

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

**The First Sunday
Of Lent**

PARISH OFFICE

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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 – MARCH 6

12:10 pm: Bronislaw Smigiel
R/B Irena Urwan

TUESDAY – MARCH 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

12:10 pm: for the souls in purgatory
R/B John & Czesława Biegalski

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 8 St. John of God

12:10 pm: for all parishioners
6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – MARCH 9 St. John of Rome

12:10 pm: for the souls in purgatory
R/B Mr. & Mrs. Therrien

FRIDAY – MARCH 10

12:10 pm: Communion Service
12:40 pm: English Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm: Polish Stations of the Cross (New time)

SATURDAY – MARCH 11

4:00 pm Vigil: Eugene Matusko
R/B daughter Sandy & Frank Dawicki

SUNDAY – MARCH 12

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am: Elaine Kelley
R/B Donnie & Joanne Osowski

8:30 am (Polish): Mariusz Ochocimski
R/B Auntie Krystyna

10:30 am: Casimir Goralczyk
R/B family

6:30 pm Rel. Ed. Mass: Greg Hart
R/B Deacon Charlie & Jeanne Wainwright

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



Frank, Phyllis F., Fr. Frank Lawlor, Matthew Demars & family, Donna Capell, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Larry, Carol Jeneral, Sandy, Edward Danek, Marie Anne, Marlene Bannish, Michael, Paul M., Lucille Gintowt, Kaylee Paulson, Joan & Tom K., Eli, all in hospitals, nursing homes, or home-bound, those with mental illness or addictions, the unemployed, homeless, our youth, our political leaders, all in the military, those who have fallen away from the faith, the souls in purgatory and for the safety of all in this winter weather.

Rest In Peace: Mary Ann (Nomakeo) Hastings, Kevin Haluch and Philip Masciadrelli -funeral Monday

**The First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017**

"The Lord, your God,
shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."
-- Matthew 4:10



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalms -- Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading -- Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel -- Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

CATHOLIC GENEROSITY

When questioned whether a diocese's budget should go to help people that are not part of the Church, the late Archbishop of Washington, James Hickey explained: **"We don't do this because they're Catholic. We do this because we're Catholic."**

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Something to think about as our diocese reaches out to help refugees settle in this area.

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 3-5

David Adasiewicz

R/B Mom, Paul, Steve, Cathie & Nina

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 11 & 12

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Larry Zabielski

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Sandy Kielbasa, Maureen Wroblewski, *Maureen Nomakeo*

Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Joseph Vaschak

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Marie Anne Forni, Diane Vaschak, *Joellyn Douthwright*

8:30 am Reader: Wanda Pluciennik

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Andrew Montanaro

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Diane Brunelle, Dan Tenero, *Sheila Tenero*

Please let the office know when you are NOT available during April, May & June. Also, volunteer for Holy Week. We need readers & E.M.s for 7 pm Holy Thurs., 3 pm Good Fri. & Easter Sat. 8 pm & Sun. all am.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING, SUN. MARCH 5

The Rosary Society will meet in church at 1:30 pm to pray the rosary and at 2 pm in the cafeteria for a business meeting. This is a very important meeting.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL WILL MEET on MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 6:30 pm in the Parish Center meeting room. Parishioners are welcome!

CONTACT PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Do you have a suggestion for our parish? A question? A concern? Contact a member of our Parish Council with any thought or idea so it can be addressed at the next meeting. They are: Deborah Dion, Dennis Hamel, Bożena & Kris Jaworowski, Sandra Kielbasa, Lucy Lewinski, Maureen Nomakeo, Steve Oleksak & Wanda Płuciennik.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. **Good Friday** is a day of **abstinence** from meat & also a day of **fast**, that is only *one full meal* is allowed. Two other meatless meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs, but together they may not equal another full meal.
2. The other **Fridays** of Lent are days of **abstinence** from meat.
3. The obligation to **abstain** from meat commences at fourteen (14) years of age.
4. The obligation to **fast** commences at eighteen (18) and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.

Although the faithful enjoy *freedom of conscience* to excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of *fast and abstinence*, the obligation to do penance is a serious one and they should substitute another form of penance. No Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season.

In light of the fact that this year St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday, Bishop Rozanski has decided to issue a dispensation from the Lenten practice of abstaining from eating meat for that Friday only to those Catholics wishing to mark this day honoring the patron saint of Ireland. Those wishing to avail themselves of this dispensation should seriously consider a substitute Lenten practice of sacrifice or charity.

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

"Five Minutes With the Word" donated by our parish and "The Little Black Book" donated by Miriam Najimi are available with daily Lenten meditations. Please take one home to use during this season of prayer and sacrifice.

RICE BOWL KITS are also available as a way of sharing with the poor and hungry during Lent. Some families eat simpler meals and put the savings in. Others donate each time they eat between meals. How can you share?

TIM O'KEEFE from 7 - 8:30 pm Thursday, March 16.

