

# Holy Trinity Church

*Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette*

*The Third Sunday  
Of Advent*



## PARISH OFFICE

335 Elm St., Westfield, MA 01085  
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**OFFICE HOURS:** (Please call for an appointment outside these hours)  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**Wednesday:** 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH CENTER** 413-568-4352

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**Youth Ministry:** Jeanette Peretti

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**Parish Council Chairperson:** Deborah Dion

## MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Thursday: 12:10 pm

Friday: 12:10 pm Communion Service

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am (Polish), 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation: Eve of Holy Day: 7:00 pm,  
Holy Day: 12:10, 7:00 pm

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 pm, 15 minutes before  
weekday Masses during Lent, or by appointment

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

A person does not need to wait until the point of death to receive this sacrament. Please call the office if a parishioner is seriously ill, in the hospital or planning surgery.

## SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM and MARRIAGE

Those who desire the Sacraments of Baptism or Marriage must be registered and practicing members of the Parish for at least three months.

**BAPTISMS:** Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment prior to making any arrangements. The Sponsors (i.e. Godparents) must also be practicing Catholics.

**WEDDINGS:** Please call the Parish Office one year in advance. Consult the Parish Priest before setting a date.

## HOLY TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Trinity Parish is a Roman Catholic La Salette Community proud of our Polish heritage, and committed to witnessing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through liturgy, education, and celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. Our parish community is a FAMILY, seeking to develop a cooperative spirit of supporting each other in facing the joys and sorrows of everyday life. By serving others in this way, we can bring about love, forgiveness and compassion representing the heart and hands of Jesus Christ through the message of mercy revealed to us by Our Lady of La Salette in 1846. We invite you to join us!!!



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY – DECEMBER 12**

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

12:10 p.m.: Richard Puza  
R/B Irene & Maureen Nomakeo



**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy**

12:10 p.m.: all parishioners

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 14**

*St. John of the Cross*

12:10 p.m.: souls in purgatory R/B Marie Anne

6:30 p.m.: **Holy Hour of Adoration**

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 15**

12:10 p.m.: Ziggy, Jane & Bill Kuta  
R/B sister Marion

**FRIDAY – DECEMBER 16**

12:10 p.m.: **Communion Service**

**SATURDAY – DECEMBER 17**

4:00 p.m. **Vigil:** Frederick Stec *birthday remembrance*  
R/B wife MaryJane

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 18**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

7:00 a.m.: Anthony Danek R/B his family

8:30 a.m. (Polish): Anna Matysik  
R/B Basia & Slawek Urbanek

10:30 a.m.: Al Altobelli *2nd anniversary*  
R/B grandchildren Amelia & Nick

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 11, 2016**

Those whom the LORD  
has ransomed will return  
and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.  
-- Isaiah 35:10a



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** -- The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength. Aching hearts will be made glad (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

**Psalm** -- Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

**Second Reading** -- Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

**Gospel** -- Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. The dead are raised to new life! (Matthew 11:2-11).

**WATCHING AND WAITING**

In his love Christ has  
filled us with joy as we  
prepare to celebrate his  
birth,  
so that when He comes  
at the end of time  
He may find us  
watching in prayer,  
our hearts filled with  
wonder and praise.



--Adapted from the second Preface for Advent, Roman Missal

**December 17 & 18**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Reader:** Robert Nomakeo

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Mary Corliss, Maureen Wroblewski, Frank Dawicki

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. Reader:** Larry Lafield

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Peter & Vicky Polak, Joellyn Douthwright

**8:30 a.m. Reader:** Czesław Kisała

**Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Stanisław Pluciennik

**10:30 a.m. Reader:** Hal Beattie

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Melanie Cannata, Eugene Jeneral, Rebecca Wood

**New Years Eve 4 pm and New Years Day 7 am Readers & E.M.s needed. PLEASE CALL & VOLUNTEER.**

Please let Kathy know by **Dec. 12th** when you are not available during January, February and March. *Thanks!*

**MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 12/11**

Leon & Ken Toporowski

R/B sister Elaine

**Please pray for those intentions expressed in the Book of Intentions** located in the back of the church, also:



Kevin Haluch, Stanley Boguszewski, Joanne LeBeau, Phyllis F., Lucille Gintowt, Donna Capell, 3 Barbaras, Toni Tanski, Todd Becotte, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Pat Galanski, David Dolinski, Larry, Carol Jeneral, Sandy, Edward Danek, Marie Anne, Marlene Bannish, Michael, Paul M., Kaylee Paulson, Joan & Tom K., Eli, MaryAnn Hastings, all in hospitals, nursing homes, or home-bound, those with mental illness or addictions, the unemployed, homeless, our political leaders, all in the military, those who have fallen away from the faith and the souls in purgatory.

