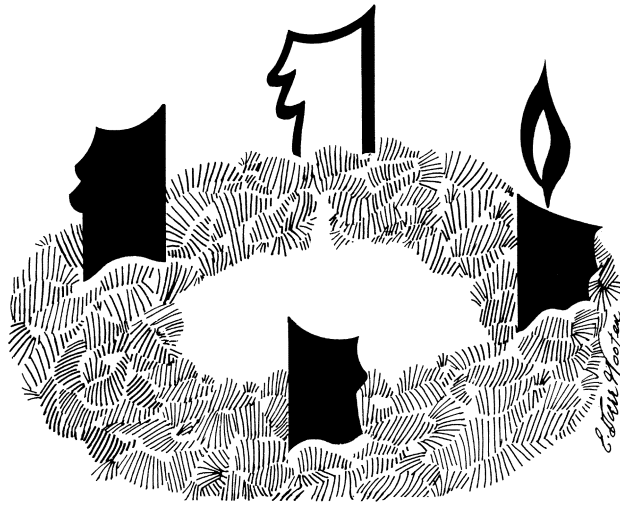


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# Most Blessed Trinity Parish

## 1st Sunday of Advent

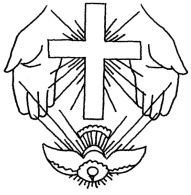


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## December 1, 2019

*Most Blessed Trinity Parish is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the love of the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—3 persons in 1 God. We are dedicated to grow in their love and continue the Great Commission of spreading the Gospel to all nations, starting right here in Western Schuylkill County.*

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# MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

**Pastor: Rev. Paul L. Rothermel**  
**Office Manager: Michele Antalosky**  
**Coordinator of Religious Education: JoAnn Yesenosky**  
**Nov. 30/Dec. 1, 2019, Year A—Cycle II**

## WELCOME!

**All are most welcome at Most Blessed Trinity Parish. Please register as soon as possible. Also, please call the rectory when changing your address.**

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**First Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday, November 30—St. Andrew**  
**Church—Vigil: 4 PM +William Burke, Sr. by Jane and Family**  
**Sunday, December 1**  
**Chapel—9:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Fr. Paul**  
**Church—10:30 AM +Shirley and Ed Mokritsky by the Ochs Family**  
***Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont***  
**Monday, December 2**  
8:00 AM +Albert Mitsky by Sister  
**Tuesday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier**  
**7:00 PM +Mary Renninger by Lou Ann and Family**  
**Wednesday, December 4**  
8:00 AM +Jane Werner by Betty Lyons  
**Thursday, December 5**  
8:00 AM +Jane Burke Werner by Ina Pijar  
**Friday, December 6—First Friday**  
8:00 AM +Agnes Yachera by Dave and Theresa Lukaszewicz  
**Church—6:00 PM Confessions**  
**Church—6:30 PM Devotions/Benediction**  
**Saturday, December 7—First Saturday; St. Ambrose**  
8 AM +Mary Jane and Ronald Heim by Daughter, Julianne Reiner  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM +John Mindermann by Mrs. John Mindermann**  
**Sunday, December 8**  
**Chapel—9:00 AM +Mary Jane and Ronald Heim by Daughter, Julianne Reimer**  
**Church—10:30 AM For the Living/Deceased Members of the Yesenosky & Seedar Families by the Yesenosky Family**



### Next Week's Readings

Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17  
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12



**Dec. 1—Helen, Kathy & Michele**  
**Dec. 8—Joan Schwer & Sarah Lorah**

### Sunday Collection

Total	Nov. 23/24	Same week last year
	\$2,327.00	\$2,270.00



Thank you for your support for your Parish.

