intercedes. Consider the centurion who speaks on behalf of his gravely ill servant; he intercedes with Jesus, asking Him to heal his servant (cf. Matthew 8:5-17). We also see intercession in the Old Testament: Abraham speaks to God, asking Him not to destroy the city (cf. Genesis 18:16-33). Likewise, we become intercessors ourselves when we pray for one another. That is why it is important to offer our petitions during the Eucharist and in our personal prayer. We pray to the Saints asking for their intercession because they are alive in Heaven; for God is a God of the living, not of the dead (cf. Matthew 22:32; Luke 20:37-38). In the Book of Revelation, we see the twenty-four elders presenting the prayers of the Saints to God (cf. Revelation 5:8). We thus see how intercession is offered by all of us.

On the other hand, Jesus Christ is the sole mediator between God and human beings. Christ is the mediator because He uses the Cross as the means for our salvation. The Cross is the bond uniting God and us; it is also the bond uniting humanity itself. That is why Jesus is the center of our faith. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (cf. John 14:6). Jesus is the Good Shepherd and, at the same time, the gate through which one enters the sheepfold (cf. John 10:1-21). Jesus is the living water (cf. John 4:4-42). Jesus is the Bread of Life (cf. John 6:51). I could go on citing biblical passages that demonstrate why Jesus is the only mediator, and why we should follow Him alone.

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Our Mission

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey!

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 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the Parish Office at 265-1616.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:

Available by appointment with a priest.

OR

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. (October through June)

(No Tuesday Confessions July – September)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least six months in advance through the Parish Office. Preparation includes meetings with the pastor, Pre-Cana and the Fully Engaged inventory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION: See our website for more information

- 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.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October - June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K - 3.

YOUTH MINISTRY - See our website for more information.

- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- OCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.

Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - Contact Fr. George (fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org) or Mary Kramer (mary.kramer@dor.org) for information about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Sidewalk Work To Begin

Repairs will soon begin to Holy Trinity's sidewalks along Ridge Road. Please take extra care in avoiding taped off areas, including sidewalks, parking spaces, and entryways.

We will be working with our contractor to always keep at least one of the handicapped entrances on Ridge Road open.

If needed, there is additional handicapped parking available between Murphy Hall and McGivney Center with access to the church via the elevator. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated while repairs are underway.





Holy Trinity Church

2026/2027 Faith Formation (Grades K-7)

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



Registration forms are available at the Gathering Space Welcome Desk or online. Please return the completed form and payment to Holy Trinity Parish Office, Attn: Faith Formation.

Join us for a wonderful year of faith filled fun.

For more information call the parish office at 585-265-1616.




HOLY TRINITY CHURCH REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 IS NOW OPEN



For information visit the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space or the following link:

<https://holytrinityweb.org/ministries/sacramental-preparation/>



**Confirmation and
Youth Ministry Office**

More Information
ivan.luqueno-tlayeca@dor.org
office (585)265-1616 ext. 328

The next Young Adult Fellowship meeting will be on Saturday, August 8th at 6:00 pm in the Wing Room across the hall from the Parish Office. Please join us. All are welcome, ages 18-35. The more the merrier!

Stewardship by the Book

"The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the Psalmist today. Does the amount of my offering suggest that I could honestly say the same?



**Please Remember in Prayer
Our Beloved Dead
Helen Sudore, Mary Ann Leccese,
Lillian Wickum and Don Orlowsky,
brother of Anne Deisenroth and those who
mourn for them.**



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of Jack Spisak, req. by Mary Sue.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Rita Power, req. by Pam & Denny.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Sister Rosemary St. Peter, req. by Maryanne Rokos Pavone.

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

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

PAYMENTS AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

Please note that going forward, the parish office is no longer prepared to make change for any payments. This includes Mass & candle stipends, event tickets, etc. Please bring exact change or a check when making any payments. Thank you for your understanding.

Faith Formation Coordinator

Holy Trinity is seeking a full-time Faith Formation Coordinator. The coordinator will serve under the supervision and direction of the Pastor, for a full range of pre-adolescent Faith Formation functions including planning, overseeing, and administration of pre-adolescent religious education, sacramental preparation, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Vacation Bible School. Nights and weekends are required for this position.

If you are interested in learning more or applying for the position, please email a resume and cover letter to Helen Sleeman at Helen.Sleeman@dor.org.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who is considered the founding father of the Catholic Church in Ireland?

Answer: St. Patrick

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Tuesday Confessions

Please note that our Tuesday confessions from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. will be suspended for the summer months. Tuesday confessions will resume the first week of October. The sacrament of Penance is offered on Saturdays year round or by appointment.



Volunteer opportunities



Seeking Greeters & Ushers for 4:30 and 10:30 Masses

Have you ever thought about volunteering as a greeter or usher at Holy Trinity? Now would be a great time to try it out. It's summer! We are in need of volunteers to help at the Saturday, 4:30 pm Masses and the Sunday, 10:30 am Masses. The greeters and ushers welcome our parishioners and guests to Holy Trinity and provide a wonderful smile and helpful demeanor that puts everyone in a great mood to hear God's Word. Please consider volunteering. All volunteers need to be CASE trained before starting. If interested, please contact Gary Smith for ushering at garysmith927@gmail.com or Mary Kramer for greeters at mvkramer75@gmail.com.

