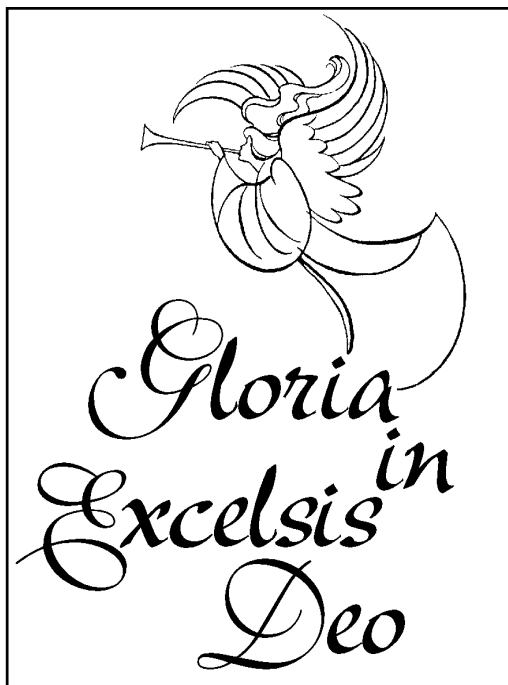


Holy Trinity Church

Staffed by the Missionaries of La Salette

The Nativity of the Lord



PARISH OFFICE

335 Elm St., Westfield, MA 01085
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
Wednesday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

HOLY TRINITY PARISH CENTER 413-568-4352

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Youth Ministry: Jeanette Peretti

Parish Building Maintenance: Frank Gaulin, Jr.

Finance Council Chairperson: Wade Brunelle

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 – DECEMBER 16 St. Stephen

12:10 p.m.: Bernard Bergeron *birthday blessings*
R/B Marie Anne & Gary Forni

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 27

St. John the Evangelist

12:10 p.m.: Peter Jonaitis R/B Marion

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents

12:10 p.m.: Joanna Sajewicz
R/B Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Sklarski

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 29

St. Thomas Becket

12:10 p.m.: Mary Morytko
R/B daughter Toni Tanski

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

12:10 p.m.: Communion Service

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 31

4:00 p.m.: Vigil Lionel Parent R/B his son

SUNDAY – JANUARY 1 (New Year's Day)

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

7:00 a.m.: the salvation of souls, the dying, and the
souls in purgatory R/B anonymous

8:30 a.m. (Polish): Zdzislaw Urban R/B a friend

10:30 a.m.: William P. Armstrong, Sr.
R/B son Bill & Kathy

MEMORIAL CANDLE for the WEEK of 12/25

George McNeil, Jr. R/B sister Marilyn

December 31 & January 1

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Reader: Robert Nomakeo

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Mary Corliss & Marie Anne Forni

7:00 am Reader: Peter Danek

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Peter & Vicky Polak

8:30 am Reader: Karolina Onik

Minister of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Stanislaw Pluciennik

10:30 a.m. Reader: Kathy Armstrong

Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ:
Diane & Wade Brunelle

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016



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 Je-
sus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the glad-
ness 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' sake.

Amen

Dear Parishioners,

*“God so loved the world that He
gave His only-begotten Son...”*

*When He came to us as man, the
Son of God scattered the darkness of
this world, and filled this holy day
with his glory. May the God of infi-
nite goodness scatter the darkness of
sin and brighten your hearts with holiness.*

*God bless you all and may you have a most
peaceful and blessed Christmas.*

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. René Deacon Charlie



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



Kevin Haluch, Stanley Boguszewski, Joanne
LeBeau, Phyllis F., Lucille Gintowt, Donna
Capell, 3 Barbaras, Toni Tanski, Todd Be-
cotte, Liam Bisson Ingersoll, Pat Galanski,
David Dolinski, Larry, Carol Jeneral, Sandy,
Edward Danek, Marie Anne, Marlene Bannish, Michael,
Paul M., Kaylee Paulson, Joan & Tom K., Eli, MaryAnn
Hastings, all in hospitals, nursing homes, or home-bound,
those with mental illness or addictions, the unemployed,
homeless, our political leaders, all in the military, those
who have fallen away from the faith and the souls in pur-
gatory.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION
this Wednesday evening.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE

A Calendar Raffle Fundraiser for the month of February is on sale for **\$5 a chance at weekend Masses** and at the parish office during business hours. This will offer the opportunity to win a cash prize each day during the month of February. You can win more than once since all tickets sold are in the drawing each day. Take extra tickets to sell to your friends and family.