BRAIDED PASTRY FUNDRAISER

As a fundraising opportunity for the church we will be selling Kansas made braided pastries for the Easter season. There are many flavors including apple, cinnamon, and caramel rolls. Order forms can be found by the entrances to the church. **All order forms should be turned into the parish office no later than March 19th.** Pick up will be April 12th from 5pm-9pm. Just in time for Easter Sunday! We encourage everyone to participate and include your families and friends. Reference the order forms for further information and feel free to contact Jeanette with any questions at (413)532-7326. Leave a message, I will return you call.

JOIN US FOR A PARISH MISSION March 27 - 30

Fr. Thaddaeus Lancton, MIC will preach on Divine Mercy. Confession will be available in Polish & English.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ANNUAL BREAKFAST SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 7:30 TO 11:30 am

Come to the Parish Center cafeteria for a delicious breakfast prepared by the men of our Holy Name Society. Tickets are \$8; children 12 yrs & under are free. Tickets are available after Masses and in the office.



Weekly Collections

February 25 & 26, 2017

Weekly: 223 envelopes	\$4,375.00
Loose:	\$ 244.60
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,619.60

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

Improvement Fund: 13 envelopes	\$ 126.00
Fuel Fund: 21 envelopes	\$ 267.00
Boiler Fund: 89 envelopes	\$ 961.00
Loose:	\$ 179.00
Miscellaneous: 2 envelopes	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

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.: _____

The CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION
Come and learn about Spiritual Warfare and the Devil. We will also pray for our grandchildren and families. Group prayer is very powerful with God. We will meet on **Tuesday, March 7th at 11 am** at St. Peter and St. Casimir Church, 22 State St., Westfield. **Please come and join us!** A light lunch will be served. *Grandparents were never as important to the family, church, and society as they are today.* For more info call: Alicia B. at 568-0123.

VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN—MARCH 9

starting at 10 am, in the Holy Spirit Chapel at St. Michael's Cathedral, 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.

OPEN HOUSE AT MERCY ADULT DAY HEALTH

Come join us on **Thursday, March 16 from 5 –7 pm** as we “open our home” to the community for an evening of information, fun, and St. Patrick's Day celebration at **Mercy Adult Day Health, 24 Clifton St., Westfield.** Enjoy refreshments, raffle prizes, tours and information. Be our guest for an evening and learn what we have to offer to care for the elderly of the area. R.S.V.P. to Trina at 413-827-4279 or at Trina.Weiswasser@sphs.com

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **Mar. 6** Rev. Peter Gregory; **7** Rev. David Lord, MIC; **8** Rev. Dennis Bombadier; **9** Rev. Donald Calloway; **10** Rev. Brian McGrath; **11** Rev. Charles Kuzmeski; **12** Rev. Msgr. Christopher Connelly.

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

CITY-WIDE LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

This service will be held on **Sunday, March 26 at 6 pm** at **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church** on Holyoke Rd. Priests will be available for individual confession.

NOVENA TO ST. PEREGRINE

The Novena to St. Peregrine, patron of those with cancer and other serious diseases, is held every Monday at 5:30 pm at Mary Mother of Hope Church, 840 Page Blvd., Springfield.

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



Birthdays for the **week of 3/6 to 3/12** are:

Michael Altobelli, Joseph Bannish, Shaun Bush, Sandra Collier, *Theresa DeGray*, Joellyn Douthwright, Chase Finnie, Darren Galczynski, Nicki Haluch, Regina Konopko, Gary Lamy, Megan Miemiec, Maria Misterka, Jasmine Montanaro, Jeanette Peretti, David Renkowicz, Joanne Rollins, Kristine Smith *and* Jean Zaleski.

LENTEN SEMINAR: *The Gift of Being Yourself, The Sacred Call to Self-Discovery*

This Lenten program will be facilitated by Fr. Warren Savage and Mary Keator, Ph.D. at DeCicé Hall at the **Marian Center, 1365 Northampton St., Holyoke,** on **March 8, 15, 22 and 29** from 7 to 8:30 pm. Registration is \$50. Please see the bulletin board for details.

THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY

will be offered at **St. Peter and St. Casimir Parish Social Center** starting on **Tuesday, March 14th at 10 am or at 7:30 pm.** YOU can understand the bible! and it's for everyone. This 8-Week Bible Study was written by **Mart Hart** and is part of the revolutionary *Great Adventure Bible Timeline* learning system that hundreds of thousands of Catholic adults have used to learn the Bible. Sign up for the time that best fits your schedule and get to appreciate God's limitless love and mercy for you this Lent. For more information call Alicia B. at 568-0123.

