

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

PARISH OFFICE

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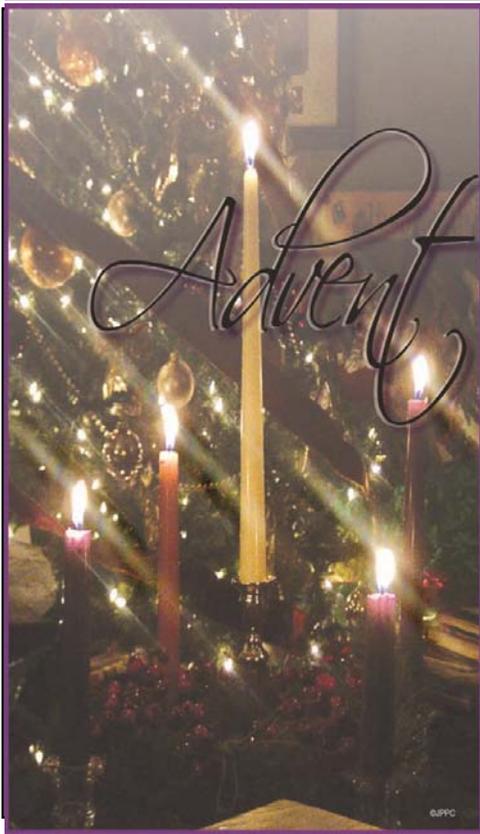
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Parish Council Chairperson: Maureen Nomakeo



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: 5:30 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!!!





MONDAY - December 2

12:10 pm: Jerzy Brancewicz
R/B Genowefa Glebocki

TUESDAY- December 3 St. Francis Xavier

12:10 pm: Souls in Purgatory
R/B Mr. & Mrs. Therrien
All parishioners

WEDNESDAY- December 4 St. John Damascene

12:10 pm: John & Sophie Kos
R/B Children

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY - December 5

12:10 pm Kazimiera Grabowiec
R/B Szpak family

FRIDAY - December 6 St. Nicholas

12:10 pm: Communion Service

SATURDAY- December 7 St. Ambrose

4:00 pm: Michael & Agnes Kos & Mary Gwozdz
R/B Koz & Oleksak families

SUNDAY - December 8



7:00 am: Helena Onik
R/B son & family

8:30 am: Jan Sobolewski
R/B Krystyna

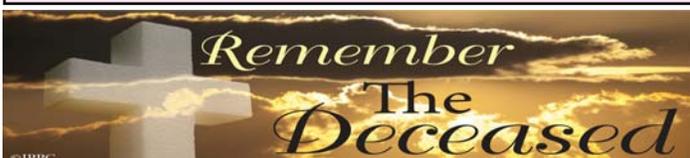
10:30 am: Michael Cennamo
R/B children

MEMORIAL CANDLE for 12/1

Janet Isaacs

(birthday remembrance)

R/B God child Alicia



~ADVENT~

In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (*Isaiah 2:1-5*).

Psalm — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (*Psalm 122*).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (*Romans 13:11-14*).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (*Matthew 24:37-44*).

December 7th & 8th

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Robert Nomakeo
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ: Mark Galica, Michael Haley, Laura Masciadrelli

Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Joanne Rollins
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ: Doug Rollins, Jane Wood, Vicki Polak

8:30 am Reader: Bozena Jaworowski
Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ: Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Hal Beattie
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ: Diane Brunelle, Diane Bedor, Greg Gawron
Choir: Wade Brunelle

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

Dorothy, Elaine, Barbara Rosiensi, Bill, Matthew DeMars & family, Theresa, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Larry, Carol Jeneral, Laura Danek, Lillian & Natalie Danek, Marie Anne, Michael, Paul M., Kaylee, Kathy Paulson, Steven Hezik, Maureen W., Kevin S., Joan K, Eli, Emil Onik, Kazimierz, Warren, Monika Laz, Pat G and Neva, Irene N., Tami Boudreau, Helen Romanski, Ellen S., Deacon Charlie, Stanley & Sylvia Sklarski, Bob Kaczman, Joe N., Frank G, Maria B., Chet Z., Mary Jemiolo and all in hospitals, nursing homes, or home-bound.

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.

December 2 Rev. Michael Bernier (Healing), **3** Most Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, **4** Rev. J. Lessard-Thibodeau, JCL (Healing), **5** Rev. Matthew Holladay, MIC, **6** Rev. Douglas McGonagle, **7** Rev. Chris Alar, MIC, **8** All Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. *Also extend these prayers to the deacons of our diocese.*

Dec. 1 ~ From today's 2nd Reading, Romans 13:11: "...it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep..." , "Let us throw off the works of darkness..."



The disrespect for life at its beginning and end hides in darkness but its devastating effects soon comes to light.

Donations to our Parish

~In memory of **Mary A. Zomek**

From: Christopher & Ann Marie Yager
Stanley & Marion Zomek
Anne Butler
Loretta Fedora O'Connor
Jacqueline Zering
Edward & Frances Zering
Patricia Galanski



The new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent.

