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Dear Parishioners & Friends of Holy Trinity Church and Church of the Holy Spirit:

Lenten greetings to you! I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones filled with the joy and peace that Christ alone can give.

I am sending this letter to you for several reasons. The first is to let you know that I am so grateful and appreciative of your continued generosity in supporting your parishes with your prayers and fiscal gifts. Simply stated, we would be in a much different state without your consistent help. Thank you!

On a related note, I want to let you know about the upcoming liturgies and prayer services that will be offered at our parishes during the season of Lent. We will be able to offer extended hours for confession, there are plenty of copies of Matthew Kelly's *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* available at both parishes for your spiritual enrichment, weekly stations of the cross at both parishes, and our usual weekend and Holy Week liturgies for our nourishment.

Ash Wednesday

Ashes will be distributed within the context of Mass on Wednesday, March 5th at 8:30 am at Holy Trinity, 12:10 pm at Holy Spirit, and 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity.

Free Book Give-Away

You are encouraged to pick up a free copy of Matthew Kelly's *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory* at either of our linked parishes. The books can be found at the entrances/exits of the churches.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Confessions are offered every Saturday afternoon at Church of the Holy Spirit from 2:15 pm – 3:45 pm. They are also offered following the First Saturday Mass that rotates locations each month (including the Saturday, April 5th 8:30 am Mass at Holy Trinity). A period of extended confessions will also be offered on Wednesday, April 9th from 2 pm – 7 pm at Holy Trinity in the church with the Blessed Sacrament exposed for prayer. If you would prefer to make an appointment to see me privately, please call the Holy Trinity rectory at 518 762 2011, extension 2 and I would be happy to help make accommodations.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross are offered every Friday during Lent at 12:10 pm at Church of the Holy Spirit and at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity Church. A light meal and movie will follow in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall after the 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross in the Holy Trinity Church. Note: Stations of the Cross will be offered at 12:10 pm on Good Friday at Church of the Holy Spirit and 3:00 pm (instead of the usual 5:30 pm) at Holy Trinity Church.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday Mass will be offered on Thursday, April 17th at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity. The Good Friday Evening Liturgy will be offered on Friday, April 18th at 5:30 pm at Holy Trinity. The Easter Vigil Mass will be offered on Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 pm at Holy Spirit. Easter Sunday Masses will all be offered at their normal Sunday times (9 am at Holy Trinity, 11:30 am at Holy Spirit). All of the Holy Week liturgies will be streamed on the corresponding parish Facebook page (see the livestreaming update below for more details).

Livestreaming

As you may or may not know, all of the weekend Masses are livestreamed via Facebook on the respective parish Facebook page. To watch a Mass as it is being offered live, simply log on to the respective parish Facebook page when the Mass begins (for instance, log on to the Holy Spirit Gloversville Facebook page at 4 pm on Saturday afternoons) and look for the “live video” icon to appear. Click on the icon. As a reminder, the Masses are Saturday, 4 pm Holy Spirit, Sunday, 9 am Holy Trinity, and Sunday 11:30 am Holy Spirit.

Thank you again for all that you do! I wish you a most blessed Lent!

Peace,

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