Hospitality, Explained!

When three strangers came to Abraham's tent at Mamre on a sweltering day, he rushed to offer them respite from the heat (Genesis 18:2-3). When the prophet Elisha visited Shunem, a woman set aside a special room in her house for him, so that he would return and feel comfortable (2 Kings 4:10).

These Old Testament examples show people living out the law of welcoming the sojourner (Leviticus 19:33), a law that found fulfillment in the Christian mandate to "practice hospitality" (Romans 12:13) and show "brotherly love" (Hebrews 13:1-2).

The virtue of hospitality is characterized by kindness and welcome, particularly to those who are strangers. Since the stranger, by nature, has no particular claim on our affections, the love we extend to him is true Christian love — love purely for the sake of the one "who loved us first" (1 John 4:19).

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HOLY TRINITY
YOUTH 
GROUP

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JOIN US FOR OUR
FIRST MEETING!

 **JULY 26TH** | 6:30-8:00 PM
IN THE YOUTH ROOM

 ALL TEENS
AGES 14-18
ARE WELCOME!

 MEETING TWICE
A MONTH TO
STRENGTHEN OUR
FAITH

 GROW TOGETHER
AS A FAMILY
GUIDED BY
CHRIST!

COME GROW IN FAITH. BUILD FRIENDSHIPS. BE THE LIGHT. 

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I hope we have gained a better understanding of what it means to be an intercessor and a mediator. We can be intercessors, but the only One who mediates for us is Jesus Christ. Therefore, my family, let us pray for one another and present all our prayers, supplications, petitions, and offerings to Jesus Christ, the only One who leads us to the house of our Heavenly Father.

Remember, *The parish that we dream is the parish that I help to build!*

God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you always!

Fr. Jorge Ramirez

Holy Trinity Church... 165 years evangelizing!

THANK YOU! You were TERRIFIC! VBS was TERRIFIC!

Vacation Bible School just wrapped up, and great fun was had by all! A huge part of the credit goes to our youth helpers who jumped right in and helped to make this year's VBS a big success! These young people worked hard keeping the campers engaged and excited and assisting where needed. Holy Trinity is blessed to have so many terrific kids! If you see them, please thank them!

Gianna Adorante
Luca Bleier
McKenzie Dalton
Nora Gillen
Gael Hernandez-Salazar
Katie Maier
Nya Pagano
Lillian Pierri
Jessica Schouten
Lucy Shenoy

Lily Behe
Nicola Bleier
Michelle Dentico
Henry Gillen
Joseph Huss Jr.
Mary Maier
Wesley Pagano
Gia Sarno
Lila Segelin
Carson Short

Lilly Bennett
Guiliana Dalton
Stella Franus
Ryan Guffey
Sophia Huss
Veronica Naiko
Claire Pierri
Avery Schinlever
Sophia Segelin
Poppy Short

We cannot forget the countless hours put in by our staff and adult volunteers:

Helen Sleeman
Katie Baird
April Schwenzer-Bennett
Mary Haenig
Mary Pawloski
Judy Tarasek

Mary Kramer
Lisa Baird
Clare Broccolo
Tracy Maier
Logan Pellow
Katie Schillaci

Michelle Gibbs
Pat Bell
John Bennett
Ron Broccolo
Terry Onate

Thank you all for your support for our children and our parish. We are blessed!

Mass Intentions: July 25 - August 2, 2026

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

SATURDAY, July 25, 2026

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

SUNDAY, July 26, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. † Josephine & Frank Fogarty, req. by John & family

10:30 a.m. † Mary Thomann, req. by Monte & Jamie

Monday, July 27, 2026

Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Clayton Bubb, req. by Don Basch

Tuesday, July 28, 2026

Weekday

8:30 a.m. † Special intentions of Fr. Jorge, req. by Jean & Dave Wolf

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:30 a.m. † Anna Mae Magner, req. by Janet Guarino

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. † Jack Spisak, req. by Mary Sue

Friday, July 31, 2026

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30 a.m. † Charles & Nancy Colangelo, req. by Joanne Boris

FIRST SATURDAY, August 1, 2026

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Gaetano DiLiberto, req. by Sarah Speis

Spanish Mass moved to August 8

SUNDAY, August 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10:30 a.m. † Alphonse LaVoie, req. by Bobbi, Mary Ann & Joe

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Sunday, July 26

6:30 p.m. - Holy Trinity Youth Group (First Meeting)

Tuesday, July 28

9:15 a.m. - Legion of Mary - Marian Room

9:30 a.m. - Cursillo - Wing Room

Thursday, July 30

3:00 p.m. - Adoration - Church

Friday, July 31

8:00 a.m. - Rosary - Church

Saturday, August 1

3:00 p.m. - Confession - Church



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Please call the Parish Office

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9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Friday:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Website: www.holytrinityweb.org

Email address: wholytri@dor.org

MASS TIMES:

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If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, you may view our live-stream at <https://vimeo.com/event/4945874>

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
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