Church of the Most Holy Trinity

January 12, 2025

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



Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. With this celebration, the Church finishes the Christmas season and, at the same time, starts Ordinary Time.

The Baptism of the Lord is not only a celebration where we remember that John baptized Our Lord in the waters of the Jordan, but also makes us think and reflect on our own baptism. Many of us were baptized when we were children. Others were baptized when they decided to do it through RCIA (now called OCIA). Regardless of when our baptism was, it is very important that all of us reflect on the significance of this wonderful sacrament. Baptism is not just a sacrament where we receive water. Baptism is a marvelous sacrament where we entered into the life of the Church and became children of God by adoption. St. Paul in his letter to the Romans reminds us of the importance of this sacrament and the ef-

fects that it has in each of us. He says, "What then shall we say? Shall we persist in sin that grace may abound? Of course not! How can we who died to sin yet live in it? Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Romans 6:1-5).

Baptism makes us new people. We are protected by God through this sacrament. We received for the first time the Holy Spirit in our baptism and then His fullness of it in the sacrament of Confirmation. Let us always live our own baptism with joy, knowing that God, our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit is always protecting each one of us.

Let us pray:

Almighty and Eternal God! You know all things. You see the very bottom of my heart, and You know that, however sinful I have hitherto been, I am resolved, by the help of Thy grace, to love and serve Thee for the remainder of my life. And therefore, O my God, kneeling before the throne of Thy mercy, I renew, with all the sincerity of my soul, the promises and vows made for me in my baptism.

I renounce Satan with my whole heart, and will henceforth have no connection with him. I renounce all the pomps of Satan, that is, all the vanities of the world, the false treasures of its riches, honors and pleasures, and all its corrupt teachings. I renounce all the works of Satan, that is, all kinds of sin.

To Thee alone, O my God, I desire to cling; Thy word will I hear and obey; for Thee alone I desire to live and to die. *Amen.*

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 Ramírez

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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 further 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.

Cemetery Roads during the winter months Use caution when going to the cemetery in winter months. The roads in the cemetery can be snow covered and icy. If it is determined that it is too dangerous, the road going to the cemetery will be closed. Thank you for your understanding.

Stewardship by the Book

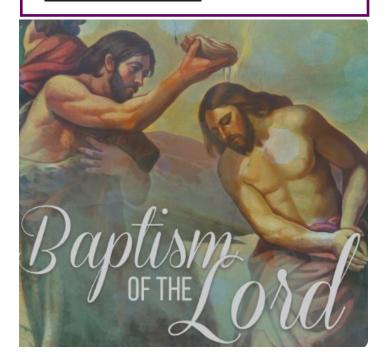
Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.



Peace starts here

Project Rachel in the Diocese of Rochester has a network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who accompany anyone struggling in the aftermath of abortion. It could have been recently or several years ago. You may have experienced an abortion yourself or be the partner, parent, grandparent, sibling, other family member, friend. A trained companion is available to guide you on a confidential, nonjudgmental healing process of forgiveness and peace. It doesn't matter what faith tradition you are from or if you don't adhere to any faith. Everyone is treated with respect and consideration. All services are offered at no cost.

If you or someone you know needs hope after abortion, confidential, nonjudgmental help is available through our dedicated helpline: 888-9RACHEL (888-972-2435). You can also email us at <u>return2peace@rachelroc.org</u>. Check out the national Project Rachel website at <u>hopeafterabortion.com</u>.



Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead



Faith Calhoun, Janet Kuhn & Rori Murrell and those who mourn for them.



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of Betty Schoene & family, req, by Bruce Charleton.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Betty Schoene & family, req, by Bruce Charleton.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Betty Schoene & family, req, by Bruce Charleton.

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.

Many Altar Candle Openings Available

If you have a special intention or loved one you would like remembered with an Altar Candle, please stop by the parish office. There are many openings available.



Senior Ministry Event Tuesday, January 21st 1:30 - 3:00 pm Trinity Hall Alaskan Travelogue with

Jackson Thomas

Join us and enjoy the magnificent scenery Alaska has to offer as captured by Jackson Thomas!



Weekday activities at Holy Trinity and Bad Weather



If Webster Central Schools are closed during the week due to bad weather, Holy Trinity will be closed as well. This will include daily Mass, the offices and any other scheduled activities at our campus.

