

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

409 CHERRY STREET ~ COLUMBIA, PENNSYLVANIA 17512



MARCH 8, 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 wounds of sin, which damage our peace with God, with one another, and within ourselves.

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

Fr. Mark Wilke - Pastor (frmwilke@hbgiocese.org)
Deacon Henry Reese - Permanent Deacon
Deacon Jim Doyle - Retired Permanent Deacon
Sister Anna Cosgrave - Ministry Coordinator
Faith Murphy - Director of Religious Education
Christine Horn - Parish Secretary

Parish Organizations

Altar Rosary Society	Jeanmarie Nobile	715-3521
Archives Committee	Teresa Weisser	871-0331
Pro-Life Advocacy	Georgie Stetter	327-5565
Music/Organ/Choir	Bernard Wickenheiser	252-5731
Religious Education	Faith Murphy	684-2711
Holy Name Society	Mark Grab	252-4615
Men's Club	Hal Snyder	415-8072
Health Ministry	Chamaine DeLeon	201-280-2323
Parish Pastoral Council	Jay Barninger	330-9624
St. Vincent de Paul	Paul Nikolaus	684-3316
Legion of Mary	Darlene Herman	808-3987
St. Matthew Ministry	Claudia Reese	449-9626
Ushers	Kevin Kraft, Sr.	587-4266
Youth Ministry (CCYM)	Laura Kemmick	725-5219
Vocation Cross	Parish Office	684-2711
Companions on a Journey	Rosanne Settino	203-2982
Finance Committee	Mary Barninger	
Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School		684-2433
Principal	Mrs. Holly Maher	
Lancaster Catholic High School		509-0315

Parish Office Phone

(717) 684-2711

Parish Email

office@holytrinitycolumbiapa.com

Parish Webpage

holytrinitycolumbiapa.com

Parish Office Hours

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

1:00 pm - 4:00 p.m.

Closed -Tuesday Mornings and
Friday afternoons

Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses

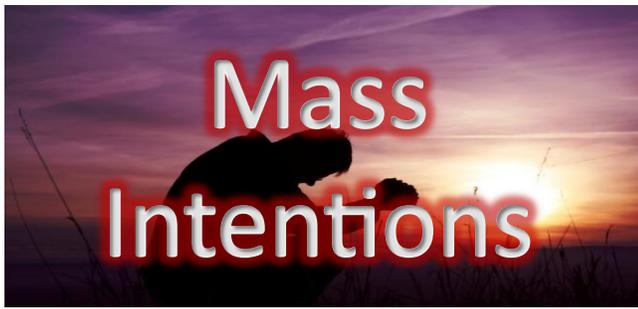
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30 a.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m. (every other) 8:15 a.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Baptisms and Weddings

Please contact the Parish Office



WEEKEND MASS INTENTION

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Saturday **March 7**
 5:00 p.m. † Mr. & Mrs. Delvin Krug

Sunday **March 8**
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. † George Moore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday **March 9**
 7:30 a.m. † Mildred Sakel

Tuesday **March 10**
 7:30 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday **March 11**
 7:30 a.m.. † Erwin Alcosoba

Thursday **March 12**
 7:30 a.m. † Wilson Hostetter

Friday **March 13**
 8:15 a.m. Sp. Int. Confirmation Class

Saturday **March 14**
 8:00 a.m. † Paul Ziegler

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday **March 14**
 5:00 p.m. † Kathleen Schmittle

Sunday **March 15**
 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Sp. Int. Andrew Kuhn

Feb 21-22

123 envelopes (out of 537)	\$	6,813.00
Loose Collection	\$	665.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	40.00
Online Giving	\$	2,980.01
Weekly Total	\$	10,498.01
Weekly Goal	\$	9,735.00
Weekly Surplus	\$	763.01
Year to Date Total	\$	294,972.93
Year to Date Goal	\$	330,990.00
Year to Date Deficit	\$	36,017.07



"The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the 14th Annual Weekend

Retreat being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Retreat begins on Friday evening, June 12th until noon on Sunday, June 14th, 2025. Our Retreat Master is Father Matthew E. Cannon, Pastor of Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, Annville PA. The registration deadline is May 23, 2026. Registration forms and more details are available from Jeanne Warren, Registration chair, warrenrjs@aol.com or call 717-503-9429. Registration form on line at www.harrisburgdioceseanccw.com or located in the vestibule of the church.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptism classes are held the second Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory basement and Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon. Please contact the Parish Office at (717) 684-2711 to schedule a mandatory appointment with Deacon Henry beforehand to start the process.

