

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

409 CHERRY STREET ~ COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA 17512



We welcome everyone who comes to worship God with us, through Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is not a place of judgment, but a place to seek God's truth and love; a place to find healing from the effects of sin, which damage our peace with God, with one another, and within our souls.

We hope your experience here with us helps you to know His presence in the challenges you might be facing, and to know that *God loves you always*.

Father Stephen P. Kelley - Pastor
Sister Anna Cosgrave - Pastoral Assistant
Melissa Horn - Secretary & Office Administrator
Deacon Jim Doyle - Permanent Deacon, Retired

Parish Organizations

Altar Rosary Society	Kathleen Lutz	684-7841
Pro-Life Advocacy	Bonnie Schmitt	951-5492
Music/Organ/Choir	Bernard Wickenheiser	252-5731
Religious Education	Sister Anna Cosgrave	684-2711
Holy Name Society	Mark Grab	252-4615
Men's Club	Dave Young	222-2501
Health Ministry	Chamaine Alfonseca	251-5174
Parish Pastoral Council	Rick Morrison	682-6109
Saint Vincent de Paul	Bill Kloidt, Jr.	684-7444
Legion of Mary	Darlene Herman	684-9067
Ushers	Kevin Kraft, Sr.	684-9579
Youth Ministry (CCYM)	Laura Kemmick	725-5219
Vocation Cross	Parish Office	684-2711

Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School 684-2433
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School Board Luke Parrish
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Parish Office Hours

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am

Sunday 10:30 am

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Monday-Friday 7:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

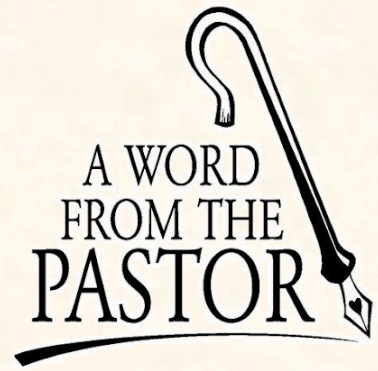
Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact the Parish Office

My dear brothers and sisters,

We are experiencing a very challenging time. It is a time when many of us are longing almost painfully to return to our beautiful parish church, to physically and fully participate, in word and song, in gesture and movement, in the sublime worship of the Catholic Mass. And yet, the challenge continues, and the longing increases.

Bishop Gainer has announced the decision to continue the closing of the churches through the weekend of the Easter Triduum. As a priest and pastor, a shepherd who cares about the welfare of his flock, it is a difficult choice, which he knows will cause an increase of grumbling of the people among themselves, and yet it is a choice which he is compelled to make out of that very same care about the welfare of his flock, especially those most vulnerable.



Word has gotten to me about some of that grumbling of the people. We might scoff at the notion that churches would be closed in time of crisis, the very time, we might say, that we most need the comfort of the church to calm our anxiety and affirm our faith. There might be a feeling that the church has left us orphans, turned us away in our time of most urgent need. Be assured: this is not true! Holy Mother Church continues her watchful care of every single one of her children, with great love and concern... including those whose lives are most at risk of serious infection. No one knows who is a carrier. The symptoms are hidden for almost a week. In that time, many people gathering together could share the virus, then visit or return home to a vulnerable loved one, and not know until it was too late.

It is indeed a sacrifice that we are being asked to make. And it is not asked of us lightly. The weekly assembly of the members of the mystical body of Christ, gathering together to be united in word and sacrament, strengthening the bonds of that communion in the mystery of the Holy Trinity, is one of the core precepts of the Christian Church. So much so, that under usual circumstances, it is a mortal sin to choose to absent oneself from the obligation. It is the Church as Teacher that strives to impress this habit into us. But in this unusual time, it is the Church as Mother that is keeping us safe in our homes.

Saint Augustine, 5th-century bishop and doctor of the church, wrote on the First Letter of John:

The entire life of a good Christian is in fact an exercise of holy desire. You do not yet see what you long for, but the very act of desiring prepares you, so that when he comes you may see and be utterly satisfied.

Suppose you are going to fill some holder or container, and you know you will be given a large amount. Then you set about stretching your sack or wineskin or whatever it is. Why? Because you know the quantity you will have to put in it, and your eyes tell you there is not enough room. By stretching it, therefore, you increase the capacity of the sack.

