

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

**The Fifth 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
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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 – APRIL 3

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

TUESDAY – APRIL 4

12:10 pm: Carl Jez *60th birthday remembrance*
R/B Mary & Wolf Herzog
Sophie Matusko *month's mind*
R/B Sandy & Frank Dawicki

WEDNESDAY – APRIL 5

12:10 pm: Alexander Zielinski *28th anniversary*
R/B wife Anne & family

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration

THURSDAY – APRIL 6

12:10 pm: for all parishioners

FRIDAY – APRIL 7

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

SATURDAY – APRIL 8

4:00 pm Vigil: Charles & Angeline Puza
R/B daughter Jane Kielbasa

SUNDAY – APRIL 9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:00 am: Anthony Gutowski R/B Lois Bailey
8:30 am (Polish): Stanisława & Bolesław Pilecki
R/B Waldek & family
10:30 am: Joseph & Monica Bogusieski
R/B daughter & family

LITURGICAL ROLES

April 8 & 9

Saturday 4:00 pm Readers: Larry Zabielski
Kathy Armstrong
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
June Cloutier, Michael Haley, *Robert Nomakeo*
Sunday 7:00 am Readers: Jane Wood, Joe Vaschak
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Peter & Vicky Polak, *Joellyn Douthwright*
8:30 am Readers: Czesław Kisała, Bożena Jaworowski
Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanisław Pluciennik
10:30 am Readers: Nick Rossi, Hal Beattie
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Greg Gawron, Rebecca Wood, *Debbie Dion*



BELIEVE
IN ME AND
YOU WILL
NEVER DIE.

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April 2, 2017

Out of the depths I cry
to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
-- Psalm 130:1

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading -- Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm -- With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading -- If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel -- Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

In the words of St. John Chrysostom:

"The value of fasting consists not only in avoiding certain foods, but in renouncing all sinful attitudes, thoughts and desires. Those who limit fasting just to food are not taking advantage of the great value it contains. If you fast, let it show in your works!"



MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 4/2

Bernice & Walter Zygarowski R/B Cathy

Please pray for those intentions expressed in the Book of Intentions located in the back of the church, **also:** Dorothy, Evelyn Janisieski, 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: Christine Kusnierz

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Apr. 3

To be held in the Parish Center meeting room at 6:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome.

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.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

There is an envelope in your packet for Easter Flowers. You can donate in honor or memory of a loved one. These envelopes will be placed on the altar for Easter Masses and mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. If you do not receive envelopes, you can use a plain one and put your name and your intention on it or there are a few at the side and middle-back entrances. These must be turned in by the Palm Sunday collection.

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. These are called "collective" Masses. Please call the office during business hours with your Mass requests.

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. The obligation to **abstain** from meat commences at fourteen (14) years of age.
3. 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. Did you know that the Annual Catholic Appeal has been helping those most in need for 58 years? Please continue the tradition of Neighbor Helping Neighbor through your financial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You can also learn more about the ministries that we help on our Facebook page [Annual Catholic Appeal Springfield, MA](#). One-Time gifts, pledges paid over 8 months, Matching Gifts and gifts of stock are just a few of the ways you can make a difference in someone's life. 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 452-0637. Online donations may be made at www.diospringfield.org/aca.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection it's not too late to give! Just visit www.uscch.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

In memory of Kevin Haluch from Theresa & Cory De-Gray and John & Carol Jeneral.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

When requesting the Report please include a **Business-size Stamped Self-addressed Envelope**. It will be mailed to you within a few days.



