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150th Anniversary Gala

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011
SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011

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150th Anniversary Gala

Dinner Dance

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2011
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DINNER 7:30 TO 8:30 P.M.
DANCING 8:30 TO 11:00 P.M.

Closing Celebration Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2011
11:00 A.M.

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THE REVEREND MR. GEORGE ZVONAR

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Service Projects during Our 150th-Anniversary Celebration

- Served lunches at St. Paul Lutheran Church
- Held a month long blood drive at the Community Blood Center
- Sponsored two Bundle Sundays for the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Prepared bag lunches for St. Vincent Hotel numerous times
- Collected gloves for the needy
- Hosted a Day of Caring Breakfast
- Scheduled a stop for the Donate Life Vehicle in our parking lot
- Walked in Relay for Life
- Participated in Habitat for Humanity house build

Interesting Tidbits over the Past 25 Years

- The angel statue for the tomb was relocated for use during the Easter Season.
- The original ambry was discovered and placed in the sanctuary.
- The interior of the church was repainted after a faulty boiler filled the church with steam.
- Both boilers were replaced in 1989.
- A rest room was installed in the church in 1996.
- The exterior of church was coated with Thorolastic over simulated stone finish in 1996.
- The carpeting from the altar steps was removed to reveal the original marble. New carpeting was installed in the sanctuary in 1998.
- The exterior of the rectory was painted in 1999.
- New wood flooring was installed in church in 2002 by Federal Flooring. New pews were fabricated to replicate the old ones by Ratigan Co. and installed in 2002. The old pews and flooring were removed by volunteers from the parish.
- Stained glass window ventilators, the Holy Trinity window and choir loft windows were releaded and repaired in 2002 by Bovard Studios.
- The rectory roof was replaced in 2006.
- The church roof was replaced in 2009.
- The entry way floor of the church was shored up in 2009.
- A tree was planted and a time capsule buried on Trinity Sunday 2010 to commemorate the 150th-year anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone.
- BeauVerre Studios completely restored the Nativity and Holy Family stained glass windows in 2010.
- BeauVerre Studios completely restored the Annunciation and Coronation stained glass windows in 2011.

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The 150th-Anniversary Planning Committee

Kathy Gilmore, Chair	Marianne Garcher
Sharon Becker	Paulette Jeckering
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Fr. Rick Friebel	Judi Trick

Our thanks goes to those who helped prepare this souvenir booklet: Ron Bird for researching the parish history, Mary Wlodarski for writing the history, Louise Filipic and Marianne Garcher for editing the history, Marianne Garcher for layout and design and Judi Trick for photography.

We also thank Francy Vukovic and Louise Filipic for assembling the anniversary quilt.

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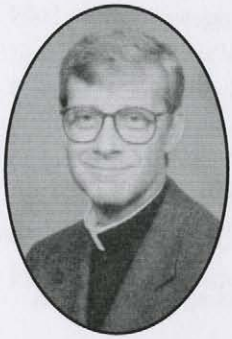

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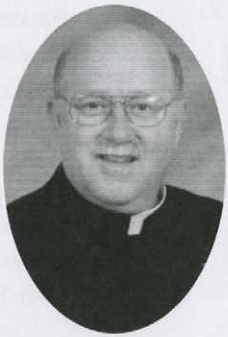
1994 TO 2002



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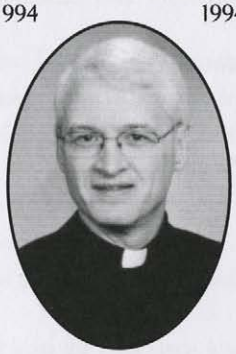

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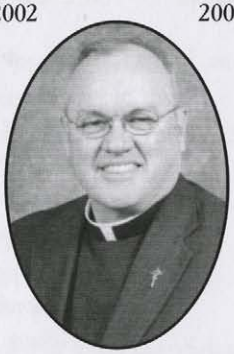

