

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

*The Third 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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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 – MARCH 20 St. Joseph

12:10 pm: Beatrice Filvano
R/B Helen Romanski & Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tassinari

TUESDAY – MARCH 21

12:10 pm: for all parishioners *and*
Kevin Haluch R/B Thomas & Cynthia Dennis

WEDNESDAY – MARCH 22

12:10 pm: Jennie, Stanley & Anthony Gnacek
R/B John & Czesława Biegalski

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – MARCH 23

12:10 pm: Joseph & Joanna Sajewicz
R/B the Sajewicz & Backstrom families

FRIDAY – MARCH 24 Blessed Oscar Romano

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

SATURDAY – MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

4:00 pm Vigil: William Oleksak, Sr.
R/B the Onik family

SUNDAY – MARCH 26

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:00 am: Chester Janik R/B Helen Johnson

8:30 am (Polish): Bronislaw Smigiel
R/B wife Krystyna

10:30 am: Mynard Greenier
R/B daughter Barbara Page & family
Kevin Haluch *month's mind*
R/B Ela & Billy Armstrong & children

LITURGICAL ROLES

March 25 & 26

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Maureen Nomakeo
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Kathy Armstrong, Michael Haley, *June Cloutier*

Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Joanne Rollins
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Teresa Greenwood, Barb Zygarowski, *Diane Vaschak*

8:30 am Reader: Barbara Urbanek
Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Nicholas Rossi
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Debbie Dion, Rebecca Wood, *Greg Gawron*



**The Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017**

While we were still sinners
Christ died for us.
-- Romans 5:8

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

Psalm -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading -- God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

Gospel -- Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).



Dear Lord,

As I make my Lenten journey with You, send me Your Spirit, help me to give of myself, help me to turn away from sin, and help me to fast and pray,

so that I may know You and serve You better. Let me be renewed through my journey to share Your grace with the world. Amen

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 3/19

Bill Pack R/B wife & children

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.

Rest In Peace: Bernice Wcislo

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.

SPIRITUAL BEINGS HERE ON EARTH

We are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings going through a temporary human experience.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week our parish will collect for the CRSC. Funds from this collection help provide food for the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please give generously and *help Jesus in disguise*. There is an envelope in your packet.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please let the office know BY 3/22 when you are NOT available during April, May & June. Please volunteer for Holy Week. We need readers & EMs for 7 pm Holy Thurs., 3pm Good Friday, Easter Sat. 8pm & Sun. all am.

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 of *The Fullness of Truth Apostolate* is presenting classes from **7 - 8:30 pm Thursday, April 6**. 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.

2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"One Family, Many Gifts", this year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on each of us to unite in one mission to share God's blessings. It is during the season of Lent that we reflect on our inner selves and offer personal sacrifices. But Lent also calls Catholics to be more engaged with the Gospel mission which includes helping the less fortunate. As we enter this Lenten Season, we are reminded of our call to serve. You can also learn more about the ministries that we help on our Facebook page Annual Catholic Appeal Springfield, MA. By supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Springfield, you can help our friends and neighbors in need. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail to participate in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact the rectory or call 413-452-0637. Online donations may also be made at www.diospringfield.org/aca. 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. Donors who have concerns over a particular ministry or service are always free to designate their gift on their donor card. They can also call in such requests. All donations, large and small, are appreciated.

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

Office Supplies from Clara Ann Schroth
The Calendar Raffle Fundraiser \$1,385.00.

In memory of Kevin Haluch: Clara Ann Schroth & Garry Clark, Sr., Dan & Linda Ciejek, Sandy & Frank Dawicki, Sue & Joe Jaczyk, Sharon, Joe, Joey & C.J. Czarnecki, Mary Ann & Warren Holmes, Walter & Frances Bazan-chuk, Iwona (Jedziniak) Freitas, Kisała family, Catherine Zygarrowski, Jean Serafin, Anna Urban, Caroline Onik & family, Barbeito family, Professional Drywall Corp. Employees and Professional Drywall Sacred Heart Crew.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.