Weekly Collections

March 25 & 26, 2017

Weekly: 221 envelopes	\$4,226.00
Loose:	\$ 282.65
Total Offertory:	\$4,508.65

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

Improvement Fund: 15 envelopes	\$ 159.00
Fuel Fund: 14 envelopes	\$ 207.00
Boiler Fund: 84 envelopes	\$ 865.00
Loose:	\$ 240.00
Bishops Overseas Relief: 38 envelopes	\$ 314.00
Easter Flowers: 27 envelopes	\$ 433.00
Miscellaneous: 4 envelopes	\$ 25.00

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

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 Defillillis 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

POLISH JUNIOR LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Polish Junior League of Massachusetts is accepting applications for scholarships for college students of Polish Heritage. Undergraduate scholarships are awarded to student completing their Sophomore year of college; The Josephine Karwoski Scholarship is awarded to a female graduate student or a returning student. Application Information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleaguema.org (applications).

Deadline for application materials is May 1, 2017.

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.

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 Brancesco, RN at 786-8200 ext. 3.

LEARNING ABOUT ISLAM & MUSLIMS

Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8 pm at the First Congregational Church, 18 Broad St., Westfield. Please use front door and proceed to second floor. This will be a chance to hear a clarification of basic tenets of Islam and the way of its followers. Sponsored by **Welcoming & Assisting Refugee Ministry**. Aida Mansoor will speak.

CARNIVAL FOR MARCH OF DIMES APRIL 8

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:**

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

TENEBRAE SERVICE ON GOOD FRIDAY

Bishop Rozanski cordially invites you to join him at the annual service of Tenebrae on **Friday, April 14 at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 260 State Street in Springfield**. Tenebrae is a service of darkness and shadows as all the lights and candles of the Cathedral are slowly extinguished. Music will be provided by the Choir of Boys and Adults with strings from the local Symphony Orchestra.

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.*

ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE & RAFFLE

Bake Sale & Chinese Raffle to be held next weekend on **Saturday, April 8, 3 to 5:30 pm & Sunday, April 9 from 7:30 to 12 noon.** Come get your Easter breads and baked goods as well as chicken & golumbki soup, Kapusta and chili to go. **Don't forget to bake.** Thank you!

JOIN OUR CHURCH CLEANING CREW ON 4/14

We will have our annual cleanup of the inside of our church and outside church grounds on **Good Friday morning, April 14th from 9 am to 1 pm.** We would like to have our Church looking its best for Easter. **"Many hands make light work."** Please bring rakes, brooms and gloves if you plan to work outside. Any questions call Steve Oleksak at 568-6686.

GOOD FRIDAY—HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Every year, each parish in the United States takes up a collection on Good Friday, as designated by the Holy Father. This collection helps support the work of the Franciscans in the Holy Land. The money is used to care for the people and places of the Holy Land. Help keep Christianity alive in this area made holy by the life, suffering, death & resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **April 3** Rev. James Curry, OFM Conv.; **4** Rev. Lionel Bonneville; **5** Rev. Donald LaPointe (*healing*); **6** Rev. Msgr. John Bonzagni; **7** Rev. Francis Crombie; **8** Rev. Juan Garcia; **9** Rev. David Raymond.

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

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's Gospel, John 11: "...but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe..." We must publicly, pray, speak and act in the defense for life.

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live in a world of freedom.

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 are April 2nd from 6 to 7 pm and April 9th from 6 to 7:30 pm (extended class).

**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 **4/3 to 4/9** are: *Leon Boguszewski, Anthony Caputo, Josephine Delekta, David Galczynski, Aaron Gallagher, Katelynn Gaugh, Karen Gaulin, Genowefa Glebocki, Joanne Janik, Leon Kaczman, Paul Kvittek, Joanne LeBeau, Kerri Marcoulier, Frank Mazut, Timothy Nacewicz, Robert Nomakeo, Sean O'Dea, Allan Okscin, Anna Urbanek,*



HOLY TRINITY 200 CLUB WINNERS

- 1st \$200 #92 Patty McGovern
- 2nd \$100 #262 Mary Corliss
- 3rd \$75 #254 Florence Patla
- 4th \$75 #192 Patty McGovern
- 5th \$75 #167 Michael Douthwright

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 _____