

**A HOUSE OF PRAYER  
AND HEALING  
FOR SUCH A TIME  
AS THIS!**

*For I know well  
the plans  
I have in mind for you,  
says the Lord,  
plans for your welfare,  
not for woe!  
Jer. 29:11*

**PEACE & WELCOME!**

*We exist as a Roman Catholic parish to make known the Good News of Jesus Christ through our words, deeds and quality of life with each other. As a faith community we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to serve the lost, the sick, the poor; and the broken of heart so they may be drawn into a saving and healing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Body the Church.*

**PARISH STAFF**

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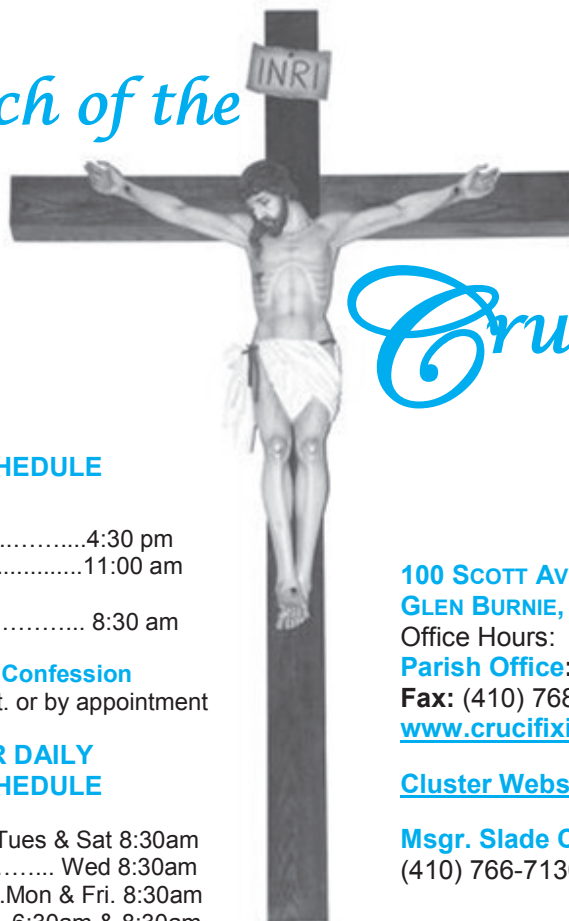
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*Crucifixion*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend Liturgy:**

Saturday:.....4:30 pm

Sunday:.....11:00 am

**Weekday Liturgy:**

Tuesday & Saturday..... 8:30 am

**Sacrament of Confession**

3:15-4:15pm each Sat. or by appointment

**CLUSTER DAILY  
MASS SCHEDULE**

Crucifixion:.....Tues & Sat 8:30am

St. Bernadette: ..... Wed 8:30am

Good Shepherd:.....Mon & Fri. 8:30am

Holy Trinity:.....Mon-Fri. 6:30am & 8:30am

St. Philip Neri:.....Mon-Fri 6:30pm

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[Cluster Website:www.ccnac.org](http://www.ccnac.org)

**Msgr. Slade Catholic School**  
(410) 766-7130

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

are invited to pick up a welcome packet and registration form in the church foyer after Mass from one of our Welcome ministers.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism:** Celebrated on first Sunday of the month. Parents must attend preparation classes. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

**Marriage:** Couples should **contact the priest before setting a date for their wedding in order to ensure priest/church availability.** Participation in a marriage preparation program is required and couples are encouraged to begin preparations 9-12 months prior to their wedding date.

**Anointing of the Sick:** This sacrament of healing is intended for those who are ill or infirm. Parishioners scheduled for surgery are encouraged to contact the parish office prior to hospital admission and always in cases of emergency.

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Elementary:** Classes are held for children grades PK— 5th, Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 AM, at Msgr. Slade Catholic School, including sacramental preparation.

**Youth:** Classes are held Sunday from 7-8:25pm @ Holy Trinity Parish Center for grades 6 - 12th; including specific sacramental preparation for Confirmation.

**Adult Faith Formation:** For adults interested in spiritual development and faith enrichment check bulletin for events.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Is held during the Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 AM Mass and offers children ages 4 yrs old - 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities and reflections based on the Sunday Gospel. **Note: This does not replace your child's regular Elementary Faith Formation classes.**

*Please call the Parish Office for additional information.*

**BULLETIN DEADLINE MONDAY AT NOON WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HOLIDAY WEEKENDS**

**Clergy Corner:**



In July 1741 Charles Jennens sent the composer Georg Frideric Handel a new libretto (text) for an oratorio, whose subject was "Messiah." The composition of the oratorio took less than a month, although the work has a total of 53 musical numbers. The first section of "Messiah" is Isaiah's prophecy of salvation. It begins with an instrumental piece, followed by the aria "Comfort ye my people," another aria "Every valley shall be exalted," and a choral piece "And the Glory of the Lord." The words are from today's first reading, Isaiah chapter 40 (King James version).

