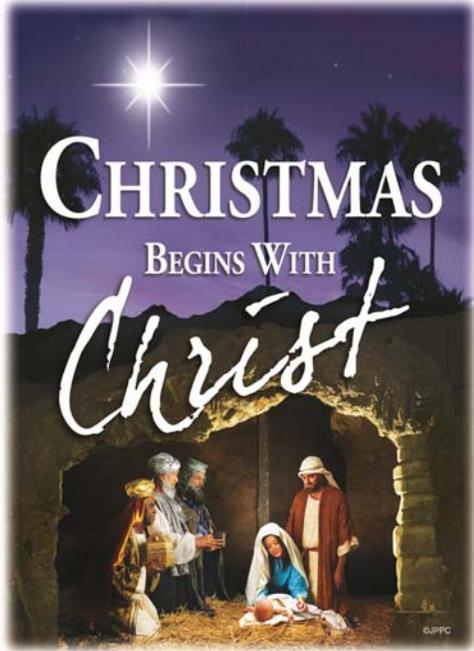


Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette



PARISH OFFICE

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tel. 413-568-1506 fax 413-572-2533

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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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 23

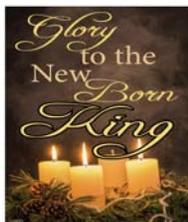
12:10 pm: Stanley Boguszewski
 (3rd anniversary of death)
R/B family
 Souls in purgatory
R/B Mr. & Mrs. Therrien
 All parishioners

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

3:45 pm: Christmas Pageant *(in church)*
4:00 pm: Vigil of Christmas
11:30 pm: Polish & English **Carol Concert**
12:00: Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25
 NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

9:00 am (Polish) and **10:30 am**
*The intentions of the above Masses
 are for blessings and health
 for all parishioners.*



THURSDAY- December 26 St. Stephen

12:10 pm: Mr. & Mrs. Max Kusnierz Sr.
R/B family

FRIDAY - December 27 St. John

12:10 pm: Communion Service

SATURDAY- December 28 The Holy Innocents

4:00 pm: Regina & Matt Niemiec
R/B Maureen Nomakeo

SUNDAY - December 29

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

8:30 am: Johnny Urban
R/B Urban family

10:30 am: Mary Jane Raville
R/B Wade & Diane

**Today the Church
 celebrates the Fourth
 Sunday of Advent**



We light the last candle on our Advent wreath and our preparation for Christmas is almost finished. We also reach the culmination of the O Antiphons. In previous antiphons our cry was directed to the Messiah as He manifested Himself to the Chosen People, to the Gentiles, and in nature; now He is addressed in person and asked to remain with us as Emmanuel. Reading this final antiphon gives the feeling that a climax has indeed come. The very term Emmanuel, God with us, reveals the kindly, human heart of Jesus — He wants to be one of us, a Child of man, with all our human weakness and suffering; He wants to experience how hard it is to be man. He wants to remain with us to the end of time, He wants to dwell within us, He wants to make us share His nature.

December 28th & 29th

Saturday 4:00 pm Reader: Maureen Nomakeo

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Frank Dawicki, Ann Mello, June Cloutier

Sunday 7:00 am Reader: Larry Lafield

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Betty Lafield, Joseph Vaschak, Diane Vaschak

8:30 am Reader: Wanda Pluciennik

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 am Reader: Teresa Oleksak

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:

Greg Gawron, Melanie Cannata, Andrea Veras



MEMORIAL CANDLE for 12/22
Kevin Haluch
R/B wife Alicia & sons Eric & Shane



THE FOURTH 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 23 All Military Chaplains, **24** Rev. William Wallis, **25** All Priests, **26** Rev. George Zina, **27** Fr. Adam Ziolkowski, OFM Conv. **28** Rev. Jamie Ahern, **29** Rev. Adrian Benoit.

Also extend these prayers to the deacons of our diocese.

TODAY'S READINGS:

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (*Isaiah 7:10-14*).

Psalms — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (*Psalms 24*).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (*Romans 1:1-7*).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (*Matthew 1:18-24*).