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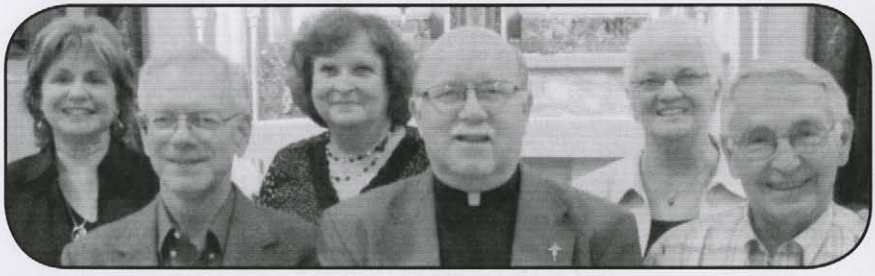


FRONT ROW (FROM LEFT): TOM ALDRIDGE (MUSIC DIRECTOR),
FR. RICK FRIEBEL (PASTOR), DEACON GEORGE ZVONAR
BACK ROW (FROM LEFT): DEBBIE WOLF (DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION),
MARY CUMMINS WLODARSKI (PASTORAL ASSOCIATE),
JUDI TRICK (BUSINESS MANAGER)

Parish History

In an elegantly worded letter dated 1861, Fr. Francis J. Goetz accepted the position of pastor of the newly established Holy Trinity Church. Having emigrated from Germany, the new pastor found the unrefined Dayton, Ohio to be a different world compared to the sophistication of Europe. Pastoring this new community, which he fondly referred to as his "frontier church," would be a new challenge for Fr. Goetz. Indeed, he worried about the time on the road that would be required to minister to the new parish. "[I]nstead of taking on so much bodily exercise on horseback or on buggies, I could devote myself more to intellectual labor.... I was always an awkward driver and a very poor rider, and the more I have to drive about, the more I feel how right all my spiritual Directors were in advising me to devote myself to a regular life of studies." Still, he rose to the occasion, serving as pastor for a remarkable 39 years (1860 to 1899), a formidable influence on the new parish.

Donations for the new church building came in, but not always quickly enough; indeed, the laborers who built the church were paid mostly in groceries. But the church was finished and dedicated in August 1861, along with a school house where two Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur taught the girls and male lay teachers taught the boys. In 1869, when both schools had expanded considerably, the Brothers of Mary took over educating the boys. Parishioners made many sacrifices to support both school and church and to keep the religious fed and sheltered in modest comfort.

It is hard for us knowing Holy Trinity today, situated in the very heart of the city, to imagine the church in the 1860s. A German flock, mostly illiterate and non-English speaking, spread over the area. Travel over dirt roads to Cincinnati, the center of the archdiocese, was tedious and difficult, so communication between the hierarchy and the local church was slow. Holy Trinity was indeed a frontier church with a spirit that forged a people willing to take risks and try new things. For example, the pastor of a local Catholic church informed Archbishop Elder that Pastor Goetz had allowed a marriage between a young man of some substance and a much poorer young woman. When writing his defense to the archbishop, Fr. Goetz stood up to both bishop and the groom's disapproving mother with the comment, "I told her that she should now be resigned and pray for the young couple.... But she went away from me leaving on my mind the impression that she was a woman terribly self-conceited and thinking herself much wiser than the priest." And even though dancing and festivals were frowned upon, the new little community decided upon a fundraiser for the new school that would include both.

This spirit is not surprising in a parish started by a laity who recognized the need and petitioned the archbishop (over much consternation from nearby churches) to allow them to build on land they had already purchased! Within just 20 years after the Civil War, Fr. Goetz requested permission from Archbishop Elder to admit children of color to the school. He was sincerely committed to evangelizing the faith and felt strongly that this was a correct action. While we do not know the archbishop's response, we do know that the sisters refused to allow their admission.

The beginning of the 20th century brought with it a new pastor, Fr. Charles Hahne, and a new era in the community. There was a feeling of expansion and hope as the English speaking children and grandchildren of the German immigrants became Holy Trinity's parishioners. Fr. Hahne's motto was "Nothing too good for the House of God," and many of the improvements to the church's then modest interior came during his pastorate. The electrically illuminated cross on the steeple added during this time was unique and pointed to the desire of Trinitarians to be a presence in their community, visible for miles around. The early 1900s was a period of growth for the Dayton area. From the frontier emerged new industries inspired in part by the many inventions of local citizens, including the Wright brothers, Edward Deeds and Charles Kettering. More parishes were established in Dayton, and they held to strict boundaries in an effort to maintain their memberships.

