

*Alleluia! He has risen.
Alleluia!*



*Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
958 E. Tuscola St.
Frankenmuth, Michigan
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*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
March 24 & 25, 2018*

Worship in Our Parish Liturgical Calendar

Monday, April 2

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 4

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Rosary

Friday, April 6

10:30 a.m. Mass at Wellspring

Saturday, April 7

5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 8

Second Sunday of Easter/Sunday of Divine Mercy

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass with Baptism



Scripture Readings for April 8, 2018

Acts 4:32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

Event Schedule

Tuesday, April 3

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study

3:00 p.m. Grades 3 & 4 Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, April 4

11:00 a.m. Adult Catechism Study

3:00 p.m. Grades 5 & 6 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, April 5

3:00 p.m. Grades 1 & 2 Faith Formation Classes

6:30 p.m. Adult Catechism Study II

Friday, April 6

12:00 noon Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Saturday, April 7

11:00 a.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 8

11:00 a.m. FF3's, FF4's & Kindergarten Classes

2:00 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Gathering

General Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation ~ offered on Saturdays at 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. A special schedule of opportunities is available during Advent and Lent, or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism ~ Baptisms are celebrated regularly, except during Lent. Call the parish office for pre-Baptism class information.

To Become a Catholic ~ Adults interested in learning about the Catholic faith are invited to call the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage ~ Please contact the pastor before setting a wedding date. Six months are required for preparation.

Anointing of the Sick ~ A communal celebration is celebrated in October. Individual anointing is available whenever requested.

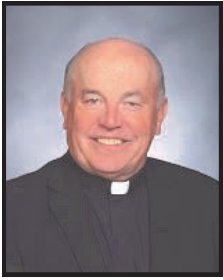
Ministry to the Sick and Elderly ~ When entering a hospital, please register as a member of Blessed Trinity Parish. When confined at home, please contact our parish office.

New Parishioners ~ We welcome you to Blessed Trinity. If you wish to join our community, please contact the parish office for an appointment to register.

Bulletin Submission Deadline ~ Text and pictures for the bulletin should be emailed by 12:00 noon on Monday each week to Parish Secretary Lori Snyder at: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

*our sanctuary candle will burn this week
in loving memory of Clarence Lackowski by Betty Lackowski*





Notes From Our Pastor

On behalf of the staff at Blessed Trinity, I wish all of our parishioners, friends, and visitors a **blessed Easter Sunday** and a joyful Easter season! Christ is risen – he is truly risen. Alleluia.

Statistical data may show that our climate is warming but it certainly seems that it has been a long time since we enjoyed a warm and sunny Easter Sunday. I am glad that I didn't pack up my winter coat and gloves just yet.

In my column for next weekend, I will include special thanks to all of our parishioners who generously offered their time and talent in preparing the church and celebrating the wonderful Triduum liturgies during this past week. That bulletin will also contain the list of parishioners and the intentions of their donations for the Easter flowers in our church this year.

Next Saturday, April 7, Blessed Trinity is honored to host the **Knights of Columbus** (4th Degree, Michigan District 4) for the exemplification process and ceremony for members who are joining the fourth degree of the Order. Knights and family members from assemblies across mid-Michigan will be here throughout the day and will join us at the 5:00 p.m. Mass next Saturday. Welcome, Sir Knights and families.

The **Catholic Services Appeal** (CSA) is off to a very good start at our parish. After last weekend, 160 parish members had made gifts and pledges totaling \$63,887.00. This is just over 77% of our parish assessment of \$82,436. Thank you to all who have responded so promptly and generously on behalf of our parish.

If you are a parish member but did not receive the letter and response form from the Diocese of Saginaw, please contact the Parish Office and we will provide these materials to you.

Our prayers and condolences go out to the family and friends of **Allen Messing**, brother of parishioner Marge Susalla. Allen died in Ruth, Michigan on March 11 at the age of 69. May he rejoice in God's eternal peace.

We also received word of the death of **Craig Parolari**, brother of parishioner Donna Lail. Craig died on March 18 at the age of 66. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family and friends. May he rejoice in God's eternal peace.



Fr. Bob Byrne

Catholic Services Appeal
 Vita Hopp ~ CSA Coordinator

Thank you to the 160 parish households who have returned their CSA envelopes. With your generosity, we currently have \$63,887.00 in pledges and gifts toward the 2018 appeal.

If your Catholic Services Appeal envelope is still on your to-do list, please prayerfully decide upon your gift or pledge and return it to the parish as soon as possible. Thank you!

