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# Most Blessed Trinity Parish

## 4th Sunday of Advent

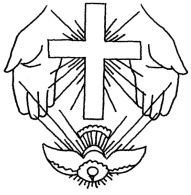


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## December 21-22, 2019

*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

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**Coordinator of Religious Education: JoAnn Yesenosky**  
**December 21/22, 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.**

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 21**

**Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM** +Floyd Francis Krammes by Mother and Family

**Sunday, December 22**

**Chapel—9:00 AM** +Gerald Tallon by Kitty, Kathleen and Rob

**Church—10:30 AM** +Richard Sapinski by Mr. and Mrs. Fox and Family

***Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont***

**Monday, December 23**

8:00 AM +Carmella Malloy by Family

**Tuesday, Dec. 24—Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Chapel—4:00 PM** The Living & Deceased Members of Christmas Memorials by Donors

**Church—6:00 PM** The Living & Deceased Members of Christmas Memorials by Donors

**Church—10:00 PM** The Living & Deceased Members of Christmas Memorials by Donors

**Wednesday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord**

**Church—10:30 AM** For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

**Thursday, December 26—St. Stephen**

8:00 AM +In Loving Memory of Anthony DiBlasi Myers

**Friday, December 27—St. John**

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

**Saturday, December 28—The Holy Innocents**

8:00 AM +Fr. James R. Brady by Family

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

**Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM** +Jane Burke Werner by Francis and Carole Wiscourt

**Sunday, December 29**

**Chapel—9:00 AM** For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

**Church—10:30 AM** +Ronald Lyons by JoAnn and Elmer Drumheller

**Ask Father Paul:** “Why do we hear so much about dewfall at daily Masses?”

Only the Second Eucharistic Prayer (EP II) mentions the dewfall, and only once. The priest says: “Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall.” So there is more to an adequate explanation than simply a tendency of priests to pick the shortest Eucharistic Prayer. Priests celebrating Mass on a Monday or Tuesday are tempted to “keep it short” for the sake of those attending, and perhaps also for themselves. These daily Masses are close to the previous weekend. On the other hand, a Friday or Saturday morning Mass is almost as close to the coming weekend. Only Wednesday and Thursday offer a golden opportunity for praying the longer Eucharistic Prayers as a spiritual event agreeable to everyone. (We might be forgetting that it is sometimes good for our souls to do what we do not like to do!) Dewfall in EP II is a simile (‘X is like Y’). Dewfall is an almost unforgettable natural wonder. Children as well as those adults who can think only in concrete terms discover similes and metaphors to be especially helpful in homilies and liturgies. Dew seems to drop out of the sky, the universal symbol of the invisible heavenly realm. How perfectly, therefore, is this simile in EP II. It is an excellent choice to describe the calling down of the invisible Holy Spirit on the visible bread and wine to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. Using “dewfall” in the sacred words of Holy Mass goes all the way back to the 700’s in France. We might expect this, since the best aspects of Catholic Liturgy are thoroughly biblical and traditional. In the Old Testament, manna, a picture of the Eucharist to come later, fell on the ground like dew but stayed after the dew evaporated (Exodus 16:13-15, Numbers 11:9). In the Bible, dew is also a blessing from God, a sign of fertility and prosperity, a way of renewing earthly life, a mysterious wonder to behold, and the symbol of every created good “here today and gone tomorrow.”

### Next Week’s Readings

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5  
Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



**Dec. 22—Florence, Jean, Cathy & Charles**  
**Dec. 29—Mary, Jean, Paty & Charles**



### Sunday Collection

**Dec. 14/15 Same week last year**

**Total** \$2,552.00 \$2,384.00



**Thank you for your support for your Parish.**

### Servers at the Church

**4:00 PM Saturday, December 28**

Tom Pribilla—**Commentator**

Crystal Ochs—**Reader**

Jean Jeppson—**EM**

Brodie Lyons—**Server**

**10:30 AM Sunday, December 29**

Annette Fleming—**Commentator**

Jean Kreiser—**Reader**

Annette Fleming—**EM**

Chloe Burke & Rachel Bretz—**Servers**

### Servers at the Chapel

**9:00 AM Sunday, December 29**

Ava Deeter—**Commentator**

Jackie Reibsane—**Reader**

Alayna Leiter & Mackenzie Bordner—**Servers**



**Our Second Collection next weekend, December 28th and 29th, is for Utilities.**

**The Sanctuary Candle at the Church burns for Sabina & Robert Nace**

**The Sanctuary Candle at the Chapel burns for Sophia Korab**



### 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.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, December 24  
 4:00 PM - Chapel  
 6:00 PM - Church  
 10:00 PM - Church