Donations to our Parish

*~In memory of Alfred Midura
From: family*



Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

are moments of contemplation. We consider, in many dimensions, the mystery of love that was incarnated for us. First of all, we contemplate the light and joy, without forgetting Jesus and Mary's sorrows and sufferings, and the many difficulties that had surrounded them: the cold, the uncomfortable place, the dangers.... It would be good to accompany these thoughts by reciting and meditating slowly on the Holy Rosary, preferably in front of a crib. 'Blessed grotto of Bethlehem that testified to the wonders! Who, in this hour would not turn our hearts? Who would not prefer the opulent palace of the King?' (P. Guéranger, *L'Anno Liturgico*, Alba 1959 [orig. franc. 1841], I, p122).



A Prayer for Christmas Morning

-by Henry van Dyke

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,

And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus.

~Amen

Weekly Collection

December 14th & 15th

Weekly Collections for Dec. 15th & 16th
Will be reflected on next week's bulletin,
for Dec. 30

The Bulletin had to go to print early.

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



From the pastor
 Dear Parishioners,
 Once again we celebrate the birth of our Savior. May this day and all of the Christmas Season fill your hearts and homes with His love. May His love bring us the peace of Christ by sharing it with all those in our lives. God bless you all and may you have a most peaceful & Blessed Christmas. Sincerely in Christ, ~Fr. René

~NEW PARISHONER MEMBERSHIP~

Through Baptism, we become God's children and brothers and sisters of one another with Christ. Through registration, we become members of the **Holy Trinity family of faith.** *We always welcome new members and hope you will find our parish family a place where your faith will be nourished.* We ask that you fill out a registration form. They can be found in the book rack in the church vestibule or stop in the parish office during office hours. As a parish family, we are committed to share our goods, talents and faith with one another.

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.

~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. The pageant will be performed for the parish immediately before the start of the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Dress Rehearsals will be Tues., Dec. 24th at 2:30pm. Children will rehearse in costume prior to Mass. The pageant begins at 3:45pm & transitions directly into the 4pm Mass. Volunteers are still needed Please email Catie Burke at cjesmith@gmail.com with any questions.



ADVENT GIVING TREE

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE

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 **Only new items can be accepted.** *This year's requested items are: fragrance free deodorant, chap stick, headphones, sweatpants, sweatshirts & white tee shirts.* The side door of the church is open from 9 am to 1pm or you can drop items off at the parish office. **We are collecting until 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.

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.

Thank you to Sandy Dawicki, Anna Urban, June Cloutier and committee for graciously hosting a *Fantastic Rosary Christmas Party!* ~Rosary Society

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.

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

**2019 GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER RESULTS**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who bought gift cards and got outside orders from family, friends & co-workers this year! The **2019 Holy Trinity Church Gift Card Fundraiser** was **the best yet!** A total of **\$3,327.24** was raised for this winter's fuel expenses. **\$1,686.65** was made on the 12/9/19 order. **\$1,640.59** was made on the 11/11/19 order. I could not do it without all your help. Word of mouth and outside orders are definitely helping because more people participated this year. **Thank you all for supporting the Gift Card Fundraiser this year. God Bless You. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! ~Alicia Haluch**

**Westfield 350th Anniversary Celebration**

Hard cover souvenir books that capture everything that took place during the Westfield 350th birthday celebration are available for sale at the parish office at a discounted price of \$10. All proceeds go the parish. Please call, email or stop by the office to purchase a copy. Supplies are limited.



**A message from Deacon Charlie:**

*I am truly grateful for your support and prayers reflected in your cards sent to me during my treatment and recovery from surgery. During this Christmas season our Lord continues to work marvels here in our lives through His presence and the outpouring of Sacramental grace. You have a special place in my prayers day and night. May Jesus, our Emmanuel fill your hearts, your life and your home with His peace this Christmas and always. Sincerely, Deacon*

**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.

**Christmas Week Parish Office Hours**

Monday- 12/23 9am-4pm  
Tuesday- 12/24 9am-noon *Christmas Eve*  
Wednesday-12/25 closed *Christmas Day*  
Thursday-12/26 & Friday- 12/27 closed



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

**Birthdays For 12/23 to 12/29 ARE:**



Elizabeth Beaulieu, Joseph Bianca, Matthew Bruno, Ottavia Bush, Ladis Cennamo, Amber Centeno, Frank Florek, Maeleigh Frazer, Nellie Gaido, Francis Gaulin III, Carol Kucefski, Michael LeBlanc, John Lobudek, Jakob Marcoulier, Christine Morrissey, Ashley Sienkiewicz, John Stec, Sophie Stec, Jacob Urbanek, Jason Wheeler & Carl Wzorek.