### Servers at the Church

**4:00 PM Saturday, December 7**

Tom Pribilla—**Commentator**

Colleen Stutzman—**Reader**

George Guidas—**EM**

Alex Krawchuk—**Server**

**10:30 AM Sunday, December 8**

Suzanne Fox—**Commentator**

Annette Fleming—**Reader**

John Adams—**EM**

Randy Yesenosky & Jeremy Reedy—**Servers**

### Servers at the Chapel

**9:00 AM Sunday, December 8**

Ava Deeter—**Commentator**

Amy Leitzel—**Reader**

Ryan Fox—**EM**



**Ask Father Paul:** "Can you offer me any helpful advice to overcome distractions at Mass and in prayer?"

I hope so. I can at least offer you what many find helpful. If you do the best you know how, to talk with God and avoid and fight against a distraction, this is only a symptom of human weakness, not a sin. Then don't feel guilty, and don't allow yourself to become isolated. Everyone has times of distraction in spiritual situations, whether she or he is praying much or very little. Focusing on distractions in prayer can become a trap to keep us distracted instead of refocused on God (CCC # 2729). Whenever our focus is to remain in God's presence, to strive to please Him, AND to avoid whatever seriously offends Him, we are in union with Him, no matter what we feel to be the case, since we are consciously cooperating with Him. **When we talk with someone we love about something we care deeply about, we are hardly ever distracted. So let's talk with God about what we care deeply about.** Learning more about Holy Mass can help us to care more deeply about it. The parts of the Mass that never change are more familiar and so more likely to be times of distraction. So let's mediate on Sunday's readings during the week, before we come to Mass, so we care about them. From time to time, let's read the Eucharistic Prayers slowly and mediate on their parts. Let's review what the Catechism says about the Mass. During Mass, let's offer the particulars of our own daily lives to the Father as we cooperate with Jesus' Offering. Let's choose even imagine ourselves at the Last Supper or as being present at the Crucifixion. To counter-punch the world when it captures some of our prayer time, let's learn to allow prayer to capture some of our world time! Reciting the Holy Rosary regularly is effective training for us to develop the habit of praying while doing other things. What is the genuine test of a quality prayer time? It's not whether you or I find our time in prayer satisfying or without distractions, but whether it causes our hope to live with God forever to grow even stronger, so that temptations become less and less while our desires to please God become more and more. The "way out" of a temptation, including a distraction in prayer, is to keep right on praying, refocusing on God, and never giving up (1 Cor. 10:13).

### God's Special Invitation

Come to Our Next Monthly Adoration.  
Don't you hear Him calling you?

**Another EXTENDED HOLY HOUR**  
**is this FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th,**  
**from 5 PM until 7 PM,**  
**with CONFESSIONS at 6 PM,**  
**and DEVOTIONS and BENEDICTION**  
**after 6:30 PM.**

Extra Confessions are heard 15 minutes before daily Mass on Friday mornings!

### Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment: Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT, Direct Phone (610) 332-0442 x2019

Victim Assistance: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

**Buy a Cookie Tray  
on December 14 or 15  
in order to Combat World Hunger**

Buy a \$15 cookie tray and feed a very simple meal to 375 starving children. The Trinity Guild will be selling cookie trays to support "The Cookie Sale to Combat World Hunger." These cookie trays make wonderful hostess gifts, and affordable gifts for friends and colleagues. The cookie trays are only \$15 each, and have 24 good cookies, made with Hershey's chocolates and beautifully gift-wrapped. Last year, CSCWH provided food for 4.2 million children as part of **Cross Catholic Outreach's** school feeding program in Haiti. Over 57 tons of trays of cookies have been sold to this point. Please purchase a tray or two. They are sold by the tray. Please call the rectory at 570-695-3648 for details.

**2020 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN!**

Mass Book Policy: Masses may be scheduled for individuals - 2 weekend Masses and 3 daily Masses per intention. Dates are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please call the rectory to schedule your Mass requests. Thank you.

**Holy Name Society Meeting  
Tuesday, December 3rd will  
take place after the  
7:00 PM daily Mass  
in the Church social hall.**



**Ss. Peter & Paul Ladies Club CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Thursday evening, December 5th, at 6 PM in the Chapel social hall.** Please register your name on the sign-up sheet in the Chapel vestibule if you plan to attend.

The Ladies Club will have a **Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 22nd, after Mass in the Chapel social hall.** They are asking you for donations of "batches" of your favorite cookies. All the cookies will be placed on the buffet in the social hall, and everyone is invited to walk by, and fill—for \$5.00—a box with your favorite cookie choices. *The purchase of cookies is open to ANYONE, not just to those who bake!* Cookies can be brought to the social hall that morning before Mass. Thank you!



