Most Alessed Trinity Parish of the Diocese of Allentown

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Liturgical Schedule

Church: Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM, Sunday 10:30 AM

Chapel: Sunday 9:00 AM

Daily Masses: 9:00 AM, except for Tuesday at 6:00 PM

in the Tremont Church, no Saturdays. Adoration 20 minutes prior to Daily Masses.

Holy Day Mass always in Church

Church: 9:00 AM, 5:00 PM Chapel: Vigil 7:00 PM

Diocesan Coordinators for Minors

Safe Environment Ms. Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W.M.S, Secretary, Youth Protection & Catholic Human Services PO 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

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29-30, 2025 Year A - Cycle 2

UPDATE CONTACT INFO!

Help us stay in contact with you by letting the office know when your phone, address and/or email changes.

<u>Parish Mission Statement</u> – 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.



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, Nov. 29 - Church 4:00 PM +Thomas Yesalavage by wife, Mary

Sunday, Nov. 30 - Chapel 9:00 AM +John Buggy by Grandchildren **Sunday, Nov. 30 - Church 10:30 AM** For the People of the Parish by Father Johnson

Mon., Dec. 1 - Church 9:00 AM +Irma Pothering by Daughters Tues., Dec. 2 - Church 6:00 PM +Albert Mitsky by Sister St. Francis Xavier - Wed., Dec. 3 - Church 8:30 AM +Gary L. Reibsane by wife, Jackie

Thurs., Dec. 4 - Church 9:00 AM +Helen Davidson by sister, Jackie Friday, Dec. 5 - Church 9:00 AM +Helen & Wayne Papada by Edward Butler

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Saturday, Dec. 6 - Church 4:00 PM +Doris Mahon by Family Sunday, Dec. 7 - Chapel 9:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Johnson

Sunday, Dec. 7 - Church 10:30 AM +Frank & Carol Bretz by Jean Kreiser



Readings for December 6th & 7th

Is 11:1-10 **Ps** 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 **Rom** 15:4-9 **Mt** 3:1-12

The Sanctuary Candle burns in Tower City for Sophia Korab.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in Tremont for Nils Jeppson.



Keepers of the Lord's House 11/23/25

Helen, Kathleen & Michele

Next weekend's Second Collection,

December 6th & 7th will go toward

Maintenance.



If you have a celebration (birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.) you would like acknowledged during the Mass, please print that information (legibly) in the book in the back of the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK, and THEIR CARETAKERS.

Especially:

Ina Pijar
Elsie Salukas
Carole Wiscount
Dennis & Brenda Wiscount

The next OCIA Program meeting will be on Tuesday, December 2nd after Mass with class from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Tremont Social Hall. If anyone is contemplating becoming a Catholic, please contact our parish office at (570) 695-3648. The instructors will be Fr. Johnson and JoAnn Yesenosky.



The Women's Club Annual Christmas Cookie Sale (exchange) will be held on Sunday, December 14th after Mass at the Chapel. The cost is \$5.00 per box; a

disposable glove will be provided for use in picking out cookies. Donations of homemade cookies are needed; please drop off cookies prior to the 9 AM Mass. The Women's Club will be making benekies for the Christmas Cookie Sale.

Also: tickets for the **Holiday Basket of Cheer** are \$5.00; the drawing will be at the Christmas Cookie Sale. Please see any member of the Women's Club or contact the Parish Office to purchase tickets.

Please remember to sign up for the **SS Peter & Paul Women's Christmas Party** on December 4th at 6 PM. Signup sheets are in the Church/Chapel vestibules. Scotto's Restaurant is catering party entrees of (1) Stuffed Shells w/Meatballs and (2) Rigatoni Alfredo with Chicken (cost is \$15.00). Please bring a wrapped gift worth \$10.00, to play the "Santa Swap" game at the party.

The Chow-Chow sale was a success again this year and is now SOLD OUT.



Catholic Charities' Community Café Food Truck will be at the Tremont

Municipal Bldg. - 139 Clay Street, Tremont on Tuesday, December 9th from Noon to 1:30 PM. All are welcome to join us for a free hot lunch compliments of Catholic Charities. Come on out and meet the staff and volunteers while enjoying a delicious free meal! Donations are appreciated.



