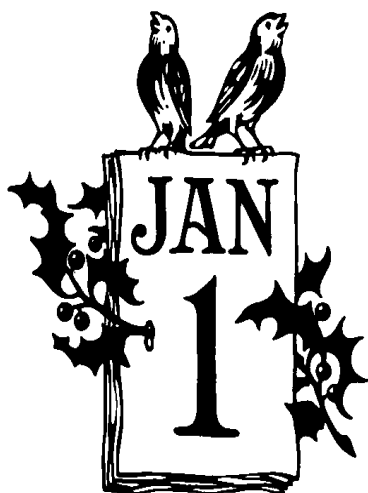


Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

The Solemnity of Mary

*The Holy Mother
of God*



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

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Finance Council Chairperson: Wade Brunelle

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 – JANUARY 2 *Sts. Basil & Gregory*

12:10 pm: Joanna Sajewicz
R/B Thomas Nowak

TUESDAY – JANUARY 3

12:10 pm: Bronisław Smigiel
R/B Mary Philips & family

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:10 pm: for all parishioners
R/B M

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – JANUARY 5 *St. John Neumann*

12:10 pm: living & departed of the Besette & Massey families
R/B Marie Anne Forni

FRIDAY – JANUARY 6 *St. André Bessette*

12:10 pm: Communion Service

SATURDAY – JANUARY 7 *St. Raymond*

4:00 pm Vigil: Anthony Organek *14th anniversary*
R/B Joe & Sue Jaczyk

SUNDAY – JANUARY 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am: John Ingemi
R/B Peter Danek

8:30 am (Polish): Adela & Franciszek Sobolewski
R/B córka Krystyna

10:30 am: John Morrissey *6 month anniversary*
R/B Dianne Magdycz

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 1/1

Theodore Rosiensi *birthday remembrance*
R/B wife Barbara and family

January 7 & 8

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Sandy Kielbasa

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Mark Galica, Mike Haley, *Kathy Armstrong*

7:00 am Reader: Joanne Rollins

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Joe & Diane Vaschak, *Doug Rollins*

8:30 am Reader: Wanda Pluciennik

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanisław Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Nick Rossi

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Melanie Cannata, Brenda Gawron, *Debbie Dion*

**The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God
January 1, 2017**



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.
Lk 1:46

First Reading: “The Lord bless you and keep you.”
(Numbers 6:22-27)

Psalm: “May God bless us in His Mercy.” (Psalm 67)

Second Reading: We too are the sons and daughters of God. (Gal 4:4-7)

Gospel: Mary reflected on all these things in her heart. (Luke 2:16-21)

BLESSING OF OUR HOMES for 2017

All: make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: “Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Head of Household: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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, Frank, Todd Becotte, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, 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: Janet Bergeron (*sister-in-law of Marie Anne Forni*)

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

SEE THE USHER FOR OFFERTORY GIFTS

If the intention for a weekend Mass is requested by you or is for a family member or loved one please **see the usher before Mass** if you would like to bring up the gifts at the Offertory. Usually two persons do this together.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED WITH OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

A big "Thank You" to all who cleaned, set-up, decorated, choirs and servers at our Christmas liturgies. Thank you to those who participated in the Christmas Pageant before the 4 pm Vigil Mass. Thank you to all who donated towards our Christmas flowers. The memorial intentions are on the altar Christmas through the Epiphany.

Each one of you is a gift to our parish all year long!

Dear Parishioners,

I extend a sincere "Thank You" to everyone who sent Christmas cards, gifts and goodies. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

May God bless you with health and happiness in this New Year!

**Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. René**

TIM O'KEEFE of *The Fullness of Truth Apostolate* presents 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, Jan. 5.** Come learn more about our Catholic faith. All are welcome.

GRADE 3 DONATES TO FOOD FOR THE POOR

Congratulations and a big thank you to Evalina Bianca, Andrew Galczynski, Gianna Masciadrelli, Adam Rokicki and their teacher Marie Anne Forni of our Religious Education program for collecting \$64.53 to send to Food For The Poor. This amount will feed a child for one and a half years. Mrs. Forni is very proud of her students and their efforts to give a gift to needy children this Christmas.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Let us all strive to be more kind, more prayerful, and more attentive to the needs of our family and our community.

