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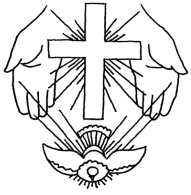
# Most Blessed Trinity Parish



March 28-29, 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 28/29, 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.**

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 28**

**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 Canceled to be rescheduled**

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

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

**Monday, March 30**

8:00 AM +Gayle Kobularik by Florence

**Tuesday, March 31**

**7:00 PM** For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

**Wednesday, April 1**

8:00 AM +Agnes Yachera by Ina Pijar

**Thursday, April 2**

8:00 AM **No Mass**

**Friday, April 3—Abstinence; First Friday**

8:00 AM **No Mass**

**Saturday, April 4—First Saturday**

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

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM** +John Shollenberger by Catherine McAlarney

**Sun., April 5—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**Chapel—9:00 AM** +Gayle Kobularik by Tom and Cathy Santai and Family

**Church—10:30 AM** Health and God's Blessings for the Drumheller and Adams Families by Jake



### Next Week's Readings

Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66

### LENTE CONFESIONS STILL AVAILABLE

With no "Stay-At-Home Order" for Schuylkill County, you can phone the rectory for a Lenten confession. The number is 570-695-3648. We CANNOT do a confession over the phone. You should call for an appointment with Father at Church or Chapel or Rectory.

Thank you for supporting our Parish during the Coronavirus crisis, as we still must pay big bills. **Til we meet again, or add on-line giving(?? !!), kindly consider sending by mail your donations (in their weekly regular envelopes) directly to our Parish. Thanks so much!**

**Ask Father Paul:** "Should Catholics fear "666," and what does it mean?" There is nothing to fear here. Once a pious Catholic lady bluntly told me that my slightly superstitious fear of the number "13" was just plain silly, since almost all of Mary's apparitions at Fatima were on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month! Her wisdom was truly stunning. If I were living before Mary appeared at Fatima in 1917, I'd have more of an excuse. Similarly, if I were living in the First Century, when the book of Revelation was written, I'd have a good reason to fear the number "666" (Revelation 13:18). This is the number of "the Beast," a fierce persecutor who lived *but also died* in the First Century. The Catholic Church has not infallibly defined the precise meaning of any verse in the book of Revelation, but our *Catechism* gives us some reliable guidance about this ancient writing. Revelation, or the Apocalypse, makes known "what must soon take place" (CCC #2642). Since many martyrs "died" (note the past tense) for not adoring "the Beast" of Revelation, chapters 13-14 (CCC #2113), this historical sinister figure is most likely the Roman Emperor Nero. In times of persecution, the early Christians often communicated by code. They assigned a number to each letter of the Hebrew and Greek alphabets. This ancient practice was called Gematria. When modern Bible scholars add up the numbers representing common ancient spellings of the names and titles of Nero, the sum is either 666 (or 616!). This was about something in John's near future.

### MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE

Please pray for one of our dear parishioners, **+Gayle Kobularik**, who passed away on March 8th. She was a faithful leader for many years in the Ss. Peter and Paul Women's Club. We extend a sincere sympathy to all her children, relatives, and friends.

*May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN*

**The Tower City Food Pantry will distribute food on the 1st Saturday of the month, April 4th, from 10-11:30 AM, at the Moose Lodge, 536 E. Grand Ave., Tower City. DRIVE-THROUGH ONLY.** It is available to people who live in the Williams Valley School District and to those who became unemployed because of the Coronavirus, but you must pre-register by calling Donna Hunter @ 717-647-9486.

Daily on the internet you can view Bishop Schlert's Mass "streaming live" from his chapel. Get details at [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com)

### Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment: Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT, Direct Phone (610) 332-0442 x2019

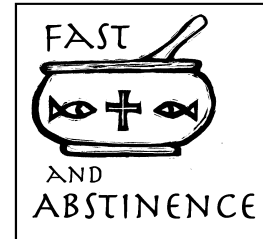
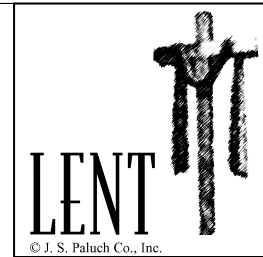
Victim Assistance: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC, Direct Phone (800) 791-9209

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.

## THE CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE VISITS AND PRAYER

We pray that you are healthy. As long as there are no more than ten people in our Church at one time, it should be open to you to be a place of refuge and comfort, and a source of strength for the faithful. For security reasons it is closed over night. (5PM to 9AM). At this time, IF YOU ARE SICK, God calls you to go to the doctor, NOT the Church!

**ALL HEALTHY ADULTS OR FAMILIES WHO DESIRE TO PRAY ALONE WITH GOD ARE MOST WELCOME TO DO SO INSIDE OF MOST BLESSED TRINITY CHURCH. Father would appreciate that you ALSO stop by the rectory before your prayers.**



**(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 (EWTN) and online. Check this website often for further information, [www.ad-today.com](http://www.ad-today.com).

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.

## 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 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>						