Please watch for the school closings on the local news stations. If weekend Masses or activities are cancelled that will be communicated via our website.

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A New Creation: The Mystery of Baptism

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!

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An offering from the PAUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and I gratics press

Baptism of the Lord

Reflection: The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is a liturgical bridge that connects the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. During the Christmas season we pondered the Incarnation, Nativity, Presentation in the Temple, and Epiphany. Today, we see Jesus manifesting Himself to the world as He began His three years of public ministry.

John the Baptist had been preaching in the desert and offering a baptism of repentance, a sign of one's willingness to turn away from sin and turn toward God. Jesus, of course, was sinless in every way, but he chose to receive the baptism of repentance to unite Himself with fallen humanity. Out of love for us, he took upon Himself our own sins and would suffer their consequences.

By bowing His sacred head to receive the baptism of repentance, Jesus united Himself and His divinity to everyone who had already chosen to repent. And He gave power to every forthcoming act of repentance others would make, even until today. When we repent today, we meet Jesus in that same water of repentance.

It was not only the Eternal Son Who was present at that baptism of repentance, but the Father and the Holy Spirit as well. The Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove, and the Father's Voice spoke to acknowledge His oneness with His Son. Therefore, every time we make a humble act of repentance, such as when we combine the crucifixion, the Trinity, and holy water upon entering a church and blessing ourselves, we not only meet our Lord but also receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and share more fully in our adoption as sons and daughters of the Father in Heaven.

As we commemorate Jesus' baptism, we celebrate the fact that our Christian baptism was the beginning of a new unity with the Holy Trinity. We also celebrate our oneness with God, which is renewed every time we make an interior act of repentance for our sins. Every time we acknowledge and repent of our sin, we meet Christ anew, receive a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and affirm and deepen our adoption by the Fa-ther in Heaven.

Pray: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You came to me in my baptism and united me in my fallenness with You in Your divinity. I pray that I will never grow weary of repenting of my sin. I beg for Your mercy and forgiveness and open myself more fully to You, Your Father, and the Holy Spirit. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I trust in You.

~Excerpt from My Catholic Life!

Holy Trinity is Hiring

Full Time Administrative Assistant (35 hours/ week)

We are seeking an energetic, self-motivated individual with well-developed communication skills, to work both alone and collaboratively with parish staff and volunteers.

Skills required: Proficient in Microsoft Office

Suite (especially Word, Excel, Publisher). Must be comfortable with utilizing technology and online database systems.



To apply for this job, **email a resume and cover letter to** <u>Helen.Sleeman@dor.org</u>



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
PLEDGED TO DATE:	\$166,798.22
DONORS:	457
% TO GOAL:	86.87%
	(as of January 7th)

Mass Intentions: January 11 - January 19, 2025

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

SATURDAY, January 11, 2025 4:30 p.m. † Susan VanDeraa, req. by Marlene Green

SUNDAY, January 12, 2025 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8:30 a.m. For the People of Holy Trinity, living and deceased 10:30 a.m. † Bill Kalamanka, 10th anniversary, req. by wife, Barbara & family

Monday, January 13, 2025 (First Week in Ordinary Time), Saint Hiliary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 8:30 a.m. † Marianne Schonning, req. by Julie & Roger Ellender

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Weekday 8:30 a.m. † Suzanne Maxfield, req. by Legion of Mary

Wednesday, January 15, 2025 Weekday 8:30 a.m. † James Guarino, req. by wife & family

Thursday, January 16, 2025 Weekday 8:30 a.m. † Thomas & Helen Church, req. by Joe & Marcy Leonardo

Friday, January 17, 2025 Saint Anthony, Abbot 8:30 a.m. † Tim O'Brien, req. by Paul & June DiClementine

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

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, January 14 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Cursillo - Wing Room 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bereavement Support - Wing Room No Confession

Wednesday, January 15 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Saint Monica Ministry - Church 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group - Wing Room

Thursday, January 16 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. Adoration - Church 7:00 - 8:00 pm. Holy Hour - Church



8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church 10:00 - 12:00 noon Quilt Guild - Peace and Unity Room

Saturday, January 18 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confession - Church

Friday, January 17

Holy Trinity Parish Staff

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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

Please Note Confession Times

While Fr. Jorge is away, confession hour is cancelled for Tuesday January 14th. Confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 18th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to victimsassistance@dor.org housel@dor.org