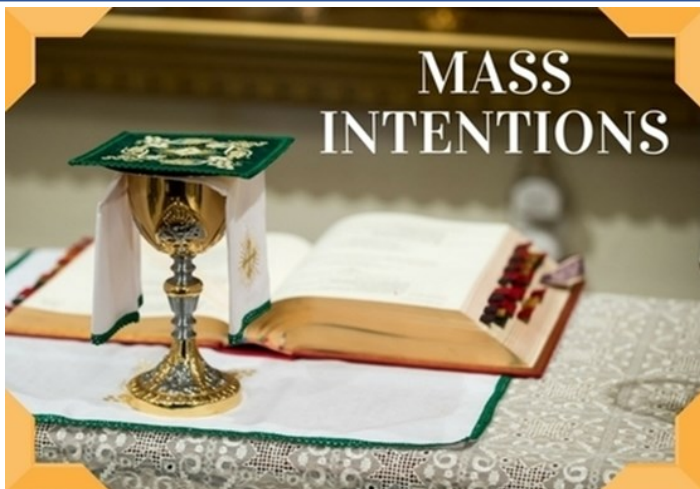
And this is how God deals with us. Simply by making us wait, he increases our desire, which in turn enlarges the capacity of our soul, making it able to receive what is to be given to us. So, my brethren, let us continue to desire, for we shall be filled.

Please know that I, too, desire that this time of waiting come to its fulfillment. I long to celebrate the Mass with all of you joyfully present. Not to return to the comfortable routine we had been before—but to embrace this opportunity that God has given us, to celebrate the Mass with a new sense of gift and wonder, and to receive the Sacraments with a new sense of humility and reverence, and to serve others with a new sense of generosity and love.

I will be putting information on the parish webpage and Facebook page concerning the liturgical celebrations of Holy Week. Obviously they will look a bit different, without some of their usual features. But we will celebrate them according to the tradition and instruction of the church, glorifying God, as his holy people.

With prayers and blessings for you and your loved ones,

Fr. Stephen Kelley
Pastor, Holy Trinity Catholic Church



WEEKEND MASS INTENTION

Saturday March 28
5:00 pm The people of the parish

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday March 30
7:30 am † Stella Bronokoski

Tuesday March 31
7:30 am † Helen Dennis

Wednesday April 1
7:30 am † Gerald Fischer

Thursday April 2
7:30 am † Esther and Benjamin Weaver

Friday April 3
7:30 am † Mary Cosgrave

Saturday April 4
8:00 am † Francis Nikolaus

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March Weekend Collection — Due to the church and office being closed, the collection for March 21st-22nd was not counted. Thank you so much for your prayerful generosity through this time.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION - This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - Has been cancelled until further notice.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be live-streamed on Holy Trinity’s Facebook page Friday evening at 7:00 pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - The next class to be held on Sunday, March 29th will be **cancelled**. Unless school is cancelled, classes will start on Sunday, April 19th at 9:00 am.

PARISH OFFICE — The parish office will be closed until further notice. You may still reach us by phone during the regular office hours of 8 am to 4 pm, or by email.

HAM RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE! - The Holy Name Societies of Holy Trinity and St. Peter's are selling Ham Raffle Tickets for \$1.00 each to benefit the Columbia Catholic Youth Ministry. There will **not** be a reception after on Wednesday, April 8th, but individual names will be drawn and individuals will be contacted by the Parish Office.



This week
our parish Vocation Cross
is in the home of
Fr. Stephen Kelley
Thank you for your prayers!

ST. VINCENT dePAUL EASTER FOOD BASKET - The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Easter food baskets to the needy of our parish, as well as the needy residing in the 17512 zip code on Palm Sunday, April 5th. If you are in need, or know anyone who is, please call the Parish Office with the name, number of adults and children in the household, the address, and telephone number. Deadline for ordering is Friday, April 3rd.

TMIY
THAT MAN IS YOU!
BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Tickets will be sold the weekends of April 18th & 19th, 25th & 26th, and May 2nd & 3rd. The cost will be \$6.00 for a full chicken and \$8.00



300 CLUB - It is not too late to return your money for the final drawings of the season! Please have your money in by Wednesday, April 1st to be eligible for all four drawings and the final.

SCHOOL CLOSED - OLA will be closed until April 14th.

LAND OF LOST STORIES - The DARTS program's Land of Lost Stories will be **postponed**. More information will be announced later.

FITNESS "FUND" DAY - OLA students will be participating in a fitness fund day on May 8th. If you would like to donate to a child, please go to www.ourladyoftheangels.org.

COLUMBIA CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS - The Living Stations has been **cancelled**.

BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER!!! - Thousands of teenagers from across the country are gathering on Sunday nights for the **BIGGEST YOUTH NIGHT EVER**. It's called ProjectYM Live and each week it will feature some of the biggest speakers and worship leaders in the Catholic youth Ministry world! All you have to do is head to projectym.com/watch this Sunday, March 29th at 8:00 pm.



LANCASTER CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LANCASTER CATHOLIC'S ANNUAL GALA - Join us on Saturday, April 25th from 6:00-11:00 pm at the Lancaster Country Club. The Purple and Gold Gala is Lancaster Catholic's largest fundraiser. One of this year's live auction items includes prime seating at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and a hotel stay in the heart of NYC. Tickets are \$125.00 per person and can be purchased by calling Advancement at (717) 509-0313.

LENT PENANCE SERVICES

All Lenten Penance Services in Lancaster County have been cancelled.