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# Most Blessed Trinity Parish

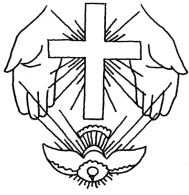
## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



December 28-29, 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**  
**December 28/29, 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.**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**Saturday, December 28—The Holy Innocents 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  
**Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont**  
**Monday, December 30**  
8:00 AM +Jane Burke Werner by Dave and Theresa Lukasewicz  
**Tuesday, December 31**  
**Chapel**—4:00 PM For the People of the Parish by Father Paul  
**Church**—6:00 PM +Nils Jeppson  
**Wednesday, January 1—The Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God**  
**Church**—10:30 AM +Robert Renninger, Jr. and Family by the Renninger Family  
**Thursday, January 2—Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen**  
8:00 AM +Nils Jeppson  
**Friday, January 3—First Friday**  
8:00 AM +Fr. James R. Brady by Family  
**Church**—6:00 PM Confessions  
**Church**—6:30 Devotions/Benediction  
**Saturday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday**  
8:00 AM +Francisco Arenos by John and Paty Adams  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**Church**—Vigil: 4:00 PM Blessings for JoAnn and Elmer Drumheller's 55th Anniversary  
**Sunday, January 5**  
**Chapel**—9:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Paul  
**Church**—10:30 AM +Ronald Lyons by Mary Umbenhauer

**Ask Father Paul:** "Why always the Bible for Mass readings? Why not sometimes something from other books, recent saints, or Vatican II?"

Holy Mass is the Divine Liturgy, that is, the highest formal worship of God. Ever since our earliest weekly gatherings as Christians, we have modeled our worship on Sabbath customs in the synagogue. Jews still read only from the Torah, the Prophets, and "Writings," and we continue to read from the Old Testament, writings of Apostles, and the Gospels. Since God's people seek to live "by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord," nothing less will do. Nothing but the Bible is the written Word of God. It is unique. Whatever biblical writers assert is asserted by God for the sake of our salvation. Whatever the Holy Scriptures do assert for the sake of our salvation is totally without error. There are many good, "inspiring" books in the world, too many to read or count, but "The Good Book" is by far the Greatest "Book," the only collection of writings directly inspired by the Holy Spirit. God is the Author behind human biblical authors. God can't err or deceive. The Office of Readings, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, offers us some readings from other Christian writings, as you suggest. This official daily liturgy for prayerful reflection is open to you and every other Christian, not just clergy and religious. If you want to pray this way, ask me to help you get started.

### Next Week's Readings

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12



**Dec. 29—Mary, Jean, Paty & Charles**  
**Jan. 5—Helen, Kathy & Michele**

### Sunday Collection

**Dec. 21/22 Same week last year**  
Total \$1,965.00 \$2,265.00

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



### Servers at the Church

**4:00 PM Saturday, January 4**  
Tom Pribilla—**Commentator**  
Mary Frances Miller—**Reader**  
Jean Jeppson—**EM**  
Brodie Lyons—**Server**  
**10:30 AM Sunday, January 5**  
Annette Fleming—**Commentator**  
Jean Kreiser—**Reader**  
Florence Strouphauer—**EM**  
Juliet Brown & Rachel Bretz—**Servers**



### Servers at the Chapel

**9:00 AM Sunday, January 5**  
Ava Deeter—**Commentator**  
Jackie Reibsane—**Reader**  
Ryan Fox—**EM**  
Dalton & Magnus Monger—**Servers**

**On Friday confessions are heard before Mass!**

**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.

**Our Second Collection next weekend, January 4 and 5, is for Regular Maintenance.**

**The Sanctuary Candle at the Church burns for Nils Jeppson**

**The Sanctuary Candle at the Chapel burns for Joseph 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.

**New Years Mass Schedule**

New Years Eve - Tuesday, December 31

4:00 PM - Chapel

6:00 PM - Church

New Years Morning - Wed., January 1

10:30 AM - Church



**Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday, Dec. 31st—open till 1 PM

Wednesday, January 1st—closed

We wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!

**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!**

**The next Ladies' Club meeting is Thursday, January 2nd, at 6:30 PM in the Chapel social hall. New members are always welcome!**

**Trinity Guild News: A Special Thank You to everyone who supported the Guild's Christmas candy fundraiser. Thank you to those who bought candy, who donated ingredients and especially to those who helped make the candy. This year we were not able to make as much candy as other years because we did not have enough of help.**

**CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS**

**HEALTH & GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR the Faust & Perseponko Families by Irene Y. Faust.**

**IN MEMORY OF +Ronnie Weiner & Mary Renninger by Lou Ann Weiner & Family; +David Wiscount by Wife, Anna Wiscount; +Robert & Karl Zeigler by Brigitte Zeigler; +Joseph & Sophia Korab by Rose & Larry Reiner; +Jeppson Family & MacDonald Family by Jean Jeppson; +Joe & Sue Korab by Dea & Dennis Reinoehl; +Deceased Family Members by Bonnie Krammes; +Gerri Geise by Family; +Floyd A. Krammes, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Zunno by Helen Krammes; +Faust & Persponko Families by Irene Y. Faust; +Nicola & Theresa Quinqui, Angelo & Philomena Merlino by Anthony & Annette Merlino; +Bruce Moore & John Rodichok Family by Jane & Daughters; +Stanley Pijar by Family; +Vincent Pothering by Irma Pothering; +Renninger & Chupick Families by Robert & Linda Renninger; +Robert Salukas by Wife; +Bill Burkey by Friend; +Joseph Stemmer & Mulrine Family by Eileen Stemmer.**

**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.

**God's Special Invitation**

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

**Another EXTENDED HOLY HOUR is this FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD,**

**from 5 PM until 7 PM,**

**with CONFESSIONS at 6 PM,**

**and DEVOTIONS and BENEDICTION after 6:30 PM.**

**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.**

**DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY will follow the 8:00 AM Mass on First Saturday, January 4th. Please join us.**



**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>						