**BIRTHRIGHT OF FRACKVILLE** is once again asking for our support in their annual "Giving Tree" Project. Christmas trees are placed in our Church and Chapel during the special season of Advent. On the branches of each tree are placed Tags requesting items most needed by mothers for infants and toddlers up to 2T. Unwrapped Gifts should be placed under the tree **NO LATER THAN CHRISTMAS, December 25th.** Thank you for your generous support!

Stay awake, for you know  
neither the day nor the



**Trinity Guild News: CONGRATULATIONS** to the 4th week of winners on the Calendar of Giveaways: *Dothie Hayes, Angie Heim, Helen Krammes, Jeff Witherow, E. Pribilla, Ruth Watson and the Thompson's.* Please collect your winnings, or donate them to the Parish. The Trinity Guild is also making Christmas CANDY, and is in need of your talents. If you have this skill set and can help to roll, dip or box the candy, please phone Michele, the Rectory Office, or any Guild member. The Guild will not have a meeting in December.

**PARISH BOWLING**



There's enough interest among us to schedule a Church Bowling social, or two, **for adults, at least 18 years old.** A Sunday afternoon works best. A weekday night is packed with bowling leagues, family patterns, and other activities. So here are the details. *As an able-bodied adult parishioner who likes fun,* you are invited to bowl with Father Paul and others of us on **Sunday, December 8th, and/or Sunday, January 5th.** Starting at 3 PM, our Church group will be bowling three games at the Strike Zone in Pottsville. R.S.V.P. no later than the Wednesday before each date. Reserve your spot by either phoning the rectory (570-695-3648), or by completing the form below. Some of our Parishioners may want to drive directly to the alley, but all of us can car-pool from the Church in Tremont at 2:30 PM. Most Blessed Trinity Parish donates HALF the game cost. You pay your own half, plus the FULL cost of your own shoes, snacks, and drinks.

**Our Second Collection next weekend, December 7th and 8th, is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members.** Please join us in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly in our Diocese to educate the young and to serve all those in need.

----- CLIP and PLACE in the Collection Basket -----  
**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weather Permitting PHONE NUMBER** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Yes, I will gladly bowl with our parishioners on BOTH dates (12/8/19 and 1/5/20).**  
 **Yes, I will bowl on ONE of these two dates (circle choice: either 12/8/19 or 1/5/20).**  
 **I am interested in Parish Bowling, BUT I want to wait for a better date or time.**

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<p><b><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>Church: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6:00 PM                  Chapel: Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM                  or by appointment</p>	<p><b><u>Sacrament of Marriage</u></b></p> <p>Couples should contact Fr. Paul as soon as they are engaged, at least 6 months before the date of the marriage.</p>						
<p><b><u>Sponsor Certificates</u></b></p> <p>Letters of recommendation for sponsors may be obtained by calling the rectory, and will be issued for registered parishioners who meet the qualifications as set forth in Canon Law.</p>	<p><b><u>Sacrament of Baptism</u></b></p> <p>Parents must be registered for at least 3 months and be practicing their faith. Baptism classes are set at the convenience of the parents and rectory.</p>						
<p><b><u>Home Bound Outreach</u></b></p> <p>Please call the rectory if you are physically unable to attend Mass and you will be visited during the first week of the month.</p>	<p><b><u>Diocesan Schools in Pottsville</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Assumption BVM School (gr. K-8)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-0106</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nativity BVM High School (gr. 9-12)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-8110</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St. Joseph Center for Special Learning</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(570) 622-4638</td> </tr> </table>	Assumption BVM School (gr. K-8)	(570) 622-0106	Nativity BVM High School (gr. 9-12)	(570) 622-8110	St. Joseph Center for Special Learning	(570) 622-4638
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<p><b><u>PREP</u></b></p> <p>Church: Sun. 9:00 – 10:15 AM Loc. Sup. Dawn Myers                  Chapel: Sun. 10:00 – 11:15 AM Loc. Sup. Stella Durkin</p>	<p><b><u>Hall Use (Church and Chapel)</u></b></p> <p>Pastor must first approve.                  Rent and liability fees may apply.</p>						