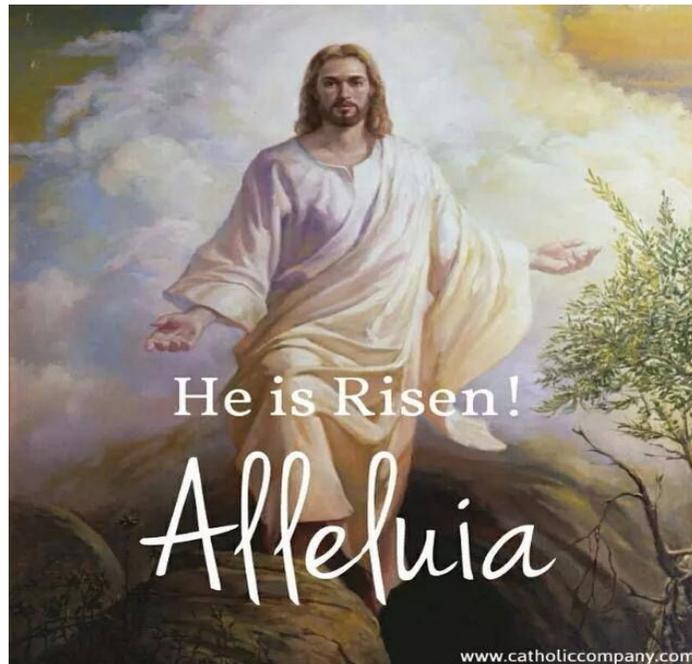


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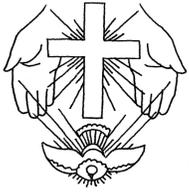
## Easter Sunday



## April 11-12, 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**  
**Office Manager: Michele Antalosky**  
**Coordinator of Religious Education: JoAnn Yesenosky**  
**April 11/12, 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.**

### The Resurrection of the Lord

**Saturday, April 11—Holy Saturday**

**Church—8:00 PM** For the Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

**Sunday, April 12—Easter Sunday**

**Chapel—9:00 AM** For the People of the Parish by Father Paul

**Church—10:30 AM** For the Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

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

**Monday, April 13**

**8:00 AM +Fr. James Brady** by Family

**Tuesday, April 14**

**7:00 PM +In Memory of Gayle Kobularik** by Jackie and Gary Reibsane

**Wednesday, April 15**

**8 AM +Catherine Schade** by Colleen Stutzman and Dolores Brophy

**Thursday, April 16**

**8 AM +In Memory of Gayle Kobularik** by Charles and Doris Fox

**Friday, April 17**

**8:00 AM** For the Living and Deceased Members of Easter Memorials by Donors

**Saturday, April 18**

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

**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

**Church—Vigil: 4:00 PM** Health and God's Blessings for Ron Wassel and Daughter, Rebecca by Ed and Eleanor Wassel

**Sunday, April 19**

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

**Church—10:30 AM +John Sabadish** by Family



### Next Week's Readings

Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24  
1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

### PARISH WEBSITE:

<http://mostblessedtrinity.us>  
for information and updates

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:** *“Is God trying to tell you and me something? Is the Coronavirus a sign that the world is going to end soon?”*

There could be no evil without something good. Evil is the absence of something good that ought be there, but is not. Evil is sort of a parasite, like the Coronavirus is a parasite which attaches itself to a good part of a living human body. God directly wills whatever is good. He allows whatever is evil to exist in order to accomplish something good. Life and health, not sickness and death, are God's original plan for us, free-will creatures made in His image. God has revealed that an original human choice to sin brought evil into our world. God is not to blame. Just as God allows us to sin with our free wills, He also allows sickness and death in order to test our character, and how much we love Him and others. Another purpose of His for sickness and death is to turn us from our sins, and draw us closer to Him. Five thousand years ago, God brought His people out of Egypt, which had a high civilization and many gods. God then sent ten plagues to tell the Pharaoh something. God told him about the God of Moses. What did he learn? “His God IS God“ (Cecil B. DeMille's version). Once the new Israelites were on their own, God sent sicknesses to teach them that they were not completely on their own, for He alone was the true Source of all their healings. When Jesus came and began His public ministry, He healed many of God's people. There was no popular expectation that the Messiah, once He arrived, would do healing miracles. Yet Jesus did many in order to show God's compassion. Sickness has always been with us, and so has our God, bringing good out of this evil. St. John wrote Revelation, the last book of the Bible. It is filled with visions God gave to John, including visions of seven plagues before the world ends. He spent five chapters describing these “vials of God's wrath“ poured down on the world. Revelation is a book filled with symbols. And so these “seven“ plagues might symbolize God's holy and just response to the total number of human offenses against Him. But John seemed to believe that they are real plagues. He declared that anyone wicked enough to alter the words of his visions would suffer “the plagues described in this book“ (22:18). Since every generation needs to be ready to meet God, in His mercy and love He might very well send every generation their own share of plagues in order to draw them closer to Him. Hopefully our generation will learn whatever God wants to teach us by means of our sufferings. The plagues in our generation have been epidemics of Spanish and Swine Flu, Polio, AIDS, SARS, Ebola, MERS, and the Coronavirus. Do they, in and of themselves, indicate that the world is ending very soon? Probably not. We need only read how the book of Revelation describes the seven last plagues to be glad for the much milder ones that we are experiencing. No one knows when the world will end. We do know that the End is closer today than yesterday. God often sends us temporary sufferings in this life, so that many of us will not forfeit everlasting life.

### Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

**Safe Environment:** Ms. Pamela Russo, MSW, MS, Secretary for Youth Protection, (610) 871-5200, ext. 2204

**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.



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)

**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 to 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.**

**PASTOR'S SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BISHOP'S CORONAVIRUS MANDATES**

The Bishop encourages 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 who care for the ill at home, as first responders, and in hospitals and other institutions. For details on how to **bleed your own Easter Food Basket on Holy Saturday**, please call the rectory.

**If you have a loved one in a hospital or nursing home, and the priest cannot enter, during this crisis he is allowed to administer Last Rites while he is praying prayers outdoors, near the window of the person being prayed for. In the case of General Absolution, all patients and medical staff inside the facility can benefit by it as long as they desire to receive the Sacrament because they believe in it and have a proper disposition. If the patient makes a recovery, someone should remind him or her that there still remains the duty of making Sacramental Confession.**

The Mass for the blessing of holy oils (Chrism Mass) has been transferred to early June, but Holy Week, the Triduum, and the date of Easter cannot be transferred to another date. The parish priest still does the special liturgies, but with no more than **three assistants**, if they are available. Some parts are **omitted**. There is no procession of the Eucharist to a repository on Holy Thursday. All Churches will be closed after 11PM. A solemn intercession will be **added** "for an end to the pandemic" at the Good Friday liturgy. The priest alone will be kissing the Cross. The Easter Vigil may start as early as 5 PM. There is no fire, and the procession is omitted, but the Pascal Candle is lit. Baptisms are omitted this year.

Pope Francis has decreed a **plenary indulgence** be offered to anyone suffering from the Coronavirus, healthcare workers, family members, caregivers of the infirm, and any member of the faithful. **The conditions** to receive this indulgence are the postscript of the Easter Letter. If not detached from all your venial sins, your indulgence can only be partial. Thanks!

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

The Parish has received 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 life allows.*

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 a schedule priority.

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<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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