



Most Holy Trinity Parish

East Hampton
with St. Peter, Amagansett

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Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Donald M. Hanson, MA, MDiv

Mass Times

- **Most Holy Trinity, East Hampton**

Saturday 5.15 pm (organ)

Sunday

9.15 (Family Mass)

11.30 (Choir)

7 pm (Misa en Español)

Monday-Friday 8 am

- **St. Peter, Amagansett Closed until Palm Sunday**

Sacraments

- Confessions: Saturday 4 pm
- Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 1 pm.
Pre-registration and preparation required
- Weddings: Call the office for an intake appointment with Clergy
- Funeral Arrangements are made with the help of your funeral director
- Anointing of the Sick upon request. Call Outreach at x732 or in emergency Msgr. Hanson

Prayer

- Morning Prayer 7.45 Monday-Friday
- Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary after Mass on Wednesday
- Meditation Group Tuesday 10 am Parish Hall

Meetings

- AA St. Peter's basement
- Sunday 11 am, (5pm Narc Anon), 7.30 pm
- Monday 5.45 pm (Men's Group)
- Tuesday 6.00 pm (Narc Anon)
- Wednesday 5.30 pm (Narc Anon)
- Thursday 5.30 pm (Narc Anon)
- Contact Brien 631.379.7300
- Friday 7.30 am (Narc Anon); 4.30 pm; 8 pm
- Saturday 8.30 am (Narc Anon); 6.30 pm
- K of C Council 7635 (631-874-4750)
- 2nd Sunday at 10:30am in Parish Hall

Parish Office

631.324.0134

79 Buell Lane, East Hampton, NY 11937-3298
to the right of the Church (not at the rectory)
Monday Noon-4 pm; Tuesday-Friday 9am-4pm;
Saturday-Sunday closed.

Clergy

Msgr. Hanson, pastor x775 *hours by appointment*
Deacon George Logan x734
Deacon Larry Faulkenberry x737
Msgr. Charles Guarino, *Sunday's at St. Peter's*

Pastoral Staff

Pastoral Assoc./Outreach x732 Doreen Quaranto
Pre-Cana x737 Deacon Larry Faulkenberry
Music Director x736 John A. Bennett
Sacristan, Loretta Walker

Administrative Staff

Receptionist x710 Bonnie Engelhardt
Parish Secretary x712 Kathy Byrnes:
(incl. Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Cemetery matters)
Business Mgr. x711 Camille Tassa
Buildings & Grounds x710 Gustavo A. Gomez

Religious Education

44 Meadow Way, East Hampton
Suzanne Lieder, Director x731
Diane Grogan, Coordinator x730

Apostolado Hispano

- Vincentian Fathers 631.287.9647
- Padre Steve Grozio CM
- Padre Hugo Medellin CM

February 12, 2012

Most Holy Trinity Parish is where the joy of the gospel is proclaimed, taught and lived.



Today, Sunday Feb. 12
 is our **Confirmation Family Benefit**
Pasta Dinner
 in the **Parish Hall**
3-6pm. Tickets \$10

Take out available, Raffle Prizes & 50-50 drawing

Homebound

If you know of anyone who is sick or homebound please call the Parish Outreach Office at 324-0134 ext. 732 to let us know. We will be happy to bring Holy Communion once a week to them at home and if they are in the local hospital or nursing home, we will visit. Anyone not in the immediate area will be sent a card with our best wishes and prayers.

Knights of Columbus John J. Flannery Council #7635

As they are seeking growth in the council, membership is open to men 18years or older, who are practicing Catholics.

Please contact Grand Knight Peter F. Bizzoso at 631-874-4750 for more information.

Christian Meditation takes place every Tuesday from 10am to 11am. All are invited to participate. For further information, call Marguerite at 324-1494.

