

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

**The Second Sunday
Of Lent**

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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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 13

12:10 pm: Feliks & Karolina Wawrowski
R/B Irena & Kaz Urban

TUESDAY – MARCH 14

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

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 15

12:10 pm: living & departed of the Sloseck & Page families
R/B family

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – MARCH 16

12:10 pm: for all parishioners

FRIDAY – MARCH 17 St. Patrick

12:10 pm: Communion Service
12:40 pm: English Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm: Polish Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – MARCH 18

4:00 pm Vigil: Ted Desorcy *1st anniversary*
R/B family

SUNDAY – MARCH 19

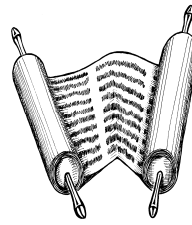
The Third Sunday of Lent

7:00 am: Joseph Malcovsky *birthday remembrance*
R/B wife Janice
8:30 am (Polish): Elzbieta & Jerzy Grabowiec
R/B Janina & Władysław Urbanek & family
10:30 am: Casimir Brach R/B wife Dottie

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 18 & 19

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Robert Nomakeo
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Mary Corliss, Mark Galica, *Michael Haley*
Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Larry Lafield
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Betty Lafield, Jane Wood, *Maria Misterka*
8:30 am Reader: Jolanta Sadkowski
Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanisław Pluciennik
10:30 am Reader: Hal Beattie
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Eugene Jeneral, Cheryl Rothermel, *Rebecca Wood*
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 Second Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2017**

Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
-- 2 Timothy 1:10b

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm -- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel -- Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

Breastplate of St. Patrick (390-461 A.D.)

*Christ be with me, Christ within me
Christ behind me, Christ before me
Christ beside me, Christ to win me
Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of all that love me
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.*



MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 3/12

Wanda Hasbrouck R/B Godchild Elaine

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



Frank, Maureen, Maria, Phyllis F., 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: Wayne Wetherell (*nephew of Deanne Grant*) Sophie Matusko (*mother of Sandra Dawicki*)

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

**Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
make my heart like Your Heart!**

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR MASS INTENTIONS

There are no days without Mass intentions for 2017. We are now able to add other intentions for only 2 Masses each week. Please call the office during business hours or stop in with your Mass requests.

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

All are welcome to these talks on our faith and religion.

JOIN US FOR A PARISH MISSION March 27 - 30

Fr. Thaddaeus Lancton, MIC will preach on Divine Mercy on Monday and Tuesday; Holy Hour Wednesday; Fr. Seraphim will speak in Polish on Wednesday and Thursday. Confession will be available in Polish & English. Please see the poster on the bulletin boards and doors for more details.

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.

RICE BOWL KITS are available at the entrances to use 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?

SEE USHER TO BRING UP 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.

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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

If you have not received a mailing from the diocese please call the office or pick up an envelope in the book rack in the vestibule. To those who have already sent in their donation or made a pledge **thank you** for your generosity. This is an opportunity to help many worthwhile causes within our diocese. All donations, large and small, are appreciated.

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

Office Supplies from Peter Danek

In memory of Kevin Haluch from MaryJane Stec, Patty & Hubert McGovern, Linda Clune, Dianne Magdycz, Joanne & Douglas Rollins, Ralph & Lorraine Silver, Rose Boguszewski, Peter & June Cloutier, Dale & Lorraine Percoski, Ann Mello, Steve & Teresa Oleksak, Bernie & Diane Bedor, Carpenters Local Union # 108, Robert & Robin Feyre and Crocker Building Supply.

Boiler Fund: *In memory of Kavin Haluch* from Irene & Maureen Nomakeo, Tom & Joan Kennedy and Jane Desorey

Fuel & Boiler Funds: *In memory of Mary Ann Hastings* from William Hastings

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.



Weekly Collections

March 4 & 5, 2017

Weekly: 194 envelopes	\$ 4,109.00
Loose:	\$ 328.00
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,437.00

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

Improvement Fund: 54 envelopes	\$ 636.00
Fuel Fund: 11 envelopes	\$ 185.00
Boiler Fund: 11 envelopes	\$ 80.00
Black & Indian Missions: 44 envelopes	\$ 376.00
Miscellaneous: 3 envelopes	\$ 45.00

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

When requesting the Report please include a Business-size Stamped Self-addressed Envelope.

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. 13** Rev. James Nolte; **14** Rev. Francis Reilly; **15** Rev. Stanley Sokol; **16** Rev. William Pomerleau; **17** Rev. Bruce Teague; **18** Rev. J. Lessard-Thibodeau (*healing*) **19** Rev. Mark Mengel, SSC.

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.

