

Fall/Winter 2017/2018



# Holy Trinity

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## Herald Tribune

Dear families and friends of Holy Trinity Catholic Church,

As the following pages of our parish newsletter show, it has been a busy time at Holy Trinity since our last newsletter. From our joy for our three men in formation for the clergy and the restoration of our church organ, to our sadness at the passing of our beloved Father Lawrence, Sister Danielle, and the many other wonderful people of our parish who have departed to eternal life (may God welcome them, and console all who miss them).

Our beautiful Christmas Masses have come and gone, and the nativity play by our school children, as we celebrated Our Lord's birth. And now we find ourselves in the midst of our Lenten purifications, to prepare us for the glorious celebration of Easter. We have been blessed with a great RCIA class preparing for the Easter Vigil, and with all the candidates and their sponsors, our classes are bursting at the seams! Such anticipation!

*“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord”* (1 Cor 12:4-5). This was part of our readings in our recent celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It takes many people giving generously from their gifts to make a healthy parish community. Our parish is blessed with a wonderful sense of faith and stewardship by our parishioners. God has created each of us with gifts for the building up of the Church, and we as stewards of those gifts are called to develop them, and then to put them at His disposal for his Provident plan. Even if someone can't give physical work, the Church cannot do what we need to, without the furnace of spiritual sacrifice and prayer. So *everyone* (and their gifts) is part of the Spirit's plan, and an important part of the Church. Thank you to everyone who offers *prayer and work* for the life and ministry of Holy Trinity Parish.

With prayers and blessings,  
Fr. Stephen Kelley, pastor

## SUMMER RETREAT A SUCCESS. . . . .

The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Corpus Christi Men's Retreat ended on a high note Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, when it was announced that Bishop Ronald Gainer has been engaged as the Retreat Master for 2018. The weekend of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> retreat in this long running series.

Attending a retreat is in everyone's best interest. It is uplifting in more ways than one and helps strengthen your faith. One might think about the next retreat and drop a hint to your family about giving the weekend as a gift for your birthday or maybe Christmas.



This years retreat was held on the campus of Mount St. Mary's University and Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. It was a beautiful, picturesque weekend with slightly more than 250 men representing 40 parishes from around the Diocese of Harrisburg. Columbia was represented by men from both Holy Trinity and St. Peter parishes: reading left to right are Bernie Wolgemuth, Jr., Mike Finnegan, John "Tink" Lutz, Bern Wolgemuth, Sr., Gerald Nikolaus (kneeling), Jim

Knapp, Albert Storm, Ed Wickenheiser, Mike Leibhart and Henry Reese.

The retreat was conducted by Monsignor Charles Pope, pastor of Holy Comforter/St. Cyprian Church of Washington, D.C. He is an outstanding motivator and speaker.

The retreat offers special observances. This is YOUR time. . . YOUR retreat and you can make the best of it by encountering Jesus, the Lord, and responding with an overwhelming "Yes" to a life-long, prayerful relationship with Him.

During the retreat there are periods of silence, scheduled times for private consultation and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In addition the Blessed Sacrament is exposed from Friday evening until 8:30PM Saturday. Sunday Mass is held in Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel on top of the mountain which is glass enclosed and overlooks the valley below. Benediction and Farewell are conducted in the Immaculate Conception Chapel pictured.





## PARISH SUMMER PICNIC. . . . .

“Closing out summer in grand style”. . . . . the best way to summarize the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. This event is hosted by the Men’s Club and like previous picnics they didn’t miss a trick. No stone was unturned. It should be noted that there was plenty of help aside from the members of the Men’s Club. . a lot of ladies and they did a remarkable job.



Doors opened at 1:00PM and parishioners were greeted by Hal Snyder, president of the Men’s Club and were welcomed with opening remarks by Father Stephen Kelley. The parish center was just about filled to capacity and there was plenty of elbow room for everyone.



Musical entertainment was provided by *The Kelly's*. . .a favorite of the Holy Trinity people. They featured a lot of toe tapping numbers and energized one of our senior parishioners 90 year young Al “Snook” Schmitt. He and his lovely wife Doris, long time parish volunteers, danced to one of their favorite tunes to mark their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Following this

dance Al was still in motion and his 95-year old sister-in-law, Caroline Derstler, joined him in a fast swing number to the delight and applause of the crowd.

