

Welcome to

Most Blessed Trinity Parish

of the Diocese of Allentown

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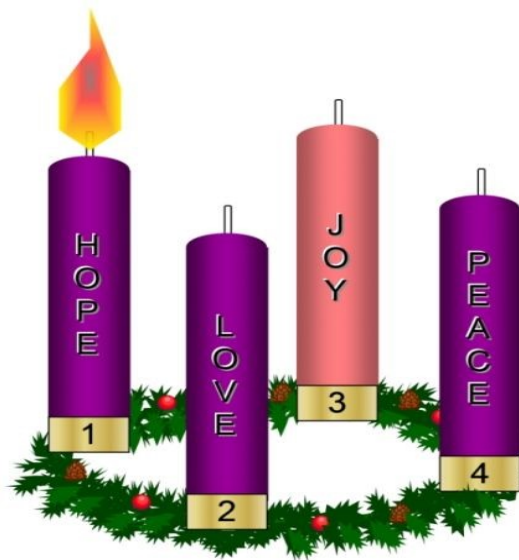
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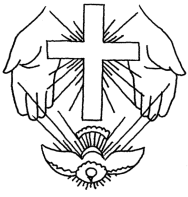
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<u>Liturgical Schedule</u>		<u>Holy Day Mass always in Church</u>	
Church: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM Chapel: Sunday 9:00 AM Daily Masses: 9:00 AM , except for Tuesday at 6 PM in the Rectory for the winter season, no Saturday morning Mass		Church: 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM Chapel: Vigil 7:00 PM	
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation</u>		<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u>	
As needed		Couples should contact Fr. Johnson as soon as they are engaged, at least 6 months before the date of the marriage.	
<u>Sponsor Certificates</u>		<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u>	
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.		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.	
<u>Home Bound Outreach</u>		<u>Diocesan Schools in Pottsville</u>	
Please call the rectory if you are physically unable to attend Mass and you will be visited during the first week of the month.		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	
<u>PREP</u>		<u>Office Hours</u>	
Church: Sun. 9:00 – 10:15 AM Loc. Sup.-Mary Kreiser Chapel: Sun.10:00 – 11:15 AM CRE-Maria Flynn		Monday-Thursday 10:30 AM--4:00 PM Friday Closed	



MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

December 02/03 2023
Year B — Cycle II

WELCOME!

All are most welcome at Most Blessed Trinity. Please register as soon as possible. **Also, please call the rectory when changing your address or moving.**

Parish Mission Statement—Most Blessed Trinity Parish is a Christ-centered sacramental family, modeled after the love of the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit—three persons in one 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.



First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2

Church—4 PM +Frank Zunno by Daughter Helen Krammes & Family

Sunday, December 3

Chapel—9 AM +Gayle & Joseph Kobularik by their Children
Church—10:30 AM For the People of the Parish by Fr. Johnson

(Daily Masses are now being held in the Rectory)

Monday, December 4

9:00 AM +Albert Mitsky by Sister

Tuesday, December 5

6:00 PM +Diane Centeleghe by Charles & Ann Blackwell

Wednesday, December 6

9:00 AM +Seedor & Yesenosky Families by Rick & JoAnn

Chapel—1:00 PM Rosary

Thursday, December 7—St. Ambrose

9:00 AM +Mary Renninger by Lou Ann & Family

Chapel—5 PM +Richard Sapinski by Frank & Suzanne Fox

Friday, December 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Church—9:00 AM +Bonnie Ganly by Joe

Church—5:00 PM For the People of the Parish by Fr. Johnson

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9

Church—4:00 PM +Joseph D. Zernhelt by JoAnn & Elmer

Sunday, December 10

Chapel—9AM +Gayle Kobularik by Dot & Teresa Plesnarski

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



Next Week's Readings

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14
2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

The Sanctuary Candle burns at Tower City for Sophia Korab



Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment: Ms. Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S., Secretary, Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services, P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538 (610) 871-5200, ext. 2204 prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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.

Estate Planning:

Please consider remembering Most Blessed Trinity in your Will Planning so as to promote the future strength of our parish for generations to come.

Our Second Collection next weekend, December 09/10 will be taken up for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Retired and Infirm Priests Annual Fund, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared"

Thank you to those who have given so generously to the "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" annual fund. If you haven't given, it isn't too late to support the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. For more information visit the website www.weloveourpriests.org. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese!

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 1-800-276-1562.