BIRTHRIGHT

Alternative to Abortion 99 W. Montauk Hwy, Hampton Bays; Open Mon-Fri, 11am-3pm, Saturdays 10am-12noon (728-8900)

EAST HAMPTON FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS : 2 - 6pm

Please share your Blessings with those in Need, Food donations are appreciated at 219 Accabonac Rd (Windmill Village II) or the Harvest Basket in the Church Vestibule. Please do not place your contributions in the collection basket. Call 324-7195 for information or send donations to P.O. Box 505, East Hampton, NY 11937

Divorced and Separated - The support group for those who are experiencing separation or divorce meets each Wednesday from 7-8:30pm in the school on 44 Meadow Way. For information call Vincent at 329-3603

DONATIONS - who sows bountifully will reap bountifully. Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not begrudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." [1 Cor. 16,21]

Sunday Collection 2/05/2012 \$4,725.00
January Faith Direct 2012 \$ 612.00

Sunday Collection 2/06/2011 \$5,072.50
January Faith Direct 2011 \$ 614.75

Required Diocesan Pre-Cana Class at MHT March 24 & 31, 2012 (9am-4pm)
Call the Office of Faith Formation to register: 516-678-5800 ext 204

Come Join Us At The Lord's Table
As We Celebrate His Eucharist

Mass Intentions

Requested By

Saturday, February 11

5:15pm COLLECTIVE

Lillian Vertuccio
 Sebastian Cacioppo
 Anthony & Frances Pagnotta
 Pat DeMarco
 Olive Kennedy
 Jim Riley

Anthony Ziccardi
 Pasquale Pagnotta
 Pasquale Pagnotta
 Linda & Bruce Weed
 Margaret Turner
 Liz Holub

Sunday, February 12

9:15am Richard Casper

11:30am Eugene Mikus

7pm Spanish Mass

Robert Casper
 Roma Karp

Monday, February 13

8am People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 14

8am Jeanne Duffy

Marie Mautone

Wednesday, February 15

8am Intentions of the Astorr Family

Camille Tassa

Thursday, February 16

8am Jim Davison

John Taylor & Connie Tighe

Friday, February 17

8am William Flynn

Jerry & Ann McKinstry

Saturday, February 18

5:15pm COLLECTIVE

Ernest M. Mott
 James Riley
 Pat DeMarco
 Bryant Hopper
 Anson "Bo" Herrick
 Frances Herber
 Jim Moeller
 Thomas Palmer & Lottie Lester

John & Kate McGuirk
 The Scioscia Family
 Jennifer Javier
 Mr & Mrs Joseph Giuliani
 Maureen & Russell
 The Talmage Family
 Karol Puglisi
 The Palmer Family

Sunday, February 19

9:15am Egidio Arbia

11:30am Col. Frank Tercy

7pm Spanish Mass

Paul & Carmen Arbia
 Chris Tercy

DECEASED - We mourn those who have recently died and pray for the comfort of those whose lives were touched by them.

"The General" A silent film starring Buster Keaton
With Live Theatre Organ Style Accompaniment
by Bernie Anderson
Sunday, Feb. 12 at 7pm
First Presbyterian Church, Main St, East Hampton
Tickets \$15, children and youth free.

Today, please return Scouting for Food Bags.
BSA Troop 298 and Cub Pack 426 thank everyone returning their Scouting for Food bags after Masses today.
*****All donations go to our local food pantries.*****

FREE TAX HELP - AARP sponsored,
Available to all taxpayers with middle and low income,
With SPECIAL ATTENTION to those age 60 and over.
Every Wednesday, from Feb. 8 to April 11,
at the Senior Citizens Center,
Springs Fireplace Rd, from 9am-1pm.



Pastor's Letter

Mapping the Battlefield

Last week I wrote to you about my recent visit to the Gettysburg battlefield. This time it feels like I am a war correspondent reporting from the front. Except this time my topic is the confrontation brewing over the recent determination by the Department of Health and Human Services not to exempt Catholic hospitals and institutions from insurance regulations concerning contraception, abortion-producing drugs, and sterilization. My main effort will be reportorial, to map out how the conflict is shaping up and to try to connect some larger values to it. It is a complex topic and it touches on political matters as well as ethical ones, so one must tread carefully. My aim is clarity.