Plenty of good picnic style food, delicious home made deserts, prizes galore awarded during the playing of bingo. Just about everyone went home with a prize ranging from Turkey Hill ice cream to snacks of every kind. There were even tabletop souvenirs.



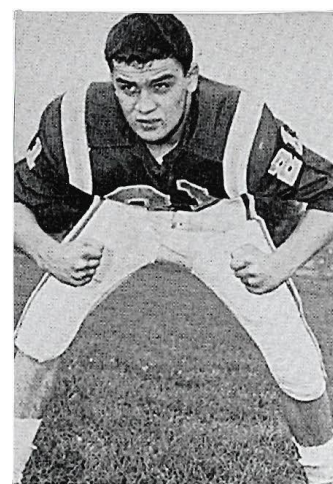


## HALL OF FAMERS from Holy Trinity at Columbia High School. . . . .

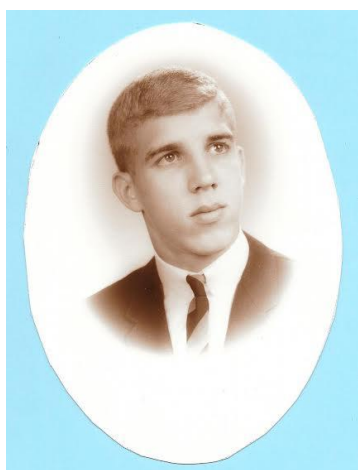
On September 22<sup>nd</sup> the following were inducted into the Columbia High School Sports Hall of Fame during half-time at the CHS football game... we are proud of:



**Denny Bachman** who was a three-year lettermen in football and a member of the 1960 Conference of Roses co-championship team, which finished with an 8-2 record. He won the 1961 offensive lineman award and was defensive player of the year, averaging 16.7 tackles a game. That year he had 167 tackles for the year with a season-high of 27 tackles against Elizabethtown.



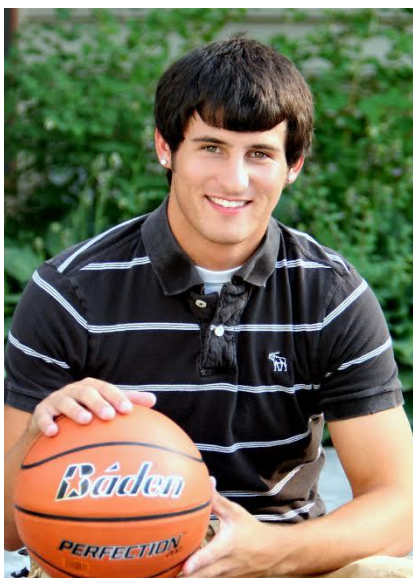
He participated in the Wheatland Sertoma All-Star game and served as captain of the 1962 wrestling team and had a record of 8-4-2. He was voted best linebacker in 1998 for the 100th anniversary of Columbia High School football and served as an assistant coach for the 2011 CHS football team that won the District Three Class A championship.



**Tom Smith** is a five-time varsity letter winner, three in track and two in basketball. He was captain of the 1963-64 basketball team and 1964 track team. The 1963 Crimson Tide basketball team won the county championship. Smith was a member of the CHS basketball team that went to the District Three finals in 1962-63 and 1963-64.



Smith was a member of the 1963 mile relay team that won a state title and a gold medal at the Penn Relays. Smith was also a member of the 1962, 1963, and 1964 mile relay team that won the county championship and the mile relay at the Hanover and Shippensburg Relays.



**Michael Seibert** was a two-time captain of the football and basketball teams and captain of the baseball team in 2008. He was honorable mention all-state in football. Three times he was honored as the Quarterback Club's Player of the Week and twice selected Lancaster New Era Player of the Week.



In basketball, he was an all-section, all-league and all-state selection plus a first team all-district selection in 2008. He also received the Danny Monk Memorial Award. In baseball, Seibert was a first team all-league selection in 2007 and 2008. CONGRATULATIONS guys we are proud of you.



# **An unexpected visitor to Holy Trinity Church. . . . .**

Mass had just gotten underway on a beautiful Saturday morning, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. All the windows in the church were open with the overhead fans circulating the cool air. When all of a sudden a young Cooper hawk\*, flew through a window opening, circled overhead, dodging the swirling fan blades and finally landed on the canopy above the altar.

