

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

**Second Sunday
Of Advent**

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
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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 – DECEMBER 5

12:10 pm: Ken Slipkowski
R/B Florence Patla & family

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 6 St. Nicholas

12:10 pm: for all parishioners

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

12:10 pm: living & departed of the Bessette & Massey families
R/B a friend

7:00 pm Vigil: Bruno Smigiel
R/B Anne Zielinski & family

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(A holy day of obligation)

12:10 pm: Henry Osowski R/B his wife

7:00 pm: Joanna Sajewicz
R/B Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Sklarski

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 9

12:10 pm: Communion Service

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 10

4:00 pm Vigil: Mary Gasperini R/B MaryJane Stec

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 11

The Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 am: Lucena Forni R/B Gary & Marie Anne

8:30 am (Polish): Stanislaw & Maria Pluciennik
R/B son & family

10:30 am: Richard Puza

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



Kevin Haluch, Alfreda Korzenecki, Jackie Goddard, Stanley Boguszewski, Phyllis F. Stacia Williams, Lucille Gintowt, Donna Capell, 3 Barbaras, Toni Tanski, Todd Beccotte, 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.

If you or a loved one are in need of prayers, please call the office to be added to our prayer list or to be removed.

The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2016

The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea.

-- Isaiah 11:9



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

Psalm -- Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading -- Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel -- Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 12/4

Bill & Vicky Puza & family R/B children

December 7 & 8 Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, 7:00 pm Reader: Kathy Armstrong

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Peter & Vicky Polak, *Jane Wood*

Thursday, 12:10 pm Reader: Gary Forni

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Mary Corliss, Marie Anne Forni, *June Cloutier*

7:00 pm Reader: Teresa Oleksak

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Betty & Larry Lafield, *Mike Haley*

December 10 & 11

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Reader: Larry Zabielski

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Mark Galica, Sandy Kielbasa, *Kathy Armstrong*

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Reader: Gary Forni

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Marie Anne Forni, Diane Vaschak, *Jane Wood*

8:30 a.m. Reader: Krzysztof Jaworowski

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 a.m. Reader: Teresa Oleksak

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Diane Brunelle, Sheila Tenero, *Dan Tenero*

Midnight Mass E.M. & New Years Eve 4pm and New Years Day 7 am Readers & E.M.s needed.

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR INCREASED GIVING PROGRAM is very important to our financial stability. It is also important to show our gratitude to God for our many gifts by responding to the needs of our parish. If you received a response envelope and have not yet returned it, please do so at the first opportunity. It is important that you respond using the special envelope so we may properly acknowledge your response.

We would like to thank those families who have responded by requesting contribution envelopes or increasing their weekly donation. May God bless your generosity!

ROSARY SOCIETY TO MEET SUNDAY, DEC. 4

The Rosary Society will meet at 1:30 in the church to pray the rosary and at 2 pm in the cafeteria for a business meeting. Plans for the Christmas party will be finalized and tickets can be purchased. Results of the Holiday Bazaar will be reported. See you there!

THE CHRISTMAS WAFER "OPLATEK"

Oplatek is available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office for \$2 per package.

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.

Weekly Collections

November 19 & 20, 2016

Weekly: 217 envelopes returned	\$ 4,510.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 202.58</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,712.58
<i>(Weekly Offertory necessary to meet budget: \$5,000.00)</i>	
Improvement Fund: 7 envelopes	\$ 37.00
Fuel Fund: 45 envelopes	\$ 723.00
Boiler Fund: 17 envelopes	\$ 191.00
Camp. Human Dev.: 22 envelopes	\$ 274.00
Christmas Flowers: 2 envelopes	\$ 65.00
Miscellaneous: 2 envelopes	\$ 25.00

November 26 & 27, 2016

Weekly: 198 envelopes returned	\$ 3,643.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 218.75</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,861.75
<i>(Weekly Offertory necessary to meet budget: \$5,000.00)</i>	
Improvement Fund: 14 envelopes	\$ 196.00
Fuel Fund: 20 envelopes	\$ 341.00
Boiler Fund: 77 envelopes	\$ 849.00
Loose:	\$ 185.40
Camp. Human Dev.: 6 envelopes	\$ 57.00
Christmas Flowers: 25 envelopes	\$ 378.00
Miscellaneous: 5 envelopes	\$ 71.00

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 6:30 PM

Parishioners are welcome to attend.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: St. Mary's Parish in Westfield will be having a Communal Reconciliation Service on **Tuesday, December 13th** in the upstairs Church starting at 7 pm with Frs. Frank, Ryan and guest priests. Fr. Piotr 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.

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.**

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.

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

Improvement Fund: *In memory of John Zarkowski and William Oleksak from Cory & Theresa DeGray*

Boiler Fund: *In memory of Gunter Beijer from Alicja Zelazko and Tom & Joan Kennedy*

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's 1st Reading, Isaiah 11: "...a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse and from his roots a bud shall blossom." Unnatural interruptions in generations disturbs the intended purpose of each life. Consider 50 million + abortions in the U.S. alone since Roe v Wade.

