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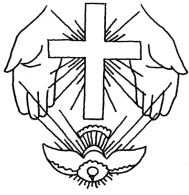
Most Blessed Trinity Parish



March 21-22, 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

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March 21/22, 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

If NOT listed to be rescheduled, ALL these Masses are PRIVATE (FR. PAUL ONLY). Times might vary.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21

Church-Vigil: 4:00 PM Cancelled to be rescheduled

Sunday, March 22

Chapel—9:00 AM +Helen Walason by Daughter

Church—10:30 AM +Helen Graeff by Robert Graeff

Weekday Masses are held at the Church in Tremont

Monday, March 23

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

Tuesday, March 24

7:00 PM +Mary Guidas by Ina Pijar

Wed., March 25—The Annunciation of the Lord

8 AM Health and God's Blessings for Catherine Conville

Thursday, March 26

8:00 AM +Robert Wapinsky by Jack Modesto, Sr.

Friday, March 27—Abstinence

8 AM Health and God's Blessings for Dennis Strouphauer

Saturday, March 28

8:00 AM **No Mass**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM Health and God's Blessings for

Bernice Allen by Ed and Eleanor Wassel

Sunday, March 29

Chapel—9:00 AM Cancelled To be rescheduled

Church—10:30 AM +Mary Guidas by Carl Wiscount, Grant and Sue Witmer



Next Week's Readings

Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8

Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Things Cancelled until Further Notice

Volunteer Church Cleanings
Holy Name, Trinity Guild, Ladies' Club
Rosary, Lenten Stations of the Cross
Meetings with more than 10 people

Sunday Collection

March 14/15 Same week last year

Total \$1,322.16 \$2,181.00



Thank you for supporting our Parish during the Coronavirus crisis. While we all stay away for safety, the Parish still has its big bills to pay. **Kindly consider sending by mail your donations (in their weekly regular envelopes) directly to our Parish Office. Thanks so much!**

Ask Father Paul: "Why does the Apostles' Creed say Jesus 'descended into Hell'?"

At the point of death, the soul of Jesus went to be with the souls of all the just who had died before Him. The righteous dead were kept in the underworld only until He opened Heaven to them at His Ascension. Obviously, the word "hell" does not always refer to the place of the damned. Let's take it step by step. Jesus really died, and so His human soul separated from His human body. While His corpse was lying in the tomb, His departed soul existed in the underworld (Psalm 16:9-11), but not in the part for the damned. What the Creed is affirming is that Jesus went to "the Limbo of the Fathers," which bordered on where the damned were (Luke 16:26). The Pharisees referred to the Limbo of the Fathers as "Father Abraham's Bosom" (Luke 16:22) and "Paradise" (Luke 23:43). The Limbo of the Fathers can be called Hell because, for ages, it was in Hades, the underworld, the part of it for the righteous. Limbo no longer exists there. Jesus released just souls when He ascended. Father Abraham and the other Old Testament saints were the first to be made aware of Jesus' joyful victory over sin, death, and the devil (Ephesians 4:9). They heard this Good News from the disembodied spirit of Christ Himself (1 Peter 3:18-20).

Due to the C-virus, our Parish Office is closed until 3/27/20, except for emergency calls for Fr. Paul.

Daily on the internet you can view Bishop Schler's Mass "streaming live" from his chapel. Get details at www.ad-today.com



The K. of C. St. Joseph Center for Special Learning Collection here is postponed until further notice.

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 and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

(3/16/2020) **Coronavirus (Covid-19) update:** To help prevent the spread of Coronavirus, Bishop Alfred Schlert has decided that all public Masses in the Diocese of Allentown will be cancelled, effective immediately. The Diocese of Allentown comprises five counties: Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill.

The Bishop acknowledged the strong devotion the people have to the Holy Eucharist, and has not made this decision lightly, but rather through prayerful discussion and in cooperation with public health officials.

Priests will continue to offer private Masses for the intentions of the faithful. They will continue to be available for confessions, but schedules may vary. Churches will remain open for extended periods of private prayer. Weddings, funerals and baptisms will continue, but attendance will be limited to family members [**10 or less**].

Many of the faithful have expressed a strong desire to continue to attend Masses. The Bishop understands this strong connection that individuals have to their faith, but believes that it is in the best interest of all parishioners, and of the public at large, to further limit large gatherings. This is especially true for those of advanced age, or of compromised health, who are most vulnerable.

“This is a time for our priests to be with their people, and to be even closer with them, even though this change seems to distance them from their flocks,” said Bishop Schlert. “Let me assure you that priests will continue to be available to the faithful, and will be creative in the ways they serve the people entrusted to their care.”

There are many options to “participate” in Masses on television and online. Check this website often for further information.

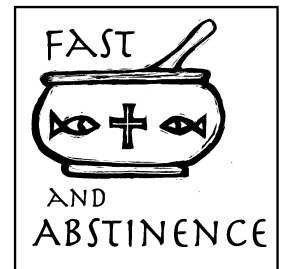
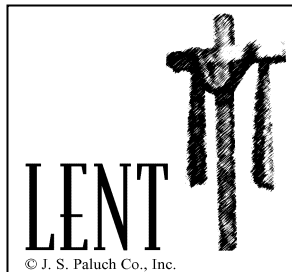
The Bishop also encouraged the faithful to pray with their family members frequently, and to pray the Rosary as a family, both for those affected by this pandemic and for all those who care for the ill at home, as first responders, and in hospitals and other institutions.

Previously, the Bishops of Pennsylvania jointly lifted the obligation for the faithful to attend Saturday Vigil/Sunday Mass during the Coronavirus crisis.

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In Memory of Gayle Kobularik
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by Bryan “Curly” Miller & Family
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by Eleanor Rodichok



Print and Mail to Parish Office to **Get Your FREE Lenten Book!**

The Parish is awaiting a shipment of another case (40 copies).
Because of the coronavirus crisis, requests for free copies can be honored without any intent to attend a Lenten discussion group.
We DO ask that you intend to read this book as soon as possible.

_____ Please reserve for me a new FREE paperback copy of the book, *Salvation: What Every Catholic Should Know*, by Michael Patrick Barber. I'll try to read it as soon as possible.

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<p><u>Liturgical Schedule</u></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><u>Holy Day</u></p> <p>Church: 8:00 AM, 7:00 PM Chapel: Vigil 7:00 PM</p>						
<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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<p><u>PREP</u></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><u>Hall Use (Church and Chapel)</u></p> <p>Pastor must first approve. Rent and liability fees may apply.</p>						