



January 19, 2025

Church of the Most Holy Trinity

*The Parish that We Dream
is the Parish that I Help to Build*

Are we prepared to listen to God's message?

When we read the Bible, we find the history of a nation called Israel. This is an amazing story where God was always helping the people of Israel through different characters, such as the patriarchs, kings, prophets, and so on. God talked to them and not to people of Israel directly. Why? Well, because at that time, all these people were not prepared to listen, see, and feel the real presence of God. For instance, Moses usually had a conversation with God on Mount Sinai. Even though God wanted to show Himself to the people of Israel so that they would have faith in Him, these people were always scared of the different signs such as thunder, clouds, lightning, and so on, that demonstrated the real presence of the Lord on Earth. The book of Exodus says: "On the morning of the third day there were peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. But Moses led the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stationed themselves at the foot of the mountain" (Exodus 19:16-17). Moses wanted Israel to know God, but it was not the right moment. God manifests Himself step by step. God's pedagogy consisted of showing Himself according to human evolution. For example, you cannot teach difficult mathematical problems to a child. You need to teach them first to add and subtract. This is a process that takes time in the life of a person. It is the same thing with human beings. God teaches little by little; hence, God sent Jesus Christ to teach us His real message of Love and Hope to all mankind.

Jesus, the Son of God, was using the same methodology. He was always teaching the truth with clear words to His disciples; however, He did not do the same with the rest of the people; He used parables with them. Why? This was the same question that His disciples asked Him. Jesus answered with a simple phrase: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). That means that like in Moses' time, Israel's people still were not prepared to know everything about the Good News that is the Gospel. However, Jesus also explained that He speaks in parables because Israel's people "look but do not see but also do not listen or understand" (Matthew 13:13). Therefore, people need to be prepared in order to have a real meeting with God.



Today, we can better understand God's message by the power of the Holy Spirit. You and I have the wonderful experience of listening to God's voice through the readings in the Eucharist. We are also able to have a better comprehension of the Word of the Lord through priests' explanations during the homily in the Eucharist. Moreover, we have the possibility to see God in His real presence in the bread and wine that the priest consecrates in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. I ask you, have you thought about this? Are you prepared to listen to God's voice and see Him? Are you able to see and feel the presence of God in the Eucharist? If you answered, "Yes", let me congratulate you. If your answer was "No", probably you need to take time to think about the real meaning of the Eucharist. Anyway, we are more privileged than Israel's people in Moses' time.

Jesus loves us, and He wants the best for us. Listen to His voice! Receive His Body and Blood! Jesus is here! Do not miss Mass. Jesus is always waiting for us.

Remember, *The parish that we dream is the parish that I help to build.*

God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you always!
Fr. Jorge Ramirez

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!

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call **(315) 604-8070**.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) **4:30 p.m.**
Sunday **8:30 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.**

DAILY MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Please call the Parish Office at 265-1616.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment with a priest. **No Tuesday Confessions during the summer months (July - September).**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least six months in advance through the Parish Office. Preparation includes meetings with the pastor, Pre-Cana and the Fully Engaged inventory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION: See our website for more information.

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October - June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K - 3.

YOUTH MINISTRY - See our website for more information.

- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- OCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - Contact Fr. George (fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org) or Mary Kramer (mary.kramer@dor.org) for information about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Stewardship by the Book

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

MARTHA COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED!



Martha Committee hosts luncheons for families and friends after funerals at Holy Trinity. If you are interested in joining this ministry either by preparing a dish, serving, or making phone calls, please contact Jeanneann LaMonica at 585-520-1386. If you are currently a member of the committee and have recently moved, please contact Jeanneann to update your new address and phone number. Thank you.



*National
Prayer
for Life*

January 23, 2025

Mass @ 6:00 pm followed by
Adoration and Confessions until 9:00pm

Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park, Rochester

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano and our Diocesan family as we unite with the (arch) dioceses around the country in a vigil of prayer for the sanctity of all human life.



**"DARKNESS CANNOT
DRIVE OUT DARKNESS;
ONLY LIGHT CAN DO
THAT. HATE CANNOT
DRIVE OUT HATE; ONLY
LOVE CAN DO THAT."**

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*The PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 20TH IN HONOR OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY*



**Please Remember in Prayer
Our Beloved Dead**

and those who mourn for them.



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn for the special intentions of Mary Ann & Frank Spinelli, req. by Dave and MaryLou Coriale.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Laura Mix, req. by mom and dad.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn for the legal protection of unborn children.

If you would like a candle lit 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.

**Webster Hope January and February 2025
Wish List**

Ground coffee, tea, hot chocolate
Flour, sugar, cooking oil
Laundry soap
Dish soap
Canned peas, beets and pineapple
Boxed pasta - please no whole wheat
Jarred pasta sauce
Canned chili and beef stew, hearty varieties of soup

Webster Hope will be closed on Monday, January 20 and Monday, February 17.