We Are Stewards

On-line Giving ~ March 18-24, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions	\$1,870.00
Parish Debt Retirement	65.00
Total	\$1,935.00

Weekend ~ March 24 & 25, 2018

Parish Adult Contributions (186 envelopes)	\$10,206.00
Weekend Loose	1,140.00
Children's Contributions (5 envelopes)	7.80
Parish Debt Retirement (2 envelopes)	35.00
Weekend Total	\$11,388.80

Children's stewardship notes: Mya's time ~ babysitting; Gabby's time ~ being kind to Ben.

Be Part of This Gift Event!

As you are aware, Fr. Bob Byrne will start a new chapter in his life as he retires on July 1, 2018. We would like to send him off with a gift representing each parish member...something he can look back at to remember his time at Blessed Trinity.

We ask each member, each couple, and/or each family to create a single page that will make up a scrapbook. We hope your page would highlight a moment such as a baptism, a wedding, or maybe a catechism event that your children took part in while Fr. Bob was your pastor.

Maybe your page will be a picture of yourself, your spouse, or your family along with a short note of thanks to Fr. Bob for his service. No matter what you settle on, your page will be part of a personal gift and a memory that Fr. Bob will be sure to cherish for years to come.

After the weekend Masses on April 7 & 8, information and materials will be available to anyone who would like to get involved (scrapbook page, a page protector, and other ideas).

For those who are unsure about crafting a scrapbook page, we will hold a workshop on Monday, April 23 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the church social hall. At this event, parish members who are scrapbookers will be available to guide you in the process. It will be an evening of fellowship and fun. Please come!

The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page. (St. Augustine)



Luke McCallum (pictured above) and CJ Keberlein (pictured below) proudly pose with their Lego altar creations.



Need Prayers?
Call the Parish Prayer Network with your prayer needs and concerns: Ginger Hall at 652-9519 or Nanci Lyon at 652-6532. You can also submit prayer requests on our parish website.

When you visit Blessed Trinity during the week or when you come to Mass on the weekend, be sure to write your prayer intentions in the Book of Life in the back of church.



Parish Cemetery News
If you are able to remove holiday decorations and grave blankets from your family member's gravesite, please do so by April 16. Note that there is limited space in our garbage bin.

Faith Formation News

Most of us think of Easter as one day - a day when we eat lots of candy, visit relatives, and maybe have an Easter egg hunt. Actually, we celebrate Easter for 50 days. The Church reminds us that the entire Easter season is like one glorious Sunday that lasts until Pentecost.

The first eight days of Easter are called the Easter Octave. It begins with Easter Sunday and concludes on the Second Sunday of Easter. These eight days are all considered solemnities - the highest of feast days. For that reason, no saints' days are observed during this time. All of our attention is on the Risen Jesus. Alleluia!

Parents, candidates, and sponsors are reminded that Confirmation rehearsal will be held on Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m. in church. Parishioners are asked to say a prayer for the 41 candidates from Blessed Trinity, Ss. Francis and Clare (Birch Run), St. Elizabeth (Reese), and St. Francis X. Cabrini (Vassar) parishes who will be confirmed on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Faith Formation Classes, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume their normal schedule this week and continue throughout the month of April.

Parent and/or grandparent drivers are still needed for the grade 5 & 6 trips to the Saginaw Rescue Mission and the East Side Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, April 11. Call or email me if you can help us.

Carol Fox ~ Director of Faith Formation
cfox@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org

Youth Ministry News

We had a great group of youth who gathered for last Sunday's spring break celebration. Thank you to Anthony Harris for his help in organizing this evening of community!

On Sunday, April 8, youth will gather from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. to visit Bavarian Comfort Care residents. The evening will end at McDonalds (parents can pick up their son or daughter there). Watch for a postcard with details.

Cardboard City registration packets will be available in the youth room beginning April 7 & 8. If you'd like the info via email or text, please let me know. ALL participating youth will need to submit a permission slip in order to participate. The event will take place on April 27 at 6:00 p.m. through April 28 at 10:00 a.m.

