

**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.

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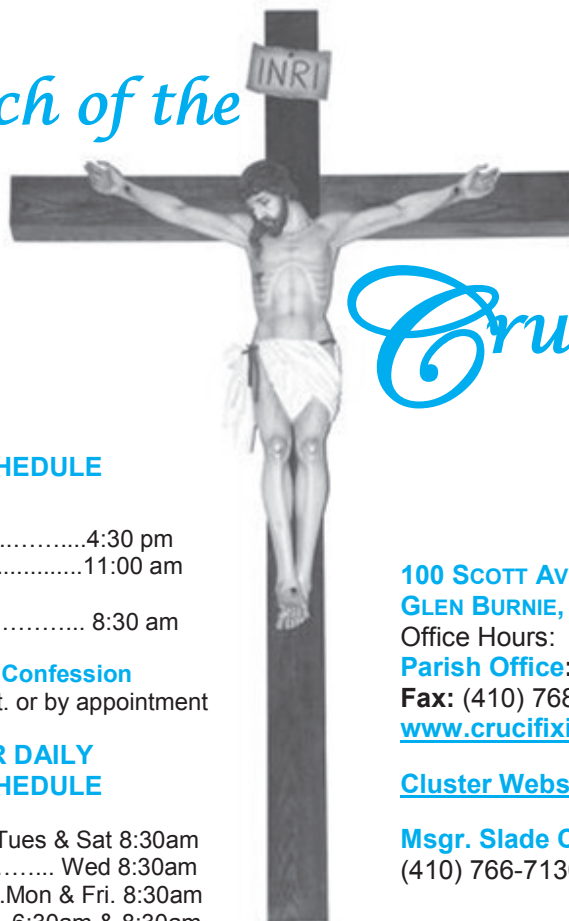
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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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 - 5th 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:



It is Guadete (i.e. Rejoicing) Sunday. We rejoice because our Lord is near. It is a joy that comes from the Lord and looks towards Him. It is a joy that sheds the light of grace on us, so that we can see ourselves as God sees us. It is a time to discover again who we are in Christ.

“Who are you?” This was the question the Levites and priests asked John the Baptist, and it is very significant to us as well, particularly in this season of Advent. Before they asked him the question, they had their own assumptions. They assumed John the Baptist was the Christ, or Elijah, or the Prophet. They associated him with these figures because of his personality and role in the lives of the people. John was ascetic, lived in the desert and survived on locust and honey. He constantly and fearlessly preached repentance, and challenged his hearers to change their ways or face the wrath of God. His courage and the power of his message were part of the reasons why he attracted many listeners, many of whom he baptized.

Looking at John the Baptist and his role, there is no question about the fact that he had a prophetic ministry. But John would not allow the views or assumptions of others to define him, and so he rejected all the identifications with which people associated him. He was not the Christ, but he was also more than a prophet (as the people understood it) and he knew it. He knew his ministry was one of a precursor of the Christ, the one to prepare the way of the Lord. “*I am the voice of the one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.*” For John, if people wanted to know his identity, they needed first to know Christ Jesus, who stood in their midst unrecognized.

Reading John’s story, we can ask ourselves many questions. For example: who do people assume us to be? And why will they say such things about us? Who are we in the lives of our friends, spouse, family, parishioners, co-workers, etc.? Do we allow what people say about us (good or bad) to define us? Or do we know who we are in the eyes of God and in relation to His Son? Do we know and accept who we are, weakness and strength alike; and are we humble about these identifications? These same questions could be applied to our identity as Church: do we know what people assume the Catholic Church to be? And do we accept these views to be our true identity? In your own opinion, who are we as Church? And is that how Mother Church will define herself in relation to Christ, her Savior?

Advent is a time to rediscover who we are as individuals and as Church. May the joy of the Lord be our strength, and may we never grow weary in our search of ourselves in Christ Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

Fr. Tony

+ Mass Intentions for the Week +

Tues 12/13:
8:30 am Andrew Bozzelli

Sat 12/17:
8:30 am Ray & Celeste Phillips
4:30 pm *For the People*

Sun 12/18:
11:00 am “Reds” Nicholson



Best Wishes, Fr. Kevin!

