

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

*The Eighteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time*



PARISH OFFICE

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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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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 – AUGUST 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori

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

TUESDAY – AUGUST 2

12:10 p.m.: Bill, Vicky, Len & Bill Puza and Joanie & Ken Slipkowski R/B family

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 3

12:10 p.m.: for all parishioners
6:30 p.m.: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – AUGUST 4 St. John Vianney

12:10 p.m.: Chester Tanski R/B Toni & family

FRIDAY – AUGUST 5

12:10 p.m.: Communion Service

SATURDAY – AUGUST 6 (in the parish hall)

The Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Vigil: departed of the Tenerowicz family
R/B Gertrude Tenerowicz

SUNDAY – AUGUST 7

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7:00 a.m.: Joseph Bergeron *birthday remembrance*
R/B Marie Anne & Gary Forni

8:30 a.m. (Polish): Rita Jones
R/B Caroline & Joseph Bianca

10:30 a.m.: Barbara Osowski
R/B Kris, Jenica, Matt & Ethan

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 7/31

“Bud” Bannish R/B Eugene Laduzenski

LITURGICAL ROLES August 6 & 7

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

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
June Cloutier, Mary Corliss, *Joan Kennedy*

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Reader: Joanne Rollins

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Maria Misterka, Doug Rollins, *Peter Polak*

8:30 a.m. Reader: Krzysztof Jaworowski

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 a.m. Reader: Andrew Montanaro

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Diane Bedor, Greg Gawron, *Rebecca Wood*

Please call a replacement if you cannot be at Mass.

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July 31, 2016

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

-- Psalm 90:12



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading -- Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel -- Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859) August 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially this one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth." --Peter Scagnelli

Please pray for those intentions expressed in the Book of Intentions located in the back of the church, **also:** Kevin Haluch, Pauline Carmel, Jean Parker, Jeanne, 3 Barbaras, Pat G., Irena Urban, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Ayla, Kathy P., David Dolinski, Stanley Boguszewski, 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: Michael Misterka and Christopher Hartman father-in-law of Jennifer (Saidak) Hartman and **John Babinski** (brother of Charles)

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR AUGUST

- 1) **There will be NO Mass on Friday**
Deacon Charlie will have a Communion Service at the usual 12:10 pm.
- 2) **The Parish Office** will be closed on all the Fridays of August. Please plan accordingly.
- 3) **The Saturday, 4 pm Mass** will be celebrated in the **air-conditioned hall**. Please use the rear ramp entrance.

2017 MASS BOOK AND MEMORIAL CANDLE

The Mass Book for 2017 is now open to reserve Masses as well as the weekly Memorial Candle during regular office hours. The Mass stipend will remain at \$10 per Mass and the suggested Candle donation is also \$10. The gift of a Mass provides a special way to honor and pray for those who have died or for special events in the life of the living, ie. 25th or 50th anniversaries. It can't be emphasized enough that **if you wish a specific day that you reserve it as soon as possible** as everything is done on a "first come, first served" basis. There are NO Sunday 8:30 Masses available for 2017.

There are still a few Memorial Candle weeks available in November 2016 and one Mass on Sept. 18 at 7 am.

THE HOLY TRINITY TREE OF LIFE

You may memorialize with an **engraved leaf** those who are dear to you or various happy occasions in life for a donation of \$250 or more. This leaf will be placed on the **Tree of Life** that is located on the wall on the right hand side of our church near the Sacred Heart Altar. Please call the parish office for details.

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's Gospel, Luke 12: **"Thus it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."** When society condones the taking of life are we not storing treasures for ourselves?

MONTHLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Each month we receive calendars from the Prayer Helpers of the Precious Blood with a daily prayer intention for our clergy. Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others or check the calendar on the bulletin board.

August 1 All Redemptorists; **2** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; **3** Rev. William Cyr; **4** All Parish Priests; **5** Rev. Jose Bermudez; **6** Rev. Thomas Champigny; **7** Rev. Frank Lawlor.

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. Fr. René personally checks this box weekly.

ST. TERESA BOOKS—HOLY TRINITY LIBRARY

Most of us know at least a little about Mother Teresa. With her canonization date fast approaching on September 4, now is a good time to become more familiar with this little woman and great saint of our time. Our parish library boasts five volumes to help you come to know her better and to immerse yourself in her teachings. One is a volume of photographs illustrating her life and the other four relate some aspect of her life or writings and the lessons we can draw from them. All are displayed on top of the library bookcase in the back of church. Just write your choice in the black notebook, following the directions that are displayed.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: On **Thursday, August 4th**, the Feast of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests, there will be a **Holy Hour for Vocations at Mary, Mother of Hope Church, 840 Page Blvd., Springfield, at 7pm.** The celebrant will be Fr. Matthew Alcombright and the homilist will be Deacon Normand Grondin, Permanent Deacon at St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow. Please join us for this hour of prayer as we pray for an increase in vocations in our Church.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC REGISTER ARTICLE

