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# Most Blessed Trinity Parish

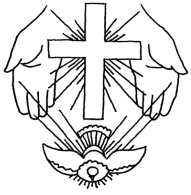
## The Word of God Sunday



January 25-26, 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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# MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

**Pastor: Rev. Paul L. Rothermel**  
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**Coordinator of Religious Education: JoAnn Yesenosky**  
January 25/26, 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

### The Word of God Sunday

**Saturday, January 25—Conversion of St. Paul Church**—Vigil: 4 PM +Ronald Lyons by Catherine McAlarney  
**Chapel—9:00 AM** +Fr. James R. Brady by Family

**Church—10:30 AM** For the People of the Parish by Fr. Paul  
**Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont**

**Monday, January 27**  
8:00 AM +John Shollenberger by John and Paty Adams

**Tuesday, January 28—St. Thomas Aquinas**  
7:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Christmas Memorials by Donors

**Wednesday, January 29**  
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

**Thursday, January 30**  
8:00 AM +Bonnie Ganly by Joe

**Friday, January 31—St. John Bosco**  
8:00 AM +John Shollenberger by Bob and Jean Becker

**Saturday, February 1—First Saturday**  
8:00 AM Health and God's Blessings for Dorothy Morgan by John and Paty Adams

**The Presentation of the Lord**  
**Church**—Vigil: 4 PM +Mary Guidas Bob and Mary Frances Miller

**Sunday, February 2**  
**Chapel**—9:00 AM +Gerald Tallon by Kitty, Kathleen and Rob  
**Church**—10:30 AM +Ephraim Renninger by Renninger Family

### Next Week's Readings

Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10  
Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40



**Jan. 26—Florence, Jean, Cathy & Charles**  
**Feb. 2—Mary, Jean, Paty & Charles**



The Sanctuary Candle at the Church burns for Dorothy Morgan



Our Second Collection next weekend, February 1 and 2, is for Regular Maintenance.

### Servers at the Church

**4:00 PM Saturday, February 1**

Tom Pribilla—**Commentator**

Jean Jeppson—**Reader**

Sean Lyons—**EM**

Brodie Lyons—**Server**

**10:30 AM Sunday, February 2**

Suzanne Fox—**Commentator**

Colleen Stutzman—**Reader**

Paty Adams—**EM**

Juliet Brown & Harlee Yesenosky—**Servers**

### Servers at the Chapel

**9:00 AM Sunday, February 2**

Ava Deeter—**Commentator**

Amy Leitzel—**Reader**

Mallory & Mason Leitzel—**Servers**



**Ask Father Paul:** "I go along to get along. Are Catholics allowed to celebrate Hanukkah and Passover with Jewish friends and relatives?"

This has been happening quite a few years in various places, and recent Popes have never expressed disapproval. For example, in San Antonio, Texas, every year for the past eighteen years, the Catholic archbishops and city rabbis have invited their congregations to share in an inter-faith Hanukkah celebration, sometimes even in the Cathedral social hall. The Catholic Church is not comfortable with doing anything Jewish that the rabbis judge as objectionable. As guests, we may attend Passover seders conducted by Jews, but rabbis strong protest against seders conducted by any Christians, especially in order to "proselytize" Jews. As a faithful Jew, Jesus Himself celebrated both Passover and Hanukkah. Many Jews feel comfortable with inviting Catholics to celebrate these with them, because both of these holidays traditionally reinforce Jewish identity. Moreover, the Catholic Bible, not the Jewish one, relates the story behind Hanukkah. Two inspired books, First and Second Maccabees, tell how brave Jews were martyred for refusing to compromise the Law of Moses. (But truly devout Jews would likely not accept a Catholic's invitation to join in any genuine celebration of Christmas, because Jesus' birth appears to them to mark the start of a new religion, one that proclaimed the end of many of the ceremonial and dietary laws which God required through Moses.) Decades before the American Revolution began, Pope Benedict XIV seemed clear enough in a Papal Encyclical, *Ex Quo*, that the Catholic Church judges as NOT sinful any Catholic's participation, "either from personal decision, from human custom, or on the instruction of the Church," in a Jewish religious ceremony or celebration *as long as* such a Catholic did NOT do so because he felt God, through the Law of Moses, required this of him. Such participation would surely be sinful for Christians who wrongly judged their NON-participation as sinfully violating God's Law. For a Christian to participate with this wrong motive in doing such a distinctively Jewish activity constitutes "Judaizing," a sin which Church Fathers, and theologians like St. Thomas Aquinas, strongly condemned.

