

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

First Sunday Of Lent

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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- February 19

12:10 pm: Bob Garcia
R/B Dianne, Rose & Barbara

TUESDAY - February 20

12:10 pm: Krystyna Smigiel (health & blessing)

WEDNESDAY - February 21

12:10 pm: Mary Jane Stec
R/B Marion Wysocki
6:30 PM: Holy hour of Adoration

THURSDAY - February 22

12:10 pm: Frances Asta Ferrero (birth remembrance)
R/B sisters

FRIDAY - February 23

12:10 pm: Communion Service
12:45 pm: Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm: Polish Station of the Cross

SATURDAY- February 24

4:00 pm: Kevin Haluch (1st anniversary of death)
R/B Wife Alicia, Eric, Nicki & Shane

SUNDAY - February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

7:00am: Donald Flynn
R/B daughter Annette
8:30am: Jozef & Maria Urbanek
R/B Kazia Grabowiec
10:30am: Doris & Henry Page
R/B Barbara & Family

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 2/18

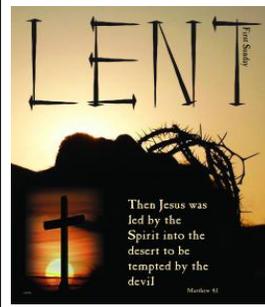
Walter B. Zygarowski
R/B wife Cathy



Rest in Peace ~

Mr. Bogdan Halama who passed away on Saturday February 10.

Please remember him in prayer.



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“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

-Matthew 4:10

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalms — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

February 24 & 25

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Maureen Nomakeo

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Laura Masciadrelli, Mary Corliss, Robert Nomakeo

Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Jane Wood

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Peter Polak, Joe Vaschak, Diane Vaschak

8:30 am Reader: Czeslaw Kisala

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Andrew Montanaro

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Cheryl Rothermel, Sheila Tenero, Dan Tenero

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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



Also: Dorothy, Elaine, Barbara Rosiensi, Bill, Matthew DeMars & family, Theresa, Donna Capell, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Larry, Carol Jeneral, Laura & Edward Danek, Lillian & Natalie Danek, Marie Anne, Marlene Bannish, Michael, Paul M., Kaylee Paulson, Bernie B., Steven Hezik, Maureen W., Kevin S., Joan & Tom K., Eli, Emil Onik, Kazimierz & Irene, and Neva, 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.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Our Lady of Good Success, pray that your Son will grant a haven of peace in His Sacred Heart to all priests, especially those newly ordained.

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **February 19** Rev. Mark Stelzer, **20** Rev. George G. Greenway, Jr., **21** Rev. Michael Wood, **22** Rev. Richard Turner, **23** All Military Chaplains, **24** Rev. Daniel Foley, **25** Pope Francis.

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

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION Feb. 18 ~
From today's 2nd Reading, 1 Peter 3: **"It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience.."**

When we perform charitable acts for our fellow human beings we are thanking Jesus for his sacrifice on the cross.

WHEN IS MASS REALLY OVER?

Have you missed hearing the priest say, **"Go forth, the Mass is ended", or a similar dismissal?** If you haven't heard that, then you left before Mass is finished. We are very blessed to be involved with the celebration of the Mass. To receive the Body and Blood of Christ is the foundation of our faith. It is sad to see the disrespect given to the Eucharist and to the Mass by dozens of people who walk out of church before Communion or directly after receiving Holy Communion. **It is also rude to leave before the priest reaches the door.** Isn't it time to honor and respect Our Lord by giving Him your complete Mass each and every Saturday/Sunday!



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory; for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it shall all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' "

~Lord God on this first Sunday in Lent, we remember the trials and temptations of your son Jesus Christ in his journey through the wilderness, and how he triumphed over all.

In our prayers we think of the difficult journeys in life encountered by so many people in the world. We pray that in their different times of need, they may find discernment to see their way ahead, and strength to overcome whatever problems they face. We pray that faith may be deepened in this period of Lent, and all may walk in the light of the Lord.

Lord in your mercy - hear our prayer.

February 10 & 11

Weekly:	197	envelopes	\$3,874.00
Loose:			\$306.39
Total Offertory:			\$4,180.39
Improvement Fund:	21	envelopes	\$310.00
Fuel Fund:	27	envelopes	\$502.00
Boiler Fund:	8	envelopes	\$105.00
Elms College:	1	envelope	\$5.00
Home Missions	3	envelopes	\$17.00
Share in The Care:	1	envelope	\$25.00

Thank You to those who continue to financially support our parish. Your consistent generosity has helped us pay our bills.

God bless your generosity!



PLEASE DON'T PASS ON YOUR COLD!

We share a lot of things as part of a Catholic parish family, but one thing we don't want to pass on is a cold of flu. Eucharistic Ministers are taught to wipe the chalice with a clean part of the purificator. Still, if you have a cold or do not feel well, please refrain from receiving the chalice. It is not required to partake of both species (bread & wine), either contains the fullness of Jesus' presence. If you are not receiving from the chalice it is customary to make a bow when you pass by as a sign of respect. Also, during winter months, some people choose to make the sign of peace through a wave or a bow rather than shaking hands.