If anyone thinks that religious freedom is not under assault in our world today, or that our concerns are a bit overwrought, I would remind you of the ongoing genocide against Christians in the Middle East. We have seen on our evening news programs images of Christians beheaded, crucified or burned alive in cages simply because they professed what Peter professed in the Gospel: that Jesus is the "Christ of God." Read more: www.ncregister.com/daily-news/archbishop-wenski-right-to-religious-freedom-has-foundation-in-dignity-of-t/#ixzz4CmFTTW8d



Weekly Collections

July 23 & 24, 2016

Weekly: 163 envelopes returned \$ 4,283.00

Loose: \$ 170.05

Total Offertory: \$ 4,453.05

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

Improvement Fund: 6 envelopes \$ 70.00

Fuel Fund: 15 envelopes \$ 232.00

Boiler Fund: 24 envelopes \$ 245.00

Cent. & East. European church: 2 env. \$ 3.00

Second collection next week will be for the Boiler Fund.

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, have mercy on us in our need.

THE ANNUAL BAVARIANFEST

Our Lady of the Lake Church, 224 Sheep Pasture Rd, Southwick-Sunday, August 21 from 12:30-4:30 PM: Our annual taste of Germany; it is a delightful event for all ages; Kastle Korner for kids, crafts and games. Bavarian and conventional foods and drink are available. Donations are \$2 per person, children to age 17 free, food and beverages sold separately. **Raffle tickets are available by calling 569-0161 or email to: Ollake7@aol.com First prize \$500; second prize \$150; third prize \$50, and gas card. The cost of raffle tickets are: \$4 per ticket or 3 for \$10. The Raffle drawing will be on August 21; you need not be present to win.**

CATHOLIC YOUTH & FAMILY DAY AUG. 16

A Catholic Youth and Family Day will be held on **Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Six Flags New England. Tickets are \$42.24 per person** and include entry into an early morning Mass celebrated by Bishop Mitchell Rozanski; free parking, all-day admission to Six Flags and Hurricane Harbor; and an all-you-can-eat buffet. Tickets can be purchased online at sixflags.com/newengland, enter code Catholicday16. Alternative pricing can be found online for season ticket holders, as well as ticket only options. For more information, call Joanne McCormick at 413.786.9300, Ext. 3524.

DIOCESAN-WIDE PILGRIMAGE DAY SEPT. 10

Bishop Mitchell Rozanski invites all members of the Catholic community to a local Pilgrimage Day marking the Jubilee Year of Mercy. This very special & **FREE event** will take place **Saturday September 10 at 10 a.m. on the scenic grounds of Camp Holy Cross in Goshen.** The day will feature many spiritual activities including talks, Reconciliation, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a celebratory concluding Mass with Bishop, as well as time to just enjoy the beautiful grounds. Children and young adults are most welcome and, weather permitting, swimming and boating activities will be available on the lake. **Don't miss out of this great faith filled opportunity!** **Again this day is free!** Bring a picnic lunch or hamburgers and hot-dogs will be available at a nominal charge. To help organizers plan, those attending are asked to fill out a simple registration form. You can register and learn more about this day at www.diospringfield.org or call 452-0559 and leave your name, phone number and number of adults and children who will attend. Brochures are also available at the entrances of the church. Don't miss out on this diocesan wide celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy – **September 10th at Camp Holy Cross.** Join us!

Q 99.7 There's a great Christian Radio Station in our area. Check it out on your FM dial. Listen to God's message of hope, love, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. The Q 99.7 on your radio.

100 GRANDPARENTS NEEDED:: Tuesday, Aug. 2 at 11 am at St. Peter & St. Casimir Parish. Sign up your GRANDCHILDREN for prayers. Don't let your loved ones be left out. All grandparents are worried about the many evils that our children are facing today. **LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT ! Join us and counter-act these present evils with prayer.** What better gift can you give them? **Everyone of you counts, bring your friends.** Lunch following at the Westwood restaurant. For information or a ride call Alicia B. at 568-0123. Sponsored by The Catholic Grandparents Association.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England will be Sept. 17-18 and Oct. 21-23. For more information, contact Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-WWME or visit www.wwme.org

Landmark at Monastery Heights, West Springfield, will be hosting a **Blood Drive** with Baystate Health Blood Donor Program on **Monday, August 8th from 3-7 pm.** Each eligible donor will receive a FREE Big E Ticket. Sign up today with Michelle 781-1282, ext. 116. Walk-ins are always welcome!

DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELP

A number of parishes in the Springfield Diocese are looking for a qualified person to coordinate their Religious Education Programs. The ideal candidate would be: a committed Catholic; with training in education and/or theology; have experience in a parish catechetical program; be willing to participate in diocesan lay ministry training. Mostly these positions are part-time requiring 20-25 hours a week. Salary and benefits are commensurate with education and experience. For info and a job description please contact: Sr. Paula Robillard, SSJ, P.O. Box 1730, Springfield MA 01102-1730 or call 452-0841.