Father Stephen Kelley was distracted briefly glancing upward and made a brief comment. Some parishioners opened the front doors thinking the hawk would see daylight and make it's way to freedom. It never happened! The hawk hovered inside the church all day. Meanwhile, Sister Anna began enlisting help to rid the church of the large bird. Others who got involved seeking advice were Henry Reese who made contact with Tracy Young, a wild life expert in Washington Borough. Mark Grab reached out to Tom Beaver of St. Peter's Parish who is trained in falconry. A slight stumbling block Beaver was out of state. Dayna Wickenheiser, parish secretary at St. Peter's, provided a phone number to contact Beaver. It was Tom who suggested we call Bob Leonard of Mount Joy another falconer. Bob wasn't immediately available but indicated he would get there. Sister Anna prayed to Saints Francis and Anthony and recited the Memorare for answers on how to rid the hawk. A short time later Tracy Young arrived as did Tim and Dayna Wickenheiser to lend some help.



All sorts of things were tried to entice the hawk from his canopy perch. Hours were ticking off and it was decided to ready the Parish Center for the 5:00PM Mass. It was feared the crowded Mass in the church would be a major distraction and maybe panic the hawk. Thus Mass was relocated and celebrated by Father Paul C.B. Schenck, who was substituting for Father Kelley.

While Mass was underway Bob Leonard arrived and began to bait and set a trap to capture the hawk. Sister Anna kept watch all day and was on hand when the trap was prepared. Photo to the left shows her inspecting the tarp that was laid down in the back of the church and a caged pigeon placed in the center. A black net was then put in place. Hours passed and finally after a few more prayers to St. Francis, St. Anthony and a Memorare, the hawk, who was hungry after this long ordeal, alighted from his canopy perch and headed directly for the pigeon below.



WHAM! The trap worked. The hawk hit the net, as designed, and the pigeon lived for another day. After many anxious hours the hawk was finally captured.



In the photo to the right you can see Bob Leonard gently untangling the netting so as not to injure the hawk.

It was a happy ending and freedom at last for Mr. Hawk! Leonard released him from the steps in front of the church.

*\*Cooper hawks prey almost exclusively on small to mid-sized birds. Typical prey species include American robins, thrushes, jays and woodpeckers. It is a medium-sized hawk native to the North American Continent.*





## HOLY TRINITY PROUD. . . . . OUR TWO SEMINARIANS



At the end of August our transitional Deacon Tim Sahd returned to Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Philadelphia, to compete his final year of priestly formation and study. This past spring he was ordained a Deacon by Bishop Ronald Gainer. During the summer months he was assigned to serve at Saint John Neumann Parish, Lancaster.

Our parish was fortunate to have Deacon Tim to preach and minister for our celebrations of the Mass when he was able. He will be ordained at the beginning of June, 2018, in Saint Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg.



Also in late August it was announced that Richard A. Groff had been accepted by Bishop Gainer to the diocesan seminarian program. Actually his formal acceptance was learned on a Monday, and he had to report to Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, by the following Sunday.

Rich is the son of the late Richard P. and Mary A. Groff and is no stranger to this parish. He has been an active member for many decades. He has been extremely active with the formation of our youth serving as Coordinator of Youth Ministry, beginning in 1985 and continuing to the present day at both Holy Trinity and Saint Peter Parishes. Additionally,

he served as Religious Education Catechist, RCIA Catechist/Team Member, and (for 19 years) was co-director of Vacation Bible School, working with Sister Anna.

He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster (1963), and served four years as Catholic Campus Lay Minister. Continuing his education he earned Master of Arts degrees in Organizational and Experimental Psychology from Hollins College (1984) and George Mason University (1988).

His teaching background is extensive. For seven years he taught religion at York Catholic High School and served as adjunct instructor of psychology at both Lebanon Valley College and Harrisburg Area Community College. During the late 80s and 90s he was head resident advisor and later dean of residential life at Johns Hopkins University, Lancaster site.

Prior to answering his vocational call to follow Jesus, Rich served for six years as Director of Religious Education at Saint Joseph Parish in Mechanicsburg.



God bless you and guide you, Deacon Tim Sahd and Rich Groff. We are Holy Trinity Proud! Who among us might be the next candidate for the priesthood?



**The Annual 40 Hours Devotions** opened in our parish at the conclusion of the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, October 1st, and continued through Tuesday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Blessed Sacrament was exposed for public adoration each day until the conclusion of the evening devotions.



We were honored and privileged to have one of our own “sons” as homilist, Father Kyle Sahd, seen below. He presently is pastor at St. Mark, the Evangelist Parish in Greencastle and at St. Luke, the Evangelist Mission, in Mercersburg, both are located in the far west corner of the diocese.

Father Sahd spoke of the importance of the Holy Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith. He went on to explain that the consecrated Host is truly the body and blood of Jesus Christ who is present in the monstrance on the altar. Only the substance of bread and wine is changed during the consecration into the body and blood of Jesus. It is because of our faith that we believe the bread is Jesus’ body, soul and divinity.



During the closing of Forty Hours, Father Sahd’s twin brother was able to participate. Deacon Timothy Sahd is in his final seminary year at St. Charles in Philadelphia. He is seen here with Father Stephen Kelley, our pastor.

There were 16 priests, deacons and several religious sisters in attendance. Additionally, twenty-three extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar

servers and OLA students were in the line of procession.

It was the founder of Holy Trinity Parish, St. John Neumann, who first initiated the Forty Hours of Eucharistic Adoration at St. Philip Neri Parish, Philadelphia, in 1853. The devotion spread to every church in the Philadelphia Diocese and then throughout the world. St. John Neumann died in 1860 at the age of forty-nine.



## In Memoriam: Rev. Kenneth Lawrence

After several years battling one health issue after another, waged with his characteristic energy and verve, our humble shepherd died and went to his eternal reward on August 24, 2017. Father Kenneth Lawrence, pastor emeritus, was 82.

He was born on October 7, 1934, one of 12 children of Earl and Ethel Lawrence of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Hanover. After the eighth grade he entered St. Charles Minor Seminary in Catonsville, MD. Upon completing studies there, he went to St. Mary Major Seminary in Baltimore.

Bishop George Leech ordained Father Lawrence on May 14, 1960, in St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg. He then served as assistant pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Lancaster along Father Stephen Rolko who would later become Holy Trinity's seventh pastor. As fate would dictate upon Father Rolko's death, Father Lawrence was appointed the eighth pastor of Holy Trinity.

Father Lawrence served as assistant pastor at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in York, St. Theresa Parish in New Cumberland and St. Joseph Parish in York. He then became pastor of St. Andrew Parish in Waynesboro and from there he served as pastor in Gettysburg at St. Francis Xavier before coming to Columbia in 1994. Due to his failing health Father Lawrence retired on the feast of the Assumption, August 15, 2015, and was named pastor emeritus by Bishop Ronald Gainer.

The Mass of Transferral was celebrated on August 28<sup>th</sup> with Reverend Monsignor Robert Lawrence as Celebrant. He was assisted by Deacon Timothy Sahd. The Homily was delivered by Reverend Philip G. Burger, a long time friend of Father Lawrence. All of the Altar Servers were on hand and the full choir of Holy Trinity was in service which included guest choir members from other parishes. The Cantors were Michael and Ann Helwig. Lectors included Sister Anna Cosgrave and Ed Wickenheiser. The gift bearers were close associates of Father Lawrence: Patricia Motter, Jean Bourne and Joseph Schauren. Overall there were 16 priests who concelebrated the Mass.



The Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, Bishop of Harrisburg, was Celebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial on August 29<sup>th</sup>. The procession into the church included thirty-six priests and six deacons. Deacon Timothy Sahd assisted the Bishop. Deacon Sahd and his twin brother, Father Kyle Sahd, were altar servers for Father Lawrence's Mass of Installation in 1994. It was estimated that between 600 and 700 faithful were in attendance for the Funeral Mass. The Lectors included Sister Mary Ann Lawrence, M.S.C. and Sister Jane E. Lawrence, S.S.J., sisters of Father Lawrence.

Other family members served as Gift Bearers, Marion M. Small and Daniel E. Lawrence. Again, the full Holy Trinity Choir was in service along with the Cantor Victoria Carl.



