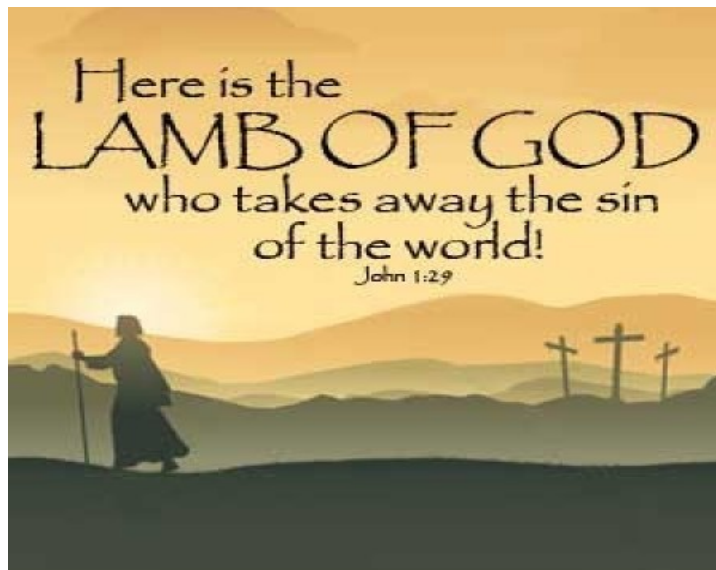


Welcome to

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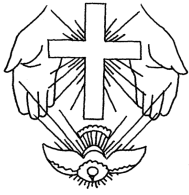
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 18-19, 2020

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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January 18/19, 2020, 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

Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 18

Church—Vigil: 4 PM For the People of the Parish by Fr. Paul

Sunday, January 19

Chapel—9:00 AM +Ronald Masarik by Aunt Joyce and Family

Church—10:30 AM +Judith Griffiths by Daughter, Paula and Grandchildren: Lyric, Justin and Troy

Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont

Monday, January 20

8:00 AM The Living and Deceased Members of Christmas Memorials by Donors

Tuesday, January 21—St. Agnes

7:00 PM +John Shollenberger by Florence Strouphauer

Wednesday, January 22

8 AM Birthday Blessings for Claire Williams by Jean Jeppson

Thursday, January 23

8:00 AM +Eleanor Tkacik by Sister

Friday, January 24—St. Francis de Sales

8:00 AM +John Shollenberger by Jean Jeppson

Saturday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul

8:00 AM +Mary Guidas by Betty Lyons

Third Week in Ordinary Time

Church—Vigil: 4 PM +Ronald Lyons by Catherine McAlarney

Sunday, January 26

Chapel—9:00 AM +Fr. James R. Brady by Family

Church—10:30 AM For the People of the Parish by Fr. Paul



Next Week's Readings

Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23



Jan. 19—Annette Fleming
Jan. 26—Florence, Jean, Cathy & Charles

Sunday Collection

Jan. 11/12 Same week last year

Total \$2,001.65 \$2,070.00

Thank you for your support for your Parish.



Servers at the Church

4:00 PM Saturday, January 25

Tom Pribilla—**Commentator**

Betty Lyons—**Reader**

George Guidas—**EM**

Alex Krawchuk—**Server**

10:30 AM Sunday, January 26

Jean Kreiser—**Commentator**

Annette Fleming—**Reader**

JoAnn Yesenosky—**EM**

Chloe Burke & Ashley Myers—**Servers**

Servers at the Chapel

9:00 AM Sunday, January 26

Ava Deeter—**Commentator**

Jackie Reibsane—**Reader**

Ella Kobularick & Alayna Leiter—**Servers**



Ask Father Paul: "Was the late practice of forbidding priests to marry originally motivated by some Pope's desire to protect Church assets?"

