Reading about HOW to pray, you might try Opening to God by Thomas Greene S.J. - very helpful. And, of course, reading Holy Scripture is the best. (I’d begin with reading one of the gospels or a New Testament epistle).

No matter what your prayer looks like - do it every day. (Something happens to us when we do something every day - it becomes part of us, it situates us with what’s most important. Ever go two days without a shower? We don’t feel right. So it is with prayer.) Take that brief moment (God’s not timing you!). Tell the Lord you love Him and to ask for His love and help. You’ll discover your own prayer. God will help you. Miss a day? Okay. Start again.

CHARITY:

Having prayed, it’s time to look around your world to see how you might make a difference for the better. Charity starts at home the saying goes. Are the people closest to you, and the relationships you have, do they need repair? How can you humble yourself to make things better? The work environment, can you be a peacemaker? Do you “seek to understand, rather than be understood? To console rather than be consoled”? Is there an opportunity to turn the other cheek? Can you light a light rather than curse the darkness? Love has lots of work to do.

TRUST:

This is the great flower that grows with Faith. God’s got this. God knows the challenges you (we) face in these Covid days. God knows you can’t get to mass like you used to. Trust Him to know how this turns out better than you do. Trust Him to bring goodness out of our darkness in ways we hadn’t imagined.

Why should I trust God? Because He took the human race and our troubles INTO Himself when He became a human being like us. He knows our troubles and He loves you like a shepherd loves his sheep. “Do not be afraid. I have overcome the world.” Jesus says. (John 16:33)

Can’t find it? Don’t feel you can trust God? Okay. Then pray . . . “Lord help me to trust in you. Help me do my part then - - - help me leave the rest to you.”

Amen. Fr. Tim

PS. No. You will not lose your Faith!

Mass on TV. No Eucharist. . . . will I lose my Faith?

The Catholic bishops of the United States are worried about the long-term effects the Covid Pandemic will have on the Faith of Catholics (especially young people who are still forming their spiritual lives). Average mass attendance at Holy Trinity before the pandemic was @1,300 per weekend.

It’s been almost one year now that the centuries old obligation to attend mass on Sunday has been lifted. For four months (March to June) attendance for church worship was limited to 10 people - - (priest, lector, cantor, organist, Livestream camera person, etc.) Parishioners who had computers have watched Sunday mass at home and, of course, have been unable to receive Holy Communion.

In June regulations were lifted slightly; and with 50% capacity, keeping 6 ft. separation, in-church attendance averages 450 for the three weekend masses. Add another 500 who Livestreamed and a rough average would have about 1,000 people taking an hour to worship the Lord either in person or at home for the weekend. I’m encouraged by your faithfulness to this most important practice of our Catholic Faith.

That said, it’s important we take measures to fortify our Faith in these days when the most sacred act of worship (the Eucharist) is impossible for many to attend and is no longer required of us. Faith needs to be strengthened by living it.

How can I “keep the Faith”? Here are some suggestions.

PRAYER:

This is important. God can use these days of sheltering in place to move us to seek Him in that loving conversation we call prayer. For centuries the Church has recommend ed two times during the day we ought to give ourselves over to prayer: morning (before noon) and evening (sometime after sunset).

How should I pray? There are many helps to prayer. Daily prayer books (Jesus Calling is a popular one). These prayer books take us day by day through the year with thoughts and prayers suited for everyone.

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January 17, 2021
**Weekend Mass Times:** Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 and 10:30 am.

**Daily Mass Times:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Call Tricia Kull, Director of Faith Formation at 265-4750.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:15 pm or by appointment with a priest.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least 6 months in advance through the Parish Office. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana sessions are required, along with FOCCUS inventory.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm.  
(Summer hours) 3:00 - 4:00 pm. (Winter)

**Faith Formation:**  
- **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Postponed until 2021  
- **Religious Education Classes**  
  Sundays 9:30 - 10:20 am. for Grades 1 - 5 or Family Program  
  Contact Tricia Kull @265-4750 - for more information.
- **Middle School:** Sunday 9:30 - 10:20 am. Grades 6, 7, 8  
  **Confirmation:** (Two year preparation) - Contact Judy Cass 265-1616 ext. 328.

**Sacramental Preparation:** Call Faith Formation Office or see our website for more information.

- 1st Penance—preparation in Autumn
- 1st Eucharist—preparation in Spring

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA):** Prepares adults to enter fully into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Sundays, 12:00-1:00 pm.  
(October-April). For more information, please contact Mary Kramer @mvkramer75@gmail.com.

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**Celebration of the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome**

On January 17, Holy Trinity celebrated the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for inquirers participating in the RCIA/RCIC process. This is an ancient rite that recognizes the Catechumens decision to begin the process of becoming a member of the Catholic Church through Baptism and welcomes the Candidates, those who have been baptized in another faith or baptized Catholic as a child but were never catechized in the Catholic faith, who are preparing to enter into full communion with the Church through the reception of the Eucharist and Confirmation.

Warmly welcome these Catechumens and Candidates into our faith family and support them and their sponsors with your prayers as their journey continues.