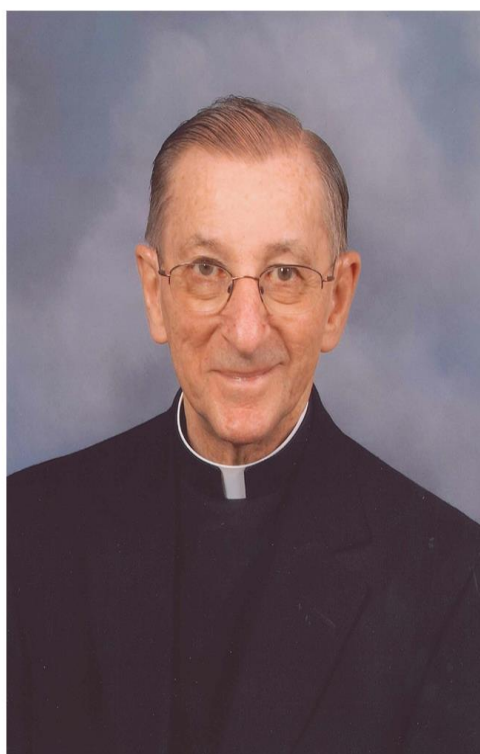
Monsignor Robert Lawrence delivered the eulogy at the Mass of Christian Burial and spoke of his brother as having “a shepherd’s heart and a pastoral spirit. He was a quiet leader never wanting any fanfare, but just to be the pastor and shepherd of his people.”

Pastor Father Stephen Kelley spoke eloquently of his predecessor saying, “When Father Lawrence could no longer celebrate daily Mass as his health continued to decline, he still made the heroic effort to come for the celebration of the Sunday Mass. That’s a tremendous example of carrying our crosses with grace. He would go through the motions of raising the host and the chalice, receiving Communion and giving Communion to the people. To me that was a tremendous blessing for him.”



Following the holy sacrifice of the Mass a reception and luncheon, catered by the ladies of the parish, was held in the Parish Center. Late in the afternoon interment was held in Hanover at the cemetery of St. Vincent de Paul where Father Lawrence was laid to rest with members of his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers and is survived by nine siblings and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## *When Fall arrives it's time for Apple Dumplings. . . . .*



The long standing tradition of making apple dumplings and home made apple pies resumed on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. It is the one big fund raising activity for the Holy Trinity Choir.

Fourteen volunteers assembled in the Parish Center around 6:00PM to begin the arduous task of peeling apples, (bushels of them), for the main ingredient. It is a labor of love however. The above photo shows some who were involved, while

others were over in the kitchen, warming up the ovens and mixing and preparing dough to wrap around the apples. A special syrup blend is also prepared that “adorns the apple before the dough collapses around it.”

The entire process is painstaking and takes nearly seven hours from start to the packaging of the apple dumplings. The volunteers don't mind because they are surrounded with the smell of freshly peeled apples and the aroma of cinnamon. This year 291 apple dumplings and 19 gigantic apple pies were sold, and the choir realized a profit of nearly \$1,100. They would like to thank parishioners for their generous support of this project, year after year, which helps generate funds to purchase music to enhance our liturgies.



A reminder - the choir is always looking for new talent whether it is a vocalist or instrumentalist. Come join them. Weekly rehearsals are held Thursday evenings, in the choir loft, beginning at 7:00PM. You are more than welcome. Should you have any questions, please call the Director of Music Bernie Wickenheiser at 717-252-5731 or email him at: [bwickmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:bwickmusic1@gmail.com).

## **The Shoe Box Project set another record. . . . .**

The 2017 Annual Shoe Box Project established a new record at the end of the November campaign. A total of 272 boxes were delivered to the Salvation Army in Lancaster and stacked in the facilities gymnasium.

On Monday, November 20th, following a prayer service and blessing of the boxes, the loading process began. It was a beautiful morning with temperatures on the brisk side ...just three days before

Thanksgiving. Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class of Mrs. Teri O'Donnell formed a long line passing the boxes from the church to the men loading four SUVs.







Aiding in this process were Bern Wolgemuth, Sr. and John “Tink” Lutz both of whom were located outside. As the gift boxes passed from student to student they were checked and counted by Ed Wickenheiser. The overall program is coordinated by Sister Anna.