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'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

Weekly Collection

November 23rd & 24th

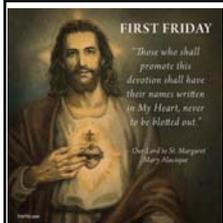
Weekly Collections for

November 23rd & 24th will be reflected on next week's bulletin, for Dec. 8.

The Bulletin had to go to print early. Thank You to those who continue to financially support our parish. God bless your generosity!



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast Day of the U.S.A. is transferred to Monday December 9th. It is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. Mass for the day will be at 12:10pm.



FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL
First Friday Devotions with our Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

St. John The Evangelist Church
 833 Main St. Agawam on Dec.

6th., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 6pm, Holy Mass at 8pm, Midnight Adoration & Devotions Prayer at 9pm. Refreshments will follow.



The Advent season is just around the corner and with it, planning for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant! The pageant is open to all children in the parish who are in First Grade or above. The pageant will be performed for the parish immediately before the start of the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Two rehearsals in the weeks leading up to Christmas will be held during religious Ed time (exact dates TBD), with a final "dress rehearsal" on Christmas Eve beginning at 2:30pm. Parents of interested children should email our Pageant Coordinator, Catherine Burke, at atcjesmith@gmail.com with any questions.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

There is an envelope in your packet to help with the cost of the *beautiful flowers that decorate our altar for Christmas.* You can list prayer intentions on the back and they will be placed on the altar *between Christmas and the Epiphany in January.* If you do not receive envelopes you can use a plain one or there are a limited number of blank ones at the doors of the Church.

~February Calendar Raffle~

Our annual February Calendar Raffle begins on the Weekend of December 1st & 2nd.

The tickets will be on sale after all Masses starting this weekend. Stop by the table at the back of the church to buy a ticket, or take some with you to sell to your friends, neighbors & co-workers. The raffle goes until the end of January. **This is a great opportunity to support our parish.** The tickets make great inserts to your Christmas cards.

If you would like to help with selling the tickets after Masses, please sign up at the table.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

As in the past few years, our "Giving Tree" will be dedicated to the needs of the residents of the;

Holyoke Soldiers Home. The tree is located in front of the side altar and decorated with tags listing all items needed.

Please note: only new, unused items can be accepted. Last year was a "wonderful" year. Please help us to make this year just as successful. If you are unable to bring your donations to the church on the weekends you may bring them during the week. The side door of the church is usually open from 9 am to 1pm, **The collection dates are 12/9 to 12/23.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity and may God bless YOU! *The Social Justice Committee-Parish Pastoral Council, Joseph Bianca.*

The Essentials of Catholicism-Talks

Timothy O'Keefe of The Fullness of Truth Apostolate will continue the talks entitled **"The Essentials of Catholicism"** that examine and respond to some of the many challenges made to Catholic teaching on Thursday 12/5 from 7p to 8:30p in the parish cafeteria.



Retirement Fund for Religious

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, *“Your flyer touched my heart– seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.”* Do you remember the sisters, brothers or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection.



ADVENT MEDITATIONS AVAILABLE

Please take a few minutes a day, and use *“Five Minutes with the Word”* to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading one of these books of meditations will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and Miriam Najimi of the Marian Center in Northampton and are located at church doors. Please pick one up for your family and *start a new Christmas Tradition!*

Holy Trinity Rosary Society

Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8th at the Parish center.

Tickets still available. Social hour with Christmas music begins at 12 noon. A catered buffet dinner will be served at 1pm. At 2pm the Westfield High school Choir will perform.

Tickets are \$18.00 per person guests are welcome. If you wish to attend please call Sandy Dawicki A.S.A.P. 562-2625. Make checks out to HTC Rosary Society.



Our Parish Pastoral council will meet Monday December 2nd at 6:30pm in the parish center meeting room. All are welcome to attend.



**LAST CHANCE!!
TO ORDER
GIFT CARD's**

I would like to thank everyone who bought gift cards from the November 11, 2019 Gift Card Fundraiser order. **\$1,640.59** was made for the Church on this order. The last Gift Card order before Christmas will go in on **Monday, Dec. 9.** Please get your orders in by this date. If you have any questions or need an order form, please email me aliciawh@comcast.net, or call me at home 568-9768 or the parish office at 568-1506. There are order forms in the church and the parish office. I can also mail a form to you. ~ Alicia

ATTENTION GRANDPARENTS:

St. Nick is coming to Celebrate “Little Christmas” with us! Please join us and bring a friend. We'll be making out our Family Christmas Wish Lists and placing them on our **“Grandparent's Christmas Prayer Tree”** at St. Peter & St. Casimir Church , Westfield 11 am, Tuesday, Dec. 3. Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share at our “Little Christmas ” Potluck featuring roast ham with all the fixin's following our prayer time. for more info call Alicia at 579-4739.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



Birthdays For 12/2 to 12/8 ARE:

Joseph Bianca, Antonio Bruno, Daniel Ciejek, JoAnne Charvat, Hannah Colon, Jade Correa, Michael Douthwright, Laura Gagne, Giovanni Gajda, Kelly Galanis, Roger Howe, Shelley & Zachary Kusnierz, Anthony Nomakeo, Kelly Pitoniak, Chloe Premny, John Prystowski, Felicity Rovatti, Stanley Zomek.

