

# Holy Trinity Church

*Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette*

**The Fourth 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

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH CENTER** 413-568-4352

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**Community of Faith:** Dennis Hamel

**Youth Ministry:** Jeanette Peretti

**Parish Building Maintenance:** Frank Gaulin, Jr.

**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 – MARCH 27**

**12:10 pm:** for all parishioners  
**7:00 pm: Parish Mission** (*English Presentation*)

**TUESDAY – MARCH 28**

**12:10 pm:** Janice Zarkowski R/B John Zarkowski  
**7:00 pm: Parish Mission** (*English Presentation*)

**WEDNESDAY – MARCH 29**

**12:10 pm:** Frank Rockwell R/B John Zarkowski  
**6:00 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration**  
**7:00 pm: Parish Mission** (*Polish Presentation*)

**THURSDAY – MARCH 30**

**12:10 pm:** souls in purgatory  
 R/B Mr. & Mrs. Therrien  
**7:00 pm: Parish Mission** (*Polish Presentation*)

**FRIDAY – MARCH 31**

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

**SATURDAY – APRIL 1**

**4:00 pm Vigil:** Krystyna Graf & Edward Makula  
 R/B families

**SUNDAY – APRIL 2**

***The Fifth Sunday of Lent***

**7:00 am:** Michael “Skip” Puza  
 R/B Joe & Diane Vaschak  
 Michael Vaschak R/B Andrea & Steve Bradley  
**8:30 am (Polish):** Adam Frączek  
 R/B daughter Basia Urban & family  
**10:30 am:** Catherine, James & Roland Bozak

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**April 1 & 2**

**Saturday 4:00 pm Reader:** Robert Nomakeo  
**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**  
 Kathy Armstrong, Mary Corliss, Mark Galica  
**Sunday 7:00 am Reader:** Peter Danek  
**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**  
 Betty Lafield, Diane & Joe Vaschak  
**8:30 am Reader:** Stanisław Urbanek  
**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, Brenda Gawron, Cheryl Rothermel



**The Fourth Sunday of Lent  
 March 26, 2017**

The LORD is my shepherd;  
 I shall not want.

-- Psalm 23:1

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading --** As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).  
**Psalm --** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).  
**Second Reading --** You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).  
**Gospel --** The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

***The Serenity Prayer***

*God, give us the grace to accept with serenity  
 the things that cannot be changed,  
 courage to change the things which should be changed,  
 and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.  
 Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time,  
 accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking,  
 as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have  
 it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surren-  
 der to your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this  
 life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next.*  
 Amen. Reinhold Neibuhr, Heath, MA 1943

**MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 3/26**

The departed of the Riccitelli & Jez families  
 R/B family

**Please pray for those intentions expressed in the Book of Intentions** located in the back of the church, **also:** Dorothy Brach, Evelyn Janiseski, Maureen W., Maria B., Phyllis F., Matthew Demars & family, Donna Capell, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Larry, Carol Jeneral, Edward Danek, Marie Anne, Marlene Bannish, Michael, Paul M., Lucille Gintowt, Kaylee Paulson, Joan & Tom K., Eli, all in hospitals, nursing homes, or homebound, 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: Richard Vecchiarelli**  
*If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, please call the office to be added to our prayer list or to be removed if you are now stabilized.*

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

### JOIN US FOR A PARISH MISSION March 27 - 30

Fr. Thaddaeus Lancton, MIC will preach on Divine Mercy on Monday and Tuesday at 7 pm; Holy Hour Wednesday at 6pm; Fr. Seraphim will speak in Polish on Wednesday and Thursday at 7 pm. Confession will be available in Polish & English. Please see the poster on the bulletin boards and doors for more details.

### ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING, SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Members of the Rosary Society are asked to meet in the church at 1:30 pm to pray the Rosary followed by a business meeting in the cafeteria at 2 pm. Final plans for the Bake Sale & Chinese Raffle will be made. If you have any prizes to donate, please bring them to this meeting.

### SUNDAY, MAY 21 ROSARIAN UNITY LUNCHEON

The annual Rosarian Unity Luncheon will be held at St. Mary Parish, 30 Bartlett St., beginning with recitation of the rosary at 1:15 p.m. Mass will be at 2 p.m. with a luncheon to follow in the high school gym. Rosarians from St. Peter and St. Casimir's, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Trinity and St. Mary's parishes are invited to attend. Tickets are \$18 and will be available at the meeting. Checks should be made out to **Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary**.

### 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.

**RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION:** From today's Gospel, John 9: "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying 'We see, so our sin remains.' Do not be neutral when life is indiscriminately taken or abused.