Out by the SUVs an army was formed to load the vans. This contingent included Phil Haberstroh, Dick Bransby, Joe Nikolaus, Jim Knapp, and Ed Wickenheiser.

When the “Shoe Box Express” arrived, Santa’s helpers at the Salvation Army in Lancaster were overwhelmed with this year’s number of gifts. They appreciated our efforts and wanted to thank everyone personally.

A special thank you to all the parish families, OLA students and individuals who contributed to make this another success that officially kicks off the Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Seasons at Holy Trinity.

Your donation and sacrifices will make a brighter Christmas for 272 youngsters here in Lancaster County.....May God continue to shower you with His blessings at this time of the year.



We mourn the passing of Sister Daniel Marie McCarthy, OSF, 75, who died in Assisi House on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 2017.

She had been a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 52 years. Sister Daniel Marie was born in Bally Catten, County Cork, Ireland. She entered the congregation in 1962 and professed her first vows in 1965. Sister Daniel earned a B.A. in History. She ministered primarily in elementary education and taught for 47 years in the Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey.



Additional ministry experience included teaching at Blessed Sacrament School in Walpole, Massachusetts. Upon retirement, in September 2015, she moved and resided at Holy Trinity Convent. During her time in Columbia she volunteered at St. Paul Episcopal Church on Locust Street.

In 2017 Sister Daniel Marie moved to Assisi House, the congregation's retirement residence in Aston, Pennsylvania, where she served in prayer ministry and hospitality until her death.

All services will be held in Assisi House, 600 Red Hill Road, Aston, Pennsylvania, 19014 on Wednesday, November 29. A Christian Wake Service will be held at 9:30 A.M. followed by viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 A.M. Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Aston. Sister Daniel Marie is survived by her sisters, Kathleen Petrie and Peggy O'Sullivan, by her nieces and nephews, and by her Franciscan family. Donations in her name can be made to the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston, PA 19014.

## **Special Ceremony for Diaconate Candidate Reese**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, forty-four men in the Harrisburg Diocese Permanent Diaconate Formation Program were instituted into the Ministry of Lector. One of them was Holy Trinity's very own Henry J. Reese, pictured to the right..

The ceremony was held at St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Harrisburg, during a Solemn Mass at the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal.

Each candidate was called to present himself to Bishop Ronald Gainer during the Rite of Institution of Lectors.

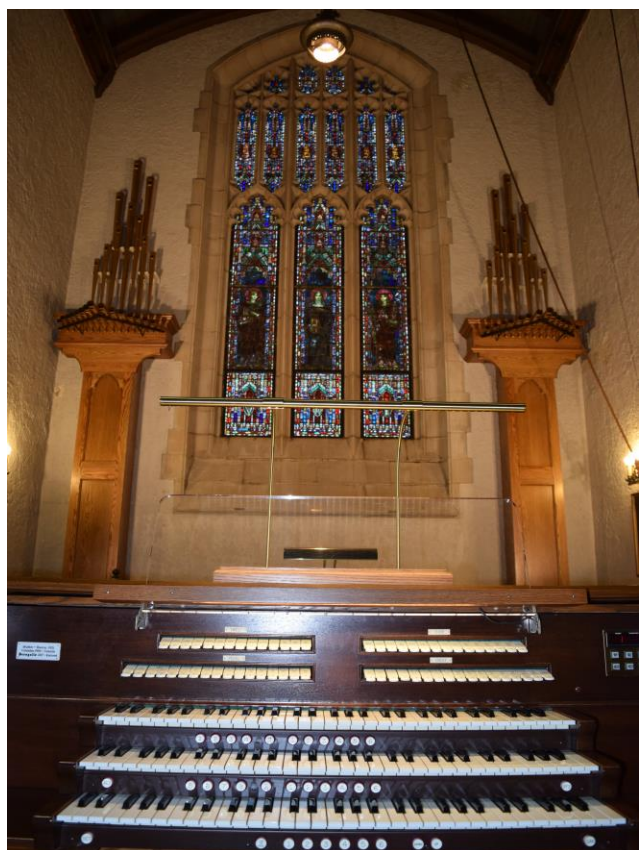


As each candidate received the book of Holy Scripture, the Bishop said, “. . . that this rite is a major step in the installation into the Ministry of the Word, a preparation for the fullness of the Ministry of the Word that will be yours when, as deacons, you proclaim the Gospel and your voice becomes the voice of Jesus to his gathered people.”

