

# Holy Trinity Church

*Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette*

## *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



### 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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**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 – APRIL 10**

**12:10 pm:** living & departed of the Barnack & Balkun families R/B family

**TUESDAY – APRIL 11**

**12:10 pm:** souls in purgatory R/B Marie Anne

**WEDNESDAY – APRIL 12**

**12:10 pm:** Bronislaw Smigiel R/B Biegalski family

**6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Adoration**

*The following Masses are for the intention of all our parishioners.*

**HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 13**

**7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord’s Supper**  
(English & Polish)



**GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 14**

**3:00 pm: Passion of the Lord**  
**6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross** (English)  
*Followed by English confessions*  
**7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross** (Polish)



**HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 15**

**10:00 am to 12 noon:** Blessing of food every half hour in the church.  
**8:00 pm: Vigil of Easter** (English & Polish)

**EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 16**

*The Resurrection of the Lord*

**6:30 am Sunrise Mass** (Polish)  
**8:30 am and 10:30 am** (both English)



**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., G.G., 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 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.

*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.*



**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
**April 9, 2017**

God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.  
*-- Philippians 2:9*

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms --** Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

**First Reading --** In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm --** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

**Second Reading --** Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel --** The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 -- 27:66 [27:11-54]).

**THE CROSS:** We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our resurrection; through him we are saved and made free.

*--Opening Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Roman Missal*

**MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 4/9**

Frances Asta-Ferrero R/B Jane & Sandy Kielbasa

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

**Holy Thursday April 13**

**7:00 p.m. Readers:** Czesia Biegalski, Kathy Armstrong

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Peter & Vicky Polak, M. A. Forni, (choir) D. Brunelle

**Good Friday April 14**

**3 p.m. Readers:** Peter Danek, Gary Forni

**Easter, April 15 & 16**

**Saturday 8:00 pm Readers:** Dawid Kisała

**Easter Vigil** Maureen Nomakeo

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Teresa Oleksak, Jane Wood, *choir:* Teresa Greenwood

**Sunday 6:30 am Reader:** Czesława Biegalski

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Stanisław Płuciennik

**8:30 am Reader:** Larry Lafield

**Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Teresa Greenwood, Maria Misterka, *Betty Lafield*

**10:30 am Reader:** Andrew Montanaro

**Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:**

Diane Bedor, Diane Brunelle, *choir:* Cheryl Rothermel

## PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of OUR LORD

### HELP NEEDED GOOD FRIDAY

#### 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.”* This is a good opportunity for Confirmation students to earn Service time. Please bring rakes, brooms and gloves if you plan to work outside. Call Steve Oleksak at 568-6686 for info.

#### THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY AND MONDAY, APRIL 17th for PATRIOTS DAY

#### 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 Wednesday at the office** to be on the altar for Easter.

#### 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 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.

#### GOOD FRIDAY—HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Every year, each parish in the U.S. takes up a collection on Good Friday. 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.

**TIM O'KEEFE of The Fullness of Truth Apostolate** is presenting classes from **7 - 8:30 pm Thursday, April 20.** All are welcome to these talks on our faith and religion.

#### 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. With our deepest gratitude we thank donors who have already responded to the call to support our neighbors in need. You can also learn more about the ministries that we help on our Facebook page Annual Catholic Appeal Springfield, MA. If you have not yet made your pledge of support, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. No amount is too small- every dollar counts! Visit www.diospringfield.org/aca to make an online donation, or mail your check to Diocese of Springfield, PO Box 1730, Springfield, MA 01102-1730.

#### DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH

*In memory of Kevin Haluch from Ann & Robert Maccarini.*

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

#### PARISH MISSION

We thank Rev. Thaddaeus Lancton, MIC for the mission which he presented here at Holy Trinity. Many people attended from our parish and others in the area. Through the generosity of those attending, \$550 was collected for the Marian Seminarists. *Thank you!*



### Weekly Collections

April 1 & 2, 2017

<b>Weekly:</b>	226 envelopes	\$4,277.00
<b>Loose:</b>		\$ 301.36
<b>Total Offertory:</b>		\$4,578.36

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

<b>Improvement Fund:</b>	47 envelopes	\$ 654.00
<b>Fuel Fund:</b>	14 envelopes	\$ 325.00
<b>Boiler Fund:</b>	17 envelopes	\$ 152.00
<b>Bishops Overseas Relief:</b>	4 envelopes	\$ 40.00
<b>Easter Flowers:</b>	54 envelopes	\$1,010.00
<b>Easter:</b>	3 envelopes	\$ 30.00
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	8 envelopes	\$ 57.00

*Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!*

**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, **Wednesday, April 12 – The Spiritual Call to be a Welcoming People with** 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.

**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](http://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 application.**

**RESURRECTION TO COME**

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,  
My God shall raise me up, I trust.~*Walter Raleigh*

**TEEN CATHOLICS GATHER ON APRIL 9**

Young adults are cordially invited to join with other area Catholic youth for a monthly gathering and liturgy at the **Holy Name Of Jesus Parish's Assumption Church, Chicopee** in the hall downstairs, **the second Sunday of the month**. This is a high school youth group, 9th to 12th grade. The young adults ages 18 to 26 will join the youth group to teach them a song, and then pray the chaplet and participate with the teens in the liturgy.

We begin at 5:30pm and conclude with Mass at 7pm. Why not stop by on the each Second Sunday of the month to see for yourself. Parents and youth ministers are also invited to participate. Also you can view a recent "Real to Reel" story at [iobserve.org](http://iobserve.org).

**VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

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.

**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 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.

**THE 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.

**2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT  
for INCOME TAX FILING**

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

**ROSARY SOCIETY BAKE SALE & RAFFLE**



Bake Sale & Chinese Raffle to be held this 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.

**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, Confessions, English and Polish, 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU FOR LENTEN GIVING TREE COLLECTION FOR BETHLEHEM HOUSE**

Many generous donations were given to benefit Bethlehem House, Inc., 33 Knipfer Ave. Easthampton, which is a Pro-Life non-profit organization run solely by volunteers. They reach out to offer free pregnancy resources for women/families in crisis pregnancies. *Thank you!*

**THANK YOU FROM THE SOLDIERS' HOME**

We at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your donation to the Home. The items you so kindly donated are being enjoyed by many and will allow us to provide quality "Care with Honor and Dignity" to our deserving men and women. Sincerely yours, *Bennett W. Walsh*

**PRAY FOR PRIESTS**

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **April 10** Rev. Robert Villa; **11** Rev. Timothy Roth, MIC; **12** Rev. James Sipitkowski; **13** All Priests; **14** All Bishops; **15** All Military Chaplains; **16** Pope Francis.

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

**RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION:** From today's Gospel, Matthew 26: "Surely, it is not I Rabbi?" Don't we recognize the things we do that betrays the sacredness of life?

We wish the following members of our parish a very **Blessed and Happy Birthday. Sto Lat!** Birthdays for **4/10 to 4/16** are: Gabrielle Goralczyk, Tomek Grabowiec, Josephine Gusek, *Jacob Hardie*, Jennifer Hartman, Seth Kielbasa, *Anna Kusnierz*, Robert Niemiec, Janet Osowski, Julie Osowski, Judith Paquin, John Whalen, Frank Wojtowicz and Marie Zorek.

**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**

April 9th from 6 to 7:30 pm (extended class).

**STANLEY JEMIOLO SCHOLARSHIPS**

These three scholarships are given out each year in loving memory of Stanley Jemiolo, who worked so hard to provide this benefit. Seniors who will be attending college in the fall are encouraged to apply.

There are four requirements:

1. Student must be a practicing parishioner of Holy Trinity
2. Written proof of college acceptance
3. Official transcript of grades (Original only, no copies)
4. An essay on "Why I Wish to Further My Education"

**Mail the above 3 documents by May 16, 2016 to:**  
Holy Trinity Scholarship Committee  
335 Elm St., Westfield MA 01085

**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.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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