TIM O'KEEFE of *The Fullness of Truth Apostolate* presents classes from **7 - 8:30 pm** on the first and third Thursday of each month through May at our Parish Center. **Next class is Thursday, Jan. 5.** Come learn more about our Catholic faith. All are welcome.

LIFELINE SCREENINGS a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, offers a preventive health event at **Holy Trinity Church on 1/18/2017.** Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. **In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemember**

ADULT PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of confirmation and are interested in doing so, please contact Fr. René as soon as possible. Evening classes start in February in Springfield and Northampton and March 2 in Westfield. Registration forms need to be signed by Fr. René.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Please pray daily for all the religious that serve us and others. **Dec. 26** Rev. Vitor Oliveira; **27** Rev. Lucjan Krolkowski, OFM Conv.; **28** Rev. John F. Hurley; **29** Rev. Daniel Brunton; **30** Rev. Jose Guadalupe Matus, OFM Conv.; **31** Rev. Piotr Calik; **Jan. 1** Pope Francis. Also, extend these prayers to the deacons of our diocese.

"It is Christmas every time you let others love God through you." St. Teresa of Calcutta

DIOCESAN APPEAL FOR ELMS COLLEGE

The annual Appeal for the College of Our Lady of the Elms—the Catholic college of western Massachusetts—will be made throughout the Diocese at all Masses on January 7 and 8. (There is an envelope in your packet.) Elms College educates young women and men to be reflective, principled, and creative learners in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and offers scholarships for students to make this faith-based education more affordable. The need for your support is great. We urge you to take part in this effort. We also urge you to check with your employer to see if they offer a matching gift opportunity. For more info log onto the Elms College website: www.elms.edu or call 413-265-2214.

OUR LENDING LIBRARY HAS MANY BOOKS

With a new year about to begin it would be a good time to turn off the screens and read a good book. Our parish library has just what you need.

RESPECT FOR THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Respect for the Blessed Sacrament in Catholic churches is shown by genuflecting (kneeling) upon entering and leaving the church and when passing in front of the tabernacle. Please advise your children & grandchildren about these customs and the reason for them. If because of physical limitations you cannot kneel, a respectful bow is permitted. Also, food and/or drinks should not be brought into the church.



Weekly Collections

December 17 & 18, 2016

Since the bulletin had to go to the printer on Friday, Dec. 16, the results will be reported next week.

Thank you for your support. God bless your generosity!

2016 CONTRIBUTION REPORT for INCOME TAX FILING

Contributions received after Jan. 1, 2017 cannot be back-dated to 2016. When requesting the 2016 Yearly Contribution Report please include a **Business-size Stamped Self-addressed Envelope** and the following form filled out completely.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope # _____ Tel.: _____

RESPECT LIFE REFLECTION: From today's Gospel, John 1: "All things came to be through him and without him nothing came to be."

What came through Him was life!

CALLING ALL GRANPARENTS to Make a New Year's Resolution to Come and Pray Together For All Our Grandchildren in 2017 starting on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter and St. Casimir's Church, 22 State St. After our prayers the topic " **Who am I to Judge ?** ", which covers how grandparents can respond when discussing moral and faith issues with family and friends, will be highlighted. **REMEMBER that Group prayer is very powerful with God.** Grandparents were never as important to the family, church, and society as they are today. For more information call: Alicia Belanger at 568-0123.

MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 27th

Pro-Lifers will once again journey to Washington, D.C. to join hundreds of thousands in standing up and declaring that abortion destroys life. Please join us for the March for Life on Jan. 27, 2017. There are busses which will bring youth to the youth rally and busses that go to other events. Limited tickets are available for youth so please call soon. The cost is \$64 per person, financial help is available. Please call the office at 413-583-5034 to register. Donations to help defray the cost are appreciated. Please send payment to **Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens For Life**, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow MA 01056

2017 CALENDARS DONATED by FIRTION ADAMS FUNERAL SERVICE

We would like to thank Firtion Adams Funeral Service for their donation of 2017 calendars with beautiful art available in both Polish and English. They are available at the entrances of the church. Take one home.

ST. MARY PARISH MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

We gather every Tuesday morning at 6:30 am in the Lower Church for prayer and fellowship. Any adult man interested in joining us is welcome.

Anxious Parents & Family Members Support Group Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Every 2nd & 4th Monday at **7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** A confidential and free support group for those who are living with drugs in the family. The group is spiritual and educational in nature and is led by Jim Greer, M.S., Substance Abuse Educator & Pastoral Counselor. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS Springfield: Mercy Hospice offers Support Groups for Widows, Widowers and Partners on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, except for the month of August. **Pre-registration is required by calling 413-827-4218.**

A PRAYERFUL PAUSE at GENESIS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER, Mill St. Westfield, December 30 - January 1, Friday supper to Sunday brunch. From darkness into light...we invite you to discover the transforming face of Divine Love. As we welcome the New Year, may our desire for inner and societal peace be ignited through input, prayers, silence, poetry and seasonal music. Leaders: Fr. Terry Devino, SJ, Colleen Gibson, SSJ, and Elizabeth Oleksak, SP For more information phone: 413-562-3627 or online @ GenesisSpiritualCenter.org

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR PURPLE HEART TRAIL

A community and Veterans project is now under way to raise funds for the purchase and installation of signs along Route 202, from Holyoke to Southwick. This route will be designated as the Westfield Purple Heart Trail honoring the many men and women who served their country and were awarded this medal. We are looking for donors who will help with this undertaking. Persons and businesses who donate will be acknowledged in writing as well as named on a plaque to be hung in City Hall. Donations can be made out to the **American Legion 454**, P. O. Box # 367, Westfield, MA 01086. (Purple Heart Trail). Donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call Mary O'Connell at 413-218-4344 or email: moconnell25@comcast.net or Don Wielgus at 568-7767, email: herbie_myrna@comcast.net.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONS TO ST. JUDE

We invite you to bring your petitions to a special devotion to St. Jude with a **7 pm Mass on Tuesdays at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Pine St., West Springfield** or **6:30 pm Mass on Thursdays at Our Lady of the Lake, Southwick.** Turn to St. Jude with your impossible needs as he is a source of strength and inspiration in our faith.

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS

As a faith community we have seen the devastating impact abuse has on its victims, their families and loved ones. As a people of faith we need to lend our voices to the important cause of rooting out all instances of abuse from all aspects of society. We urge all victims of abuse, or those who may have knowledge of abuse, to always report these concerns to the appropriate law enforcement and child protective service agencies. State law requires that abuse and/or neglect of a minor be reported to the **MA Dept. of Children and Families at 1-800-792-5200** or through law enforcement. We also encourage you to report abuse by clergy or a person working for the Catholic Church by calling the **Office of Child and Youth Protection at 413-452-0624 or the confidential line at 1-800-842-9055.**

ALTAR SERVER'S BREAKFAST on JANUARY 14

The Knights of Columbus Council #100 invite all altar servers and their families to their annual pancake & sausage breakfast at the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on Holyoke Rd., Westfield, on Saturday, January 14 at 8:30 am. Please call the Holy Trinity Office by 2 pm, Tuesday, Jan. 3rd if you are attending.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP on JAN 14, 10am

This is at the Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall on Holyoke Rd., Westfield, on Saturday, January 14 at 10am sponsored by the Knights of Columbus #100. All youth are welcome. See flyer on our bulletin board.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

