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Most Holy Trinity Parish

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Giving and Receiving Joy

This year it seems that everyone has been touched by the unfortunate developments in the economy and other discouraging news in our nation. Sometimes the world looks dark, and we worry about ourselves and those we love. But even in apparent darkness, God always gives us a chance to shine. Dispelling darkness and giving light is what we celebrate this Advent and Christmas! We celebrate that Jesus Christ came as savior of the world. To save us from what? To save from evil and its two byproducts – sin and death.

As disciples of Jesus, we proclaim good news. We also participate in the mission of Jesus to bring light to the lives of others. Our generosity gives HOPE to others. Our generosity is motivated by FAITH and demonstrates LOVE to others. The effect on us is JOY!

Because of your generosity, people in need are drawn to Most Holy Trinity Parish with its legacy of service for food, clothing, education and medical care. As part of the Trinity family, you make a difference in people's lives. As we give various forms of assistance to people, we are instruments of God's love for them. This is evangelization. Both giver and receiver experience joy.

During Advent, as we prayerfully prepare for the birth of Christ, our various forms of service remind us of what Christmas is all about, whether it is the Thanksgiving meal for the homeless in our school cafeteria, the Children's Christmas Party, Christmas food baskets, etc. The "miracle on Porter Street" continues.

Pictorial History of Most Holy Trinity Parish

Our parish will celebrate 190 years in 2024. There has been a great legacy of faith and service since its founding in 1834. A picture can paint a thousand words! One of the ways that we are preparing to celebrate this milestone is to assemble a pictorial history of the parish. I am inviting anyone who has ever celebrated a sacrament or special occasion at our parish to send us photographs. More details about this initiative are inside.

May God bless you and your family during this wonderful Advent and Christmas season!

Peace,
Msgr. Chuck Kosanke





"It's All Come Full Circle" One Family's Century-Long Legacy at Trinity

When Jordan Mifsud and his wife, Kelcie, were planning their wedding, they knew they wanted to be married in the Catholic Church and they knew they wanted to be married in a special place.

That place was Most Holy Trinity Church, where Jordan's family has worshipped for nearly 100 years.

Jordan's ancestors came to America from Malta in the early 1920s and settled in Corktown. His maternal great grandfather, Paul Cassar, attended Most Holy Trinity School and served as a crossing guard. (He is pictured at left with his classmates.) He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and just passed away in 2020 at the age of 91.

His paternal grandfather, John Mifsud, also attended Most Holy Trinity School and stayed active in the parish, becoming a good friend of the late Msgr. Russ Kohler. In 1989, Msgr. Kohler married Jordan's parents, Joe and Nancy, at Trinity (pictured below left). He then baptized Jordan at Trinity in 1991.

So when Jordan and Kelcie said their "I do's" in front of their families this past August, there was barely a dry eye in the house. Jordan said, "My mom sat in the front pew crying. She was just very happy and emotional. I have four aunts who were all there as well. It was wonderful to be there with all that family history. It was a special moment and I just thought, 'It's all come full circle.'"

Jordan and Kelcie were living in Nashville at the time of the wedding, but have since decided to move back to Detroit to expand the Mifsud family's business in Corktown. They own the Cork & Gabel restaurant on Michigan Avenue, just a few minutes from Most Holy Trinity Church. Cork & Gabel has become a favorite neighborhood spot and attracts residents and visitors alike with their outstanding offerings of craft beer, delicious brunches, tasty burgers and more. (Try the Fried Dubliner Cheese appetizer. You won't regret it.)

"My dad and I are working together to open an adjacent brewery to Cork & Gabel in 2023. It will include a large outdoor patio and event space." Jordan explains how much Corktown means to his family, "Corktown is really in our blood. We love the neighborhood, and I'm happy to be coming home to Michigan." Kelcie is from Michigan, too, and the couple met in high school. They are looking forward to continuing to attend church, build their business, give back to the place where they were born, and, of course, to be near family.

Help Build a Pictorial History of Most Holy Trinity Parish

Most Holy Trinity Parish will celebrate its 190th anniversary in 2024, and we are working to assemble a pictorial history. If you have any photos of family or school events, Masses, weddings, baptisms, St. Patrick's Day celebrations or anything else, please email them to Colleen Moore at colleen.moore@mhtdetroit.org or mail them to the parish office (1050 Porter Street, Detroit MI 48226) in an envelope marked "Pictorial History" to the attention of Colleen Moore. She will scan paper photos and return them to you. Please include a date and description of each photo.

A Busy Fall at MHTCA



Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy welcomed several new families this year and is continuing its mission to serve the children of Detroit.



This fall the K-8 school had several special events including a Halloween parade through Corktown and a field trip to the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit for Dia de los Muertos.

The Shamrock Basketball team has seen a big increase in the number of participants and parent volunteers this year. Practices are underway and they are looking forward to a great season. Save the date for the annual Championship Day athletics fundraiser on January 29!



The success of MHTCA is largely thanks to the generosity of its benefactors who continue to support the school so that kids who might otherwise be trapped in underperforming public schools can receive a high quality Catholic education. Visitors are always welcome to tour the school by appointment to learn more about the Academy's many new programs and its goals for continued improvement in student achievement.



Outreach Ministry Volunteers Needed

Most Holy Trinity Parish's Food Pantry and Clothing Room are in need of volunteers! We are also looking for people to help assemble Christmas food and gift baskets for needy families.

Contact Deacon Ken Fry if you are interested.
313.965.4450

Sunday Mass Schedule

9am Spanish
11am English
6pm English

Sunday Adoration

Come join us on the first Sunday of the month between the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses as we pray before the Blessed Sacraments for Priestly Vocations.

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SAVE THE DATE

The 188th Celebration of
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

at Most Holy Trinity Parish

Friday, March 17

12noon Mass

Celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron

1:30pm Taste of Corktown

Live Music - Great Food - Craft Beer - Irish Whiskey

\$50 per person. Ticket sales open in January.

Thank You!

We are grateful to the many kind people who donated to our Young Adult and Youth Ministries this fall. Your generosity was overwhelming! Because of you, we raised nearly \$15,000 to support young Catholics in southwest Detroit.





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Founded in 1834 to minister to the people of Detroit and dedicated to the service of our merciful and loving God, Most Holy Trinity Parish is a community of missionary disciples that provides corporal and spiritual care to people in need.

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Christmas

AT MOST HOLY TRINITY

DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
10 PM BILINGUAL

DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
9 AM SPANISH & 11 AM ENGLISH

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