To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who are homeless and need sheltering love; and to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will, the Parish of Most Holy Trinity opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday  4:00pm
Sunday    8:00am
          10:45am
          12:30pm - Spanish

Reconciliation
Monday  6:00-7:00pm - Parish Center
First Saturday of the month 12:00-1:00pm
Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism
The sacrament is generally celebrated during the 10:45 am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Parents/legal guardians are to contact the office early to arrange sacramental instruction and schedule a date.

Sacrament of Marriage
Prospective Brides & Grooms: If you are thinking about marriage in the next 9-12 months, it is time to make an appointment with the Priest. If you have already met with the Priest & need to register for Engaged Encounter or a Diocesan Pre-Cana, go to www.dioceseofscranton.org click on How Do I?, then Registration for Pre-Cana. Please choose a session scheduled 6 or more months before your wedding date & register early as sessions fill fast.

Anointing of the Sick
As an aid to comfort and strengthen the sick, the sacrament is administered to those advanced in years, those preparing for surgery and those in danger of death. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Holy Orders
Any Catholic male who feels that God may be calling him to serve His people as a deacon or priest, should talk to the pastor.

MISSION STATEMENT
We, the Catholic community of Most Holy Trinity Parish, rich in diversity, strive to achieve the unity that is the essence of God and the heart of the Church. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are called to be faithful stewards of the apostolic tradition, to stir into flame the gifts of God the Father, and to evangelize through our action as witnesses to our Lord, Jesus Christ.
**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**MHT Parish Center**

*Mon-Thurs: 8:15am  Fri: 7:00am*

**Villa of Our Lady**

*Mon-Fri: 11:30am*

**Parish Office Hours**

Monday 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Friday 9:00am - 12noon

At present we are experiencing irregularities with staffing. Due to factors beyond our control we ask for your patient understanding during this time as resolution is sought.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.

Psalm 22

“My God, my god, why have you abandoned me?”

Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus emptied himself, and God filled this Emptiness with exaltation.


The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

The cries of “Hosanna” that you heard in the Gospel proclaimed at the beginning of Mass will turn all too readily to cries of pain and anguish, and culminate in the words of abandonment that Jesus utters from the cross. With his final words, Jesus forgives the repentant criminal hanging on another cross next to his own. Listening to the sacred scriptures today, let us make our own the words of that repentant criminal: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

Weekend of March 3/13

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Thank You for your Generosity

**Riding into the Unknown:**

In his painting *Entry into Jerusalem*, Italian Renaissance painter Giotto captures all the excitement and unexpected occurrences of that famous ride, including fainting women and people climbing trees to get a better view of the spectacle. Have you ever made a decision to go somewhere and been unsure where the decision would lead? On this Palm Sunday, consider Jesus’ determination to embrace his destiny and the pain and glory that it would bring. Gaining such strength and steadfastness is each Christian’s goal.
Jubilee Year of Mercy
March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

*Misericordiae Vultus: The Face of Mercy* is Pope Francis’ official decree announcing this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. But Francis had already declared that Jesus “has shown the face of God’s mercy” back in 2013 on his first Palm Sunday as pope. Francis described Luke’s account of Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem: “Crowds, celebrating, praise, blessing, peace: joy fills the air. Jesus has awakened great hopes, especially in the hearts of the simple, the humble, the poor, the forgotten, those who do not matter in the eyes of the world. He understands human sufferings . . . has bent down to heal body and soul.” Entering Jerusalem, Jesus looks at all of us with love, Francis continued, at our sicknesses and sins. “A beautiful scene, full of light—the light of the love of Jesus” (Pope Francis, Palm Sunday homily, March 24, 2013). May this Jubilee Year’s Holy Week and Triduum make us Jesus’ own light-bearers and love-givers to all who long to see the Face of Mercy.