Isaiah's words announced to the Jews in exile in Babylon that the time of their captivity was nearing an end, and the Lord, who had gone with them into exile, would now return to Judah and Jerusalem. Therefore, a Royal road was to be prepared, as was done in ancient times for kings and armies, so that the way was ready for the king, without obstacles. But the Lord comes not as a conqueror at the head of an army but rather as a shepherd for his people, tending to his flock. The meaning of Isaiah is not about a literal roadwork project, but is about spiritual preparation for the coming of the King.

Mark's gospel is the most compact of all the gospels, concentrating on the mystery of Jesus' person, and the gradual way in which the disciples reach an understanding of Him. The paradox is that Jesus is acknowledged as Son of God by the Father and by evil spirits, but He is rejected by the leaders of the people and is even misunderstood by His own disciples.

Mark reveals the meaning of the passage from Isaiah as he relates the story of John the Baptist: as a nation and as individuals we must prepare a path for God to enter and dwell with us. Valleys being raised and mountains being leveled is a metaphor for the humble being exalted and the proud being humbled. The rough places are where we have placed obstacles between us and the Lord. When we humble ourselves in repentance, then we have made the way ready for the Lord. Jesus' "advance man" in this story is John the Baptist, who preaches repentance and gives a baptism of repentance at the Jordan river. John would later lose his life for criticizing Herod, but Jesus would take up John's message: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

"Neither repentance avails with out grace, nor grace without repentance; for repentance must first condemn sin, that grace may blot it out. So then John, who was a type of the law, came baptizing for repentance, while Christ came to offer grace." [Saint Ambrose of Milan, ca. A.D. 380]

To help us "smooth the rough places" and allow grace to blot out our sins, there is a special Advent penance service for the cluster on December 19th at Crucifixion at 7pm. I hope you will come and receive God's grace. Prepare the way of the Lord!

*Deacon Kevin Brown*

**+ Mass Intentions for the Week +**

**Tues 12/06:**  
8:30 am Dorothy Throneburg

**Sat 12/10:**  
8:30 am Stella Giesey  
4:30 pm Rosa Cortina

**Sun 12/11:**  
11:00 am For the People



*Feast of the Immaculate Conception—December 8th*

**Immaculate Conception—Cluster Mass Schedule**

Good Shepherd	5:30 pm	December 7
Holy Trinity	6:00 pm	December 7. (Spanish).
St. Philip Neri	6:30 pm	December 7
Crucifixion	8:30 am	December 8
St. Philip Neri	9:00 am	December 8 (school Mass)
Arthur Slade	10:00 am	December 8
Holy Trinity	7:00pm	December 8
St. Philip Neri	7:00 pm	December 8
St. Bernadette	7:30 pm	December 8



**Thanks, Sandy Klohr!**



After 12-½ years of service – all of them in children's ministry at Crucifixion, and 8-½ years in religious education at Crucifixion and our three linked parishes – Sandy Klohr will conclude her service with these ministries to our parishes on December 18. We are grateful for Sandy's service and witness of faith to the children of our community. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. **We will celebrate Sandy's ministry at a coffee and donut reception after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Crucifixion on Sunday, December 11. Please join us to thank Sandy for her service. Many blessings, Sandy!**



**Mark 1:1-20 ~ Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His path.**

Your help is essential in this season of Advent!!! Why not make a sacrifice for Advent and the good of our parish community?

We are in dire need of several volunteers (*how about it our youth and parishioners of our parish??*) to decorate our Church **FOR CHRIST OUR KING!!!** There will be poinsettias to place in the Sanctuary and the Entrance to the Church, a manger scene to set up in the foyer and in front of the altar, wreaths to be hung on the doors, banners to be hung and altar linens to be changed. **Please call the Parish Office if you can help!!! We thank you and most of all Jesus thanks you!!! "Come let us adore Him."**

**Fr. Rich in Puerto Rico**

In an effort to improve his Spanish, Fr. Rich will be spending a month in Puerto Rico this winter, December 28 through January 25. He will be ministering to the parishioners of Santa Teresita (the Little Flower) in Arecibo. He will still be available through e-mail, and the parish offices will know how to reach him by phone. Although this will not be a vacation for him, he sure won't mind working in Puerto Rico for a month in January! Please keep Fr. Rich in your prayers as he "immerses" himself in a Spanish-speaking environment.



*Welcoming the  
New Roman Missal  
Opening Prayer  
Third Week of Advent*

Take a few minutes out of your day or week to spend some time with the prayers of the Roman Missal, Third Edition. Here is the Collect (Opening Prayer) that will be used next weekend.

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation, and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING**

If you would like to have a Christmas poinsettia or flower placed in the church "In Honor Of" or "In Loving Memory Of" someone special, please complete the Christmas flower offering envelope (located in the foyer) and place it in the offertory basket or drop off at the Parish Office.



**"The Gift of Giving"**

For the past several years we have sponsored a **GIVING TREE** to provide gifts for those who would otherwise do without at Christmas. We ask that if at all possible you help us again with this project. Please visit the Quiet Room this weekend and pick up a gift tag. **(PLEASE KEEP THE GIFT TAG—our way of identifying the recipient)**

buy for the wish on the tag, place your gift under the tree with the gift tag secured to the gift. **Please return your gift on or before but no later than Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.** If you find that all the gift tags have been taken from the tree, and you would still like to participate we will accept gift cards to local stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Toys R Us, and Best Buy. Questions, please contact Alma 410-766-3458.

*Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed. Prov. 19:17*



**RCIA** program Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is open to anyone inquiring about our Catholic faith, adults who want to become Catholic, or adult Catholics who have never made their First Communion or Confirmation. For information, please call Holy Trinity Parish Office at 410-766-5070.

**ADVENT MISSION**



**OPERATION WELCOME HOME** As part of our holiday outreach, the youth of our parish invite all parishioners from Holy Trinity, Crucifixion, and Good Shepherd to join them in welcoming our troops home from military service. Hundreds of our Sailors, Airmen, Soldiers and Marines return from the War on Terror every week through the gates of the Baltimore/ Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport. **Operation Welcome Home**, [www.operationwelcomehomemd.org](http://www.operationwelcomehomemd.org), organizes and assists volunteers to come out and welcome our troops home! Our three parishes are currently scheduled to meet returning service people to BWI on **December 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. Check out the website for more information, or contact Joyce Pagan at 410-766-5070 x15.

**North County Cluster**

Check out our Cluster website for updates and a calendar of events in parishes throughout the Cluster. Visit the website at <http://www.ccnaac.org/index.html>.

**Around Town**

**TV MASS & FREE WORSHIP GUIDE AVAILABLE:** Catholics unable to participate in parish Mass because of illness, frailty, inclement weather, or other circumstances find spiritual blessing through **"My Sunday Mass" on TV**. Heart of the Nation, a nonprofit Catholic ministry, provides the weekly TV Mass and a **free, large-print Prayer & Worship Guide** for use during Mass and throughout the week. For a complete channel guide on where to watch the Mass on broadcast, cable, or satellite channels, or to order the *Prayer & Worship Guide*, log onto [www.HeartoftheNation.org](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org) or call toll-free 1-(855) 855-MASS (6277).

**FAITH FORMATION:**

**FUSION YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

- Dec 5 7 PM Adoration, Good Shepherd Chapel
- Dec 6 7 PM High School Leadership Team, Good Shepherd Youth Space
- Dec 9 7 PM Middle School Christmas Social, Holy Trinity Parish Center

**MOUNT 2000** - This annual Eucharistic high school retreat is being held on **February 10 through 12, 2012**. This retreat gives participants an opportunity to take time to meditate on Jesus Christ, the Light of the World which continues to shine in the darkness. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joyce @ 410.766.5070.

**Sacrificial Giving**

Nov 19 & 20 our faithful stewards gave: \$ 4052.00  
Our Poor Box collection: \$ 150.38  
Attendance: 288

Nov 26 & 27 our faithful stewards gave: \$ 3563.00  
Our Poor Box collection: \$ 119.71  
Attendance: 284





## *New Weekday Mass Schedule*

The pastoral leaders of the Catholic Community of North Anne Arundel County (*Msgr. Rich Bozzelli & Fr. Jesse Bolger – Crucifixion, Good Shepherd & Holy Trinity; Mrs. Ann McDonald – St. Bernadette; Fr. Dale Picarella – St. Philip Neri*) announce the following weekday Mass schedule for the five-parish cluster, **effective 1 January 2012:**

Monday – Friday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Church
Monday – Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity Church
Monday & Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	St. Philip Neri Church
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity Church ( <i>Spanish</i> )
Thursday & Friday	6:30 p.m.	St. Philip Neri Church

The pastoral leaders adopted the principle that weekday Masses are ministries provided by the cluster, and not by the individual parishes. This principle allows the cluster parishes to pool their access to priest celebrants and to maximize the number and consistency of weekday Masses celebrated in the cluster.

There are currently three priests assigned to the cluster parishes (*Msgr. Rich, Fr. Dale & Fr. Jesse*) and another two priests (*Fr. Tony Adawu & Fr. Joe McDonough*) available to celebrate Mass on a “part-time” basis. The pastoral leaders concluded that, with an average of four priests regularly available to celebrate weekday Mass, there should be no more than three Masses offered on any given weekday. This conclusion accounts for a priest’s unavailability due to a day off, vacation, or other obligation.

After considering a variety of proposals, the leaders adopted a schedule that would cause the least disruption to the greatest number of people currently attending weekday Mass. They also created a schedule that was easy to remember for regular participants and that would minimize confusion among those who might not regularly attend weekday Mass. Finally, they took into consideration the location of priests’ residences to ensure that someone would be present in the event of a weather-related or other emergency.

As Masses offered by the cluster, the priests of the cluster will rotate celebrating the Masses, regardless of location. Lay ministries will be open to any participant, regardless of parish affiliation or Mass location. Requests for Mass intentions will continue to be managed through each individual parish office.

The priests of the cluster will also adjust their personal schedules to allow them to gather for supper together on weekday evenings, strengthening their support for each other at an increasingly challenging time for priestly ministry.

The pastoral leaders thank the members of the cluster Advisory Council, the Pastoral Councils of each parish, and the participants in the current weekday Masses for their contribution to the consultation process that led to this new schedule.