Catechumens: Molly Vongkhily, Robert Williams, Hunter Raymond, and Zack Terran
Candidates: Sarah Herrick, Amanda Branch, Andres Londono, Frank Schreib, and Todd Terran.

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**St. Rita School Parent Information Night for School Year 2021-2022**

There will be a ZOOM School Information Presentation for Prospective Families for the next school year on Thursday, January 21, at 7:00 pm.

Please join us to learn about the quality academic program St. Rita School (PreK3 through Grade 5) has to offer in a faith-based environment. We invite you to please contact the School Office at (585) 671-3132 starting January 18 to receive the link to the presentation.

2021-2022 Registration begins on Monday, February 1. Placement is limited at all grade levels, so registering promptly is encouraged!

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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!
Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Special Intentions of Rev. Neil Verschneider, req. brother, Gene Verschneider.

Our Blessed Mother’s Altar Candle will burn for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

St. Joseph’s Altar Candle will burn for the Special Intentions of Chris Henderson on her 70th Birthday, req. Denny and Pam and Family.

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

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.

Eucharistic Adoration

We are offering Eucharistic Adoration all day on Friday, Jan. 22, from 9:30 am - 7:30 pm. for the National Day of Prayer for the Unborn. Please call Becky Urlacher @545-8321 for more information.

Please join us for a few minutes with our Lord.

ATTN: DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

For your safety, if you see on TV that Webster Central Schools are closed due to inclement weather, our weekday mass at 9:00 am. will be cancelled.

This also affects any day or evening ministries as well. The Church and our Campus will NOT BE OPEN, thus plowing of our parking lots may not be done.

 Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed in honor of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 18.

Year End Contributions

As soon as the year-end contributions are recorded, they will be printed off and mailed by January 31. Our gratitude to everyone who has given their time, talent and treasure to Holy Trinity Church this past year. You are true stewards of our Lord. We thank you! Bless you all!!

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is the annual appeal inviting Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester to join in a partnership to advance the mission of our Church. This year’s theme, Christ, Our Light, reminds us that Christ is at the center of our mission as a Church, and it is only through the Light of our Savior that we are able to navigate through these unprecedented times. The CMA nourishes our ministries and helps us share our faith with others.

We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God’s great work!

We are so close everyone. $7,775.00 to goal. YOU ARE AMAZING!

December 2020 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, online and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

Please consider going online to give - Call Kasey Baker @265-1616 ext. 304.

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CHRISTMAS: 13,771.00

Total Attendance for January 9/10-427

Tithing: Stewardship in Motion

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Holy Trinity Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account with no charge to you using our electronic Intentional Giving Program.
Victims Assistance Coordinator:
call Deborah Housel at 1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555
housel@dor.org

Holy Trinity Church is now on FACEBOOK. You can check out our page by typing “www.facebook.com/holytrinitywebster” into your internet web browser.

HOPE Ministry Facebook @HOPEMinistryny and also HOPE Garden Facebook @HOPEGardenWny.
Mass Intentions: 2021
January 18 - January 24

Weekday Masses will be live-streamed at 9:00 am.
Weekend Mass will be live-streamed Sundays at 10:30 am.

Monday - Weekday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)
9:00 am. Mary Joan Marks, req. Sister JoAnn and brother-in-law, Nick Serdinow

Tuesday - Weekday
9:00 am. Special Retirement Intentions for Dr. P. Samikkannu, req. Frank and Mary Ann Spinelli

Wednesday - Weekday (Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr, Saint Sebastian, Martyr)
9:00 am. Special Intentions of Christopher Bennett, req. Judy Harris

Thursday - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
9:00 am. Bob Aldrich, req. Barbara

Friday — USA Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
9:00 am. Bernie Bialaszewski, req. Martha Committee

Saturday -
4:30 pm. (VIGIL) Bernie Bialaszewski, req. Mary Ann and Frank Spinelli

Sunday - THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 am. For the People of Holy Trinity, Living and Deceased
10:30 am. Jim Mason, 11th Anniversary, req. Mom and Family

This Week At Holy Trinity

Tuesday, January 19
9:30 - 11:00 am. - Legion of Mary - Peace/Unity Room
4:30 - 5:30 pm. Confession - Church

Wednesday, January 20
9:30 - 10:30 am. - Women’s Faith Group - Trinity Hall
1:30 - 3:00 pm. - Stitching Group - Peace/Unity Room

Thursday, January 21
10:00 - 12:00 pm. Prayer Shawl Group - Peace/Unity Room
3:00 - 4:00 pm. Adoration - Church
6:00 pm. C.A.S.E. Training - Trinity Hall

Friday, January 22
8:30 - Rosary - Church

Sunday, January 24
9:30 - 10:20 - Faith Formation - All Rooms
11:45 - 12:45 - RCIC - Wing Room
12:00 - 1:00 pm. RCIA - Trinity Hall
3:00 pm. Confirmation 2 - Trinity Hall

Confessions
Tuesday: 4:30 - 5:30 pm.
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:15 pm.
Come and experience the healing power of the Sacrament of Penance.