Lenten Fish Fry –
 Held at St. Peters Catholic church every Friday evening during lent. Starts at 4:00 P.M. Come enjoy some delicious food and support the Church.





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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026
7:00 - 9:30 PM

ST. LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC CHURCH
AFTONTICKETS.COM/M4MLANCASTER

Do you ever ponder the why behind the what of the Catholic Church? Do you find yourself longing for more but finding emptiness in things? Join us for an evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all creation. Learn how to orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings. This is a ticketed event. Want a sneak peek? Select the link: <https://vimeo.com/1105237188/09a4e690b5?share=copy>. To purchase tickets, visit <https://aftontickets.com/m4mlancaster>.

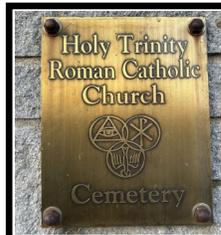


Raffle Tickets

The Holy Name Societies of St. Peter & Holy Trinity are sponsoring a Ham Raffle for the benefit of the Columbia Catholic Youth Ministry. 20 hams will be raffled. \$1 per ticket. The winners will be drawn after the Youth Ministry's Living Stations on April 1st. Tickets are available at the Parish Office

300 club Winners 1st Drawing

\$40.00 - #27 J. Grab/K. Kiely
 \$20.00 - #277 P. Hurlbert
 #20.00 - #200 J. Kennedy
 \$10.00 - #236 M. Hawthorn
 \$10.00 - #249 B. Houseal



CEMETERY PLOT POLICY UPDATE

Holy Trinity Parish has updated cemetery plot prices to ensure the long term care of the cemetery at 625 S. 9th St. Single plots are now \$2,400 in the center circle and \$2,000 elsewhere, with a portion of each sale supporting the perpetual care fund and the remainder covering maintenance costs.

During a review, several plots were found to be only partially paid. All outstanding balances must be paid by December 31, 2026. After that date, unpaid plots will return to parish ownership, with refunds issued as appropriate. The parish will make every effort to contact individuals with outstanding balances. Full payment is now required at purchase. For questions, call the parish office at (717) 684-2711

TIPS TRICK **Cancelled** - Tips & Tricks for the month of March are cancelled.



Get Well Cards—Those wishing to send Fr. Michael Grab get well cards his address is Conestoga View Lancaster Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 900 East King St. Lancaster, Pa. 17602



That Man is You! men's group will meet at 6:30 a.m. Saturday in the St. Peter Parish Center, downstairs. The topic for this week is "The Ascent of the Mind to God." Men are invited to join their brothers from St. Peter's, Holy Trinity and other local churches on a spiritual journey that will lead them to the three spiritual foods Christ proclaims: The Eucharist, The Word of God and The Will of God. Sessions begin at 6:30 a.m. and conclude at 7:45 a.m. A Zoom option is available. For more information, contact Paul Resch at (717) 449-0056 or paulresch@comcast.net.



Academics and Faith rolled into one!
 Our Lady of the Angels Catholic School is now enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year! Please visit our website and call the office for a tour and more information!

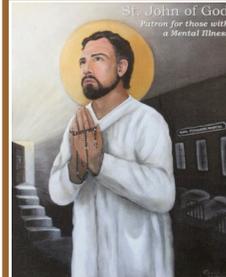


Due to few mishaps, incidents of confusion, and sacrilegious acts with the reception of Holy Communion in recent months in our Church, we need to make a few adjustments. First, a note about our Spiritual Preparation:

The Holy Eucharist is able to be received by Catholics in the State of Grace. To be in a State of Grace means that you are a practicing Catholic in Good Standing: attending Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, following Church Teaching and Law, and not conscious of serious sin – if you have committed a serious sin, you must receive Absolution through the Sacrament of Confession prior to receiving Holy Communion — note that the regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession is encouraged for all. Also, we keep a one-hour fast from food prior to receiving Holy Communion.

Here is our adjustment to the reception of Holy Communion: when receiving the Holy Eucharist, eat the consecrated host immediately. Do not take a step. Do not turn. Do not walk with the consecrated host. Immediately consume the Holy Eucharist before moving your feet.