Christmas Morning - Wed., December 25  
 10:30 AM - Church



**Parish Office Hours**


Tuesday, December 24th—closed  
 Wednesday, December 25th—closed

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!


**PARISH CALENDARS**—Our special thanks go to Mr. Paul Dimon of **Dimon Funeral Home** for providing our 2020 Calendars. Each family may take home a calendar that is available near the entrance.

**Trinity Guild News:** Christmas candy is still available for sale. The selections are **Butter Creams, Peanut Rolls and Peanut Butter Creams** for \$6 per half pound box.

On Friday confessions are heard before Mass!

 We are helping **BIRTHRIGHT OF FRACKVILLE** with there “**Giving Tree**” Project again this year. Unwrapped Gifts should be placed under the tree **NO LATER THAN CHRISTMAS, December 25th**. Thank you for your generous support!

**"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!"**  
 Among our PREP children, the following are turning a year older in the month of December: Rachel B., Jamie F., Nick K., Mallory L., Beau L., Keyara M. and Cody S. All of you are so very special to our parish! Jesus loves children everywhere.



**Ss. Peter & Paul Ladies Club** extends a Special Thank You to everyone who supported and made all of our Fundraisers this past year so successful. Without your help and support, many good undertakings of our group could never have happened!

**Oplaki - Christmas Wafers**

Christmas Wafers are a central European Christmas tradition. They are unleavened wafers baked from pure wheat flour and water. They remind us of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Christmas wafer also symbolizes the unity of the family. Oplaki is available for \$2.00 per envelope in a basket in the Church or Chapel vestibule. An envelope is in the basket so that you can put the proper amount for the wafers into it. Thank you.

“Thank you’ hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic Sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Sisters thank you for donations totaling \$805.00 earlier this month.

**Nativity BVM School News**—The Green and Gold Booster Club will be sponsoring a Surf and Turf Bingo on Sunday, January 5th at Nativity BVM High School. Doors open at 11:30. Bingo starts at 1 PM. Cost is \$20. Refreshments are available, too. On Sunday, January 12th, Nativity will be hosting an Open House and Registration for the 2020-21 school year. School tours, presentations, and displays will begin at 1 PM. We invite you and your family to join us for this event. All are welcome! Please contact the school at 570-622-8110 for any questions.

**PARISH BOWLING**  
**One More Time**



*As an able-bodied adult parishioner who likes fun, 18 years old or older, you are invited to bowl with Father and others on **Sunday, January 5th**. Starting punctually at 3 PM, our Church group plans to bowl two or three games at the Strike Zone in Pottsville. **R.S.V.P. no later than Thursday, January 2nd. Reserve your spot using the form below.** Some parishioners may want to drive directly to the alley, but you may also car-pool with Father Paul from the Church in Tremont at 2:30 PM. MBT Parish will donate HALF the game cost (lane time). All participants pay their half plus the FULL costs of their own shoes, snacks, and drinks.*

----- CLIP and PLACE in the Collection Basket -----  
 YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I will gladly bowl with some parishioners on Sunday afternoon, January 5th.**  
 **I am interested in future Parish Bowling, BUT I will wait for a better date or time.**

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<p><b><u>Liturgical Schedule</u></b></p> <p>Church: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM                  Chapel: Sunday 9:00 AM                  Daily Mass: 8:00 AM at the Church (except Tuesday at 7 PM)</p>	<p><b><u>Holy Day</u></b></p> <p>Church: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM                  Chapel: Vigil 7:00 PM</p>						
<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>						