As part of the comprehensive health reform enacted by the last Congress (some call it Obama-care, but that is a demeaning term) employers going forward would have to include contraceptive coverage in their employee health plans. The U.S. Bishops, who for decades had advocated for comprehensive health care reform, stepped back from endorsing the bill because of these and other inclusions. Contraception, as is well known, is taught by the Church to be wrong. Equally well known is that over 90% of American women—including Catholic women—use contraception at some time. A conclusion which can be drawn is that the teaching, which had been clarified in the 1968 encyclical *Humane Vitae*, has not been received by the overwhelming majority of Catholic faithful. Perhaps this statistic emboldened the Obama administration to make the move.

Although the conflict is presented in the media as about contraception, it includes other difficult issues which involve Catholic moral teaching. A second problem is the so-called morning after pill (or Plan B) which is thought to be an abortion producing drug. A third issue is with sterilization, also taught by the Church as an unacceptable curtailing of the reproductive faculty. The regulations exempt religious congregations, parishes themselves, where employees are directly tied to the propagation of the religious group's teaching or worship. It excludes from exemption, religious institutions which serve a broader public, e.g., hospitals and Catholic Charities. This type of regulation has also been introduced in 28 states, and Wednesday's New York Times reports on work-arounds which the church has forged in some of those cases.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has consistently followed a pro-life ethic and has lobbied (with mixed results) for the protection of life. The game is changing now and the Bishops have responded by re-branding their efforts under the provisions of the first amendment guarantee of freedom of religion. The bishops are teaching and lobbying that the imposition of these regulations on church-run institutions like hospitals constitutes a violation of Catholics' first amendment rights to follow their consciences in the practice of their religion. Briefly, that is the rough shape of the argument.

But the argument is playing out in the larger context of a politically charged election year. The media are reporting how Republican candidates have picked up this issue and made it part of their opposition to the President. The Bishops are preparing a vigorous defense, and are staking out their position in opposition to the regulations. Efforts to alert local legislators are underway and it seems likely that the matter may ultimately be resolved in the courts. Today I am charged with reading aloud at all Masses a letter from Bishop Murphy on the issue. It is also found in the bulletin. Reading a Bishop's letter from the pulpit has not been done for many years, so this is a signal of how important our Bishops consider the matter. My gut feeling is that the bishops perceive that this may be the thin end of the wedge and that if the regulations are upheld they may soon be faced with similar mandates on abortion in Catholic hospitals.

It is important that we stay informed and make our voice heard as citizens with a right to participate in the governing process. But let us avoid hysteria and a persecution complex. Let us argue our convictions and values clearly and calmly. One of the forces at work here is secularism and the attempt to make all religious belief and expression private. So very much of our ethical concern is about the common good. Our voice is every bit as valid as anyone else's.

Fragments (...they gathered up what was left over into twelve baskets.)

Hope to see you at the Pasta Dinner this Sunday.

Fr. Don Hanson



Most Holy Trinity Religious Education

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Classes

Sunday, February 12th and Tuesday, February 14th.

*******No Classes*******

Sundays, Feb. 19th and Feb. 26th

or Tuesdays, Feb. 21st and Feb. 28th. (Due to Winter Break)

OUTREACH

Reaching Out to Put Words into Action

February is Heart Month, and we all want to give someone we love a special gift on Valentine's Day. Flowers, chocolate, jewelry, dinner out, breakfast in bed, a trip to the City or a night on the town, all have been given to me. However this year the best gift I ever heard of giving will take place on Tuesday, February 14th at two different hospitals. A wonderfully loving husband will give a kidney to his wife and a super special brother will give a kidney to his sister. Makes you stop and think about the precious gift of life. For me it also reminds me of the need to have people sign up as organ donors. You see, I lost the use of one kidney in 1987.

In August 2000, Pope John Paul II told attendees at the International Congress on Transplants: "There is a need to instill in people's hearts, especially in the hearts of the young, a genuine and deep appreciation of the need for brotherly love, a love that can find expression in the decision to become an organ donor."

