

# The National Catholic Church of Holy Trinity and Saint Joseph

A Catholic Community that celebrates diversity and whose beliefs are based on the Holy Scripture, Christian Tradition, and Church Ecumenical Synods.



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"Through the years.."

*We welcome you and invite you to join our parish family.*

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## Lent & Easter Liturgies Announced

Father Kości announced the following liturgies for Lent and Easter:

### March 6 - Ash Wednesday

7 pm - Holy Mass & Distribution of Ashes

### April 7

9 am - Lenten Reflections and Confessions followed by bagels and pastries in the parish center.

### April 14 - Palm Sunday

9 am - English Mass with Blessing of Palms  
11 am - Polish Mass with Blessing of Palms

### April 18 - Holy Thursday

7 pm - Holy Thursday Liturgy

### April 19 - Good Friday

7 pm - Good Friday Liturgy

### April 20 - Holy Saturday

11 am - Holy Saturday Liturgy with Blessing of Food.

### April 21 - Easter

7 am - Resurrection Mass - Polish  
9 am - Holy Mass - English  
11 am - High Mass - Polish

During Lent Stations of the Cross will be celebrated following the 9 am mass. Bitter Lamentations will be sung following the 11 am mass.

## Donations Sought for Heating Expenses

Each winter we appeal to our members to consider a donation to help the parish meet its heating expenses. Your generosity last year was a tremendous help in meeting the heating bill. With this newsletter, we have included an envelope for this purpose. Your donation can be dropped into the Sunday Offering or mailed to our parish c/o Heat Fund.

### SUNDAY MASSES:

*9:00 am - English*

*11:00 am - Polish*

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

*Sundays at 10:00 am*

### REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Please provide the pastor with your address to be placed on our mailing list

### MARRIAGES:

Please begin to make arrangements at least one year in advance with the pastor.

### BAPTISMS:

Please call the pastor's residence for information.

### SICK CALLS:

In emergency, at any time. Otherwise arrange with the pastor at least the day before.

### CONFESSIONS:

Please arrange with the pastor.

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*Pastor*

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# DISCIPLESHIP

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During 2019 the church invites us to develop a deeper insight into the true nature of Discipleship.

Access this newsletter online at the parish website to

[Hear the Prime Bishop's Message on Discipleship.](#)

[Read our Diocesan Bishop's Message on Discipleship.](#)

[PNCC Youth Tell Us to Get On Board With Discipleship.](#)

**FUTURE DIRECTION**

Each month will focus on a different component of Discipleship

- February - The Disciple - Teaching by Example.
- March - The Disciple - Repentance and Overcoming Temptation.
- April - The Disciple - Called to Serve - The Mandatum
- May - The Disciple - Living the example of our Blessed Mother.
- June - The Disciple - Living the Great Commission - Disciples making Disciples.
- July - No Vacation for the Disciple. Living God's Word.
- August - Let the Children Come to Me. Discipleship of and with our youth.
- September - The Disciple - Ambassadors of Love and Mercy.
- October - The Disciple - The cost of Discipleship.
- November - The Disciple - The example of Saints and giving thanks.
- December - The Fruits of Discipleship.

## **Upcoming Community Service Projects**

### **Remembering Those Who Serve in the Armed Forces**

The items to be collected will be announced once the program is formulated. The collection of items for those who serve will end during the parish Annual Easter Dinner.

### **Bridges Lunches and Toiletries**

The parish will be accepting cash donations and toiletries for the needy following Easter. The goal is to provide lunches through the Bridges Outreach Organization during the summer.

### **Christmas Toy Drive**

New unwrapped toys will be collected for Christmas. More information to follow.

## **Pierogi Making Party**

Volunteers will meet on Saturday, March 2 to make pierogi. The party starts at 9 a.m. Experienced makers and those looking to learn are invited to lend a hand. Place your orders on the signup sheets in the church center and church vestibule.

## **St. Joseph / Church Anniversary / Corned Beef Dinner Announced**

The Annual Parish Corned Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 17 following the 11 AM Mass. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the door. No charge for children and youth 12 and under.

## **Parish Easter Dinner**

The Annual Parish Easter Dinner this year will take place on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. The cost of the dinner is only \$15. No charge for children and youth 12 and under.

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## **Parents / Family Appreciation Day Breakfast Scheduled**

A combined breakfast to honor the mothers and fathers of the parish will be held on Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 am in the parish center. This year's breakfast will be a covered dish. A signup sheet registering your favorite dish will be posted in the parish center and church vestibule as the date gets closer. All parish members are invited to attend this breakfast.

## **Annual Parish Membership Meeting**

The Parish Council has set Sunday, March 3, for parish members to gather to discuss the mission, finances and the future of our parish. This annual meeting will begin at 10:30 AM. Please plan to attend to critical meeting in the history of our parish.

