



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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**33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY** *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## TIME FOR PRAYER

**Saturday - 4:00 PM**

**Sunday - 8:00 and 10:30 AM**

### Daily Mass:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 9:00 AM;

Tuesday - 5:30 PM

### Adoration:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday - 7:45 to 8:45 AM;

Tuesday - 4:15 PM to 5:15 PM

### Confessions:

Tuesday—4:15 to 5:15 PM and 6:00 to 6:15 PM

Saturday 3:00 to 3:30 PM

### Rosary:

Saturday 3:30-3:50 PM

**Anointing Of The Sick:** Please call 518-237-2373.

**Baptism:** See Father after Mass.

**Marriage:** Couples are asked to contact the office at least six months before the proposed marriage date.

**New Parishioners:** If you are new to the parish, welcome! Please become part of our Parish Family by registering as soon as possible.

**Sacrament Of Holy Orders:** Pray for Vocations.

I write this article on a bus with 50 schoolchildren returning from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy, in Stockbridge MA. The students, from St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam, made a pilgrimage to the Shrine to pray and learn more about the message of Divine Mercy. I reminded them that at the Heart of this Message is the Father's Merciful Love for us sinners.



I have come to develop a special devotion to the Message of Mercy and I enjoy each and every opportunity to promote it. I am encouraged by the fact that Jesus told St. Faustina, **“Tell priests who proclaim and extol My mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak (1521).”** With this promise coming directly from Our Lord, how can I not speak of it?

As I mentioned last week, the month of November is devoted to remembering and praying for the dead, particularly those in purgatory. Our faith teaches us that, even though they are no longer visible, they still remain. This teaching fits well with the message of Divine Mercy. In fact, one of the charisms of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception—the community that runs the Divine Mercy Shrine—is to pray for the souls in Purgatory.

Yes, there are souls in Purgatory who need our prayers. I fear however, that they are seldom prayed for because of the misconception that upon death all go to heaven. God is merciful, but He is also a just judge. Our Church firmly teaches that, “All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire. As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come.” Catechism of the Catholic Church

St. Faustina, who received the Message of Divine Mercy from the Lord and kept a Diary at His request, was given a vision of a soul in Purgatory. She writes, “One night, a sister who had died two months previously came to me. She was a sister of the first choir. I saw her in a terrible condition, all in flames with her face painfully distorted. This lasted only a short time, and then she disappeared. A shudder went through my soul because I did not know whether she was suffering in purgatory or in hell. Nevertheless, I redoubled my prayers for her. The next night she came again, but I saw her in an even more horrible state, in the midst of flames which were even more intense, and despair was written all over her face. I was astonished to see her in a worse condition after the prayers I had offered for her, and I asked, “Haven't my prayers helped you?” She answered that my prayers had not helped her and that nothing would help her. I said to her, “And the prayers which the whole community has offered for you, have they not been any help to you?” She said no, that these prayers had helped some other souls. I replied, “If my prayers are not helping you, Sister, please stop coming to me.” She disappeared at once. Despite this, I kept on praying. After some time she came back again to me during the night, but already her appearance had changed. There were no longer any flames, as there had been before, and her face was radiant, her eyes beaming with joy. She told me that I had a true love for my neighbor and that many other souls had profited from my prayers. She urged me not to cease praying for the souls in purgatory, and she added that she herself would not remain there much longer.” On another vision of purgatory Jesus told her, **“My soul does not want this, but Justice demands it.”** Diary of St. Faustina

I do not know who is in heaven, purgatory or hell. I prefer to let God be the judge of that. What we can be assured of is that our prayers are efficacious and that He longs to bestow His Mercy on his children. Let us not hesitate to ask the Lord to be Merciful to souls in purgatory who cannot pray for themselves. Please pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet or the Rosary for someone you know who has died. Consider also praying for a deceased priest, many whom are forgotten or assumed to be already in heaven. Other pious acts include making a small sacrifice, visiting the cemetery, having a Mass offered for an unknown soul. In any event, remember the deceased by some concrete act during this month. They will be eternally grateful, and who knows, they may even return the favor when they reach heaven.

*May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen.*

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

**FOOD PANTRY...** Thank you to the Boys Scouts for their food drive and the many volunteers who helped with packing the Thanksgiving Baskets this year. **A special Thank You** to all the parishioners who give endlessly each week to our needs here at the Food Pantry. *Happy Thanksgiving*

In the coming weeks we will be working on our Christmas Baskets, we will be taking names from Monday, November 26th through Thursday, December 13th for those in need.

### STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Budget:** **\$5500.00**

Due to early transmission for the bulletin. The collections for November 4th & November 18th will be in November 25th bulletin.

**Collection counters for November 19, 2018:**

E. Hoffman, M. LaGue, I. Rigney

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, November 18 - Faith Formation**

K-6th - 9 am

7th-10th -11:45 am

**NO—Bible Timeline Study this week**

**Thursday, November 22—Thanksgiving Day**

**Mass at 9:00 am**

**Sunday, November 25—Feast of Christ the King**

Advent Prayer Books will be given out before the Advent Season December 1-2

**NO—Faith Formation Classes**

**NO—Bible Timeline Study this week**

**Saturday, December 1 - Nocturnal Adoration—7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 2 — Faith Formation**

K-6th—Family Workshop – 9 am -Gym

7-10th— Classes—11:45 am

**Bible Timeline Study—11:45 am**

**Sunday, December 9— Faith Formation**

K-6th - 9 am

7th-10th -11:45 am

**Bible Timeline Study—11:45 am**

**Monday, December 10—NYC Trip—Bus leaves**

**Parish Center parking lot promptly at ... 8:30 am**

### WE'RE STILL COLLECTING BOTTLES AND

**CANS!!** If you have many "empties" to contribute, please contact Marge Stockwell at the parish center for a collection bag.

### THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass on November 22nd at 9:00 AM. As is our parish tradition, we will be giving out loaves of bread at the end of Mass. Everyone is invited to celebrate this special day with us.

### ADVENT PRAYER BOOKS....

Next weekend, November 24th / 25th on the Feast of Christ the King, we will be available our Advent Prayer Books. The four weeks of the Advent Season begins on December 1-2. We hope these books will help everyone more prayerfully celebrate this special season. Our Advent Prayer Book for 2018 is "five minutes with the **Word**" - from the **WORD** among us.

### LECTORS....

there are copies of "Workbook for Lectors" in the Sacristy. They will be available next weekend after all the Masses. We know that many of you use My Parish App to prepare the readings but these books are available for any lector who would like them.

**DONATIONS....** a donation has been made to our Food Pantry in memory of Marilyn Galarnau.

*Thank You.*

### IN THE HOSPITAL?

If you or a loved one are sick and is in need of a home or hospital visit, please call the office at 518-237-2373 to request a visit from Father Slezak.

### KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

It is time to start working on our Christmas gifts for our elderly and homebound. This year we will be making neck warmers. Patterns can be found on the bulletin board at the main entrance of church and in the Parish Center. All items need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 9th. We hope you will share your gifts and talents with those in need.

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

- Mon **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GEORGE AUGER FAMILY** - Estate  
**DOUGLAS GRAY 25th ANNIV** - Mother  
**GERTRUDE MAROIS 1st ANNIV**— Husband  
*Deacon Michael Melanson*
- Tue **JOSEPH SLAVIN 29th ANNIV**— Daughter  
**BLESSED MOTHER FOR FAVOR REC'D** - Irene Dudden  
**DOUGLAS ROSECRANS**—Mother & Sister  
*Deacon James O'Rourke*
- Wed **AUORE & EDWARD HAMILTON** - Estate  
**ADOLFO & THERESA SPADONI**— Grandchildren  
**BLESSED MOTHER FOR FAVOR REC'D** - Irene Dudden  
*Marco Pranic*
- Thur **THANKSGIVING DAY—FOR ALL PARISHIONERS**  
*Joseph Dai Van Tran*
- Fri **ANNE & PHIL LAVALLEE** - Estate  
**FOR BLESSED MOTHER**—Susan Castracane  
*Aldo Alvarez*
- Sat **WIL HEBERT** - Cheryl & Gary Robideau  
**DR. EDWARD G. MURPHY B'DAY** - Family  
**EMMETT GREEN** - Laurette & Jack  
**DONALD J. LAPOINTE** - Theresa LaPointe  
*Peter Seungtae Kim*
- Sun **8:00 AM MICHAEL SANTARANGELO** -  
 Deacon Gerry & Kate Matthews  
**PHILIPPA T. KOVAL** - Carolyn Koval
- 10:30 AM PAULINE LAVIGNE** - Family  
**SALLY JOVELL** - Vince & Sharon Sgroi  
*Peter Phu Lai*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**November 24-25, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30AM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Alicia Abdul	Carolyn Koval	Ken Burns
Carol Desnoyers	Bridgette Mucha	Mary Burns
Rebecca Hanson	Jim Pertierra	Janet Hilton
Need one	John Rosbozom, Sr.	Sharon Sgroi

**Lectors**

Kathy Paulus	Daniel Gagnon (C)	Mike Czmyr (C)
William Paulus (C)	Patricia Gagnon	Kevin Costello

**Servers**

Jack Abdul	Need Server	Shayla Capasso
Max Abdul		John DiMarino
Olivia Hanson		

**Ushers**

Betty LeBlanc	Edna Bussey	Don Roy
Cheryl Robideau	Larry Grandchamp	Kathy Chesterfield
Ray LeBlanc	George Marcil	Need Usher
Al Rigney	Jim Santarcangelo	Need Usher

# Holiday Hope 2018

The Church of the Holy Trinity is working together with many Cohoes churches, schools, and city agencies to better serve our community this Christmas by participating in the Cohoes Holiday Hope. This program is devoted to assisting low-income families in providing a memorable Christmas for their children. Parents take responsibility for earning gifts, which they hand select at our Holiday Hope Store, by participating in school functions, community programs, well care appointments, etc. The more they engage in the life of their children and their community, the more gifts they can get.

**We are asking that all UNWRAPPED gifts be brought to the church vestibule by Weekends of Dec. 1st & Dec. 8th or can be dropped off at the Parish Center**

**Donations of gift bags and wrapping paper are also welcome**

## Hot Toy List 2018

- ◆ Legos—big & small
- ◆ Learning tables (boy/toddler)
- ◆ Blocks
- ◆ Toddlers cars & trucks
- ◆ Radio control cars
- ◆ Baby play mats & gyms
- ◆ Bath toys
- ◆ Play dough
- ◆ Soccer ball/basketball/footballs
- ◆ Super Hero Action Figures
- ◆ Ninja Turtle Action Figures
- ◆ Play tables
- ◆ Baby Dolls & accessories
- ◆ Shopkins
- ◆ Race car sets
- ◆ Dress-up clothes
- ◆ Shower gel sets
- ◆ Gift Cards for Teens
- ◆ Hair Straightener/Curling Iron
- \* Art Kits
- \* Craft Kits
- \* Scooters
- \* Headphones
- \* Star Wars
- \* Action Figures
- \* WWF Wrestlers
- \* Minions
- \* Science kits
- \* Train Sets
- \* Action Figures
- \* Nail Polish Set
- \* Barbies
- \* Tool Sets
- \* Make-up set
- \* Lotions
- \* Hair Blow Dryers

Thank you for your support of this project as you share the joy of Christmas with our community.