According to Cardinal Egan, "The commitment of one person to give the gift of life to another mirrors an essential foundation upon which the teachings of Christ are based." As St. John tells us in Chapter 3, Verse 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

On February 14th, give a dozen roses, a box of heart shaped candy, etc., but also enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry at www.SaveLivesNewYork.org.

As one bumper sticker stated:

Don't take your organs to Heaven for God knows
they don't need them there.



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 6, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

On Friday, January 20, the President approved new regulations from the Department of Health and Human Services. These regulations mandate that, with few exceptions, all Catholic employers, including Catholic Charities and Catholic hospitals, provide coverage for contraception, abortion-producing drugs and sterilization in the healthcare benefits provided to their employees. Most insurance programs will have to include these as well.

This mandate directly interferes with the freedom of conscience of individuals and with the freedom of religious belief and practice of our Catholic institutions. The Administration has chosen to cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our nation's first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty and free exercise of conscience. Regulations about healthcare are being used to re-define pregnancy as a disease and to make abortion-inducing drugs available to one and all. As a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled either to violate our consciences or to drop healthcare coverage for our employees and suffer significant penalties for doing so.

As Pope Benedict XVI said last week:

"It is imperative that the entire Catholic Community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church's moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres . . . Of particular concern are certain attempts being made to limit the most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion."

I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith, we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I would recommend that you contact your US Congressional representatives to express to them why this mandate cannot stand and to support religious freedom through the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012. This legislation, sponsored by Senator Marco Rubio, would reverse the Administration's decision. To learn more about this assault on religious liberty, the US Bishops have set up the following special website: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Febrero 6, 2012

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Jesucristo:

El viernes 20 de enero, el Presidente aprobó una nueva regulación del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos. Esas regulaciones ordenan que, con pocas excepciones, todos los empleadores católicos, incluyendo Caridades Católicas y los hospitales católicos, suministren cobertura para anticonceptivos, medicinas que inducen abortos y esterilización dentro de los beneficios de cuidado de salud que proveen a sus empleados. La mayoría de los programas de seguros tendrán también que incluir esto.

Este mandato directamente interfiere con la libertad de consciencia de los individuos y con la libertad de creencias religiosas y la práctica de nuestras instituciones católicas. La Administración ha escogido hacer a un lado la Primera Enmienda [First Amendment] de la Constitución de los Estados Unidos, negándole a los católicos de nuestra nación la primera y más fundamental de las libertades, la libertad religiosa y el libre ejercicio de conciencia. Las regulaciones acerca del cuidado de salud han sido usadas para redefinir el embarazo como una enfermedad y para hacer que las medicinas para inducir al aborto estén disponibles para todos y cada uno. Como resultado, a menos que la norma sea derogada, nosotros los católicos seremos obligados a violar nuestras conciencias o a quitarle la cobertura de salud a nuestros empleados y sufrir importantes consecuencias por hacerlo.

Como el Papa Benedicto XVI dijo la semana anterior:

“Es imperativo que toda la comunidad católica en los Estados Unidos se de cuenta de la grave amenaza contra el testimonio moral de la Iglesia presentado por un laicado radical que encuentra un una mayor expresión en las esferas políticas y culturales... De particular preocupación son ciertos intentos de limitar la más apreciada de libertades norteamericanas, la libertad religiosa.”

Yo les voy a pedir dos cosas. Primera, como comunidad de fe, nosotros debemos comprometernos a orar y ayunar para que la sabiduría y la justicia puedan prevalecer y la libertad religiosa pueda ser restaurada. Sin Dios, nosotros no podemos hacer nada; con Dios, nada es imposible. Segundo, yo le recomiendo que contacte a sus representantes en el Congreso de Estados Unidos para expresarles a ellos por qué este mandato no puede mantenerse firme y para apoyar la libertad religiosa a través del Acta de Restauración de Libertad Religiosa del 2012 [Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 2012]. Esta legislación, patrocinada por el Senador Marco Rubio, volvería atrás la decisión de la Administración. Para saber más acerca de este asalto a la libertad religiosa, los obispos de Estados Unidos ha colocado un sitio especial para hacerle seguimiento en internet: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Suyo afectuosamente en Cristo,