2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

Contributions received after Jan. 1, 2017 cannot be back-dated to 2016. When requesting the 2016 Yearly Contribution Report please include a **Business-size Stamped Self-addressed Envelope and the following form filled out completely.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope # _____ Tel.: _____

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY JAN. 2

Happy New Year to all!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE

A Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of February is on sale for **\$5 a chance at weekend Masses** and at the parish office during business hours. This will offer the opportunity to win a cash prize each day during the month of February. You can win more than once since all tickets sold are in the drawing each day. Take extra tickets to sell to your friends and family.

DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR ELMS COLLEGE

A collection will be taken up next weekend for the College of Our Lady of the Elms which has been the Catholic college of the Diocese for more than 85 years and has remained faithful to its mission to provide a college education rooted in faith. We urge you to be as generous as possible, as this collection will go directly to the Founder's Fund for Excellence, which supports student scholarships. There is an envelope in your packet or you may use a plain one with Elms written on it. For more info call 265-2214 or log onto www.elms.edu

BLESSING WITH CHALK AND INCENSE

Placed by the manger in our church these symbols are used in a traditional method for blessing homes. The chalk is used to mark **20+C+M+B+17** over the doorway. The numerals consecrate the new year. The initials remind us of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior & Balthasar and also stand for the Latin motto "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("May Christ bless this house!") The Polish use a K for Kaspar. While using the chalk to write the above inscription it is customary to say a prayer and burn the incense.

(See previous page for the prayer.)



Weekly Collections

December 17 & 18, 2016

Weekly: 169 envelopes returned	\$4,273.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 301.00</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,574.00

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

Improvement Fund: 11 envelopes	\$ 274.00
Fuel Fund: 44 envelopes	\$ 730.00
Boiler Fund: 14 envelopes	\$ 287.00
Retired Religious: 6 envelopes	\$ 110.00
Christmas Flowers: 15 envelopes	\$ 213.00
Immac. Conception: 6 envelopes	\$ 129.00
Christmas: 4 envelopes	\$ 40.00
Miscellaneous: 3 envelopes	\$ 105.00

Since the bulletin had to go to the printer on Dec. 22, the results for Christmas will be reported next week.

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's Gospel, Luke 2: "...they made known the message that had been told them about this child."

Make it known that at all stages of life we are children of God; made in His image and likeness.

CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS to Make a New Year's Resolution to Come and Pray Together For All Our Grandchildren in 2017 starting on Tuesday, January 3 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter and St. Casimir's Church, 22 State St. After our prayers the topic "Who am I to Judge?", which covers how grandparents can respond when discussing moral and faith issues with family and friends, will be highlighted. **REMEMBER that Group prayer is very powerful with God.** Grandparents were never as important to the family, church, and society as they are today. For more information call: Alicia Belanger at 568-0123.

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

2017 CALENDARS DONATED by FIRTION ADAMS FUNERAL SERVICE

We would like to thank Firtion Adams Funeral Service for their donation of 2017 calendars with quotations of Pope Francis available in English and beautiful art available in Polish. You can find them at the entrances of the church. Take one home.

ST. MARY PARISH MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

We gather every Tuesday morning at 6:30 am in the Lower Church for prayer and fellowship. Any adult man interested in joining us is welcome.

Anxious Parents & Family Members Support Group Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Every 2nd & 4th Monday at **7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** A confidential and free support group for those who are living with drugs in the family. The group 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. **Pre-registration is required by calling 413-827-4218.**

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **Jan. 2** Rev. Christopher Waitekus; **3** Rev. Robert White, CSS; **4** Rev. Eugene Plasse; **5** Bishop Emeritus Timothy McDonnell; **6** Rev. Donald Noiseux; **7** Rev. Timothy Murphy; **8** Rev. William Murphy.

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

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP on JAN 14, 10am This is at the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on Holyoke Rd., Westfield, on Saturday, January 14 at 10am sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #100. All youth are welcome if they have not competed yet this season. See the flyer on our bulletin board.

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.

"One Christian Faith: Many Branches"

Presented by: Dr. Joan Kelly at **St. Mary Parish, Longmeadow. Saturday, January 14, 11 am – 1 pm**

Donation: \$10 per person. *A light lunch will be provided.*

RSVP by Wednesday, Jan 11th to: Ellen McKenna mckenna@comcast.net or call 413-567-1119. Sponsored by Topics of Faith Committee. Dr. Kelly will explore the people, places and events of this era (16th century) which led to the tragic division and splintering of Christianity into many and varied denominations.

THANK YOU TO OUR BULLETIN ADVERTIZERS

We are very pleased with the wonderful response to our advertising page. Please patronize these advertisers and let them know where you saw their name. Their ads make our bulletin possible.

RESPECT FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Respect for the Blessed Sacrament in Catholic churches is shown by genuflecting (kneeling) upon entering and leaving the church and when passing in front of the tabernacle. Please advise your children & grandchildren about these customs and the reason for them. If because of physical limitations you cannot kneel, a respectful bow is permitted. **Also, chewing gum, food and/or drinks should not be brought into the church.**

ALTAR SERVER'S BREAKFAST on JANUARY 14

The Knights of Columbus Council #100 invite all altar servers and their families to their annual pancake & sausage breakfast at the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on Holyoke Rd., Westfield, on Saturday, January 14 at 8:30 am. Please call the Holy Trinity Office by 2 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 3rd if you are attending.

LIFELINE SCREENINGS a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, offers a preventive health event at **Holy Trinity Church on 1/18/2017**. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemember**

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES are at the church entrances. **Due to a limited supply, please take a box only if you plan to use them regularly.** Put your child's name on the first envelope you use, then that number will be recorded in their name. Tax benefits apply to these identifiable donations. **If you are not currently receiving adult envelopes and would like to, please call the Parish Office during business hours or drop a note into the collection basket with your name and address. Thank you!**

PLEASE DON'T PASS ON YOUR COLD!

We share a lot of things as part of a Catholic parish family, but one thing we don't want to pass on is a cold. Eucharistic Ministers are taught to wipe the chalice with a clean part of the purificator. Still, if you have a cold or do not feel well, please refrain from receiving from the chalice. It is not required to partake of both species (bread & wine), either contains the fullness of Jesus' presence. If you are not receiving from the chalice it is customary to make a bow when you pass by as a sign of respect. Also, during winter months, some people choose to make the sign of peace through a wave or a bow rather than shaking hands. It is sometimes awkward to adjust but a courteous wave back is a friendly response.

*Lord, raise up in Your Church more leaders
after your own Heart, to guide us with
courage and wisdom.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next class will be Jan. 12, 6 to 7:30 pm (an extended class). Please have your child there on time.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER RESULTS

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's HTC Gift Card Fundraiser, either by buying gift cards or getting orders from family, friends and co-workers which really helped make this 2016 Gift Card fundraiser a huge success! **\$2,300.80** was raised.

There is a lot of competition now from area schools, churches, organizations and sports teams so **Thank you all for supporting Holy Trinity Church's fundraiser.**

This was my fourth year doing this fundraiser and you made this year the most successful! The amount raised will help keep the Church, Parish Center and Rectory warm this winter. Thank you again for all your help.

God Bless You and Happy New Year!

Alicia Haluch

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

Birthdays for the week of 1/2 to 1/8 are: Charles Babinski, Virginia Brouillette, Linda Ciejek, Bradon Czarnecki, Jessica Dion, Ronald Ferron, Evelyn Langtange, Kurt LaRoche, Joshua Lesko, Tyler Monczka, Jane Okscin, Andrew Oleksak, Teresa Oleksak, Erin Prysztowski, Antoni Sadkowski, Alina Slowik and Russell Tvrдик.



HOLY TRINITY 200 CLUB WINNERS

- 1st \$200 #259 Dave & Jackie Zering
- 2nd \$100 #218 Jennifer Johnston
- 3rd \$75 #235 Joseph Vaschak
- 4th \$75 #197 Christine Sadowski
- 5th \$75 #222 Thomas Kennedy

Thank you to Joanne Rollins and all participants of this fundraiser for supporting our parish. The 4th Quarter proceeds are \$1780.01.

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". **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: _____