It is an undeniable fact that the early Church had many married priests, but all of them expected to refrain from sexual intercourse with their wives after they became deacons. What cannot truthfully be said is that this expectation arose hundreds of years after the Christian clergy as a whole lived normal sexually-active lives with their wives. They did not, because their calling and ordinations radically changed their lives, and, of course, the lives of their spouses. Let's remember that all priests are deacons, but not all deacons become priests, and all bishops are priests, but not all priests become bishops, and all Apostles remained bishops, but no bishop since the days of the Apostles ever became a new Apostle. Refraining from any sexual relations with one's spouse has always been expected at all levels of the Catholic clerical hierarchy. Many ordained leaders had children with their wives before they were ordained. These could deplete Church assets. Yet no Pope schemed to invent mandatory clerical celibacy as a policy for safeguarding the assets of the Catholic Church. This is far too cynical. The choice to ordain married men who would live as if they were unmarried naturally gave way to the choice to ordain only unmarried men if enough were available. Expectations naturally became requirements. The earliest universal discipline of the Church for clergy to live without sexual activity came from Jesus Christ Himself through His Apostles (Matthew 19:10-12; cf. First Corinthians 7:20,29,38). Unlike each and every Catholic dogma, any Catholic discipline can be changed, either wisely or unwisely. A Catholic must strive to assent to all Church teachings, but as long as a Catholic is obeying all Church disciplines, he or she is free to disagree with the wisdom of this one or that one. Pope Francis is now seriously considering the recommendation of the majority of the bishops who attended the recent "Amazon Synod" to ordain tested married men as priests for the region. See more facts in the book, *The Apostolic Origins of Priestly Celibacy*, by C. Cochini, S.J. (1981).

Our Second Collection next weekend, January 25 and 26, is for Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. **Help Jesus in disguise.**

Diocesan Coordinators for Minors


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

The Family of the late Mary Guidas extend their appreciation to those who offered Masses, words of concern and sympathy. It is all comforting to know that she had a great Church family. Thank you, The Guidas Families

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.



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!"
Among our PREP children, the following are turning a year older in the month of January: Ava D., Caylan H., Chase N., Magnus M., Andrew P., and Cole S. All of you are so very special to our parish! Jesus loves children everywhere.

On Friday confessions are heard
15 minutes before Mass!

Memorial Fund
In Memory of John Shollenberger
by Bob & Jean Becker

Ss. Peter & Paul Ladies Club News: The Ladies Club is planning their **Annual Chinese Auction for Palm Sunday, April 5th at the Tower City American Legion building. Doors open at 12 noon and the Auction starts at 2:00 PM. Tickets are \$2.00 for a sheet of 20.** Please consider donating new items for prizes at the auction. You can drop off your donations in the Chapel social hall any time up until April 1st. Thank you for your support!

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PARISH WEBSITE:
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Assumption BVM School will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Faculty and Staff welcome you to visit, tour and meet our ABVM Family. We welcome visitors and new students to our loving, nurturing, and academically excellent school. For more information, please call (570)622-0106. All are welcome at ABVM.

A group ROSARY is recited every Wednesday at 1:00 PM at the Chapel in Tower City. All are welcome!



March For Life 2020, Washington, D.C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 24TH

Are you interested in attending the 2020 March for Life in Washington, D.C. and looking for transportation? Check out the A.D. Times for a list of parishes running buses there and back. You can attend Mass at 7:30 AM, and visit the National Memorial for the Preborn and their Mothers and Fathers. The Homilist at the Rally will be Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests For Life. See other scheduled events on this day of prayerful protest at URL www.PriestsForLife.org/MarchForLife

Bishop Alfred Schlert has announced that anyone in the Diocese of Allentown who attends the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. may receive a partial indulgence.

A partial indulgence may also be granted to people who are aged, sick or unable to leave their home for the March, but who spiritually unite themselves with those participating in the event.

The March for Life is an annual prayerful demonstration against abortion. It has taken place for the past 44 years. Several parishes are running buses.

What is an indulgence? After we go to Confession, temporal punishment may still remain – not to be thought of as vengeance from God, but rather as a wound from the nature of sin itself. Think of temporal punishment as the time needed to heal the wound of sin. This healing can occur while we are still alive – through works of mercy and charity, prayer, and penance – or after death, in Purgatory. An indulgence helps heal the wound while we are still alive, reducing or eliminating the need for time in Purgatory before we go to Heaven.

To receive the partial indulgence for the March, those eligible also must go to Confession, receive Communion, and pray for the intentions of Pope Francis, all within a reasonable time before or after the event. The partial indulgence can be used by the person receiving it, or it can be applied to a deceased loved one.

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<p><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></p> <p>Church: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM, 1st Friday 6:00 PM Chapel: Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM or by appointment</p>	<p><u>Sacrament of Marriage</u></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><u>Sponsor Certificates</u></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><u>Sacrament of Baptism</u></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><u>Home Bound Outreach</u></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><u>Diocesan Schools in Pottsville</u></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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