ST. MARY CEMETERY, WESTFIELD AND ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY, WEST SPRINGFIELD

Christmas logs, winter decorations, artificial flowers and all remaining religious articles and other memorabilia must be removed from the cemetery by March 15. Benches, chairs, vigil lights, and other ornaments are prohibited. **No artificial flowers are allowed at any time in the cemetery.**

15th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:

On **Saturday, March 25th** the Diocese of Springfield will hold its **15th Catholic Men's Conference.** Bishop Rozanski invites all men from ages 16 and up to participate. It will be held at **Bellamy School in Chicopee.** Speakers include: Sam Todzia, Mario Enzler and Sean Forrest. Brochures are available at the doors of the church. For more information go to www.spfldmensconference.org. Also, check us out on Facebook: Diocese of Springfield Catholic Men's Conference. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: Saturday, April 22, Bellamy School, Chicopee.

More info to follow.

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's 1st Reading, Genesis 3: "...they realized they were naked, so they sewed fig leaves together and made loin clothes for themselves." We often hide our flaws and lack of compassion and charity by covering up.

GENESIS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Mill St., Westfield hosts many events. **Contact: 562-3627** or online GenesisSpiritualCenter.org for info.

There is also info in our book rack.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH SECRETARY

There will be an opening here at Holy Trinity when Kathy Armstrong retires in the near future. It is a part-time position of approximately 30 hours a week. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Fr. René as soon as possible.

MUSICAL AT ST. MARY HIGH, MARCH 9-11

The Saint Mary High School Drama Club will present its annual musical, "**The Addams Family**" from **March 9th to 11th at 7:00 pm** in the gym. This original Broadway musical follows the iconic characters as they face a new challenge: Wednesday, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. Come and watch the Addams Family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's 'normal' boyfriend and his parents. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors and will be available at the door.

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED FOR ROSARY SOCIETY PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

The Rosary Society would like to thank everyone for their continued support for our two major annual fundraisers—our Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair and our Palm Sunday Weekend Bake Sale & Raffle. We are in need of raffle prizes for this year's Bake Sale & Raffle to be held on **April 8 & 9**. If any Rosary member and/or parishioner would like to donate raffle items (new only), baskets can be made, or monetary donations to purchase items to make baskets, and of course gift cards, we would be truly grateful. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours. If possible, we would like to have all donations in **by March 31**. If you have any questions, please call Diane Bedor at 562-3438. **Don't forget to bake.** Thank you!

We will have the LENTEN GIVING TREE for the month of March for the BETHLEHEM HOUSE in Easthampton. They provide help to at risk new mothers.

Items needed are: Gift card to Baby's R Us
Dove *unscented* soap; Disposable diapers size 1,4, 5 or 6 baby wipes, baby lotion and baby wash, *unscented* baby bottles, 3 pack plastic; onesies; clothes to size 2T; hooded towels and Pack and Play sheets

Thank you! The Souper Bowl of Caring was a success. Thanks to **your overwhelming** generosity and to the High School Religious Ed. students, and all the donations at the Masses, we were able to make a significant contribution toward victory over hunger in our area! All donations have been forwarded to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to support its mission to "*feed the hungry*".

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class on March 5, 6 to 7:30 pm; extended class

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE

The Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of February has ended. Winners were drawn daily by Fr. René and posted in the bulletin weekly. A list of winners is on the bulletin boards. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser and thank you to all who helped sell the tickets.

WINNERS FOR THE FINAL WEEK ARE:

- Feb. 22 \$20 #610 Jim Wills
- Feb. 23 \$20 #307 C. J. Hebda
- Feb. 24 \$20 #298 Joellyn Osowski Douthwright
- Feb. 25 \$20 #411 Maria Onik
- Feb. 26 \$50 #557 Anna Halama
- Feb. 27 \$20 #21 Andrew Galczynski
- Feb. 28 \$500 #312 Matthew S. Pianka**

Congratulations to all the winners!

TAG & RUMMAGE SALE

Our Tag & Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 at the Parish Center Hall. Donations are now being accepted. Needed are all types of clothing for all ages; shoes, accessories such as handbags, hats, gloves, scarves, jewelry and belts. Also, toys, books, DVDs, CDs and vinyl; household & kitchen items and small kitchen appliances; knickknacks, bedding, linens & curtains; fishing and sports equipment and tools. No large furniture or large appliances can be accepted. Please call the office at 568-1506 or stop at the office door during business hours to have the garage door opened for you to drop off items.

Thank you in advance for your help with this fundraiser.

CONGRATULATIONS! 200 CLUB WINNERS

- 1st \$200 #118 Joellyn Osowski Douthwright
- 2nd \$100 #201 Alicia Haluch
- 3rd \$75 #6 Carol Pack
- 4th \$75 #42 Sylvia Sklarski
- 5th \$75 #7 Chip Kielbasa

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 time to renew your membership for the rest of 2017** or give one as a gift. The cost is **\$5 a month or \$50 for the rest of the year**. Make checks to "*Holy Trinity 200 Club*". **Payment deadline is Mar. 19** for the Mar. 26 drawing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Enclosed check \$ _____ Email: _____