- 1 to 4: Karate Guest Pass & Uniform—Kathy Tassinari, Kris Kuzniar, Debbie Hardie, & Susan Allen
- 5. \$50 North Elm Butcher Block—Barb Zygarowski
- 6. \$25 Advanced Auto Parts—Frank Gaulin
- 7. \$25 Applebees—Carol Vanderheiden
- 8. & 9. \$25 99 Restaurant—R. Banach & J. Desorcy
- 10. \$20 Summer House—Maureen Wroblewski
- 11. \$20 Village Pizza—Chris Strong
- 12. \$20 Strum's Deli—Barbara Kelly
- 13. \$25 Paisano's Restaurant—Sylvia Ashley
- 14. \$25 Big Y—Sylvia Ashley
- 15. \$25 T.J. Max—Ronnie Wojcik
- 16. Movie Basket—Kathy Tassinari
- 17. Fall Basket—Maureen Nomakeo
- 18. Santa & Champagne—Tina Castro
- 19. Santa & Sparkling Wine—Ruth Renaud
- 20. Girl's School Fun Basket—Irene Nomakeo
- 21. Men's BBQ & \$20 Butcher Block—Diane Bedor
- 22. Yankee Candle & Snack Basket—Barbara Kelly
- 23. Cupcake Basket—Ela Armstrong
- 24. Wrapping Paper & Supplies—Ladis Cennamo
- 25. Linens & Candle—Debbie Hardie
- 26. Baking Basket—Chris Osella
- 27. Ghiradelli Basket—Barbara Page
- 28. Chocolate Basket #1—Maureen Wroblewski
- 29. Chocolate Basket #2—Kathy Tassinari
- 30. Kitchen Basket—Helen Romanski
- 31. Yankee Candle & Topper Basket—John Avery
- 32. Snowman Basket—Gina Zanolli
- 33. Be Yourself Basket—Barbara Page
- 34. Baby Basket—Kathy Barnes
- 35. Men's Small Tool Basket—Frank Dawicki
- 36. Winter Basket—Maryanne Holmes
- 37. Bath & Body—Sandy Harrington
- 38. Beer & Bread Basket—Paula Goodwin
- 39. Adult Coloring Book Basket—Kay Danek
- 40. Polish Tea Basket—Susan Allen

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Next class will be **Jan. 12, 6 to 7:30 pm** (an extended class). Please have your child there on time.

SHARING WITH THE LESS FORTUNATE

We are increasing our collection of non-perishable food & personal health items needed by the **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**. Some suggestions like vegetables, canned goods like fruit, canned potatoes, or everyday staples like tuna, peanut butter, pasta & sauce, cereals etc. as well as soap, toothpaste, tissues, toilet paper, foil, & baggies. If you would like to give a monetary donation please mail it to St. Vincent de Paul Society, 30 Bartlett St., Westfield MA 01085. *Thank you to all who contribute to this effort.* If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society help line at 568-5619 and leave a message and contact number.

HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"

Our "Giving Tree" has been set up at the side altar. The recipient is **the Soldier's Home** in Holyoke. Thank you very, very much for all your donated gifts!

We wish the following members of our parish family a very **Blessed and Happy Birthday. Sto Lat!**



Birthdays for the week of **12/26 to 1/1** are: Rozalia Adamski, *Sofia Bator*, Hal Beattie, *Elizabeth Beaulieu*, Joseph Bianca, Ottavia Bush, Ladis Cennamo, Francis Gaulin III, Michael LeBlanc, Jacob Marcoulier, Helen McConnell (102), Ashley Sienkiewicz, Jacob Urbanek, Jason Wheeler *and Carl Wzorek*

LOST AND FOUND BOX IN VESTIBULE

Please check the "Lost & Found" box in the back of the church on the side near the Parish Center. There are glasses, books, jewelry, keys, mittens, hats, toys, a ring pillow from a wedding, etc.

HOLY TRINITY 200 CLUB

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 now time to renew your membership for 2017** or give one as a gift. The **cost is \$5 a month or \$60 for the year**. Make checks to "*Holy Trinity 200 Club*". Payment deadline for January is the 22nd.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Phone # _____
 Enclosed check \$ _____ Email: _____