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A Heartfelt Farewell

Several months ago, Archbishop Weisenburger asked me to become the Rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica Parish effective July 1, 2026. I was very surprised by the request but, as a priest, the needs of the Church come first. I assented to the request.

I first came to Most Holy Trinity Parish as a graduate seminarian in 1981 with the encouragement of Msgr. Clem Kern. Msgr. Kern passed away on August 15, 1983. His family gave me his priest collar. I wore it when I was ordained a priest on December 14, 1985. I have always kept some association with the parish, including as the temporary administrator in the summer of 1988 and as the president of the Msgr. Kern Foundation for several years. I never thought that I would one day become pastor. I now bid farewell to the parish after completing ten years of service.

What has been most fulfilling is experiencing the cultural richness of the people in our faith community. We continued to nurture our Irish heritage, especially with the annual celebration in honor of St. Patrick, the Sharin' o' the Green. We continue to nurture our Maltese heritage with the annual Our Lady of Victory Day. We continue to nurture our Hispanic heritage with the Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day. (The "we" includes the staff, parishioners, volunteers, donors and me.) I will sincerely miss the rich diversity of this faith community.

One of the historical hallmarks of our parish since its founding in 1834 is its commitment to the poor and suffering. Our Catholic school, the St. Frances Cabrini Clinic, legal clinic, food pantry and clothing room have always been made possible by our benefactors. I am very grateful for their generosity.

I would like to highlight in particular the incredible generosity of the Peter J. and Constance M. Cracchiolo Foundation. They not only have provided financial aid to our school children for decades, but also made a huge investment in our school and community by building the community center. This has been an important addition and has been used for many purposes including gym class, basketball games, youth ministry retreats, fundraisers and much more.

I am confident in the leadership of our new pastor, Fr. Timothy Laboe, along with newly ordained Fr. Lizandro Barba. They will make a dynamic team to serve our parish.

Peace,



Msgr. Chuck Kosanke



NOVENA TO STE. ANNE TO BE HELD AT MOST HOLY TRINITY WHILE BASILICA OF STE. ANNE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit is preparing for its signature summer event, Novena, which will take place July 17 – 26. Novena is nine days of prayer including daily Mass. Each day has a different theme associated with an ethnic group important to Detroit and our surrounding communities. On the tenth day, we celebrate the Feast of Ste. Anne. This year, we are excited to be celebrating the 325th anniversary of Ste. Anne Parish on July 26, the Feast of Ste. Anne.

During Novena, we gather to ask Ste. Anne, who is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Detroit, to pray for our intentions, the intentions of our families, our city, our Archdiocese, and our world. This joyful tradition dates back more than 100 years.

This year, because our sister parish, the Basilica of Ste. Anne, will be temporarily closed for an extensive restoration, Novena will be at Most Holy Trinity, which is about one mile from Ste. Anne.

Go to ste-anne.org/events for more information. We hope to see lots of Trinity friends and parishioners there!

2026 Novena Schedule

July 17 – 6:30pm Mass – Celebration of Latino Culture

July 18 – 4pm Mass – Celebration of Eastern European Culture

July 19 – 12pm Mass – Celebration of French and Native American Cultures

July 20 – 6:30pm Mass – Celebration of African Culture

July 21 – 6:30pm Mass – Celebration of Albanian Culture

July 22 – 6:30pm Mass – Celebration of Asian Culture

July 23 – 6:30pm Mass – Celebration of Chaldean Culture

July 24 – 6:30pm Mass – Celebration of Celtic Culture

July 25 – 4pm Mass – Celebration of Western European Culture

July 26 – 12pm Mass – Feast of Ste. Anne

On weekdays, there will also be 12pm Mass in the chapel in the Ste. Anne parish offices next to the basilica at 2630 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit.

Welcome Fr. Tim Laboe and Fr. Lizandro Barba



We are very pleased to welcome Fr. Tim Laboe as the new pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish effective July 1. Fr. Laboe currently serves as Dean of Studies and Assistant Professor of Theology at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. He studied history at the University of Notre Dame and has a law degree from the Catholic University of America. He was ordained a priest in 1999. Fr. Laboe received his M.Div. degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary and later received his S.T.L. and S.T.D degrees in moral theology

from the University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome. Fr. Laboe previously served as parochial vicar and administrator of three parishes in Pontiac (St. Vincent de Paul, St. Michael and Shrine of St. Joseph) and as pastor of St. Valentine in Redford. He speaks English, Spanish and Portuguese.

Fr. Laboe will be assisted by Fr. Lizandro Barba. Fr. Barba is a native of southwest Detroit and was ordained a priest on May 23, 2026.

BIBLE STUDIES EDUCATE AND INSPIRE PARISHIONERS

During Lent, Fr. Zaid Chabaan led a Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew for parishioners of Ste. Anne and Most Holy Trinity. The Bible Study was meant to help parishioners grow in their understanding of Scripture, but also to build community. Since this is the Year of Matthew in the lectionary, Fr. Zaid chose certain passages from Matthew's Gospel and tried to apply the Word of God to modern day life. Many of those who attended expressed that this was the first Bible Study they have ever attended.

There was a true spirit of joy, faith, and fellowship among those who attended each week. Participants appreciated not only the opportunity to learn more about Sacred Scripture, but also the chance to pray, reflect, and grow together as a parish community. In fact, the Lenten Bible Study was so successful that Fr. Zaid added a second session in May on the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians, which drew even larger attendance and continued the enthusiasm sparked during Lent.

We are grateful to have had Fr. Zaid with us these last several months. Please wish him well at his new assignment at St. Fabian Parish in Farmington Hills.

191st Celebration of St. Patrick's Day at Most Holy Trinity

It was a magical day in Corktown as Most Holy Trinity hosted the annual "Sharin' o' the Green" St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 17. Nearly 700 people gathered for Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church and then 250 joined us for our "Doyles in Corktown" reception at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy. This yearly fundraiser is critical to the success of our outreach ministries, including our food pantry, clothing room, free legal clinic and K-8 Catholic school, where 90 percent of the students receive need-based financial aid.

Many thanks to our celebrant, Archbishop Weisenburger, our homilist, Fr. John Herman, our event chairman, Kevin Doyle, the team at Doyles Irish Pub and all the donors, volunteers and guests who made the event a success. Our Irish eyes were smiling all day long!



Parishioners Spread the Word about Trinity in Corktown

Next time you're at an event in Corktown, you might see some of our parishioners greeting people and handing out flyers or bookmarks to invite our neighbors to join Most Holy Trinity Parish. Corktown is the fastest growing neighborhood in Detroit, and we want everyone who lives, works, or visits here to know that there is a welcoming parish community rooted in faith, fellowship, and service right in the heart of the neighborhood. Whether someone is searching for a parish home, returning to the Church after time away, or simply curious about the Catholic faith, our parishioners are excited to share the joy and hospitality of our community and extend a personal invitation to join us for Mass and parish life.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact the parish office and we will put you in touch with the volunteer team.



A Successful Year at MHTCA

Thanks to all the parents, donors, teachers, volunteers and coaches at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Academy who made the 2025-26 school year one of our best ever. We look forward to seeing the kids return in August!



Weekend Mass Schedule at Most Holy Trinity Church

Saturday: 5:30pm English

Sunday: 9am Spanish, 10:30am Spanish, 12pm English



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