### 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.

### 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. The Annual Catholic Appeal is underway in the Diocese of Springfield. You can also learn more about the ministries that we help on our Facebook page [Annual Catholic Appeal Springfield, MA](#). 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. Special envelopes are also available in book rack in the church vestibule. Online donations may be made at [www.diospringfield.org/aca](http://www.diospringfield.org/aca) Your donation is an ideal way to help fund programs and services that assist thousands of people across the four counties of western Massachusetts. Thank you for your support.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week is the collection for the Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

*In memory of Kevin Haluch from Wade & Diane Brunelle (Improvement Fund), Donald & Jean Belisle, Clara Placzek and Diane Zanolli*

*Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.*

**LOOK:** Sorrow looks back, worry looks around,  
faith looks up. --Anonymous

### 2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

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



### *Weekly Collections*

March 18 & 19 2017

<b>Weekly:</b> 213 envelopes	\$3,481.00
<b>Loose:</b>	\$ 277.15
<b>Total Offertory:</b>	\$ 3,857.15

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

<b>Improvement Fund:</b> 10 envelopes	\$ 130.00
<b>Fuel Fund:</b> 48 envelopes	\$ 671.00
<b>Boiler Fund:</b> 11 envelopes	\$ 145.00
<b>Bishops Overseas Relief:</b> 3 envelopes	\$ 23.00
<b>Easter Flowers:</b> 2 envelopes	\$ 45.00
<b>Easter:</b> 4 envelopes	\$ 85.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b> 4 envelopes	\$ 57.00

*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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**YUM !! CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS TO OUR 4th ANNUAL HOT CROSS BUNS BRUNCH** and powerful prayer time for our grandchildren and families !!

**WHERE:** St. Peter & St. Casimir Church, 22 State St.,

**WHEN:** April 4, 2017 at 11 a.m.

**WHY:** The Family needs You - the Church needs You - Society needs You - WE NEED EACH OTHER

Come hear our special guest speaker, **Deacon Paul Briere.** *If you would like to share a special recipe, you are welcome to bring it to the brunch. Call Alicia B. at 568-0123 for info.*

**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 information please call 532-5661 or visit [www.ourladyofthecross.com](http://www.ourladyofthecross.com)

**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.

**CARNIVAL FOR MARCH OF DIMES**

The **St. Mary High School Key Club** is sponsoring a carnival on **Saturday, April 8th at the Westfield Boys and Girls Club from 11am-5pm.** Play fun games, and enjoy great food and entertainment!! All profits will benefit the March of Dimes Foundation. Admission is free! If you are interested in becoming a vendor or donor, please call 568-5692 and ask for the Key Club Advisor. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!

**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 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

**MONTHLY MINI RETREAT IN HOLYOKE**

Join Fr. Sean O'Mannion, national director of the Guard of honor of the Sacred Heart, on the last Sunday of each month from 3 to 5 pm at the Immaculate Conception Church, 54 N. Summer St., Holyoke. It will begin with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by a talk on the Sacred Heart spirituality, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and Benediction. Refreshments will be served.

**APRIL 1:** This is the day upon which we are reminded of what we are on the other three hundred and sixty-four.

--Mark Twain

**BRAIDED PASTRY FUNDRAISER**

*Thank you to all who ordered pastries and thank you to Jeanette Peretti for being in charge.*

Pick up will be April 12th from 5pm-9pm.

**FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY SERVICE  
Sunday, April 23 at 1 pm, Holy Trinity Church**

Come join us as we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with Eucharistic Adoration at 1 pm, Confession 1-1:50 pm, Rosary at 1:30, Mass at 2 pm followed by adoration and praying the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at 3 pm. All are welcome to come and receive the special graces promised by our Lord to St. Faustina of Poland.

**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. 27** Rev. Peter Naranjo; **28** Rev. William Cyr; **29** Rev. John Dean; **30** Rev. William Rousseau; **31** Rev. Galadima Goni; **April 1** Bishop Emeritus Timothy McDonnell; **2** Rev. J. Lessard-Thibodeau (*healing*).

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

**FIRST SATURDAY MORNINGS with the Men of St. Joseph (MOSJ)** continue and all men are invited for coffee/donuts, fellowship and an inspiring talk. Our speaker for April will be our very own Fr. Ryan Sliwa when Father’s topic will be; “The Maiden of Nazareth and the Father of Monks: What They Teach Us About Sanctified Masculinity.” Join us **Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:30-8:30 am at St. Peter & St. Casimir Parish Hall, 34 State Street.**

Cost: No charge but Good-Will offerings are welcomed.

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

**Saturday, April 22, Bellamy School, Chicopee**

Featuring: Mother Olga, Patricia Livingston and Therese Wilson Favors. Music by the Dan Kane Singers. \$35 if paid by April 8th, \$40 after that. Call 452-0812 to register. *There are flyers at the church doors and on the bulletin board.*

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH SECRETARY**

There will be an opening here at Holy Trinity when Kathy Armstrong retires in the very 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**

Classes resume on Mar. 26 at 6 pm. 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 please call Fr. René.

We wish the following members of our parish a very **Blessed and Happy Birthday. Sto Lat!** Birthdays for **3/27 to 4/2 are:** Thomas Bannish, *Rose Boguszewski,*

Frances Burzynski, *Crista Cannata, Kevin Czarnecki, Jason Florek, Andrew Galczynski, Paul Grant, Dorothy Jeneral, Joan Kaczman, Mirosław Konopko, Teresa Lecrenski, Gabrielle O’Dea, Edward Osowski, Josephine Pomeroy, Linda Setian, Beata Siwek, Steven Sklarski, Marta Sobczyk, Christine Strong, Janina Urbanek, Gina Zanolli and Lawrence Zabielski.*



**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 \$45 for the rest of the year.** Make checks to “*Holy Trinity 200 Club*”. **Payment deadline is April 23** for the April 30th drawing.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_