Año Jubilar de la Misericordia
Domingo de Ramos “de la Pasión del Señor”

*Misericordiae Vultus: El rostro de la Misericordia* es el documento oficial (en este caso una Bula papal) anunciando este *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia*. Sin embargo, el Domingo de Ramos de 2013, el Papa Francisco había anunciado que “Jesús ha mostrado el rostro de la misericordia de Dios”. El Papa Francisco describe la historia del Evangelio de Lucas donde Jesús entra en Jerusalén así: “Gentío, fiesta, alabanza, bendición, paz. Se respira un clima de alegría. Jesús ha despertado en el corazón tantas esperanzas, sobre todo entre la gente humilde, simple, pobre, olvidada, esa que no cuenta a los ojos del mundo. Él ha sabido comprender las miserias humanas, ha mostrado el rostro de misericordia de Dios y se ha inclinado para curar el cuerpo y el alma”. El Papa Francisco sigue diciendo que Jesús al entrar a Jerusalén mira a todos con amor en nuestras debilidades y pecados. “Es una bella escena, llena de luz – la luz del amor de Jesús, de su corazón –, de alegría, de fiesta” (Papa Francisco, homilía del Domingo de Ramos, 24 de marzo de 2013). ¿Qué la Semana Santa y Triduo Pascual de este *Año Jubilar de la Misericordia* nos hagan portadores de la luz de Jesús y mensajeros de amor a todos los que anhelan ver *El rostro de la Misericordia*!

**We need your Help**
As we prepare to being our capital campaign, we are in need of volunteers to visit follow parishioners and share the important information of our proposed build project and the commitment needed to realize our dream.

For those who have already expressed interest in helping us and for anyone who is willing to assist there is an important meeting on **March 30th at 6:30pm** in the parish center.
**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, March 21**
- 4:00pm-7:00pm       Adoration (Chapel)
- 6:00pm-8:00pm       Legion of Mary

**Tuesday, March 22**
- 6:30pm-7:00pm      Cantor/Choir Practice Parish Ctr
- 7:00pm-9:00pm       Spanish Catechesis
- 7:00pm-9:00pm       K of C

**Wednesday, March 23**
- 7:00pm-9:00pm      Prayer Meeting (Chapel)

**DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING:**
There will be a very important meeting of the Development Committee of Most Holy Trinity Parish on Monday, March 21, at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room on the First Floor of the Parish Center. All members are requested to be present. If you are unable to attend, please let Fr. Boyle know.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH AND FAMILIES:**
Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: Father Kevin Mulhern, all the members of our Parish who are homebound or in health care faculties.

**PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD:**
Francisco Argarin

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:**
Please remember all the members of our Parish and members of our Parishioner’s Families who are serving in the Military of our Country. Pray that the Lord may be with them and that their efforts to maintain peace and justice will be blessed by God.

*Names for the above groups may be called in to the Parish Office prior to Monday’s deadline for the upcoming bulletin.*

**JOB OPENINGS:**  Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mt. Pocono, is in need of a cook and a dish washer/ minimal house chores. Please mail or e-mail Sister Jean Anthony at: retreats@ptd.net with resume and contact information.

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**JUSTICE NOTES**

**humbled himself. . Philippians 2:8**

As we enter Holy Week, we could use more humble people and humble attitudes, especially as we contemplate the example of Jesus’ life. In the life of the Church, Pope Francis had these words to Mexico’s 176 bishops while gathered in the lavish Cathedral of the Assumption of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on his recent visit, “When the Church congregates in a majestic Cathedral, she should not fail to see herself as a ‘small home’ in which her children can feel comfortable,” the pontiff urged. “We remain in God’s presence only when we are little ones, orphans and beggars.” He went on to say, “A “casita, ‘small home,’ is familiar and at the same time sagrada, ‘holy,’ for it is filled by God’s omnipotent greatness. We are guardians of this mystery. Perhaps we have lost the sense of the humble ways of the divine and are tired of offering our own men and women the casita in which they feel close to God” (2/13/16). His words, although directed to bishops, should also speak to the laity as we walk and work in the world.