## **Sharing Time and Treasure**

**Well Done Good and Faithful Steward ... Enter into the joy of your Lord**

**- Matthew 25:21**

**Time** is a most valuable commodity in our very busy lives. We all wish to have more of it. There are so many good things to do and accomplish. But to include a sharing of time for our parish and our faith is vital.

Since our last newsletter, we acknowledge

- Attorney Elyn Draikiwicz who continues to offer her legal talents to the parish and the Offices of both the Prime Bishop and Diocesan Bishop unselfishly.
- Those who serve the many ministries of our parish: Acolytes, Lectors, Collectors, Choir Members, Votive Candle Care, Parish Maintenance, Sunday Social Hour and Parish Council.
- The many parish members who offered their time and talent to make Pierogi
- Those who cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas.
- Alyssa Steele for coordinating the Thanksgiving Pie Sale with the assistance of Carolyn Harchar, Ryan Steele, Warren Downey and Michael R. Mietlicki.
- Wladyslawa Kosc, Irene Rejterada and Eleanor Shamy for leading the cooking effort for the Christmas dinner and those who assisted during the dinner.
- Warren Downey who supervises the maintenance needs of the parish.
- Those who worked at the Parish Christmas Dinner
- Those who continue to do special things for our parish that go unnoticed.

**Treasure** for many of us is the hardest gift of all to share, yet it can be the most rewarding when shared properly and when used wisely.

During the past few months, many parish members have shared their treasure with the parish. We especially acknowledge those who week after week contribute their fair share in the Sunday Offering. This month we especially acknowledge:

- Barbara Muccia for her donation of the poinsettias that were placed on the altars for Christmas. This donation was made in memory of her husband, Anthony Muccia, and father, John Sibilski.
- Those who donated toys to the parish Toy Drive.
- Those who supported the Thanksgiving Pie Sale.
- Those who contributed items to the Parish Christmas Dinner.
- Those who donated food for the Christian Family Covered Dish and the Christmas Dinner.
- Those who re-evaluated and increased their weekly contribution to our parish.
- Those who support the Sunday Social Hour with their donations.
- Those who make financial contributions to our parish that go unnoticed.

## **ANS Donation to the Parish**

The parish thanks the ANS for its donation of \$1,000 to the parish in the last quarter of 2018. This donation is the result of the ANS / Parish Pierogi events.

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## **New Kitchen Refrigerator Donated**

The parish thanks the Straub and Kobilas families for their donation of a new kitchen refrigerator and the removal of the old one. May God bless your generosity. Niech Bóg błogosławi waszą hojność.



## **The Black Madonna Icon**

All parish members have enjoyed the beauty of the Black Madonna Icon that resides in our parish church commissioned and donated by the Malyj, Kalellis, and Tkaczyk families. May God bless your generosity. Niech Bóg błogosławi waszą hojność.

## **Favored Local Businesses That Deserve Our Support**

We bring to your attention the generosity of the following businesses that have donated to our parish, offered their service to our parish free of charge or at extreme discounts:

- Atty. Ellyn Draikiwicz (our parish member) of the law firm Bourne, Noll & Kenyon - Summit NJ
- Dreyer Farms - Cranford, NJ

Please support these businesses at every opportunity.

## **Stay Informed & Connect with the Parish Through Email**

If you aren't already receiving emails from the parish, please consider sharing your email with us so we can keep you updated on parish programs on a weekly basis. You can connect:

- By sending your email to the parish email address: [PNCCofHolyTrinityandStJoseph@gmail.com](mailto:PNCCofHolyTrinityandStJoseph@gmail.com)
- By submitting your email address through the **Get Connected** page of the parish website.
- By providing your email address to any member of the Parish Council.

## **Parish Membership Dues**

Annual Membership Dues for single members are \$185. For families, it is \$335. These can be paid throughout the year utilizing the parish envelop system. Since most of these dues are targeted to National and Diocesan Church obligations, the parish relies on your Sunday Offering to meet operating expenses. God bless you for your continued generosity.

## **Are You Looking for a Parish Home?**

You may be receiving this newsletter as a result of visiting our parish or supporting one of its events. We are a Catholic Community whose beliefs are based on Holy Scripture, Christian Tradition and Church Ecumenical Synods. We are Catholic. We celebrate diversity. If you are looking for a church home, please consider our parish. We strive to be a family to each other: a family whose members seek to see God's presence in their lives, who support each other in life's journey and who strive to reach out in Christ's Name offering love, acceptance and a place of joy to all. Please contact Father Kość for more information.

## **Resources for the Season of Lent**

You can access these resources by accessing the online newsletter found on our website and clicking on the link.

[A Lenten Message from Prime Bishop Mikovsky](#)

[Celebrating Lent with Kids](#), Godspace, Mustard Seed Associates, 2014.

[50 Poems for Lent and Easter](#), collected by Dan Clendenin, *Journey with Jesus*, 2014.

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