If you receive in the hand — after saying “Amen” — present your hands at chest height, opened palms, flat hands, with your dominant hand placed directly under your other hand (“make a bed for Jesus”): before moving, take the consecrated host by picking it up with your dominate hand, and place it directly in your mouth before turning, stepping, or walking. This adjustment is especially important when receiving on the hand: do not delay, do not make any other movement before consuming Holy Communion (“Take and Eat”). If you receive on the tongue — after saying “Amen” — simply open your mouth, extend your tongue, so that your tongue is flat on your lower lip, and consume the consecrated host immediately. Certainly, you may receive the consecrated host standing or kneeling, please utilize the Altar Rail if you would like to kneel. Our attention to reception of Holy Communion with reverence is an expression of our faith and helps to prevent any mishaps or other issues.



The Pain is Real – but so is HOPE.

St John of God, whose feast we celebrate on March 8th was a soldier turned healthcare worker in Spain, whose followers later after his hospitalization for mental illness formed the a Catholic Religious institute dedicated to the care of the poor, sick and those with mental disorders. He is the patron saint of those who suffer from mental illness.

St. Frances of Rome, whose feast we celebrate on March 9th, is the patron saint of widows, as result of having lost 2 children to the plague and her husband of 40 years, during which time she ministered to the poor and the homeless and founded the Olivetian Oblates of Mary, a confraternity of pious women.



St. Frances of Rome
 1384 - 1440
 Memorial - 9 March
 Patroness of
 Automobile Drivers & Motorists



**Knights of Columbia
 Columbus® Council 2294**

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, March 15

8:00 - 11:00 am

Knights Council Home, 400 Maple St.

Tickets are \$8 and are available at the parish office, council home or by contacting Paul Resch at (717) 449-0056. Kids 12 and under \$4.

Must purchase by March 8.

Dear Friends,

As we continue the Season of Lent, we support Catechumens by our prayer and example. This year, in our parish, we are blessed to have two Catechumens (those preparing for the Paschal Sacraments — Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist — at the Easter Vigil) who have been preparing, by prayer and study, to enter the Catholic Church. We witnessed their enrollment in the Order of the Elect on the First Sunday of Lent at the 10:30 am Mass. Of note, at the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, and on the Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we will pray for and support our Elect who are striving to be enlightened by Christ, through purification and sanctification — this occurs solemnly through rites that are called the Scrutinies. Please keep our Elect in your prayers.



As announced last Sunday, the Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) is underway.

The Diocesan Annual Campaign provides much needed funding for more than 90 ministries and programs, in addition to providing resources, expertise, guidance, and support for all of the Parishes and Schools, throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg. The DAC supports our parish of Holy Trinity through professional support for the operation of our Church, especially in the areas of Human Resources, Youth Protection, Payroll and Accounting, as well the maintenance of our Buildings and Grounds; Additionally the Staff of the Diocese of Harrisburg gives pastoral guidance in support of our Religious Education Program for children and the Christian Initiation of Adults, assisting those in crisis, and the continuing education of clergy. All of these good works are in addition to the faith formation and evangelization efforts at the colleges and universities within the 15 counties of our Diocese, these efforts are funded by the DAC.

Further, the Diocesan Annual Campaign has the ability to be a source of additional income toward our Annual Parish Operating Budget — because any funds that surpass the DAC Goal become a rebate, returned to the parish. For this reason, surpassing our DAC Goal improves the financial health of a parish.

Thank you for your support of the 2025 Diocesan Annual Campaign. At the end of January, the 2025 DAC closed: we raised \$66,065.25 from donations toward our goal of \$74,239.22; to this end, we had a shortfall of \$8,173.97. This shortfall amount will be taken from our operating income.

Our 2026 DAC Goal is \$70,570.00. We can achieve our 2026 DAC Goal if all of us support this effort (donations can be made by either making a gift contribution or pledging an amount to be paid throughout the year with incremental installments). Every gift and pledge is needed for us to make our goal: no donation is too large or too small to make an impact.

And, during our current pause of our Window Project Campaign we are to focus on improving the Financial Health of our Parish, to this end, making our annual DAC Goal is essential.

Donations to the “2026 Diocesan Annual Campaign: Faithful Stewards” can be made by the envelopes in the pews of church, the envelopes in your monthly packet, or through the Diocese of Harrisburg Website:

www.hbgdiocese.org/DAC

May each of us grow in faith, hope, and charity throughout this Lent,

Fr. Wilke