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Most Holy Trinity Parish

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GREETINGS FROM CORKTOWN

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the spiritual home of the Detroit area Irish Community!

When it was established in 1834, Most Holy Trinity Parish was the first church founded to serve the Irish community in the Midwest United States. Our current church building (1855) is only the second one in our parish history. The current rectory was built in 1887.

St. Patrick's Church in Detroit (1862) was also founded to serve the Irish community. The parish closed in 2015 and the church was sold and demolished this year. We are now working with the Dicastery (department) of Worship and the Sacraments at the Vatican to declare St. Patrick as the official patron of our parish. The name of our parish will not change, but this new designation will allow St. Patrick's Day to be celebrated as a feast day at our parish.

For many years our parish has hosted the annual Memorial Mass for the United Irish Societies. We also celebrate the annual Mass for the Detroit St. Patrick's Parade. I have been very happy that our parish has become the spiritual home of the Irish in metro Detroit over the last several years!

I invite you to save the date for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration, affectionately known as the Sharin' o' the Green, on March 17! St. Patrick's Day occurs on a Sunday in 2024 so plan to come for Mass where Archbishop Vigneron will preside and the music will bring you back to the "Old Sod." Tim and Beth Smith, owners of City Renovation, are the chair couple. We will have our annual Taste of Corktown in the Peter and Connie Cracchiolo Community Center at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy, just down the block from the church. Bring your children and grandchildren!

I also invite you to join us for Christmas! The Mass schedule is on page four.

I wish you and yours many blessings this Christmas and in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,



Msgr. Chuck Kosanke
Pastor



**MOST HOLY TRINITY AND BASILICA OF STE. ANNE
PREPARE TO LAUNCH HOUSE MINISTRY PROGRAM**

The sister parishes of the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and Most Holy Trinity will soon be launching a new House Ministry Program to better serve parishioners and Catholics in our community who may not attend Mass regularly.

“We are going to be meeting people where they are, and that might not be inside the walls of the church building,” said Antonio Guzman-Diaz, Director of Family and Engagement, Southwest Detroit Family of Parishes, Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit and Most Holy Trinity Parish.

Working closely with Msgr. Chuck Kosanke and Fr. John Herman, Antonio is currently in the process of training about a dozen volunteers of varying ages to become House Ministers. Once their training is complete in January, they will start reaching out to Catholics in their neighborhoods and arrange to visit them.

“We are going to reach out to people who aren't coming to church and get to know them better and find out what their needs are. Maybe they will have material needs for meals or transportation. Maybe they will have spiritual needs like a baby who has not been baptized, or they want to enroll a child in Religious Education but they don't know how. Maybe it's a couple living together without the Sacrament of Marriage. Maybe they need someone to bring them Communion. Whatever it is, we will be there to help them and bring them more fully into our faith community.”

Volunteers undergo a six month training where they gather each week for prayer, fellowship and lessons on how to minister to their brothers and sisters in Christ. “It has been a joy to get to know the volunteers and we have gotten very close as a group. Anyone can do this as long as they have a kind heart and are willing to commit the time.”

If you are interested in joining this ministry as a volunteer, please contact Antonio at Antonio.Guzman@SteAnneDetroit.org. Training for new ministers will begin in January.

EXODUS 90

Starting January 8

Men 18 and over are invited to go through the Exodus 90 challenge starting January 8, 2024.

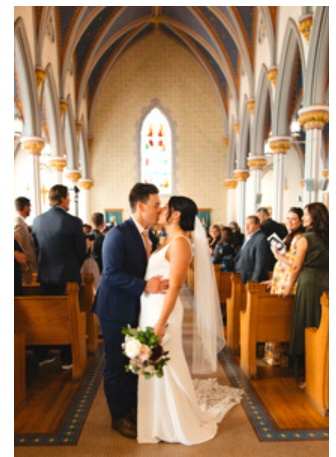
If you are a man looking to make changes in your life and grow in your relationship with God, Exodus 90 was designed for you.

Become a better man by following the practices of prayer, asceticism, and fraternity.

Register by reaching out to Antonio at 313-496-1701 ext:317 or go to MHTdetroit.org/events.

TRINITY WEDDINGS

Host your wedding at historic Most Holy Trinity Parish. Our beautiful, air-conditioned church in the heart of the city is the perfect place for your perfect day.



Start planning at MHTdetroit.org or email us at Weddings@MHTdetroit.org.



**MOST HOLY TRINITY
CATHOLIC ACADEMY**

1229 Labrosse Street, Detroit
313-961-8855
mhtacademy.org

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28

SAVE THE DATE - LEARN MORE AT MHTACADEMY.ORG



ANNUAL MEAL FOR HOMELESS BRINGS COMFORT AND JOY

We are always amazed by the kindness and generosity of the Murphy Family who come to the cafeteria at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy every year on the Saturday before Thanksgiving to provide a hearty meal and warm clothes to people in need. Once again this year, the family served up plenty of love and cheer along with the turkey, stuffing and pie while Fr. John said grace and blessed the crowd. Learn more about this beautiful ministry on the Corktown Blessings Facebook page.



Outreach Ministry Volunteers Needed

Most Holy Trinity Parish's Food Pantry and Clothing Room are in need of volunteers! Volunteers will also be needed to help assemble Christmas food and gift baskets.

We are also looking for lawyers and Spanish translators to staff our newly relaunched Free Legal Clinic. The clinic will be open twice a month on Thursday evenings.

Contact Fr. John if you can help at 313.965.4450 or John.Herman@MHTdetroit.org

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Spanish
11 a.m. English

Weekday Masses are offered at or sister parish, the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit.

SAVE THE DATE

The 189th Celebration of

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

at Most Holy Trinity Parish

Sunday, 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.

Calling Most Holy Trinity Alumni!

Did you attend Most Holy Trinity or St. Vincent de Paul School? We want to hear from you! Please go to MHTdetroit.org/Alumni to get in touch, or join the new Facebook group, Most Holy Trinity Detroit - Alumni Group.

We will be forming an alumni association and planning events to bring our alumni together.

Go Shamrocks!



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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
LAS POSADAS AT 9:30

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

1050 PORTER STREET, DETROIT
MHTDETROIT.ORG