THE STANLEY JEZ SCHOLARSHIP is open to University of Massachusetts Amherst students majoring in forestry, environmental science, or arboriculture in either the College of Natural Sciences or the Stockbridge School. Qualified students are ranked in order of consideration by the following:

1. Catholic students from Immaculate Conception Parish, Indian Orchard and Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield.
2. Catholic students from any parochial school in the Catholic Springfield Diocese.
3. Catholic students from public or private schools in the Catholic Springfield Diocese and recommended by the Bishop of Springfield.**
4. Catholic students from any Diocese in Massachusetts and recommended by their Bishop.***Letter from the Bishop must be sent to Dean Baker for application to be considered.*
5. Other students in the College of Natural Sciences majoring in forestry, environmental science or arboriculture. Scholarship(s) will be awarded competitively for the next academic year 2016—2017. Returning students must submit a renewal application. Completed applications may be submitted to: Dr. Martha Baker, Associate Dean, College of Natural Sciences, 220 Morrill Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. **See Fr. René for an application.**

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's 2nd Reading, 2 Timothy 1: **"He saved us and called us to a holy life..."** We are called to live life wholly and fully, not by limiting it nor destroying it.

A Sisters of St. Joseph ‘Meet and Greet,’ hosted by St. Mary’s Parish, will be held on Sunday, March 26th from 2 – 4 pm. Many of the Sisters who have taught at the school will be present and would love to engage in conversation with former students. Please reserve the date and come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

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.

15th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE: Saturday, March 25th the Diocese of Springfield will hold its **15th Catholic Men’s Conference at Bellamy School in Chicopee.** All men from ages 16 and up can participate. Speakers include: Sam Todzia, Mario Enzler and Sean Forrest. 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.

OLBS LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish invites you to our Wednesday Lenten Speaker Series, **“Hope Among Us”.** Join us as we seek to find and spread hope and goodness in our world, **Wednesdays beginning March 8th at 7 pm, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield.**

- March 8 – Hope for Personal Peace**
Gary Zimak, author of *“From Fear to Faith: A Worrier’s Guide to Discovering Peace”*
- March 15 – Hope for our Children**
Patricia Wysocki, adoptive parent and teacher
- March 22 – Hope for the World’s Children**
Katherine Mary Kraver, teacher and author of *“The Boy With the Red Shoes”* and *“It Was Just a House”*
- March 29 – Hope for Christians in the Holy Land**
Deacon Greg Kandra of CNEWA
- April 5 – Mary’s Message of Hope**
Judy Studer, Fatima Statue Custodian
- April 12 – The Spiritual Call to be a Welcoming People**
Bishop Mitchell Rozanski, Fr. Warren Savage and Kathryn Buckley Brawner

We have the LENTEN GIVING TREE for the month of March for the BETHLEHEM HOUSE in East-hampton. They provide help to at risk new mothers. Sug-gestions are clipped to the tree. Unwrapped items should be placed under the tree.

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 size 2T; hooded towels and Pack and Play sheets

BRAIDED PASTRY FUNDRAISER

As a fundraising opportunity for the parish we will be selling Kansas made braided pastries for the Easter sea-son. There are many flavors including apple, cinnamon, and caramel rolls. Order forms can be found by the en-trances 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 532-7326. Leave a mes-sage, she will return your call. You may also pick-up or drop-off forms at the parish office, call 568-1506.

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 fund-raisers—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 parish-ioner would like to donate raffle items (new only), bas-kets 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!

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 dona-tions at the Masses, we were able to make a significant contribution toward victory over hunger in our area! All donations were given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution. This collection will continue as there is a constant need.

Office of Youth Ministry March 2017 Newsletter Here is a link: http://eepurl.com/cAufL5 Gina M. Czerwinski, M.Div., Youth Minister

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class on March 12, 6pm with Mass at 6:40 pm All are welcome to this Mass.

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

Come to the Parish Center cafeteria for a delicious break-fast 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.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE

The Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of February has ended. 541 tickets were sold for a profit of \$1,385.00. Thank you for supporting this parish fundraiser and thank you to all who helped sell the tickets.

Winner of the \$500 was #312 Matthew S. Pianka Congratulations to all the winners!

HOLY TRINITY GOLF LEAGUE

We are looking for new members. We play at Southamp-ton Country Club on Tuesday evenings, tee time start at 5 pm. There are six teams with usually 4-5 players per team. Weekly attendance is not required. Players of all skill levels and handicaps are welcome. If you are inter-ested or would like more information, call Fr. René or attend a meeting at 6 pm on Tuesday, March 21 at the Slovak Club on East Silver St.



We wish the following members of our parish a very Blessed and Happy Birthday. Sto Lat! Birthdays for 3/13 to 3/19 are: Frances Baran, Cory Bruno, James Czelusniak, Krzysztof Goralczyk, Lynn Grant, Bradley Okscin, Alex Osowski, Dennis Pike, Jenna Rothermel, Kevin Szalankiewicz, Zofia Wegrzyniak and Francis Zak.

CONGRATULATIONS! 200 CLUB WINNERS

- 1st \$200 #118 Joellyn Osowski Douthwright
2nd \$100 #201 Alicia Haluch
3rd \$75 #6 Carol Paek
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”. Pay-ment deadline is Mar. 19 for the Mar. 26 drawing.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____