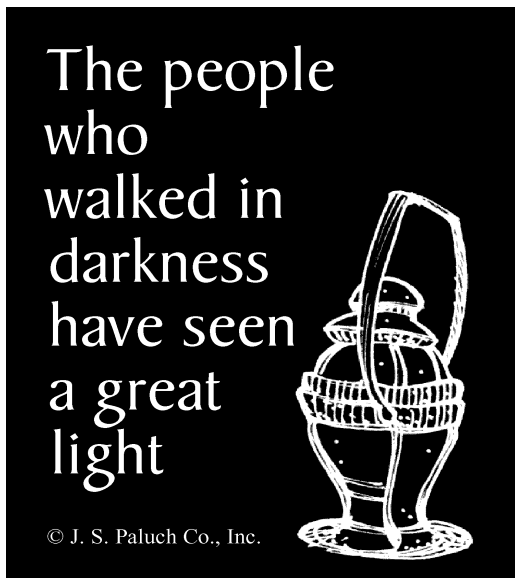
On Friday confessions are heard  
15 minutes before Mass!

### 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.



**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!

**DESALES UNIVERSITY ACCOUNTING STUDENTS TO PROVIDE FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE**

From **now through Friday, March 27th**, junior and senior accounting students from DeSales University will provide tax preparation assistance FREE of charge to senior citizens, those with incomes below \$54,000 per year, people with disabilities, students, military personnel, and those who speak English as a second language. The DU students have participated in the program for 19 consecutive years. To schedule an appointment, please call **1-610-282-1100, ext. 1868**, and a student will return your call. Please bring to the appointment all printed tax information and all documents pertaining to your federal, state and local taxes. The program is sponsored by the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program and supervised by Professor of Business, Dr. Christopher Cocozza, division head of DeSales University's Division of Business.

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

**Memorial Fund**  
In Memory of John Shollenberger  
by Tom & Cathy Santai, and  
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Welsh, Jr.

**God's Special Invitation**

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

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

**Assumption BVM School** will hold an Open House on Sunday from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM. Faculty and Staff invite your presence. Please visit, tour and meet our ABVM Family. We seek to welcome new students to our loving, nurturing, and academically excellent school. For more information, please call (570)622-0106. Everyone is welcome at ABVM.

**DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
will follow the 8:00 AM Mass on  
First Saturday,  
February 1st. Please join us.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY**

Many thanks to all who volunteer and support the parish faithfully year after year. May all in our Parish community come to know the peace and grace of God that comes to generous stewards who return some of their time, talents, and treasure to the Lord.

**HOMELESS ASSISTANCE & EMERGENCY FOOD, CLOTHING & HYGIENE PRODUCTS**—Those who find themselves in need of emergency shelter, food, clothing or hygiene products may contact My Father's House, 4 S. Centre St., Pottsville, (570)900-1161 or (570)728-2917. Remember that the donations in the jar in the back of the Church are being sent to My Father's House. Please continue to help those in need. Thank you.

**ST. JOSEPH CENTER FOR SPECIAL LEARNING** believes in the sanctity of every human life at every stage of life; and maintains that every person has the ability to learn. Inspired by these truths, St. Joseph Center offers a Christ-centered learning experience for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, no matter how severe. The uniquely small and nurturing environment allows for a greater understanding of individual needs, and provides an atmosphere favorable to growth. St. Joseph Center educates students ages 4 through 21; and operates a state licensed adult habilitation program for those ages 18 and over who, due to functional level, are unable to pursue employment. St. Joseph Center boasts a fully accessible facility located at 2075 West Norwegian Street in Pottsville. For more information please contact the interim principal, Ms. Mary Adams, at 570-622-4638, or [stjosephcenter@comcast.net](mailto:stjosephcenter@comcast.net)

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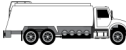
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u></b></p> <p>Church: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 6:00 PM                  Chapel: Sunday 8:15-8:45 AM                  or by appointment</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><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 style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Hall Use (Church and Chapel)</u></b></p> <p>Pastor must first approve.                  Rent and liability fees may apply.</p>						