**Rest In Peace: Jackie Goddard** (sister of Renee Asmar)

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ROSARY SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC. 17

Rosary Society members who have reserved a place at the Christmas Party to be held Saturday, Dec. 17th at the Westwood Restaurant on North Elm St. can send payment to the parish office or to Sandy Kielbasa. Cost of a meal is \$20.15. Make checks to the Rosary Society. All meals ordered MUST be paid for. It will be a delicious buffet. Doors open at 11 am. Dinner at noon.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING, WED. 12/14 at 6:30pm.

All men of the parish are invited to join the Holy Name Society which works for the benefit of our parish.

### TIM O'KEEFE of *The Fullness of Truth Apostolate*

is presenting classes from 7 - 8:30 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month through May at our Parish Center. **Next class is Thursday, Dec. 15.**

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

There is an envelope in your packet to help with the cost of the beautiful flowers that decorate our altar for Christmas. You can list prayer intentions on the back and they will be placed on the altar between Christmas and the Epiphany in January. If you do not receive envelopes you can use a plain one or one of the blank ones on the back table.

### DECORATORS NEEDED SATURDAY, DEC. 24 at 9 am.

If you can help decorate the church for Christmas, please call the office and leave your name and number. Missy Kielbasa will organize this but many hands are needed.

### THE CHRISTMAS WAFER "OPLATEK"

Oplatek is available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office for \$2 per package. Honoring tradition, a Polish Christmas Vigil centers on the importance of the Christmas wafer. Particular to the Polish, Slovak & Lithuanian legacy, the holy night of Christmas Eve Vigil (Wigilia) begins with the breaking & sharing of the sacred "oplatek". This ancient "bread" ritual symbolizes forgiveness & new beginnings, uniting past & present, heaven & earth.

**RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION:** From today's 1st Reading, Isaiah 35: "...say to those whose hearts are frightened: **Be strong, fear not!**"

Support those with unintended pregnancies and terminal illnesses with hope and in dignity.

### PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. Check the monthly calendar on the bulletin board.

**Dec. 12** Rev. John Sullivan; **13** Pope Francis; **14** Rev. Piotr Pawlus; **15** Rev. Martin Rzeszutek, MIC; **16** Rev. Joseph Powell, OFM; **17** Rev. Yerick Mendez; and **18** Rev. Peter Naranjo.

Also, extend these prayers to the deacons of our diocese. 3

**OUR INCREASED COLLECTIONS PROGRAM is coming to a close. We would like to commend all parishioners who have responded to the needs of our parish.**

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** St. Mary's Parish in Westfield will be having a Communal Reconciliation Service on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** in the upstairs Church starting at 7 pm with Frs. Frank, Ryan and guest priests. Fr. Piotr Calik will be available for Polish confession. Advent is a great time to examine our lives and turn again to God in His great gift of Reconciliation.

### HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES

The Christmas deadline is Thursday, Dec. 15 at noon and New Year's deadline is Wednesday, December 21 at 4pm. Please plan accordingly.

### FREE ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS

"Five Minutes with the Word" provided by Holy Trinity Parish and "The Little Blue Book" provided by Miriam Najimi of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, Marian Center, Holyoke (*delivered to us by Evelyn Langtange*) are available at the entrances. These contain wonderful daily meditations to lead us through advent prayerfully.

**New Parishioners:** Marie Perry and Salena Silvestri have joined our Parish Family. We are happy to have them in our midst as, together, we share our faith.

### DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

**Fuel Fund:** The Rosary Society gave \$2500.00

**Christmas Flowers:** The Rosary Society gave \$250.00

**Postage:** Agnes Lesniewski

*In memory of Ann Balicki from Ben & Andrea Bryla*

*Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.*



### Weekly Collections

December 3 & 4, 2016

**Weekly:** 241 envelopes returned \$ 5,651.00

**Loose:** \$ 170.00

**Total Offertory:** \$ 5,821.00

*(Weekly Offertory necessary to meet budget: \$5,000.00)*

**Improvement Fund:** 54 envelopes \$ 676.00

**Fuel Fund:** 16 envelopes \$ 205.00

**Boiler Fund:** 16 envelopes \$ 217.00

**Christmas Flowers:** 54 envelopes \$ 985.00

**Religious Retirement Fund:** 2 envelopes \$ 13.00

**Immaculate Conc.:** 5 envelopes \$ 28.00

**Miscellaneous:** 5 envelopes \$ 134.00

*Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!*

*We, though many, are one body in Christ. —Romans 12:5*

**MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 27th**

Pro-Lifers will once again journey to Washington, D.C. to join hundreds of thousands in standing up and declaring that abortion destroys life. Please join us for the March for Life on Jan. 27, 2017. There are busses which will bring youth to the youth rally and busses that go to other events. Limited tickets are available for youth so please call soon. The cost is \$64 per person, financial help is available. Please call the office at 413-583-5034 to register. Donations to help defray the cost are appreciated. Please send payment to **Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens For Life**, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow MA 01056

**ADVENT CONCERT SUNDAY DEC. 11 AT 3 PM**

Marek Kudlicki, guest organist from Poland, will be featured with the four choirs of St. Stanislaus in the Basilica in Chicopee. There will be a reception from 1 to 2:30 to Meet & Greet the Artist who will speak about his career and travels. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Sponsored and arranged in cooperation with the Kosciuszko Foundation, New England Chapter.

**LIVE NATIVITY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th**

**Our Lady of the Lake Church**, 224 Sheep Pasture Rd, Southwick, will present a "Live Nativity" during and shortly after the 10 am Mass; after the event you are invited to visit with the live animals and then come inside to warm up with some hot cocoa, cookies, and Christmas cheer. Please consider making this part of your Christmas celebration.

**Anxious Parents & Family Members Support Group**

Every 2nd & 4th Monday at

**Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

A confidential and free support group for those who are living with drugs in the family. One participant said about the group: *"It helped me to have people that understand what's it's like to live with a family member who's doing drugs—and you get more peace of mind with the spiritual part."* The group is spiritual and educational in nature and is led by Jim Greer, M.S., Substance Abuse Educator & Pastoral Counselor. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

**SUPPORT GROUPS FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS**

Springfield: Mercy Hospice offers Support Groups for Widows, Widowers and Partners on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, except for the month of August. **Pre-registration is required by calling 413-827-4218.**

**PIONEER VALLEY LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP**

Connect with other lupus patients struggling to cope with the disease. We meet every third Saturday of each month at the West Springfield Public Library, 200 Park St. at 11 am - 12:15 pm. Contact: [lupus.springfieldma@gamil.com](mailto:lupus.springfieldma@gamil.com) or call Lynn at 788-0352, cell 265-8942. Caregivers welcome.

**SUPPORT NEEDED FOR PURPLE HEART TRAIL**

A community and Veterans project is now under way to raise funds for the purchase and installation of signs along Route 202, from Holyoke to Southwick. This route will be designated as the Westfield Purple Heart Trail honoring the many men and women who served their country and were awarded this medal. We are looking for donors who will help with this undertaking. Persons and businesses who donate will be acknowledged in writing as well as named on a plaque to be hung in City Hall. Donations can be made out to the **American Legion 454**, P. O. Box # 367, Westfield, MA 01086. (Purple Heart Trail). Donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call Mary O'Connell at 413-218-4344 or email: [moconnell25@comcast.net](mailto:moconnell25@comcast.net) or Don Wielgus at 568-7767, email: [herbie\\_myrna@comcast.net](mailto:herbie_myrna@comcast.net).

**SKI & SNOWBOARD SALE IN LONGMEADOW**

Support the good works of the Knights of Columbus at a "one day only fundraiser" on Saturday, **Dec. 17th from 9 to 3** at St. Mary's Parish Center, 519 Longmeadow St. (Rt. 5) Longmeadow, MA. Over 2,000 items, new & used, Alpine skis & boots, entry level to expert.

**FATHER BRIAN McGRATH** from St. Mary Parish of Lee, MA will be leading a **pilgrimage to ITALY June 19 to 30**. The trip will include Sicily, Naples, Amalfi Sorrento, Pompeii and Rome. Fr. Brian organizes a well planned and meaningful trip. If anyone is interested please contact Father Brian at the rectory 413-243-0275.

**WEEKLY DEVOTIONS TO ST. JUDE**

We invite you to bring your petitions to a special devotion to St. Jude with a **7 pm Mass on Tuesdays at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Pine St., West Springfield** or **6:30 pm Mass on Thursdays at Our Lady of the Lake, Southwick**. Turn to St. Jude with your impossible needs as he is a source of strength and inspiration in our faith.

