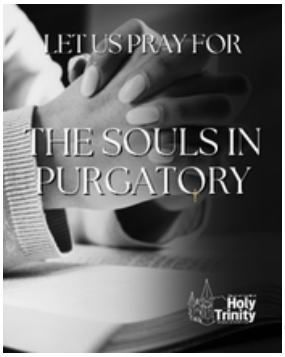
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Why Do We Pray for the Dead?



When we study the Catechism, we learn that one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), "Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care" (USCCB: The Spiritual Works of Mercy).

God always cares for us, whether we are living or have passed away. We often pray for people who are sick, unemployed, or experiencing serious difficulties. We also pray for those who have departed this life and rest in the peace of Christ. During Mass, we frequently pray for our family members and friends who have died.

Because we do not know with certainty the eternal destiny of those who have died, we entrust them to God's mercy and pray for them. We pray that they may enjoy the presence of the Lord in His Kingdom, in the company of all the angels and saints.

What Is Purgatory Like?

Purgatory is more like heaven than hell because the souls there are not in the hands of Satan; rather, they are awaiting the fullness of the joy that comes from being in God's presence. They experience suffering, but they also have hope. They know that God is close to them, and they long to see Him face-to-face. Although they cannot yet enjoy the fullness of the heavenly vision, they have the assurance that their purification will end and that they will enter into the joy of heaven.

St. Catherine of Genoa offers a beautiful reflection on the relationship between the suffering and the joy experienced by the souls in purgatory in her Treatise on Purgatory:
"I believe no happiness can be found worthy to be compared with that of a soul in Purgatory except that of the saints in Paradise; and day by day this happiness grows as God flows into these souls, more and more as the hindrance to His entrance is consumed."

She compares sin to rust that prevents a soul from fully receiving God's divine light. As this rust is removed through purification, the soul becomes increasingly open to God's love, and its happiness grows. Although the soul continues to experience suffering, it is united with God's will and trusts in His loving plan.

St. Catherine's reflection reminds us that purgatory is not a place of despair. Rather, it is a state of purification for those who die in God's grace and friendship but still need to be purified before entering the fullness of Heaven. The souls in purgatory have the hope of Heaven, and their purification prepares them to enjoy the fullness of God's presence.

Let Us Pray for the Souls in Purgatory

Therefore, let us pray for the souls in purgatory. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters who are awaiting the fullness of the joy of Heaven. We can offer our prayers for them during the Eucharist, while praying the Holy Rosary, or through a novena.

Let us pray not only for our faithful departed family members and friends but also for those who have no one to pray for them. They, too, are worthy of our prayers as we entrust them to the mercy and love of God.

Let us remember that our prayers are an expression of our love, which does not end with death. Through prayer, we remain united with our brothers and sisters in Christ and entrust them to the loving care of our Heavenly Father.

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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 Grades K-7 in our Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion for Grades 2 and over.
- OCIC to prepare children ages 7-12 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- 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 13-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- YOUTH GROUP for confirmed teenagers ages 14-18.
- YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP ages 19-35.

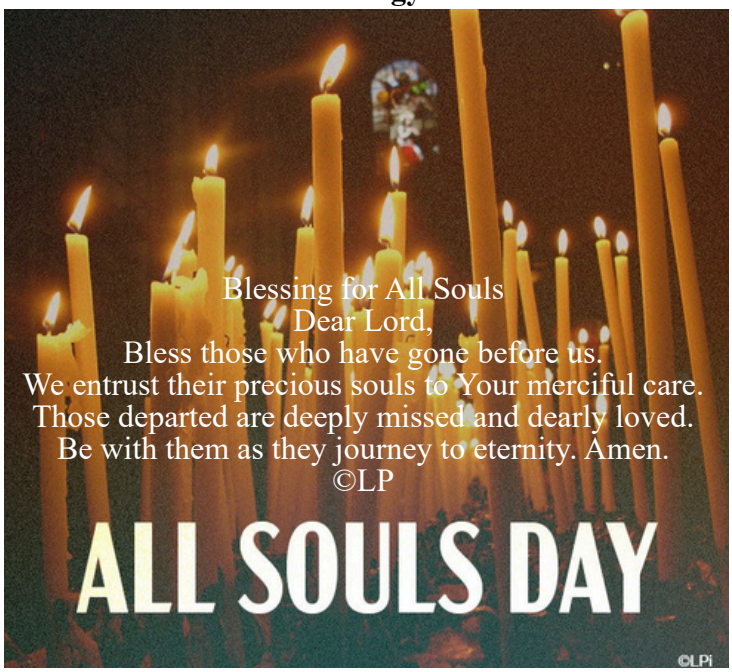
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MASS OF LOVING REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we remember our loved ones who have gone before us. We will celebrate our annual Candlelight Mass on **Friday, November 6th at 7:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Gathering Space.** We will individually name those members of our parish family who passed away in the last **12 months.** We invite you to add loved ones who have passed away in prior years to our Book of Remembrance, located near the narthex. The Book of Remembrance will be placed by the candle during Mass. **All are welcome to attend this liturgy.**



The Sunday Readings Explained



Five brought oil; and five did not – and the door was shut. The gospel gives the parable of the ten virgins and its call to stay awake. Dr. Pitre shows how this parable of the ten virgins urges watchful readiness for the bridegroom.You can attend the study in the Peace & Unity Rooms on: Wednesday evening, 11/4/2026 at 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm, or Thursday morning, 11/5/2026 from 9:30 am, until 11:00 am.

The Mass Explained



"The Lord be with you" "And with your spirit" We say it before the Gospel without thinking – but the exchange is older than the Mass itself. Where in Scripture does this greeting come from, and why do we sign the book, our forehead, lips and breast? The Mass explained video series will be presented on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 10 a.m. until 11:30 p.m. in Trinity Hall.



Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead
and those who mourn for them.
Teresa "Sharyn" Butwid
Alma O' Neil



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of Betty Schoen, req. by Bruce Charleton

The **Blessed Mother's Candle** will burn in loving memory of Betty Schoen, req. by Bruce Charleton

The **St. Joseph's Candle** will burn for the special intentions of Dick and Nora Doser on their 50th wedding anniversary, req. by Pam and Denny

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

If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a speical intention, or a special occasion, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

ALL THINGS NEW

Embracing Our Mission in Christ

We thank those who have given generously to the CMA.
Join our appeal and give back what you can, so that we can lead our Church into a hopeful future!

If you wish to give to the CMA, there are envelopes located at the Welcome desk in the Gathering Space.

Goal	**$204,000**
Pledged To Date As Of 10/27/2026	$114,725.51
Donors	222
% To Goal	56.24%



The Webster Festival of Choirs will be held at Holy Trinity this year! Come and enjoy a free concert on **Sunday, November 8th at 4:00.** Several Webster church choirs will perform uplifting worship music. It's a wonderful afternoon of sacred song, and we'd love to see you there!



Our Christmas STAR program will once again be collecting **gift cards** to distribute to families that have reached out to us for support.

We ask that gift cards be in $25.00 increments from ALDI, WALMART, or TOPS

Through your generosity, our STAR program supports:
10 Families through ROC: Love Will End Abortion
12 Families through Nativity Preparatory Academy
10 Families through St. Monica Church
40 Families through St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish

That's over 300 individuals who will have a brighter Christmas season because of your kindness.

Gift Cards will be collected in the Penny Sunday Collections on the weekends of November 7-8 and December 5-6. You may also drop off gift cards at the parish office through Friday, December 4th.

If you have any questions about our Christmas Star Program, please contact Helen Sleeman at helen.sleeman@dor.org

Holy Trinity is once again participating in Wreaths Across America, a heartfelt initiative to honor the brave men and women who served our country and now rest in our parish cemetery.
We invite you to sponsor a Veteran Wreath for $17 to be placed on a veteran's grave. This simple yet powerful gesture reminds us that their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

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As a bonus, $5 from each wreath will support the Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #4618, helping fund charitable efforts like providing warm winter coats to children in need. To sponsor wreaths please visit: https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/NY0508P

Or Scan the QR code:
For more information or any questions, please contact Theresa Cummings at theresa_cummings@yahoo.com or 585-645-5561
Let us come together in faith and gratitude to remember our heroes and support our community.

The Shepherd and the Lost Sheep Olive Wood Carvings



Representatives from the Holy Land with The Shepherd And The Lost Sheep will be with us on **November 14 &15th, 2026**, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 1% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand-carved olive wood artifacts to tourists. So they have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceeds from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide for their families.
For more information, please visit https://theshepherdandthelostsheep.net





Payments at the Parish Office

Please note that going forward, the parish office is no longer prepared to make change for any payments. Please bring exact change or a check when making any payments.



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A Special Invitation

On November 6, Holy Trinity Church will celebrate the Mass of Loving Remembrance at 7:00 p.m. Join us for this special Eucharistic celebration as we remember our beloved deceased and entrust them to God's loving mercy. Let us come together in prayer, united in the hope of the Resurrection and eternal life.

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!

Stewardship by the Book

"The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others.

Mass Intentions

October 31- November 8, 2026

All Weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed.

Saturday, October 31, 2026
4:30 p.m. (Vigil) † Ken Moore, req. by Kathy & Bill Miller

Sunday, November 1, 2026
All Saints Day
8:30 a.m. † Betty Schoen, req by Bruce Charleton
10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living & deceased

Monday, November 2, 2026
All Souls Day
8:30 a.m. † For all the souls in Purgatory, req. by Tran family

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Weekday - Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. † Deceased members of the Legion of Mary, req. by the Legion of Mary

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
8:30 a.m. † Edmund Saetta, req. by wife & family

Thursday, November 5, 2026
Weekday
8:30 a.m. † Mary Hill, req. by Kim Hill & the Vitale family

First Friday, November 6, 2026
Weekday
8:30 a.m. † Gregory Voytillo, req. by Joe & Marcy Leonardo

First Saturday, November 7, 2026
4:30 p.m. (Vigil) † Camilo Ramirez on his birthday, req. by Fr. Jorge
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 a.m. † Dante Mastrosimone, req. by the family
10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

This Week at Holy Trinity Church



Tuesday, November 3
9:00 a.m. - St. Monica Ministry - Church
9:30 a.m. - Cursillo - Wing Room
4:30 p.m - Confession - Church

Wednesday, November 4
1:30 p.m. - Stitching Group - Wing Room
6:30 p.m. - Sunday Mass Readings Explained - Peace/Unity Rooms

Thursday, November 5
9:30 a.m. - Sunday Mass Readings Explained - Peace/Unity Rooms
3:00 p.m. - Adoration - Church

Friday, November 6
8:00 a.m. - Rosary - Church
7:00 p.m. - Mass of Loving Remembrance - Church

Saturday, November 7
10:00 a.m. - The Mass Explained - Trinity Hall
3:00 p.m. - Confession - Church
6:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass - Church

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WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
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Friday:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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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

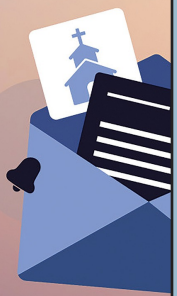
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Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177 ext. 1555 or email to victimsassistance@dor.org

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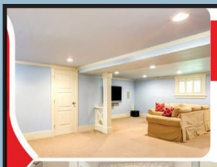
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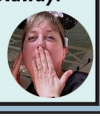


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