POLICY FOR SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

When you've been asked to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you are required to obtain a sponsor certificate. Sponsor Certificates are issued to any **PRACTICING** member of Holy Trinity Church who has attained the minimum age of 16 yrs. and has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

You must be a REGISTERED AND PRACTICING member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months.

Sponsor Certificates are not issued simply because you have received your sacraments here many years ago or because you attended Holy Trinity School in the past. Sponsor Certificates verify where you **now attend Mass and that you belong to a parish.** Therefore, if you are not registered in Holy Trinity Parish, you must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from a priest where you **currently attend Mass** and are registered.

HELP NEEDED!!!

We need new workers to help make our Parish events successful. The attitude of "someone else will do it" doesn't get the job done. YOU are that SOMEONE.

Please call the office and volunteer.

HELP NEEDED TO SELL FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS AT WEEKEND MASSES

Please call Diane Zanolli at 562-0046 or the parish office if you can sell tickets before and after weekend Masses this summer. Even if you can only do it once in awhile it would be appreciated.

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 18

Be sure to put this date on your calendar. It's not that far away. **NEW ITEMS for prizes are needed. Volunteers are needed. Pierogi will be made on Saturday, Aug. 13 & 27: 9 am to 1 pm.** Many hands make light work and in some cases, whether or not some things get done at all. **JOIN IN!!!** This is our biggest parish fundraiser and therefore needs the most people to help. Please call the office.

NEW COMMITTEE NEEDED for the TAG SALE

Our Tag Sale has grown over the last few years and has become more work than just a few people can do. Irene Macutkiewicz is retiring and Frank Gaulin can't do it alone. If we are going to hold this great fundraiser of \$3,500 again, we need a committee to take it over. We will not be able to accept donations until this committee takes charge. **So please do not drop off items now!**

WEEDERS NEEDED FOR OUR SHRINE

If you have a few minutes to spare please come and pull weeds. You can make this a time to meditate or pray as you help keep the shrine neat and weed-free. The Biegalskis and friends did the planting but this shrine belongs to the whole parish to enjoy.

TEACHERS-RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2016-2017

We would like to bring the high school back here but this is only possible if we have more teachers. If anyone is interested in teaching or co-teaching please call the office or see Fr. René, Deacon Charlie or Sharon Czarnecki. We will be sending out a mailing soon and hope you will register your child early so we have some class sizes available for planning our needs. Part of keeping a parish viable and active is keeping our youth involved. Please bring your children to classes so they will know our faith.

NOTHING BETTER

Nothing . . . is sweeter than love; nothing higher, nothing stronger, nothing larger, nothing fuller, nothing better, in heaven or on earth.--*Thomas à Kempis*

Important information Chalice of Salvation viewers!

Conflicts with the Olympic schedule mean that the **Chalice of Salvation** will air at an earlier hour for the first three Sundays of August. On **Aug. 7, 14 and 21, Chalice will be broadcast at 6:30 am** on WWLP-22 NEWS. We ask that you share this information with viewers.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

*In memory of **Ken Slipkowski** from Deb Puza Elliott*

*In memory of **Marion Jonaitis** from Daniel & Claire Osowski and Frances & Jennifer Houser.*

*In memory of **John "Jiggs" Morrissey** from Fran & Phil Zampini, Linda & Robert DiLegge, Patty & Herbert McGovern, Linda & Dan Ciejek, Terri & Cory DeGray, Wade & Diane Brunelle, the Mackler/Newman family and the Sisters of the Cross & Passion.*

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY GIVING

Thank you to those who continue to financially support our Parish. Your consistent generosity has helped us pay our bills. Although, with summertime here, we see a marked decrease in the weekly "Offertory Collection" due to parishioners traveling or away on vacation. If you are going to be away, please help us meet our regular weekly operational expenses by sending in your Offertory before or after your vacation. Thank you. It is very much appreciated. *Fr. René*

We wish the following members of our parish family a very **Blessed and Happy Birthday. Sto Lat!** Birthdays for the week of **8/1 to 8/7** are: Janet Andwood, Evelina Bianca, Catherine Chapman, Michael Cullinan, Henry Czeremcha, Samantha Downs, Thomas Galanis, Lawrence Hansen, Stephen Hartman, *Zachary Janisieski*, Gina Kimball, William Korzeniowski, Susan Kusnierz, *Monica Kuzmicki*, Brandon Miemiec, Paul Montanaro, Sally Oleksak, Stephen Oleksak, Christine Pierce, Andrea Przybyła, Wilma Stucenski, Maryanne Tanski, Donna Wengert, *Genevieve Yefko* and Dylan Zaleski.

HOLY TRINITY 200 CLUB

To be part of this monthly fundraiser please fill in the coupon below & mail it with the payment choice to Holy Trinity Church, 335 Elm St., Westfield MA 01085 or put it in the collection basket marked "200 Club". The **cost is \$5 monthly or \$25** for the rest of the year. **Payment is due by August 21 for the August 28th drawing.** Checks should be made out to "Holy Trinity 200 Club".

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone # _____