

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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Parish Council Chairperson: Deborah Dion



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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 – JANUARY 9

The Baptism of the Lord

12:10 pm: Joanna Sajewicz
R/B the Brancewicz family

TUESDAY – JANUARY 10

12:10 pm: for all parishioners

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 11

12:10 pm: the souls in purgatory
R/B Marie Anne Forni

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – JANUARY 12

12:10 pm: the souls in purgatory
R/B the Onik family

FRIDAY – JANUARY 13

12:10 pm: Communion Service

SATURDAY – JANUARY 14

4:00 pm Vigil: Stacia & Ernie Brunelle
R/B Cindy Sklarski

SUNDAY – JANUARY 15

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am: Intention of Fr. René in honor of his
40 years in the priesthood R/B Peter Danek

8:30 am (Polish): Elzbieta & Jerzy Grabowiec
R/B od brata z rodziną

10:30 am: Joseph Kielbasa *12th anniversary*
R/B wife Jane & family

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 1/8

Anthony Organek R/B Joe & Sue Jaczyk

LITURGICAL ROLES

January 14 & 15

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Kathy Armstrong

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

June Cloutier, Maureen Nomakeo, *Michael Haley*

7:00 am Reader: Larry Lafield

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Peter & Vicky Polak, *Betty Lafield*

8:30 am Reader: Jolanta Sadkowski

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Stanisław Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Teresa Oleksak

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Diane Bedor, Diane Brunelle, *Greg Gawron*



**The Epiphany of the Lord
January 8, 2017**

We saw his star at it's rising and
have come to do him homage.

Matthew 2:2

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The glory of the Lord shines on all people.
(Isaiah 60: 1-6)

Psalm: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."
(Psalm 72)

Second Reading: God's secret plan is revealed. *(Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6)*

Gospel: They presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *(Matthew 2:1-12)*

THE GIFTS OF THE THREE WISE MEN

Since the early days of Christianity, Biblical scholars and theologians have offered varying interpretations of the meaning and significance of the gold, frankincense and myrrh that were presented to Jesus, according to the Gospel of Matthew (2:11). These valuable items were standard gifts to honor a king or deity in the ancient world: gold as a precious metal, frankincense as perfume or incense, and myrrh as anointing oil. In fact, these same three items were apparently among the gifts, recorded in ancient inscriptions, that King Seleucus II Callinicus offered to the god Apollo at the temple in Miletus in 243 B.C.E. The Book of Isaiah, when describing Jerusalem's glorious restoration, tells of nations and kings who will come and "bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord" (Isaiah 60:6). Although Matthew's gospel does not include the names or number of the magi, many believe that the number of the gifts is what led to the tradition of the Three Wise Men.



Please pray for those intentions expressed in the Book of Intentions

located in the back of the church, also: Kevin Haluch, 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, the souls in purgatory and the safety of all in this winter weather.

Rest In Peace: Stanley Boguszewski and John Urban

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THE ROSARY SOCIETY WILL MEET SUNDAY, JAN. 8 at 1:30 pm in church to pray the rosary and 2 pm in the cafeteria for a business meeting. All women of the parish are welcome to join.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET MONDAY, JAN. 9 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center meeting room. All parishioners are welcome.

THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY WILL MEET WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11 at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria. All men of the parish are welcome to join.

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.

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. 19.** Come learn more about our Catholic faith. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

Boiler Fund: *In memory of Stanley Boguszewski from Barbara Page, Jeff & Diane Page, the Dion family, Nick & Frannie Roselli, MaryJane Stec, Rosemary Banach, Bill & Kathy Armstrong, Wade & Diane Brunelle, Frank & Sandy Dawicki, Ron & Sophie Ferron, Denise M. Drapeau and Joel & Sharon Whalen.*

In memory of John Urban from MaryJane Stec.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

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.: _____

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.

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*



Weekly Collections

December 24 & 25, 2016

Weekly: 55 envelopes	\$ 4,919.00
Christmas: 194 envelopes	\$ 5,094.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 1,379.60</u>
Total Offertory:	\$11,392.60

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

Improvement Fund: 7 envelopes	\$ 85.00
Fuel Fund: 22 envelopes	\$ 361.00
Boiler Fund: 60 envelopes	\$ 725.00
Loose:	\$ 490.17
Christmas Flowers: 3 envelopes	\$ 40.00
Solemnity of Mary: 4 envelopes	\$ 50.00
Miscellaneous: 3 envelopes	\$ 17.00

December 31, 2016 & January 1, 2017

Weekly: 135 envelopes	\$2,289.00
Solemnity of Mary: 105 envelopes	\$1,946.00
Loose:	<u>\$ 716.00</u>
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,951.00

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

Improvement Fund: 32 envelopes	\$ 309.00
Fuel Fund: 9 envelopes	\$ 66.00
Boiler Fund: 25 envelopes	\$ 219.00
Christmas: 21 envelopes	\$ 488.00
Elms College: 3 envelopes	\$ 20.00
Miscellaneous: 5 envelopes	\$ 45.00

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's Gospel, Matthew 2: "...they prostrated themselves and did him homage." Honor, given to an infant without any proof of its true identity.

VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN JANUARY 12

starting at **10 am, in the Holy Spirit Chapel at St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield**, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during which we will pray the mysteries of the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and then Benediction at 12 noon. There is a Mass at 12:10 pm. We must be the voices for the children in the womb.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat is an opportunity for any woman, man, couple, grandparent or sibling who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This powerful experience allows the soul to speak its sorrow, as participants enter the grieving process, identify effects the abortion had and release deep of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. **The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held on March 10-12.** If you or a friend are hurting from an abortion experience don't delay, take the first step toward healing. For more information or to register for a weekend call 413-452-0661. All calls are confidential. Or go to www.rachelsvineyard.org Future dates are July 7-9 and Nov. 3-5, 2017

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. 9** Rev. James Longe; **10** Rev. Christopher Maletesta; **11** Rev. Johnathan Reardon; **12** Rev. Charles Gonet; **13** Rev. Leo Hoar; **14** Rev. Timothy Campoli; **15** Rev. J. Lessard-Thibodeau.

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.

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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.**

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 front church entrance. **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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Holy Trinity Parish is totally dependent on the generous stewardship of its parishioners for support. The use of envelopes, regardless of the amount of the contribution, makes possible our many parish activities and services, as well as the maintenance and use of our buildings. Please write the amount of your gift on your offertory envelope. Your loose check will only be recorded in the parish data base if you are a registered parishioner. Thank you!

Gift Jesus with your presence at Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (corrected date)
Class will be Jan. 8, 6 to 7:30 pm (an extended class).

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 1/9 to 1/15

are: Larry Bannish, John Biegalski, Bonnie Boguszewski, *Andrew Bruno, Jerome Burke, Adam Grabowiec, Bogdan Halama, John Janik, Henryka & Zbigniew Jedziniak, Kazimierz Kozikowski, Christine Lusher, Matthew Meacham, Diane Miemiec, Michael Moore, Helen Niemiec, Gabriella Pichardo, Melissa Raymond, Bradley Rowbotham, Frances Sheaffer, Alvin Sugalski, Irene Urban, Emil Walczyk, Frances Walas and Maureen Wroblewski.*

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 \$1,780.01.

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 _____