Ask Father: I am confused. We are taught about God’s infinite capacity for forgiveness, but as Catholics, we are threatened with eternal damnation for a host of reasons including a full confession or missing Mass. Which seems a little harsh.

Thank you for expressing your confusion on why we have to go to Confession and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for our salvation. Not only the Catholic Church, but all world religions have their own ways of preparing their people for eternal life. For instance, Hinduism, the world’s ancient religion has its notion of Moksha (Liberation) which is the final stage of man’s existence. To achieve Moksha, you have to go through Hinduism’s different rituals like bathing in the River Ganges, climbing mountains where a Hindu god or a goddess is believed to be present, and detaching oneself from the material world. To achieve heaven, a Muslim prays five times a day – at dawn, noon, mid-afternoon, sunset, and evening which they do religiously. They also observe a religious pilgrimage to Mecca (Saudi Arabia) called Hajj which is an obligation for every believer. Likewise, all religions teach their adherents different ways of achieving salvation. Our Holy Mother Church recommends we frequent the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist in order that we may be sanctified and finally saved. Besides, attending Mass on Sundays and on the days of obligation and making your Confession at least once a year are two of the Five Rules of the Catholic Church. Rules are to safeguard our lives. We cannot question an established rule.

Altar Servers for December 07-10:

5:00 PM Thursday-Lector: Patrick Kasper **EM:** Jackie Reibsane **Servers:** Ireland K. & Carter S.

9:00AM Friday-Lector: Mary Frances Miller

5:00 PM Friday-Lector: Jean Kreiser **Server:** Juliet Brown

4:00 PM Saturday-Lector: Mary Francis Miller **EM:** George Guidas

9:00 AM Sunday-Lector: Jackie Reibsane **EM:** Joe Kobularik **Server:** Ella Kobularik

10:30AM Sunday-Lector: Ray Yurista **EM:** John Adams **Servers:** Juliet Brown & Shane Burke



SS. Peter & Paul Ladies Club News: All women & girls of the parish are invited to the Women’s Club Christmas Party on Thursday, December 7th at 6 PM in the Tower City Social Hall. The Cost is \$15.00 per person. This year we are asking everyone to bring a wrapped \$5 gift to play a game. Please see the sign up sheet in the Chapel in Tower City or call the rectory by December 5th. The ladies are also selling chances for a Holiday Basket of Cheer for \$5.00 each. The drawing will be Sunday, 12/17/23 after the 9 AM Mass in Tower City. Tickets are available at Masses in Tower City and Tremont. Please help with your support.

The Ladies Club will have a Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 17th, after Mass in the Tower City social hall. They are asking for donations of “batches” of your favorite cookies. All the cookies will be placed on the buffet in the social hall, and everyone is invited to walk by to fill a box with your favorite cookie choices for \$5.00. The purchase of cookies is open to ANYONE, not just to those who bake! Cookies can be brought to the social hall that morning before Mass.

Trinity Guild News: Congratulations to the following winners on the Calendar of Give-A-Ways for Nov. 19-25: Marcia Burke, Chance Krause, Rick Strouphauer, Angela, Bridget Krammes, Tina Fleisher and Natasha Neidlinger.

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• **St. Clare of Assisi News:** They are sponsoring an
• all you can eat Breakfast on Sunday, December
• 10th from 8:00 AM – Noon at Immaculate Con-
• ception Hall, Diener’s Hill. The cost is \$10.00/
• adults; \$5.00/Children. Breakfast includes Ham,
• Bacon, Sausage, Potatoes, Eggs, Pancakes, French
• Toast, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice and Apple Juice.
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Friends of Birthright—Once again they will only be accepting monetary donations or gift cards. The donations will be used by only Birthright staff to purchase items needed for babies, the families will not receive the cards or donations. Your contributions can be mailed to the Birthright Office at 10 N. Lehigh Ave., Frackville, PA 17931. If you have any questions, contact the Birthright office at (570)874-2621 or (570)874-4307.



Items needed for next months pantry are: soup, rice, toilet paper, paper toweling, tissues, shampoo, soap, dish detergent, laundry detergent, deodorant and tooth paste. More volunteers are always welcome to help with this endeavor. This is also a great way to fulfill community service hours for Confirmation or School. Please remember to check the expiration dates on your items donated. Remember also we cannot accept any perishable food items. Thank you for your attention.

We Thank Our Generous Sponsors. Please support them!

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