

Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette



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 5:00 pm

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Finance Council Chairperson: Wade Brunelle

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.

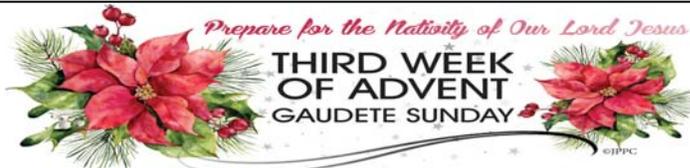
BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment prior to making any arrangements. The Sponsors (i.e. Godparents) must also be practicing Catholics.

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 16

12:10 pm: Living & deceased members of
The Massey & Bessette families
R/B Marie Anne Forni

TUESDAY - December 17

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

WEDNESDAY - December 18

12:10 pm: Filomena Almonte
R/B Andrea Veras

6:30 pm: Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration

THURSDAY - December 19

12:10 pm Helen & Stanley Wender &
Frances & Stanley Walas
R/B Alicia, Shane, Eric & Nicki Haluch

FRIDAY - December 20

12:10 pm: Communion Service

SATURDAY - December 21

4:00 pm: Marta Sobczyk
R/B family

SUNDAY - December 22



7:00 am: Walter & Lucy Stanton
R/B daughter

8:30 am: Eugenia & Stanley Chmielewski
R/B Barbara & Waldek Pilecki

10:30 am: John Placzek
R/B wife Clara, Christine & Cara

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh."
As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.



December 21st & 22nd
Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Sandra Kielbasa
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Mark Galica, Michael Haley, Mary Corliss
Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Gary Forni
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Marie Ann Forni, Maria Misterka, Doug Rollins
8:30 am Reader: Czesław 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:
Dan Tenero, Sheila Tenero, Teresa Oleksak



MEMORIAL CANDLE for 12/15
Edwin & Stella Wilk
R/B daughter Alicia

Christmas Schedule Dec. 24th & 25th
Tuesday 4:00 pm Reader: Larry Zabielski
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
June Cloutier, Laura Masciadrelli,
Cheryl Rothermel, *(call if available)*
Midnight Reader: *(call if available)*
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
(call if available)
Wednesday 9:00 am Reader: *(call if available)*
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
(call if available)
10:30 am Reader: Hal Beattie
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
(call if available)



THE THIRD 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., Mary Jemiolo Rudy & Karen Basilone & family 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 16 Rev. Timothy Campoli, **17** Rev. Msgr. John Myslinski, **18** Rev. Donald Noiseux, **19** Rev. Michael W.T. Twardzik, **20** Rev. Christopher Waitekus, **21** Rev. Dariusz Wudarski, **22** Rev. John Lis (Healing).

Also extend these prayers to the deacons of our diocese.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower. Tired bodies will receive strength.

Aching hearts will be made glad (*Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10*).

Psalms — Lord, come and save us (*Psalms 146*).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (*James 5:7-10*).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing. The dead are raised to new life! (*Matthew 11:2-11*).

Donations to our Parish

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

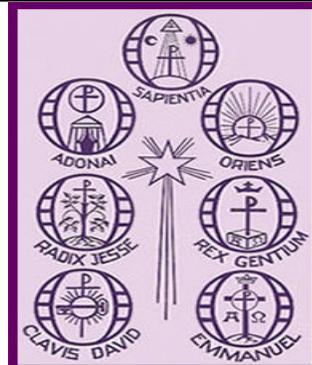
From: Marcie Zera & Rian Long



Donation from Marlene Cannon to the fuel fund

Anonymous donation of \$1,000 to boiler fund

December 17th marks the beginning of the **O Antiphons, the precious seven jewels of our liturgy**, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day counting down the last seven days until Christmas Eve with building anticipation. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. The Church recalls the variety of the ills of man before the coming of the Redeemer. **O Come! The O Antiphons and Rejoice the Lord is Near!**



In the first, *O Sapientia*, we take a backward flight into the recesses of eternity to address Wisdom, the Word of God. In the second, *O Adonai*, we have leaped from eternity to the time of Moses and the Law of Moses (about 1400 B.C.). In the third, *O Radix Jesse*, we have come to the time when God was preparing the line of David (about 1100 B.C.). In the fourth, *O Clavis David*, we have come to the year 1000. In the fifth, *O Oriens* we see that the line of David is elevated so that the peoples may look on a rising star in the east, and hence in the sixth, *O Rex Gentium*, we know that He is king of all the world of man. This brings us to the evening before the vigil, and before coming to the town limits of Bethlehem, we salute Him with the last Great O, *O Emmanuel, God-with-us.*

Weekly Collection

December 7th & 8th

Weekly:	180 envelopes	\$3,608.00
Loose:		<u>\$395.00</u>
Total Offertory:		\$4,003.00
Improvement Fund:	20 envelopes	\$339.00
Fuel Fund:	22 envelopes	\$310.00
Boiler Fund:	6 envelopes	\$67.00
Retired Religious:	32 envelopes	\$358.00
Retired Religious Loose:		<u>\$373.25</u>
Retired Religious Total:		\$731.25
Archdiocese Military:	2 envelopes	\$26.00
Miscellaneous:	6 envelopes	\$14.00

Thank You to those who continue to financially support our parish. *God bless your generosity!*



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

St. Mary's Parish in Westfield will be having a Communal Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 18th in the Church starting at 7 PM with Frs. John, Frank and guest priests, with Benediction at 8:30 PM. Advent is a great time to examine our lives and turn again to God in His great gift of Reconciliation.