There are a few seats remaining for the 2025 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC, leaving from **The Church of the Holy Spirit** (leaves January 23rd @ 10 PM). If you would like to attend, please visit our web site at <http://march4life.gmsander.info> and fill out a reservation request form. The cost this year is \$80 per person.

For more information, visit the web site or call Gerry Sander at 585-503-3256 or email webstercommitteeforlife@gmail.com.

January 25, Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God [that is] with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed. ~1 Corinthians 15:9-11

JUBILEE 2025

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What is a Jubilee Year?

Jubilees ordinarily take place every twenty-five years. A Jubilee is a special time encouraging renewed holiness through acts of forgiveness, reconciliation, mercy and pilgrimage. This year's Jubilee theme is "Pilgrims of Hope."

The faithful can obtain the Jubilee indulgence. You are invited to explore the following website

<https://oec.dor.org/jubilee-2025/>

to learn more about how to obtain the Plenary Indulgence and the other aspects of the Jubilee year.

Congratulations to our High School Seniors who have been nominated as our **2025 Hands of Christ** recipients!



The Hands of Christ is a recognition program sponsored by the Department of Evangelization and Catechesis to recognize our high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in

their church, home, school, and community. Several of our parish seniors are invited to receive this award from the Most Reverend Bishop Salvatore R. Matano at one of three special Recognition Ceremonies to be held in February. These students met high standards for this achievement including: consistently demonstrating a Christian attitude by word and example; being actively involved in the parish as well as their school or community; and having consistently been a positive role model to their peers, younger children and adults.

Congratulations to the following Holy Trinity Seniors:

Ella Frick, Nick Gallina, Paige Henry, Rachel Henry, Leo Navarro, Thomas O'Brien, Emily Schroeder, Maddi Siwik, and Evan Tomik



Community Meal at St. Michael's Pantry Needs Volunteers

St. Michael's provides a community lunch program for those in need in their area. Help is needed preparing, serving and cleaning up for these meals.

St. Michael's is asking for **Holy Trinity** volunteers specifically for **Saturday, February 23rd** between the hours of **8:30 am and 1:30 pm.**

Please reach out to Gloria Forgione **Before February 7th** at (585) 288-1644 or pgjforgione@rochester.rr.com to help on February 23rd. Also, check out the website <https://www.rochesterhope.org/> for additional ways to help this organization throughout the year.

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Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



We thank those who have given generously to the CMA. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways.

Join our appeal and give back what you can, so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

If you wish to give to the CMA, there are envelopes at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.

GOAL:	\$192,000.00
TOTAL TO DATE:	\$169,843.22
DONORS:	464
% TO GOAL:	88.46%

(as of January 14th)

Mass Intentions: January 18 - January 26, 2025

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

SATURDAY, January 18, 2025

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Sandra Brown, req. by Watro family

SUNDAY, January 19, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. † Joe Haas, req. by Mary Smith

10:30 a.m. For the People of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

Monday, January 20, 2025

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

8:30 a.m. † Deceased members of the Kraus & Pokalsky families, req. by Barb & Mike Pokalsky

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

8:30 a.m. † Jim Mason, req. by family

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

USA: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30 a.m. † Anastasia Morse, req. by Conklin family

Thursday, January 23, 2025

USA: Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; USA: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:30 a.m. † Edward McGraw, req. by Gail & Harry Housler

Friday, January 24, 2025

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. † Edward McGraw, req. by Ron and Laura Amick

SATURDAY, January 25, 2025

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the People of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

SUNDAY, January 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. † Theresa Spinelli, req. by Frank & Mary Ann Spinelli & family

10:30 a.m. † Pat & Tony Micali, req. by mom and wife

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Monday, January 20 - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 21

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Confession - Church

Wednesday, January 22

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Book Club - Wing Room

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

Thursday, January 23

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

10:00 - 12:00 noon Prayer Shawl Ministry - Marian Room

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Adoration - Church

Friday, January 24

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

Saturday, January 25

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confession - Church



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. &

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

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Website: www.holytrinityweb.com

Email address: wholytri@dor.org

MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

**If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person,
you may view our live-stream at [https://livestream.com/
accounts/18862485/events/5598269](https://livestream.com/accounts/18862485/events/5598269)**

February Senior Ministry Event

Originally scheduled for

Tuesday, January 21st

Has been **cancelled** due to extremely
low temperatures predicted

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Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our
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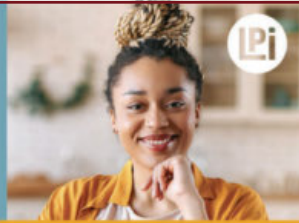
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