Ministry Schedule for December 6-7, 2025

4:00 PM Church <u>Lector:</u> Rita Melnick <u>EM:</u> JoAnn Yesenosky <u>Server:</u> Beau Lyons

9:00 AM Chapel <u>Lector:</u> Joe Kobularik <u>EM:</u> Jackie Reibsane <u>Server:</u> Ethan & Beau Flynn
10:30 AM Church <u>Lector:</u> Jean Kreiser <u>EM:</u> Paty Adams <u>Server:</u>

REMINDER: 10:30 AM Altar Servers should be vested & seated by 10:15 AM. Thank you!

First Sunday of Advent

Dear friends,

As we begin this holy season, the Scriptures remind us of the urgency and beauty of our call to prepare for the Lord's coming. St. Paul tells us: "You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."

In today's Gospel, Jesus echoes this same call to vigilance: "If the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake... So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come"

On this First Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for the Birth of our Savior, the Word of God invites us to awaken our hearts. Advent is a time of watching, waiting, and renewing our lives in prayer and charity. Let us keep vigil together—opening our eyes to God's presence, strengthening our lives through prayer, and serving our brothers and sisters with generosity.

May this season help us welcome Christ with faith, hope, and a heart made ready for His coming.

FOOD BANK NEWS

Thank you for your generosity in giving monetary donations! We especially thank those who help fill the boxes, pick up needed supplies and distribute them. However, more non-perishable grocery items are urgently needed including: cereal, peanut butter, jelly, soup, spaghetti sauce and pasta along with laundry soap, bath soap, toothpaste, paper towels and toilet paper.

Holiday Lottery Give Away

The Trinity Guild is selling chances on \$150 worth of lottery tickets. Chances are \$5.00 each. The drawing will be 12/13/25 after the Saturday 4 PM Mass. Tickets will be available for sale starting November 9th.





COMMUNITY CANTATA

There will be a Community Cantata held on Sunday, December 21st at 3 PM at Trinity UCC in Tower City. The choir is composed of members from area churches including our Parish.

The Need for Confession as We Prepare for Christmas

As we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior this Advent, all parishioners

are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a powerful way to renew our souls and welcome Christ with joy. The Church also reminds us that every Catholic is obliged to go to Confession at least once a year. Please take this opportunity to seek God's mercy and peace.



As of 11/20/25 - It has come to my attention that many parishioners have not yet received their next packet of offering envelopes. I contacted the envelope company and got this

response: "Thank you for reaching out regarding your members that have not received their envelopes. We have confirmed that envelopes have been mailed to your members. We had been notified that there have been several delays with this post office. Your members should be receiving their envelopes very soon."

Update as of 11/25/25 - I contacted the envelope company again and was told: "Delays are being caused by mail being held up in USPS sorting facilities. However, we're happy to share that a good majority of your envelopes are now back in motion and on their way to parishioners' homes. This is a very positive sign that the backlog is beginning to clear, and deliveries should continue improving in the coming days."

If you are missing envelopes, please continue to use the envelopes provided in the vestibule until yours arrive.

Thank you, Cathy Deitrich, Parish Secretary



Anointing of the Sick

Father will have Anointing of the Sick after Mass on December 6th & 7th for anyone that would like a blessing.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM Tremont Sundays: 8:15-8:45 AM Tower City 20 minutes before Daily Mass in Tremont Monday thru Friday

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact Fr. Johnson as soon as they are engaged, at least 6 months before the date of the marriage.

Sponsor Certificates

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.

Sacrament of Baptism

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.

Home Bound Outreach

Please call the rectory if you are physically unable to attend Mass and you will be visited during the first week of the month.

Diocesan Schools in Pottsville

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

PREP

Church: Sun. 9:00-10:15 AM Loc. Sup - Kathy Brown Chapel: Sun. 10:00-11:15 AM CRE - Maria Flynn

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Friday - Closed



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