Family members, clergy and their mentors were seated in the pews to witness this special ceremony. The candidates continue their studies which will include pastoral, spiritual and human formation as they prepare for ordination in 2020. The parish offers Henry our congratulations on this special occasion and continued prayers.



# **PRESERVING A COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY TREASURE THE RESTORATION AND EXPANSION OF HOLY TRINITY'S PIPE ORGAN**



Installation of a new three manual pipe organ for Holy Trinity Church was completed on May 18, 1951 by the Mudler-Hunter Co. of Philadelphia. It supported the liturgies for 65 years. However, these decades of wear took their toll on the leather and other parts of the organ. The deterioration surfaced in 2013 and 2014 with a succession of notes/keys and even whole ranks of pipes no longer playable or sounding because of the leather going bad and leaks in the wind chests. Upon the direction of Father Lawrence a restoration proposal was submitted in January 2015 by the Columbia Organ Works who maintained the organ at this time.

Subsequently Father Lawrence sought additional proposals which were submitted in August and October, 2015. Revised proposals were submitted in the summer of 2016. Prior to his transfer Father Reid

initiated an Organ Restoration Fund Campaign. Upon his arrival Father Kelley advised requesting a proposal from the Peragallo Organ Co. who restored the organ in St. Anthony's Church, Lancaster. That bid came in December, 2016 and was presented to the Finance Council by John Peragallo III. After much study, consultation, and review of the four proposals the Finance Council at its February 2017 meeting selected the Peragallo Organ Co. of Patterson, NJ to restore and expand the organ. After all Masses the last weekend of July 2017 John Peragallo outlined the scope of the project. The repairs included releathering, restoring the entire winding system to its original condition, thorough cleaning of all wood and metal pipes, new tremolos, new expression shade motors and pedals, and new LED lighting at the console.

In June 2017 the organ was removed and transported to the Peragallo Company shop in Patterson for total restoration and cleaning. Installation took place in October, 2017 followed by weeks of tonal finishing. The organ now contains 26 ranks (sets of pipes that produce different instrumental sounds) and 1,968 pipes. The tonal palate was expanded to include a 2' Super Octave or Fifteenth, an 8' Oboe, 8' Unda Maris, 8' Trompette En Chamade, and a set of Chimes. The complete organ specifications, i.e., stop lists, can be found in the Dedication Concert Program. The restored and expanded organ provides a most comprehensive instrument for choral accompaniment, congregational singing, instrumental ensembles, and solo organ works.

The organ was blessed and dedicated on November 19, 2017. Showcasing the breadth and depth of the new organ was *Deux Voix* (Two Voices) from Houston, TX. Organist Stephen Distad and Trumpeter Justin Langham performed a concert of eclectic works representing a spectrum of musical periods and composers. Included were organ and trumpet solos and specially commissioned works composed for organ and trumpet duet. Their performance displayed flawless virtuoso technique in a program chosen for the eclectic audience. In a telephone interview by the Lancaster Newspapers prior to the concert Stephen Distad explained that the organ has "great foundational sound, lots of variety and color (and) such a beautiful tone. It is great fun to play."





(pictured left to right)

Stephen Distad, Organist, Bernie Wickenheiser, Director of Music Holy Trinity and Justin Langhan, Trumpeter

Observed by many attending the concert on November 19, *Deux Voix* performed to one of the largest church organ concert audiences in south central Pennsylvania. The audience was generously receptive and moved by the majestic sound of the organ and the performance by the artists. This was evident by their applause and congratulatory comments in the days and weeks that followed.