God’s ways are merciful, loving, and welcoming. God’s words propose, they do not impose. Living in a humble state, gives a person the freedom to ponder negative energies, to discern what God is calling the person to respond to, and to turn a negative energy into a creative good. Indeed, as Thomas Merton states, “To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands, to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything is to succumb to the violence of our times” (Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander). Many working diligently in the area of social justice, can get caught up in trying to do too much. It is only by stepping back and remembering our humble Lord that we can ever hope to accomplish anything. This week, as we accompany Jesus to the Cross, let us each take the time to discern what part of the Cross--the world’s wounds today--we are carrying or that we are being called to carry. This week, and going forward, let us each be a “casita sagrada”--a small, holy home that has a big, open door that is our heart. Let us truly become family to one another, humbly crying and laughing together as we build a better life for everyone. Hosanna!

I want to express my thanks and the appreciation of Most Holy Trinity Parish to all those who work and contribute to the various Social Justice and Awareness Programs that take place – often without “hoopla” or awareness of most of us. They are doing the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy that all of us are entrusted with as Catholic Christians. May the Lord bless all of the individuals and groups that work in the name of Jesus Christ and Most Holy Trinity Parish.
RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES:

Since we have re-introduced receiving Holy Communion under the forms of both bread and wine, there have been some instances where individuals have attempted to receive the Body of Christ and then dip (instinct) the host into the chalice of Precious Blood of Christ. This practice IS NOT PERMITTED.

This is not just the policy of our Parish, but the policy of the Church Universal. I have instructed the Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion not to allow this to occur. If you will not take the chalice and receive from it, you are opting not to receive the fullness of the sign of the Eucharist by sharing in both the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not continue to attempt this practice, since you will be halted. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

EASTER DUTY:

Please be mindful of our obligation as Catholics to fulfill our Easter Duty. This means that we are to receive Holy Communion at the very least, once during the Easter Season. Remember the Easter Season begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes on our Parish Feast Day – Trinity Sunday. Of course, if you have any serious sins that have not been confessed and absolved, prior to receiving the Eucharist, you are bound to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU:

Monday evening, March 21, will be the final opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (apart from emergency situations or for those in danger of death) prior to the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. Three priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament in the Parish Center from 6:00 PM until 7 PM or until all confessions are heard. Please make this part of your preparation for Easter – be reconciled to the Lord and to one another! This is a great opportunity to prepare to fulfill your Easter Duty as Catholics.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 4:00pm. To reserved seating please call Diane Franklin in the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or email Diane-Franklin@diocesiofscranton.org.

**A Big Thank You**

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Judges

- Chef Tony Griffiths, Dean Al Moranville and Prof. Chiang.

Winners:

- **First Place**: Tom & Paula Williams
- **People’s Choice**: Tom & Paula Williams
- **Junior Division Winner**: MHT Youth Group
- **2nd Place**: Kevin Cronk
- **Third Place**: Rendel Hoagland
- **Best Salsa**: Hector Febo & Son.
- **Best Booth**: Ingrid Johnson & Dee Blickendorfer
- **Mr. Hot Sauce & Ms. Chili Pepper**: Tom & Paula Williams

**2016 CHILI COOK-OFF & ST. PATRICK’S DAY DINNER AND PARTY**

I want to thanks all those who helped make both of these events great successes. Everyone who participated in these events had great things to say. May the organizers and workers know their efforts are appreciated by all.
### Introducción a la Liturgia del Día
Al levantar estas palmas para que sean bendecidas piensen en su propio hogar donde estas palma encontraran un lugar, ya que no solo se bendice estas palmas, sino también la vida de aquellas personas, por las cuales estas darán testimonio en el año próximo. Lleva tu palma en alto hoy como señal de la vida cristiana que vives.

### Tiempo de Cuaresma
**Ayuno y Abstención durante Cuaresma**
La Iglesia recomienda que todos los Viernes de Cuaresma se abstenga de comer carne y que se debe ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y Viernes Santo. Es importante entender que la Iglesia exonerá a ciertas personas de estas obligaciones ejemplo: diabéticos, personas de edad, embarazadas, problemas de salud etc.