**HABITAT for HUMANITY-BRUSH with KINDNESS**

Are you a homeowner in need of yard work or assistance? Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity is a housing ministry dedicated to strengthening communities by empowering low-income families to change their lives through home-ownership and home preservation opportunities. The **A Brush with Kindness** Program provides a zero-interest microloan. Please see the flyer on our bulletin boards in the church for more details and to see if you are eligible. **APPLY NOW!**

**SUGGESTION BOX!** We are always interested in the useful suggestions of our parishioners. Since it is not always convenient to tell one of the staff your idea, we hope you will make use of the *Suggestion Box* in the back of the church near the side door by the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, December 11th, 6 to 7:30 pm (extended class) & Dec. 18th at 6 to 7 pm.

Please have your child there on time.

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"

Our "Giving Tree" is set up at the side altar. The recipient will be the Soldier's Home in Holyoke. Paper ornaments on the tree list a request for a certain item. Just purchase that item and put it under the tree, unwrapped, as we have been doing. Only NEW items can be accepted. Last year was another wonderful year; our recipients were so happy when we delivered your donations. If you are unable to drop off on the weekend, you may bring your donations to the church during weekday mornings or the office during office hours.

Any questions, please call the Parish Office during business hours at 568-1506. Thank you very, very much!

Some suggested items for the Soldier's Home are:

Body wash, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste

Mouthwash (alcohol free)

Denture needs: Poligrip/Fixodent, Polident/Efferdent Tablets

Deodorant sticks or sprays

Clothing (new only): sweat shirts & pants, Tee shirts & underwear, flannel pants & jerseys: sizes M to XXL

Zipper Hoodies: large & extra large

Note cards and stationary

We will be delivering GOODIE-BAGS to the Shut-ins ON December 18th for Christmas. If you know of someone who should be on the list please or if you would like to make visits at homes or nursing homes please call Maureen Nomakeo at 297-5423 or the parish office at 568-1506. Donations are greatly appreciated.

OUR LENDING LIBRARY HAS ADVENT BOOKS

With Advent underway it would be a good time to turn off the screens and read a good book. Our parish library has just what you need. How about a small book called The Nativity by St. Bernard or Sermons of the Cure of Ars? If you just have time for a short reflection in the morning there is Breakfast with the Pope; 120 daily Readings from St. John Paul II, or from our Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI: Images of Hope: Meditations on Major Feasts. You will find these four books on the top of the bookcase and shelves of others to choose from.

ADULT PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of confirmation and are interested in doing so, please contact Fr. René as soon as possible. Evening classes start in February in Springfield and Northampton and March 2 in Westfield. Registration forms need to be signed by Fr. René.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic Sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

SHARING WITH THE LESS FORTUNATE

We are increasing our collection of non-perishable food & personal health items needed by the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Some suggestions like stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, vegetables, sweet potatoes and pumpkin are needed in addition to the regular items of canned goods like fruit, canned potatoes, or everyday staples like tuna, peanut butter, pasta & sauce, cereals etc. as well as soap, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper, foil, & baggies.

2017 CALENDARS DONATED by FIRTION ADAMS FUNERAL SERVICE

We would like to thank Firtion Adams Funeral Service for their donation of 2017 calendars with beautiful art related to Pope Francis and his teachings. They are available at the entrances of the church. Take one home.

We wish the following members of our parish family a very Blessed and Happy Birthday. Sto Lat!

Birthdays for the week of 12/12 to 12/18 are: Rachel Altobelli, Gail Bean, Valerie Bonkowski, Elaine Brouillette, Arek Gawron, Elizabeth Haley, John Kusnierz, Carolina Onik, Peter Pilecki, Edward Przybyla, William Szalankiewicz, Frances Wheeler and Dorothy Wzorek.

200 CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS

Table with 4 columns: Rank, Amount, ID, Name. Rows include 1st (\$200 #145 Marlene Cannon), 2nd (\$100 #137 Jean Midura), 3rd (\$75 #161 Jane Desorcy), 4th (\$75 #222 Thomas Kennedy), 5th (\$75 #232 Jean Risk).

To be part of this monthly fundraiser fill in the coupon below & mail it to Holy Trinity Church, or put it in the collection basket marked "200 Club". Payment must be in by Dec. 15 for the Dec. 18th drawing.

It is now time to renew your membership for 2017 or give one as a gift. The cost is \$5 a month or \$60 for the year. Make checks to "Holy Trinity 200 Club". Payment deadline for January is the 22nd.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_