

Welcome to

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of the Diocese of Allentown

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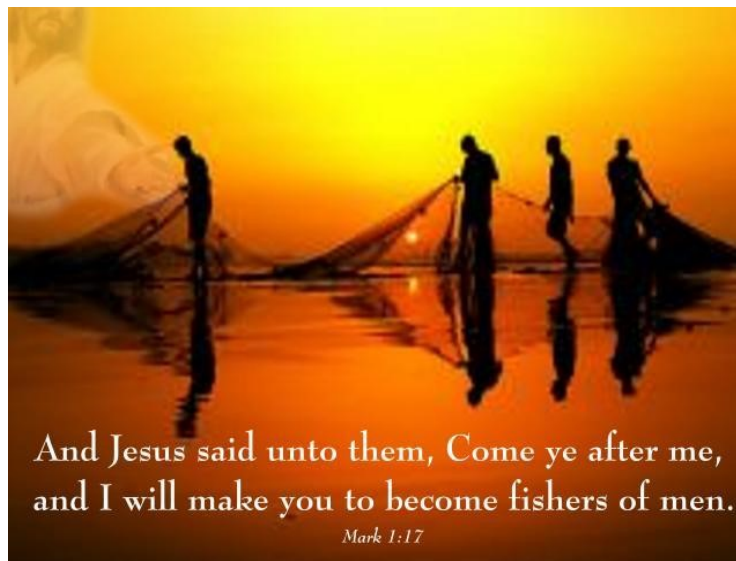
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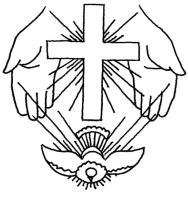
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<u>Liturgical Schedule</u>		<u>Holy Day Mass always in Church</u>	
Church: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM Chapel: Sunday 9:00 AM Daily Masses: 9:00 AM, except for Tuesday at 6 PM in the Rectory for the winter season; no Saturday morning Mass		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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 20/21, 2024
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.



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 20

Church—4:00 PM +Anne Joyce by Charles & Ann Blackwell

Sunday, January 21

Chapel—9:00 AM + Scott Null, Sr. by the Ss. Peter & Paul PREP Students

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

(Daily Masses are now being held in the Rectory)

Monday, January 22

9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings for Florence Strouphauer by the Ochs Family

Tuesday, January 23

6:00 PM +Cathy Wlasuk by Jean Jeppson

Wednesday, January 24— St. Francis de Sales

9:00 AM +William Bambrick by Matthew Bambrick

Thursday, January 25— The Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 AM +James Michaud by The Witmer Family

Friday, January 26— Ss. Timothy and Titus

Church—9:00 AM Health & God's Blessings for Tom & Cathy Santai by Jean Jeppson

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27

Church—4:00 PM +Diane Centeleghe by Helen & Kathleen Krammes

Sunday, January 28

Chapel—9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Christmas Memorials by Donors

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

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Michelle Kroh

By Vinnie Moyer

By Jean Bender

By Colleen Stutzman

By Anna Wiscount

By Amanda Fletcher

Important PREP dates

January 28, 2024 from 2-4 PM-Retreat and First Penance in Tremont with Lunch

April 10, 2024 at 4:30 PM-Confirmation in Tremont

May 5, 2024 at 10:30 AM Mass-First Holy Communion in Tremont

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!"

Among our PREP students, the following are turning a year older in January: Chase N. and Cole S. All of you are so very special to our parish! Jesus loves children everywhere.



We would like to give a *Special Thank You* to everyone who sent us cards, personal gifts, treats and Christmas wishes this year. We are so grateful for all the help with decorating and servers who made this Christmas season so joyful.

Many Blessings,
Father Johnson and Staff



Next Week's Readings

Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9

1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

The Sanctuary Candle burns at Tower City for Joseph 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.

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: Please tell us why Jesus descended into hell after He was crucified?

Jesus' descent into hell means that Jesus "sojourned in the realm of the dead before his resurrection" (the Catechism 632). Like all men, Jesus experienced death, and thus his soul joined others in this realm. But as the Catechism points out, "he descended there as Savior" (CCC 632) and preached the good news to the spirits imprisoned there (1 Pet. 3:19).

Does this mean Jesus descended into hell to deliver the damned? Does this mean Jesus destroyed the hell of damnation? No. Scripture often uses the term hell—**Sheol** in Hebrew and Hades in Greek—to refer to the abode of the dead, which consisted of both the righteous and the unrighteous who were deprived of the vision of God.

COOKS WITH COLLARS!

Father Johnson is representing Most Blessed Trinity again this year in COOKS WITH COLLARS and he needs your help. Visit www.cookswithcollars.com to see your favorite priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen recipes on this online cooking competition, that raises funds for Parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Vote early and vote often (January 12, 2024-February 12, 2024) for our Diocese Top Chef! Each vote is just \$10.00 but you are welcome to donate more! We encourage you to vote as many times as you are able, since the proceeds directly benefit our church. If you don't want to use your credit card and pay fees, you can put your vote and the donation of \$10 or more in the envelopes marked "Cooks with Collars" on the table in the vestibule and drop it in the collection basket and it will stay right here in the Parish.



Thanks for making Father Johnson and Most Blessed Trinity a winner!

Altar Servers for January 27/28:

- 4:00 PM Saturday-Lector: Colleen Stutzman EM: George Guidas Server: Sam Krawchuk
- 9:00 AM Sunday-Lector: Joe Kobularik EM: Deborah Savage Servers: Paige & Parker Williams
- 10:30AM Sunday-Lector: Annette Fleming EM: Paty Adams Servers: Xavier Brown & Shane Burke



Exhibition: Bob Miller has done a fantastic job with adult coloring, so on Saturday, February 3, 2024, his children and wife Mary Frances will be exhibiting his work after Mass in the parish hall. All are invited and refreshments will be served.



Next weekend, January 27/28, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.



Thank you for your continued support of our Food Bank. We especially thank those who help to fill boxes, pick up needed supplies and distribute them. This month we were able to help 23 families. Thank you for your generosity in giving monetary donations; however, more grocery items are urgently needed as well as volunteers in order to continue to serve our community. **Please check expiration dates on your items donated. We cannot accept perishable food items.**

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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.

St. Patrick Preschool @ Assumption BVM in Pottsville is having an open house January 28th, 12 to 2 PM, and are accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. We offer two, three and five day programs, both full and half days. Contact us for more information at 570-622-0106 or saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com. Check out our Facebook page Saint Patrick's Preschool @ Assumption BVM.

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