The parish pastoral council is hosting a movie for adults on January 10, 2020 in the parish center hall at 7pm. The title of the movie is "Unplanned".



It is a polarizing emotional drama seen through the eyes of the woman who once believed she was doing good. It shows the horror of abortion for what it truly is. It is an eye opener on reality, and puts a visual on the usual "faceless" word – abortion.

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
IS UNDERWAY!**

The tickets are on sale after all Masses. 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.

**HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT**

The children of Holy Trinity will re-enact the story of the Nativity on Christmas Eve. In order to make this tradition work we need your participation & support. The pageant will be performed for the parish immediately before the start of the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsal's will be Sun., Dec. 22 at 6pm (it will last about 1 hour), and Tues., Dec. 24th at 2:30pm. Children will rehearse in costume prior to Mass. The pageant begins at 3:50pm & transitions directly into the 4pm Mass. Students will rejoin their families after the entrance hymn. Please email Catie Burke at cjesmith@gmail.com with any questions.

ADVENT GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree is 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. **Only new items can be accepted.** *This year's requested items are: fragrance free deodorant, chap stick, headphones, sweatpants, sweatshirts & white tee shirts.* 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 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, Bozena Jaworowski & Joseph Bianca.

**Volunteers
Needed**

**ON Saturday, Dec. 21
from 9am to noon**

(to bring up Christmas trees, manger and other big items...etc.), for our

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION.
We count on you!**



200 Club Membership Renewal

It's that time again to renew your 200 Club membership!! If you would like to join or renew, just fill out entry form and return with your payment by **January 15, 2020. The cost will still be \$5.00 a month or \$60.00 a year. The prizes will remain the same in 2020: First \$200.00, Second \$100.00, Third \$75.00, Fourth \$75.00 and Fifth \$75.00.** Five winners will be chosen each month. We will add a bonus of \$30.00 each month if there are 250 paid members. Payments can be mailed to Joanne Rollins at 15 Locust Street, Westfield, MA 01085 or drop it in the collection at Mass or at the office. Any questions contact Joanne Rollins at 423-568-7117 or djrollins@comcast.net.

Ticket Number: _____ (If you know it)
Amount Enclosed: _____
New Member: _____ Renewal _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Coupons: yes _____ no _____ Make Checks
Payable to: Holy Trinity 200 Club.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS BOOKS AVAILABLE

Please take a few minutes a day, and use *the two Advent meditation books* 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 or both up for your family and *start a new Christmas Tradition!*

~TAG SALE NEWS~

We have decided to have a tag sale on May 29th & 30th, 2020. Items can be dropped off at the parish office during regular hours. Please NO books, furniture, stuffed animals or baby items. We are going to try to schedule some weekend drop off hours that will be announced in the bulletin. Thank You so Much!

ROSARY SOCIETY THANK YOU

The Rosary Society would like to thank everyone that contributed to making the Holiday Bazaar such a great success this year! Thank you so much for the generous baskets, raffle prizes & gift cards (we had 65)! Thank you to everyone who baked, made soups, sandwiches, and other great treats. Thank you to all Rosary members that took on much needed leadership responsibilities.
~God bless you, The Holy Trinity Rosary Society

2020 CALENDARS DONATED by FIRTION ADAMS FUNERAL SERVICE

We would like to thank **Firtion Adams Funeral Service** for their donation of 2020 calendars with inspiring words from Pope Francis. They are available in English or Polish at the doors of the church. Take one home to enjoy throughout the year.

The Christmas Wafer "OPLATEK"

Oplatek is available at the entrances of the church and at the parish office for \$2 per package. Honoring tradition, a Polish Christmas Vigil centers on the importance of the Christmas wafer. Particular to the Polish, Slovak & Lithuanian legacy, the holy night of Christmas Eve Vigil (Wigilia) begins with the breaking & sharing of the sacred "oplatek". This ancient "bread" ritual symbolizes forgiveness & new beginnings, uniting past & present, heaven & earth.



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



Birthdays For 12/16 to 12/22 ARE:

- Diane Bedor, Czesława Biegalski, Arkadiusz Gawron, Stefania Hebda, Stephanie Hosmer, Robert Kaczman, John Kusnierz, Peter Pilecki, Edward Przybyla, Douglas Rollins, Veronica Rovatti, William Szalankiewicz, Dorothy Wzorek & Ewa Zalinski.