+William Murphy

Obispo de Rockville Centre

Prayers are Requested for the Following:

Debbie Astorr-Weir, David E. Astorr,
Gail Murphy, Harriett Ephraim, Gloria M. DeSanctis,
Donna Stuart, Barbara D'Arcy-White, Joan Salazar,
Louie Zaino, Edward Zimmerman, Dorothy Vetrano, Tim Bock,
Kathleen Dodge, Allyson Wald, James D. Brierley, Burt Lewis,
Charlene & Joe A. Hren, Larry Maloney, Mary Anne Bennett,
Renee McCormack, Richard Davis, Sandra Phillips,
Mary Jane Anderson, Theresa Dargis, Martin Rubenstein,
Nancy O'Brien, DiDi Hadik, Mina Kennedy, Chris Tercy,
Jane Bennett, Mary Jean Bennett, Karen Anderson,
Clem & Gloria Schuerlein, Cecilia Thompson, Patrick Shaw,
Joy Lupoletti, Margaret Seidler, Eric Madsen, Robert Nagle,
Anne Koehler, Dot Cebulski, Dave Engeldrum, Jr.,
Betsy Reller, Sandy Gamble, Vincent Lyons,
John Foley, Rigoberto Chavez, Laura Krupinski,
Lisa Craine, Jeff Bogetti, Richard Davis, Joan Mercado,
Amanda Lee, Lona Rubenstein, Elaine DeFavero,
Carol Ann McNally, Mona Mulholland, Gustave N. Papas,
Petra Seidler, Russell W. Field, Frances Ecker,
Thomas Law, Brad Coleman, Frederick Rapp,
Lottie Schaffer, Edward Burger, C.J. Wood, Dan Shields,
Elfriede Field, Karin Bennett, Jean Marie Ali, Mya Zingareli,
Margaret Stokes, Joshua Cannella, Natalie Perniciaro,
Marjorie Zsembery, Betty Disunno, Josephine DiSunno,
Jim Brennan, Florence Merrill, Edith Eaton, Eva Collins,
Msgr. Tom Brady, Robert Huser, Dotty Suppe, Nancy Byrne,
Joshua Canelli, Kaitlyn Mamay, Emma Kate DiMola, Rose Grau

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Robert D. Weir, III—Air Force
Lt. John Bishop Simmons—Army
PFC Charles Pelaez—Army
LCPL Ryan Conover - Marine
Capt. Derek Walther - Army Nat. Guard
Lt. C. Christiaan Mamczak MD
Major Francis Selwyn Gay, III - USAF
SPC Morgen P. Seely - Army
Matthew J. Behan - Marine
Capt. James Myung - Marine
Douglas Notel - Navy
Matthew Daige - Army
MSG William Byrne - Army
SR Airman, Samantha Thek Mendrop- USAF
Paul Schellinger, Marines
SGT William Miller - Army
Michael Shea, Navy
Damian Shea - Marine
LT James Demitrack, Jr. - Navy MD
LT J.G. Kevin Shea - Navy
LT Timothy Shea - Navy Seal
LT Patrick Maher - Army
Jeanette N. Caputo, Specialist - Army Nat. Guard
Matthew Duggan - Marine
PFC Thomas Spotteck - Marine
LT Richard H. McMahon III, Army Nat. Guard
Patrick Pocalyko - Navy Seal
SGT Antonio DePetris - Army
CPL William B. DePetris III - Army
Frankie Kuveikis - Army
Shawn Kuveikis - Army
Douglas Danielson - Navy Chief
Drew Forsberg, Navy Seal
Robert E. VanVelsor, III - Navy
Ryan Burke - Army Engineer
Capt. Anthony Smith - Marine
Mark Wilton - Navy Seal
Brian Gannon, Pri. 1st Class - Marine
Capt. Joseph Pugh - Navy
Denis Shea - Navy Seal
Major Conlon Carabine - Marine
Commander Michael P. O'Connell - Navy