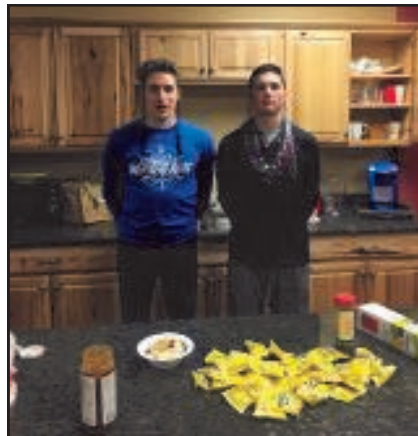
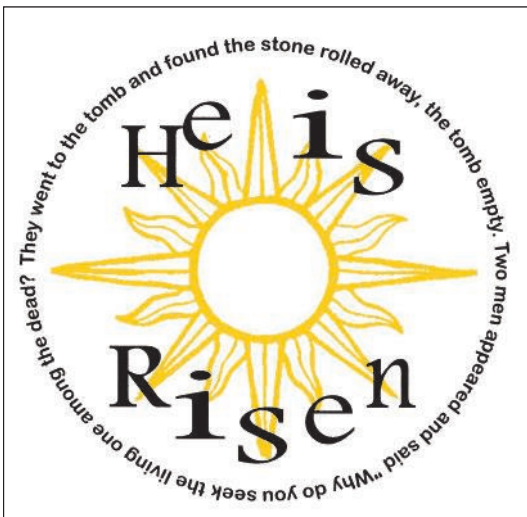


2018 BT seniors need to get your pictures to me ASAP for the senior video to be shown after our Baccalaureate Mass on May 20.

Our grade 6 students will travel to the East Side Soup Kitchen on Wednesday, April 11. If any parishioners would like to donate pudding cups or fruit cups for this event, it would be appreciated (you can drop them off in the youth room). Thanks!

All youth in grades 8-12 should mark their summer calendars for the MyFaith event on Saturday, August 11. Join Catholic youth from through the Diocese of Saginaw for prayer, speakers, music, and breakout sessions. I refer to this event as a "mini National Catholic Youth Conference." Let me know if you are interested and we can register you today!

Kathy Cramer ~ Director of Youth Ministry
kcramer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org



Youth Ministry participants are serious and fun-loving!

The Big Raffle Update

The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan drew the winners of it's BIG Raffle on March 15. More than 23,000 raffle tickets were sold by 45 parishes and schools across the diocese. The Foundation estimates that \$60,000 will be distributed to participating groups.

While there were no local winners, the Blessed Trinity Men's Club thanks all who purchased tickets in support of our parish and the Diocese of Saginaw.



Electronic Tithing

Electronic giving to your parish helps establish your stewardship as a priority. Once you authorize the amount of your contribution, it is electronically transferred to the parish account on the dates you specify. For more info, email or call Carol Maurer at: cmaurer@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org or 652-3259.

God Bless Our Military Members!

Robert Bohn ~ Army
Derek Cittel ~ Navy
Glen Darrow ~ Army
Evan Glowiak ~ Air Force
Rick Holtslander ~ Navy
Eric Kueffner ~ Army
Michael McInerney ~ Navy
Justin Slezak ~ Navy
Michael Territo ~ Navy

Please keep our military members in your daily prayers! If someone in your family is in the military and you would like his/her name listed here and picture posted on our bulletin board, please email: lsnyder@blessedtrinityfrankenmuth.org.

Help and Hope To Those Facing Cancer

All too often we hear that someone we know is facing cancer. A friend, relative, or neighbor - or a colleague, church member, customer, patient, care receiver, or client - receives the devastating news of a cancer diagnosis. During such a difficult time, we want to reach out with support and care, to offer help and hope. But how?

A simple, powerful way is to give a copy of *Cancer - Now What?* This book from Stephen Ministries is a comprehensive how-to guide that helps cancer patients and their loved ones navigate the medical, emotional, relational, and spiritual challenges of cancer. If you might be interested in this book, please call the parish office.

Sponsor Sanctuary Lamp

Parishioners are invited to make an offering for the candles used in the sanctuary lamp - the red lamp that burns 24/7 before the tabernacle, reminding us of the presence of the Risen Lord in the Blessed Sacrament that is reserved in the tabernacle.

The light comes from a large candle placed in a red glass container. Each candle burns for seven days and the candle is generally replaced on Friday or Saturday each week throughout the year.

If you would like to make an offering of \$50.00 for these candles in honor or in memory of a family member, friend, neighbor, etc. please call the parish office to find out which weeks are available (names will be printed in the bulletin for the designated week).



Your smile is your logo, your personality is your business card. How you leave others feeling after an experience with you becomes your trademark.

Evening of Song and Prayer

The Saginaw Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will host **Steve Petrunak** on Friday, April 6 at 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Center for Ministry in Saginaw. This will be a relaxed evening of song and prayer for music lovers of all ages. There is no charge for this event. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Our sponsor of the week is:

Frankenmuth Family Dental Associates P.C.

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*Your mind will always believe everything you tell it.
Feed it faith. Feed it truth. Feed it with love.*