Immediate Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults

Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized, received First Eucharist and are practicing their faith but have not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in an immediate preparation process. The program includes a retreat program. The retreat will be held on May 5th from 9am to 2pm and the cost is \$20. Please see bulletin board for details.

Lent & Easter Brought to Your Phone



In observance of the Holy seasons of Lent and Easter, a special feature has been created on your "my parish app". Starting on Ash Wednesday Feb. 14, daily Lenten reflections will be available to you **ALL 40 DAYS of Lent** (Feb.14 to March 28).

Not Connected? **Get connected now** by downloading "my parish app" today. Text APP to 88202 to download our parish app. See church entrances for cards with details.

DONATIONS TO OUR PARISH:



~In memory of **Robert Garcia**
 ~ From *Alvord Place Communities*

~In memory of **Mary Jane Stec**
 ~ From *Patricia Galanski, Marilyn McNeil, Rosemary Banach, Eric Defilipi, Madeline Molta, Linda Molta-Tetrault, Athea Stec, Mary Ann Holmes, Sofia Bator, Mark Midura, James Barnett & Mary Gagnon, R.B. & Krzysztof Jaworowski, Vivian & John Wegrzyniak, Joe & Carolina Bianca, Barbara Zygarowski, Denise & Verlon Brown, Tom & Joan Kennedy, Steve & Teresa Oleksak, Maurzen Nomakeo, Commercial Distributing Co. and The Polish Group of Holy Trinity.*

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Our Lady of the Cross Parish Presents Maximilian ~ Saint of Auschwitz

This moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be on Friday, **March 9** at 7:00 pm in Our Lady of the Cross Church in Holyoke. Experience firsthand the story of this heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv., who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for a family man in the concentration camp of Auschwitz during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 and under. For additional information and tickets, contact Our Lady of the Cross Parish Office at 413-532-5661.

Catholic Generosity

When questioned whether a diocese's budget should go to help people that are not part of the Church, the late Archbishop of Washington, James Hickey explained: **"We don't do this because they're Catholic. We do this because we're Catholic."**

Sunday Republican, 2-12-12, p.C5

Something to think about as our diocese reaches out to help refugees settle in this area.

**SORE SHINS-
 DON'T BREAK YOUR SHIN ON A STOOL
 THAT IS NOT IN YOUR WAY. -IRISH PROVERB**

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS- INCOME TAX FILING

Contributions received after Jan. 1, 2018 cannot be back-dated to 2017. When requesting the 2017 Yearly Contribution Report please include a **Business-size Stamped Self-addressed Envelope and the following form filled out completely.**

Name: _____
 Address: _____

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.

LENTEN MEDITATION BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

"Five Minutes With the Word" donated by our parish and **"The Little Black Book"** donated by Miriam Najimi are available with daily Lenten meditations. Please take one home to use during this season of prayer and sacrifice.

OPERATION RICE BOWL KITS are also available 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?

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please let the office know when you are NOT available during April, May & June.

*Also, volunteer for Holy Week. We **STILL need 1 E.M for 7 pm Holy Thurs., & Readers Easter Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am (both English) 1 EM***



The **Rosary** is recited in the church every day **during the week** at 11:30am from Ash Wed. 2/14 until Fri. 3/23.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE

The **PROFIT FROM THIS FUNDRAISER IS \$1,285.00!!**

We send a huge THANK YOU to all the wonderful volunteers who were selling the tickets. We appreciate your work. God bless you. Winning tickets are drawn daily by Fr. René **Good luck to all!!!**



2/7	\$20	# 40	Patricia Galanski
2/8	\$20	# 717	Jean Sarafin
2/9	\$20	# 13	Lorrie & Tom Templeton
2/10	\$20	# 183	Michael Aubrey
2/11	\$50	# 655	Joanne Lebeau
2/12	\$20	# 732	Sharon Whalen
2/13	\$20	# 320	Chris Ball

••Braided Pastry••

We are excited to be doing the Braided Pastry fundraiser again this year! This year the program has expanded to include multiple flavors of ready to bake cookie dough. Order forms are available at the church exits. All order forms are due back by March 11th. Pickup will be on March 22nd at 5:30pm in the parish center cafeteria in plenty of time for Easter. Thank you in advance for your support. Call Jeanette with any question at (431)532-7326 or email perettij@student.elms.edu.



We wish the following members of our parish a very Blessed & Happy Birthday! Sto Lat

Birthdays for 2/19 to 2/25 are: Stephanie Andwood, Camille Bruno, Elizabeth Bogdan, Anne Czelusniak, Andrew Czeremcha, Philomena Gajda, Brenda Gawron, Teresa Greenwood, Sandra Kielbasa, Mary Kusnierz, Carly Nomakeo, Sylvanna Sajewicz, Carter Siwek, Catherine Smith, Krystyna Smigiel, Douglas Smith, Daniel Szalankiewicz, Mary Tenero, Veronica Wojcik, Angela Wojtowicz, & Eric Wojtowicz.