After Fr. Hahne died in 1910, Fr. J. Henry Schengber took over as pastor. The community was now mostly English speaking, and the need for education beyond elementary school level became a priority. The building of a modern school was nearly derailed by the disastrous 1913 flood, but Holy Trinity School finally opened in the fall of 1914. The parishioners' support for repairs to the church and other property and the cost of a new school indicated their deep commitment to their children's education. This devotion to faith formation and education remains an important dimension of the ministry of Holy Trinity today, as evidenced by our membership in the Catholic Education Collaborative and our support of parishioners who send children to local Catholic elementary schools. Even beyond elementary school needs, Holy Trinity began a commercial high school, which continued until 1927 when the diocese encouraged the establishment of Catholic high schools in the area. Liturgy was and is the life blood of Holy Trinity, and during these post-war years the parish also purchased a new organ.

As the 1920s began, with the Great War over, the future seemed rosy. During this time of optimism, Fr. Herman Leising became the fourth pastor of Holy Trinity Church. Money was available for new Westminster chimes, a new clock and a new heating system for the church. Plans were made for a new

high school, and money was assessed from Holy Trinity for that purpose. Then the stock market crash on October 29, 1929 and the depression that followed changed everything. The country hit some hard times, but the members of Holy Trinity remained generous and Fr. Leising managed well. When the burden of the high school assessment proved too much, the plan was abandoned.

The times were very tough and money became scarce. In 1938, a Catholic Worker Movement soup kitchen opened on Fifth Street, not far from the church, and it is very possible that some parishioners stood in line for food. But the generous nature of Trinitarians prevailed even then! Monies were contributed to support the Catholic University of America, the building of a mission chapel in south Dayton, Good Samaritan Hospital and the Sisters of Notre Dame. And though the Brothers of Mary left Holy Trinity in 1927 (after 58 years of service), they too were given a bonus of $1000 as a thanks. (Keep in mind, Fr. Leising's annual salary was $1000!) When the world plunged back into another world war, the parishioners of Holy Trinity sent their children off, prayed for their safe return and for peace, and continued to take care of one another in love.

Shortly after the end of World War II, Fr. Ralph Moorman became the fifth pastor of Holy Trinity, appointed in 1948. He saw the urban neighborhood of the East End undergo its most dramatic change—urban renewal. The 1950s were a time of increasing influence of the media, especially television. Indeed, Fr. Moorman was called upon by a parishioner in 1950 to organize a protest of a film whose star had become pregnant out of wedlock, to which he responded, "Frankly, if we were to take a stand on the lives of movie actors we could well close practically all the shows...." This type of "reverent humor" marked much of Fr. Moorman's communications and is representative of the generation of Catholics he served who were much more "mainstreamed" into the American culture than generations before. Into the late '50s and early '60s, Holy Trinity was doing well enough financially to be buying interest-bearing notes from the archdiocese. Then the loss of much of the neighborhood around Holy Trinity took a toll as retail businesses replaced homes. Eventually the parish sold properties and stocks to help balance the budget. Still, the Sisters of Notre Dame stayed and celebrated their 100th year of service to Holy Trinity in 1961, which was also the centenary of the church itself.

The years 1967 to 1969 saw societal upheaval and change in the U.S., and things were "on the move" here at Trinity as well. In those two years, four priests came and went as pastor or administrator, Fr. George Trimbach, Fr. Timothy Connair (administrator), Fr. James Eisenhauer and finally Fr. Louis Funk. Fr. Funk, the eighth pastor of Holy Trinity, stopped this pattern of change by staying until 1981.

In 1971, following the many changes in the area around Holy Trinity, the school closed. But our buildings were used by new communities. The Vietnamese community joined us and established their own ministries. The archdiocese used the school for office and meeting space. Holy Trinity began its life as a church of choice, a community people joined though they did not live within its geographical boundaries. This trend continued through the short pastorate of Fr. Robert Monnin (1981–1982). Fr. Monnin established Holy Trinity's first Parish Council, a movement still rather new after the suggestions of the Second Vatican Council that the laity be more involved in their churches.

In 1982, the pastorate changed again when Fr. Michael Mahoney came to Holy Trinity. This tenth pastor oversaw the sale of the property across the street from the rectory to the Knights of Columbus. Hispanic and Korean Catholics joined the community and began their own services and programs. Holy Trinity was now a parish that drew membership from a very wide geographic area indeed. The Parish Council approved the hiring of more staff to enable Holy Trinity to start a family-based religious education program (one of the first in the archdiocese) and an adult faith formation ministry. The council also endorsed wider opportunities for community building and fellowship as well as more outreach to the elderly and hospitalized. Holy Trinity was again lively with parishioners of all ages.

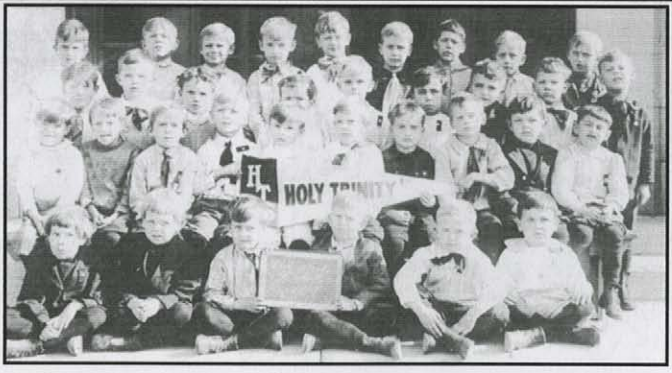
By 1994, when our eleventh pastor, Fr. Walter (Sandy) Macpherson came to lead us, Holy Trinity was a ministerially complete parish. During his tenure, we began and completed a successful campaign to replace the wood floor and install new pews in the church. Some of the deterioration and damage dated all the way back to the 1913 flood! We were also a parish that had been involved in many years of discussion regarding the future of the church universal in light of the clergy shortage. Because of this, our lay leadership came even more to the front, starting programs such as bereavement, communication and health ministries, and others that call forth the discipleship and stewardship of our entire assembly.

Soon after the start of the 21st century, Holy Trinity parish affiliated with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. In 2002, this order of men took over the pastorate of Holy Trinity, with our first pastor in this community being Fr. Rick Friebel. The charism of this order brought a new spiritual dimension to our liturgy and life, and we are now part of a worldwide mission and effort. We have, under Fr. Rick's leadership, interfaced often with community peace and justice actions. This wider concern for the Dayton community at large will continue with our next pastor, Fr. Angelo Anthony and Fr. Kenneth Pleiman, Parochial Vicar. Fr. Anthony will be pastor not only of Holy Trinity, but also of Emmanuel and St. Joseph parishes. We are truly beginning our 150th year with

a new vision and new challenges!

What is not new, even after 150 years, is the faith, hope and love that last beyond all other considerations. Our parish motto of "Worship, Fellowship, Service" has never been more relevant or more true. We pray together, we laugh together, and we reach out our hands to one another and to the world. We may no longer be a frontier church but there are frontiers ahead of us! On to the next 150, with gratitude for what has been and with hope for what will be.

