

Welcome to
Most Blessed Trinity Parish
of the Diocese of Allentown

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Third Sunday of Advent



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

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MOST BLESSED TRINITY PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 13-14, 2025
Year A - Cycle II**

UPDATE CONTACT INFO!

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

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.



Mass Intentions

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, Dec. 13 - Church 4:00 PM +Sue Lengle by Rita

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Chapel 9:00 AM Birthday blessings for Jackie Reibsane and Son, Gary Reibsane by Doris Fox

Sunday, Dec. 14 - Church 10:30 AM +Joseph Zernhelt by JoAnn & Elmer

Monday, December 15 - Church 9:00 AM +Carl Simcoe by Wife and Daughters

Tues., Dec. 16 - Church 6:00 PM +Don Stroupshauer by Wife

Wed., Dec. 17 - Church 9:00 AM +Anna Donmoyer by Dave & Theresa Lukasewicz

Thurs., Dec. 18 - Church 9:00 AM +Edward J. Lucyk by Edward Butler

Friday, Dec. 19 - Church 9:00 AM +Tom Santai by Bob

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, Dec. 20 - Church 4:00 PM +Floyd Francis Krammes by mother, Helen & Family

Sunday, Dec. 21 - Chapel 9:00 AM For the People of the Parish by Father Johnson

Sunday, Dec. 21 - Church 10:30 AM +Carmella Malloy by Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK, and THEIR CARETAKERS.

Especially:

Jamie Fasnacht

Ina Pijar

Elsie Salukas

Carole Wiscourt

Dennis & Brenda Wiscourt



The next OCIA Program meeting will be on Tuesday, December 16th 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.

Readings for December 20th & 21st

Is 7:10-14

Ps 24:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

Keepers of the Lord's House

12/7/25

Annette Fleming

The Sanctuary Candle burns in Tower City for Jackie Reibsane. Happy Birthday from Doris.



Next weekend's Second Collection, December 20th & 21st will go toward Christmas Flowers.

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.

ADVENT EMBER DAYS

The Faithful of the Diocese are encouraged to celebrate the Ember Days for the Season. In particular, the Advent Ember Days are a heightened time of expectation and waiting in preparation for Christmas. Fasting and abstinence would follow the current laws of the church, with abstaining being from all meat, and fasting would be one full meal a day, with the allowance of two smaller meals that do not equal the main meal, and no eating between meals.

The Advent Ember Days for 2025 are as follows: Wednesday, December 17, 2025, Friday, December 19, 2025, and Saturday, December 20, 2025.

Ministry Schedule for December 20-21, 2025

4:00 PM Church	<u>Lector:</u> Jean Kreiser	<u>EM:</u> JoAnn Yesenosky	<u>Server:</u>
9:00 AM Chapel	<u>Lector:</u> Amy Leitzel	<u>EM:</u> Jackie Reibsane	<u>Server:</u> Mallory & Mason Leitzel
10:30 AM Church	<u>Lector:</u> Annette Fleming	<u>EM:</u> John Adams	<u>Server:</u> Juliet Brown

Ministry Schedule for December 24 & 25, 2025

4:00 PM Wed., Chapel	<u>Lector:</u> Amy Leitzel	<u>EM:</u> Joe Kobularik	<u>Server:</u> Mason Leitzel & Carter Shoop
7:00 PM Wed., Church	<u>Lector:</u> Jean Kreiser	<u>EM:</u> JoAnn Yesenosky	<u>Server:</u>
10:00 PM Wed., Church	<u>Lector:</u> Jackie Reibsane	<u>EM:</u> Paty Adams	<u>Server:</u> Jacob Fletcher
10:30 AM Thurs., Church	<u>Lector:</u> Mary Francis Miller	<u>EM:</u>	<u>Server:</u>

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

From Pastor's Desk - Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday



In today's Gospel (Mt 11:2–11), Jesus points to his works—giving sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, healing the sick, and bringing good news to the poor—as the signs that he is the long-awaited Messiah. If his deeds reveal who he is, then our works of love must reveal that we are his disciples. Jesus tells us that our mutual love is the true proof of our Christian identity. As we continue this

Advent journey, let us ask: *How can my actions show that I belong to Christ?* May this season strengthen us to live our faith with joy and authenticity.



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.

They gave their lives in service - now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation - it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Advent is a beautiful time to return to Confession.

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.

Confession will be held December 16th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM at Tremont and December 17th from 6 - 7 PM in Tower City.

The Manger Mission



This Christmas season, join Catholic Charities in honoring the Holy Family by supporting mothers and children in need through The Manger Mission - A new holiday outreach benefiting our Pregnancy Support Program. What we're collecting: Diapers & Pull-Ups (size 3-6), Baby Wipes, Infant & Toddler Clothing, Baby Bibs & Hygiene Products, Bottles & Sippy Cups, Small Infant-Safe Toys, Blankets, and Gift Cards (Walmart, Amazon, Weis, Boyer's, Redner's).

Please leave donations near the wood table in the Vestibule in Tremont.

Donations accepted thru January 4, 2026.

November Financial Report

Monthly Income: \$22,760.53
Monthly Expenses: \$28,837.26

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who participated in our "100 Envelope" fundraiser. Through your generosity, we raised \$5,788.00. We are truly grateful for your kindness and support of our parish.



<p>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</p>	<p>Sacrament of Marriage Couples should contact Fr. Johnson as soon as they are engaged, at least 6 months before the date of the marriage.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>PREP Church: Sun. 9:00-10:15 AM Loc. Sup - Kathy Brown Chapel: Sun. 10:00-11:15 AM CRE - Maria Flynn</p>	<p>Office Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Friday - Closed</p>



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