**Ayuda a otros a traer personas a la Misa Dominical**
Hay personas que desean venir a la Misa, pero no tienen transporte, favor de pasar la voz a otros y ayudar, como en inglés se conoce “carry pool” agruparnos y participar. Dios esta mirando tu buena intención!

### Palabras del Santo Padre Francisco
El Papa recordó que la fe crece, mediante la oración confiada en Dios. Recibamos al Espíritu Santo como un niño recibe un regalo. Ven Espíritu Santo! Ayúdanos a superar Nuestro Egoísmo!

### Actividades de la Parroquia San Mateo
**Reunión de Cursillistas**: Cada segundo domingo del mes Hora 5:00pm. Mayor información, llamar a Larry, 570 242-4494

**Programas de Estudio de la fe Católica**: Cada Miércoles desde 7:00pm a 9:00 pm Mas información, llamar a Luis Rivera 570 994-3108

**Vía Crucis / El Camino hacia la Cruz**
Viernes Santo—Marzo 25 Hora 2:00pm Procesión en los alrededores del Colegio McHugh
Invita a todos a participar en el 14avo. Año de esta representación de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo que entrega su vida para salvarnos. Todo lo hacemos con mucho amor y respeto. Si estas interesado en participar favor de llamar al Diacono José Mendoza 570 357-6338

**Petición a los Enfermos de nuestra Comunidad**
- Patricia Chaparro
- Palmira Almodóvar
- Margarita Rodríguez
- Teresa Torres

### ¿PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA?
Aquí se plantea una pregunta semanal que invita a los lectores a reflexionar sobre un tema específico relacionado con la fe y la vida cristiana.

### ¿Cual es el sentido verdadero de las Palmas de Domingo de Ramos?
Hoy millones de católicos alrededor del mundo acuden a las iglesias para iniciar la celebración de la Semana Santa con el Domingo de Ramos, y recordar la entrada triunfal de Jesús en Jerusalén cuando fue recibido por sus discípulos y la población con palmas de olivo; pero, ¿cuál es el verdadero sentido de estas palmas?, ¿tienen algún “poder especial” luego de ser bendecidas?

Luego de ser bendecidas las palmas, muchos fieles las suelen colocar en algún lugar privilegiado del hogar. “Sin embargo muchas personas acostumbran colocar las palmas benditas detrás de la puerta como amuletos, las utilizan con fines curativos lo cual es una superstición”, advirtió un artículo publicado en el Sistema Informativo de la Arquidiócesis de México (SIAME).

Esta creencia, aclaró el artículo, es errónea, pues “el verdadero sentido de las palmas en nuestro hogar es tener presente que Jesús es nuestro Rey y que debemos siempre darle la bienvenida en nuestro hogar”.

**Parroquia La Santísima Trinidad**

**Horarios de Misa en Semana Santa**
- 24 Marzo, Jueves Misa en Inglés 7:00pm
- 25 Marzo, Viernes Vía Crucis 2:00pm y Misa en Inglés 7:00pm
- 26 Marzo, Sábado de Gloria - Vigilia Pascual Misa Bilingüe 7:00pm
- 27 Marzo, Domingo Misa de Resurrección 10:45 am en Inglés

**Grupos de Oración y Estudio de Biblia**
Los invitamos a participar en los diferentes grupos
- **Viernes**: 7pm Iglesia Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz, Brodheadsville.
- **Viernes**: 7pm Iglesia San Mateo, East Stroudsburg.

**Estudio de la Biblia en Inglés**: Iglesia San Lucas, cada Jueves hora 10am y será repetido a las 7:00pm. Estudio “Libro de Revelación” Todos son bienvenidos.
In this memoir, set as deeply in his mind as in the Southeast Asian jungle, a young American soldier embarks on a journey to a war that, for him, will never be over.

The world was a playground for Mickey, a naive Irish American kid bored with his life. His father served in World War II, his brother was a Marine in Vietnam; now it was his turn. His 365 days in Vietnam builds in torment until an attack on a bunker complex in Cambodia. Wounded, his friend captured, he becomes a tormented survivor knowing he is always just a heartbeat from death.

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