Pictures from Our Past



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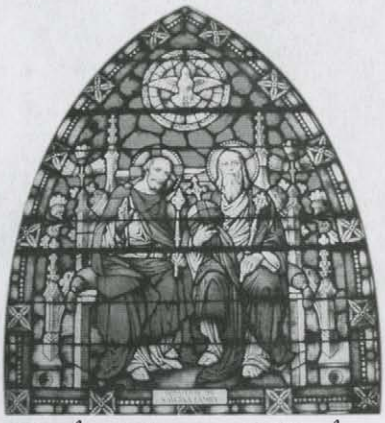
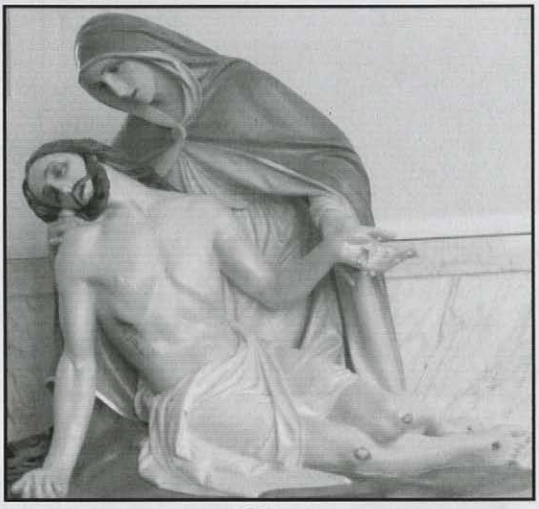


Holy Trinity Window



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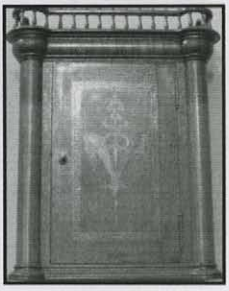

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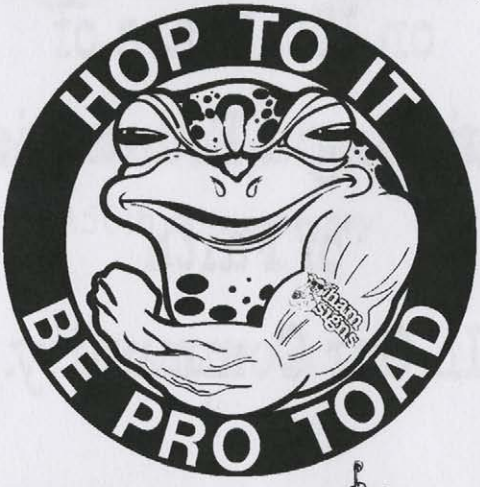

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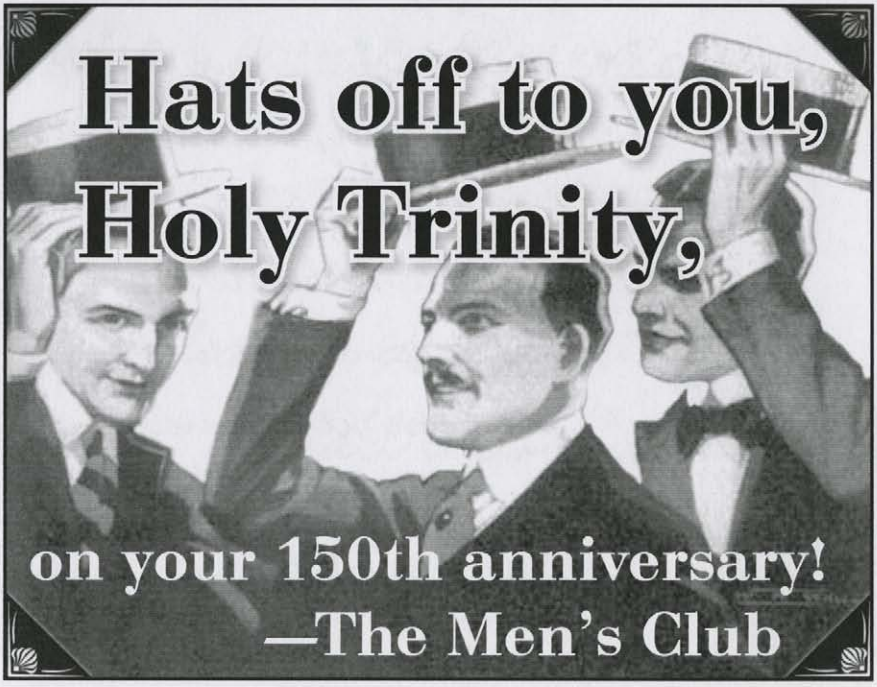

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