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

Birthdays for the week of **12/5 to 12/11** are: Daniel Ciejek, Peter Cloutier, Kelly Galanis, Lucille Gintowt, Aneta Guzik, Shelley & Zachary Kusnierz, Anthony Nomakeo, Laraine Percoski, Vicky Polak, *Greg Penny*, John Prystowski and *Phyllis Stanisewski*.

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 or Don Wielgus at 568-7767, email: herbie_myrna@comcast.net.

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

Meet St. Nick and make out your Christmas Wish List for your family on **Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 11 am** at **St. Peter & St. Casimir Church** located at 22 State St. Place your Christmas Family Wish List on our "**Grandparent's Christmas Wish Tree.**" Join us in beginning a 20 day prayer count down in anticipation of Baby Jesus’ birth on Christmas Day. **We pray and thank God for all our children and lift up any problems that they need help with including all drug and alcohol addictions, a cure for cancer, and peace in our families, country, and the world.** Please bring a favorite potluck dish to share at our Advent lunch and meeting following our prayer time. For information call Alicia B. at 568-0123.

ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

Bishop Rozanski cordially invites the people of Holy Trinity to join him and the **Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults for the 16th Annual Candlelight Festival of Lessons & Carols on December 10th at 7:30 pm in St. Michael's Cathedral.** This traditional service dates from the 19th century. Highlights will include: Thompson's Alleluia, Handel's 'For Unto Us a Child Is Born', and the Carol of the Bells. The 50+ voiced Cathedral Choir will be accompanied by strings and the great cathedral organ. Admission is free and open to all. For more information contact the Office of Worship at 452-0839 or worship@diospringfield.org

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.

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

Office of the Bishop
76 Elliot St. – P. O. Box 1730
Springfield, Massachusetts 01102-1730

December 2016

Dear Parishioner,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, I cannot help but recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God’s mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support; I ask you simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

In Christ,
Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield

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.

LAST CHANCE, DEC. 5th—2016 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

If you use gift cards for Holiday, Anniversary, Birthday or Charity giving please buy them from our parish fundraiser. They can also be used for personal shopping and dining or when shopping on-line so you don't have to use your credit card. Pick up a form in church or at the Parish Office during business hours. Orders will be placed Dec. 5. These will be here on time for Christmas giving. The % to Holy Trinity is what the parish earns from the sale, yet it does not cost you anything additional. Payment **must** accompany the order form. Any questions, please contact Alicia Haluch at email: aliciawh@comcast.net or phone 568-9768 or call the office at 568-1506.

The first order in November realized proceeds of \$991.43 from 49 orders! Thank you very much!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class is **Sunday, Dec. 4 at 6 pm with Mass at 6:30.**

All are welcome to this Mass.

Please have your child there on time.

MOVIE: THE SANTA CLAUS

FRI. DEC. 9 Kids Night In - Parent's Night Out

Friday, December 9th at 5:30 pm, *The Santa Claus* will be showing in the parish center gymnasium. A great opportunity for a parent's night out to get some Christmas shopping done or have a peaceful night to yourself. Drop off kids (age 5 and up) for a fun night of crafts, snacks, pizza, and a movie. Or bring the kids (all ages) and stay to enjoy the fun yourself. The movie will begin around 6:30 for those interested in just movie and pizza. We will be playing and doing crafts for the first hour of the night. Hope to see you there.

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"

Our "Giving Tree" will be set up at the side altar soon. The recipient will be **the Soldier's Home** in Holyoke. Paper ornaments on the tree will 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 week day mornings or the office during office hours. Any questions, please call the Parish Office during business hours at 568-1506. Thank you 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

Genesis Spiritual Life Center, Mill St., Westfield hosts many events. Phone: 413-562-3627 or online GenesisSpiritualCenter.org for information.

THANK YOU TO BAZAAR SUPPORTERS

The Rosary Society would like to thank all who donated items and baked goods as well as those who worked at the Holiday Bazaar. Thank you also to those who came, shopped and had lunch, supporting both the vendors and our society. Thank you especially to Mary Jane Smith, Diane Bedor and Sandy Dawicki for organizing the event. The Rosary Society raises funds to assist our parish with flowers for the shrine and church, communion supplies, shut in gifts and fuel expenses.

We will be delivering **GOODIE-BAGS to the Shut-ins** at Christmas and Easter. If you know of someone who should be on the list please notify the office or Maureen Nomakeo at 297-5423. Donations greatly appreciated.

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.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **Dec. 4** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI; **5** Rev. J. Lessard-Thibodeau; **6** Rev. Allen Alexander, MIC; **7** Rev. Jeffrey Ballou; **8** All Marian Faythers of the Immaculate Conception; **9** Rev. Chris Fedoryshyn; **10** Rev. Frank Lawlor; **11** Rev. Robert Gentile.

HOLY TRINITY 200 CLUB WINNERS

- 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". The **cost is \$5 a month. Payment must be in by Dec. 15 for the Dec. 18th drawing.** Make checks to "*Holy Trinity 200 Club*".

See the insert page for 2017 membership.