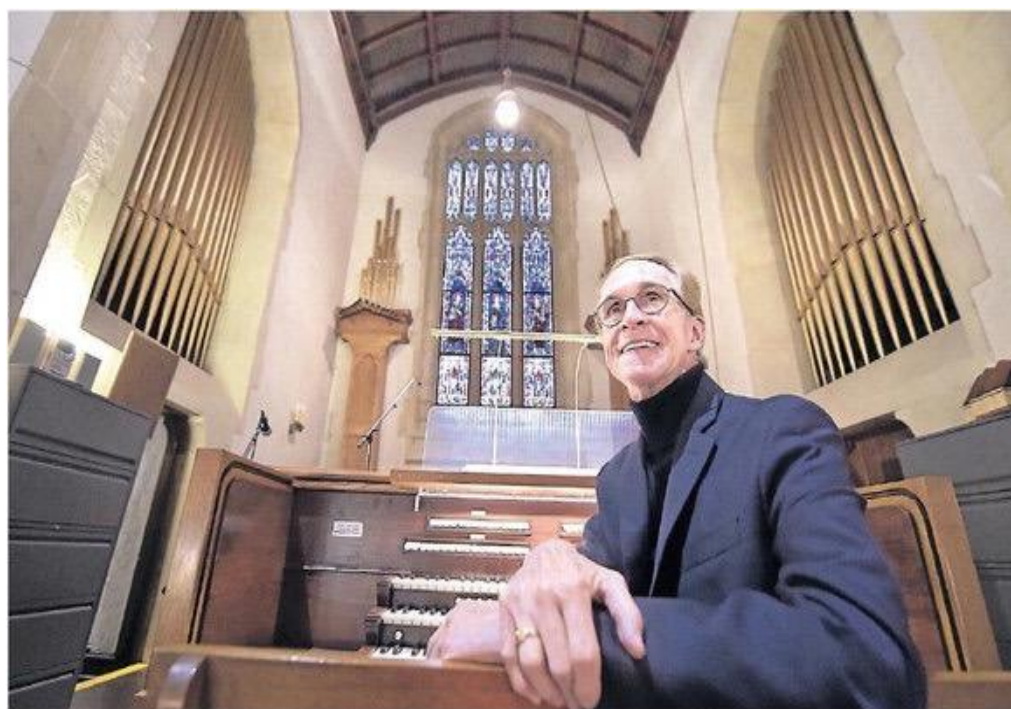


Following the concert a *Meet and Greet Reception* was held in the parish hall at which time the artists autographed copies of their latest CD. (pictured left to right) Stephen Distad, Father Stephen Kelley, Pastor, Bernie Wickenheiser, Justin Langham.

Holy Trinity is blessed to have had the strong support of our pastors, staff, and Finance Council in the realization and completion of this project. The parish is indebted to all parishioners and friends for their prayers and generous contributions to restore and preserve our magnificent pipe organ which will enrich the musical life and liturgical celebrations of the parish for generations to come.

**Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy:** In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument that adds a wonderful splendor to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up the spirit to God and to higher things.

*Bernie Wickenheiser, Director of Music/Organist, Holy Trinity*







*Dear family and friends from Holy Trinity,*

*I would like to take a minute to say Thank You for all the prayers and all the folks asking my parents how I've been doing since my car accident in August 2017. It has been a long haul as those who came to visit and pray with me, Sister Anna, Father Kelley, Mrs. Stephenson, Mike Helwig, Denny Bachman, Bill Kloldt and Ed Wickenheiser. Hopefully I didn't omit anyone, but if I did, I apologize, I was under heavy influence of drugs for awhile.*

*I would like to thank Mrs. Kathy Barninger's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, and the sixth grade class for wonderful cards they made for me, just know they helped a lot. To know you are thought of, even though you don't know someone, felt heartwarming.*

*I am making progress, but it has been slow, but I'm getting there. I am not walking by myself yet, but I feel I will soon with the continued prayers from all of you for myself and my family. Again, thank you to everyone and may God Bless.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mark A. Nitroy*





# **DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER**

Heavenly Father,  
We ask You to bless our Diocese with selfless hearts  
that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church.

Lord Jesus, raise up from our families  
those called by the Father:  
courageous and humble men to the Priesthood,  
generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,  
zealous faithful to the Consecrated Life,  
holy men and women to the Married Life  
and authentic disciples to the Single Life.

Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness,  
By listening to the Father's voice  
And responding with a sacrificial love.

Holy Mary, Model of Vocations,  
Teach us to hear and follow your Son.  
Holy Mary, Queen of Priests,  
Sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more.  
Holy Mary, Mother of the Church,  
Pray for our families and intercede for our children. Amen.

Especially pray for the men of Holy Trinity:

Rev. Mr. Timothy Sahd



Richard Groff



Henry J. Reese