Weekly Collections

March 11 & 12 2017

Weekly: 194 envelopes	\$3,965.55
Loose:	\$ 274.45
Total Offertory:	\$ 4,240.00

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

Improvement Fund: 17 envelopes	\$ 245.00
Fuel Fund: 41 envelopes	\$ 569.00
Boiler Fund: 3 envelopes	\$ 30.00
Black & Indian Missions: 3 envelopes	\$ 15.00
Easter Flowers: 2 envelopes	\$ 30.00

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

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 to St. Mary’s and enjoy a wonderful afternoon.

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.

FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY

The moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilillis of Saint Luke Productions will be presented at **Our Lady of the Cross Church in Holyoke on Friday, April 7 at 7 pm.** The program runs 90 minutes and is suitable for ages 13 & up. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for youths 18 and under. For tickets or more info call 532-5661 or www.ourladyofthecross.com

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's Gospel, John 4: "...I sent you to reap what you have not worked for, others have done the work..." We must plant the seeds for the value of life and work for a reversal of our culture of death.

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.**

Holy Name Parish, 323 Dickinson Street in Springfield invites you to a **LENTEN MISSION** to be held on **Saturday, April 1st.** Msgr. David Joyce will offer a reflection on the Year of Mercy and God’s loving mercy toward us. The mission begins with a presentation in church after the 4:30 pm Mass, supper will be in the Social Center, and all will return to church for the final presentation and ending prayer. The cost is \$10.00, which includes the soup and sandwich supper and a beverage. Contact the rectory at 733-5823 for tickets.

THE JOURNEY OF A SUBSTANCE ABUSER

This informal seminar will take place at **Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills on April 5 from 6:30-8:30 pm.** Substance abuse touches everyone in one way or another, being informed is the first step in family recovery. This program is appropriate from grade 6 and above. The panel of professionals includes first responders: a police officer, paramedic, an ER nurse, mental & behavioral health personnel, a grief specialist, a parent and a person in recovery. For info contact Pastoral Minister Deb Briancesco, RN at 786-8200 ext. 3.

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 continuing:**

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

SPRING: The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. ~Henry van Dyke

LAST CHANCE! BRAIDED PASTRY FUNDRAISER

As a fundraising opportunity for the parish we will be selling Kansas-made braided pastries for the Easter season. There are many flavors including apple, raspberry, 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.** You may put them in the mail slot by the office door. 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 message, she will return your call.

We have the **LENTEN GIVING TREE** for the month of **March** for the **BETHLEHEM HOUSE** in Easthampton. They provide help to at risk new mothers. Suggestions 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; *Unscented* baby wipes, baby lotion and baby wash; baby bottles, 3 pack plastic; onesies; clothes size 2T; hooded towels and Pack and Play sheets

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!

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **Mar. 20** Rev. Philip Gallerani; **21** Rev. Daniel Cambra, MIC; **22** Rev. Wayne Biernat; **23** All Military Chaplains; **24** Rev. Shaun O'Connor; **25** Pope Francis; **26** Rev. James Joyce.

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

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

NO class on March 19; classes resume on Mar. 26 at 6pm. Also at 6 pm is a presentation on our Faith for parents and all parishioners.

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.

HOLY TRINITY GOLF LEAGUE

We are looking for new members. We play at Southampton 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 interested 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 **3/20 to 3/26 are:** Daniel Arona, Hannah Bruno, *Joshua Cepek*, Emily Czarnecki, *Kirsten Czarnecki*, Loretta Fedora-O'Connor, Michael Grabowiec, Cynthia Howe, Agnieszka Jaworski, Danielle Jez, Charles Kielbasa, Brian McBride, Florence Miemiec, Teresa Meyers, John Organek, Jennifer Pasterkiewicz, Marcia Placzek, Thomas Speckels, Clinton York *and* Jennifer Zaleski.

HOLY TRINITY 200 CLUB

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 _____