Archbishop O’Brien has appointed Fr. Kevin Farmer Temporary Administrator of St. Luke parish in Edgemere. Fr. Kevin will begin his new assignment on January 1. We wish to thank Fr. Kevin for his service to our three parishes and to offer him all of our blessings in his new endeavor. We will identify a date at a later time to celebrate Fr. Kevin’s ministry among us. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of transition.

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



The month of December and preparations for Christmas are moving FAST! We are still in **NEED** of volunteers to decorate the Church **FOR CHRIST OUR KING** and to place the flowers that have been ordered. This is a time to be “Doers of the Word” in offering your time to praise the Lord and to evangelize. Please call the office at 410-768-4880.

We thank you and most of all Jesus thanks you!!!
“Come let us adore Him.”

FAITH FORMATION

December 17

Saturday - Middle School Multi-Generation Christmas Party Service Project – 1:30 to 3:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall.

JEAN DRIVE THANK YOU - Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in our Middle School Jean Drive. This year we collected 450 pairs of jeans!!!!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MULT-GENERATION CHRISTMAS PARTY – Our Middle School students will host a Christmas get-together with local seniors, their grandparents and anyone looking to have an enjoyable afternoon celebrating the season with our Middle School students. Middle school students are asked to bring a snack for everyone to enjoy. Please call at 410-766-5070 ext. 18 or e-mail at youth@faithformationprogram.org Joyce with any questions.

FUSION YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENT

December 11 Youth Mass – Slade Auditorium 11:30 am Mass.

December 12 Monday - Teen Night 7:00 – 9:00 pm in Youth Space at Good Shepherd – we will be helping Ms. Marlene wrap sweat suits for Happy Helper this evening.

December 16 Friday – High School Christmas Social, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Holy Trinity Parish Center.

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY – All High School students are invited to join us in the Holy Trinity Parish Center Chapel on Friday, December 16th at 7:00 pm. The evening will be filled with lots of fun and Christmas celebrating! We will have “Tackiest Christmas Sweater Contest” and a gift exchange. The gift for the exchange should not exceed \$5. To RSVP or for more information, please e-mail Joyce at youth@faithformationprogram.org.

MOUNT 2000 – The annual Eucharistic High School Retreat is being held on February 10 – 12, 2012. This retreat gives participants and 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 at youth@faithformationprogram.org.



**Welcoming the
New Roman Missal
Opening Prayer
Fourth 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.

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

FIRST EUCHARIST 2012

There will be two First Eucharist Parent/Guardian Meetings will be held on Thursdays, Jan 19 and Jan 26 at the Holy Trinity Church Hall from 7 – 9 PM. The mandatory meetings are for parents and guardians of grade two children and above who have not received the Sacrament of Eucharist and who are register parishioners of Church of the Crucifixion, Good Shepherd and Holy Trinity. Letters of invitation will be sent the last week of December to Students who must be registered in the “Christ the Teacher” Faith Formation Program or attending a Catholic School. Please call the Faith Formation office for more information @ 410.766.5070.

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.



“GIVING TREE / GIFT CARDS”

If you did not get to take a tag, we are still in need of Gift Cards to Walmart or Target. There will be a locked box under the Christmas Tree for Gift Cards. Thank you for your generosity. **Please return your gift or gift card on or before Dec. 18th. (PLEASE KEEP THE GIFT TAG—our way of identifying the receipt)** 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.

**ATTENTION ALL
PARISHIONERS**

**Offering
Envelopes**



Please stop by the Quiet Room on your way in or out of the Church. In an effort to reduce cost, we now have your offering envelopes for the entire year. They are in alphabetical order located on the tables in the Quiet Room. We thank you for your continued generosity and cooperation in assisting us. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office @ 410.768.4880.

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, 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 28th at 5:00pm**. Check out the website for more information, or contact Joyce Pagan at 410-766-5070 x15.

Facilities Committee Needed

Crucifixion parish is starting a facilities committee. We are currently looking for three to six highly motivated individuals to join the team. No prior architectural or construction background is needed, just a genuine interest in facilities/maintenance operations. The Facilities Committee does not require any hands on construction/building work or any material donations. The Committee’s primary responsibility is to design and develop a maintenance plan to meet present and future needs of the physical plant and grounds. Anyone who is interested in joining should contact our Maintenance Supervisor, Jim Dimmer, at the parish office.

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.

Sacrificial Giving

Dec 3 & 4
Our faithful stewards gave: \$ 3913.35
Our Poor Box collection: \$ 85.53
Attendance: 296

