



CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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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.

JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES:

“BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN

THE TIME WILL COME.

WHAT I SAY TO YOU,

I SAY TO ALL: ‘WATCH!’”

– Mk 13:33, 37

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our daylight hours continue to decrease, you may have noticed that Holy Trinity Church is getting brighter! Most of the incandescent bulbs in the sanctuary arch had burned out in recent years, but over the past week they have been replaced with bright, highly efficient LED bulbs. As you can see from the photos, it was no small task. The rest of the bulbs in the nave (body) of the Church are scheduled to be replaced by Christmas. In addition to a brighter church, the energy consumption is estimated to reduce from 12,000 to 2,000 watts per hour! In other words, the cost savings will be significant.

As efficient as LED bulbs are, we know the true Light of the World is the Son of God. We are reminded of His first entrance into the darkened world with the lighting of our Advent wreaths and Christmas trees. This light increases gradually as we progress through Advent. Our Blessed Mother walks with us on the way. She is our advocate, one who guides from experience, helping us to prepare for His entrance into our souls through sacramental grace. Some of you may recall from years ago, a special Mass on Saturday called a *Rorate Caeli* Mass. This Mass is celebrated only in candlelight just before dawn as a reminder of Jesus's entrance into the world. The name is taken from the Antiphon from the Introit of the Mass, "*Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem*, which means, "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior." Isaiah 45:8

Lighting is important and types of lighting have an impact on our inner life. This is the season when most people wish they had a fireplace! The flicker of a candle provides the warmth and gentleness that resembles the Lord's peaceful entrance into the world on the first Christmas. Even my iPhone has a setting for night lighting, which is softer and helps me to relax before I go to sleep. I was once told that fluorescent lights were used at fast food restaurants to discourage patrons from lingering too long after purchasing their food. It was more efficient to get people in and out. Compare this to a fine restaurant, where the subdued lighting invites you to stay for a while.

In Advent we want to linger and wait patiently with our gaze fixed on the lamp of Truth that emanates from His Church. One day we will not need any light, for as the Book of Revelations tells us "they will need no light from lamps or the sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever."



CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR AT THE 4 PM MASS

Children and youth, ages 4 to 16 are invited to participate in this joyful seasonal activity. Participants will learn several Christmas songs for presentation during the Mass.

Three rehearsals are planned: **Sunday, December 9th, Sunday, December 16th and Sunday, December 23rd at 11:30 am in the choir loft at church.**

Please contact Marge Stockwell at (518) 237-2373 or at htpfaithformation@gmail.com if your child or teen would like to participate in this activity; or bring them to the first rehearsal on Sunday, December 9th. Teens in the 7th-10th grade Faith Formation program who wish to participate need only attend the December 23rd rehearsal.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Saturday, December 8 - This feast celebrates the solemn belief that Mary was conceived without Original Sin. This is celebrated 9 months before her birth. This is a holy day of obligation.

We will have a full day Adoration on Saturday, December 8th in honor of this special Feast. Adoration will take place after 9:00 am Mass until 3:45 pm when we will have Benediction. Sign-up sheets are on bulletin boards at both entrances. We will need at least 2 people to attend each hour. All are welcome. There will also be a vigil Mass on Friday evening, December 7 at 7 pm

FOOD PANTRY... We will be taking names for our Christmas baskets starting from Monday, November 26 through Thursday, December 13 for those in need.

We also need the following items to stock our shelves: Canned Vegetables, Stew, Chicken, Hash, Tuna Fish, Paper Towels, Bath Soap, Toothpaste, Dish Liquid, Laundry Detergent and Shampoo.

STEWARDSHIP

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| Weekly Budget: | \$5500.00 |
| November 18th | \$3732.00 |
| Make-ups: | \$ 510.00 |
| Total: | \$4242.00 |
| 2nd Collection: Campaign for Human Dev. | \$ 579.00 |
| November 25th | \$3695.00 |
| Make-ups: | \$1445.00 |
| On-line: | 450.00 |
| Total: | \$5590.00 |

Collection counters for December 3, 2018:
J. Burke, E. Kingsley, L. Koval



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Nathan Christopher Wilkinson, son of Christopher Wilkinson and Tina Doherty, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 2nd.

May Nathan, his parents and godparents continue to grow in their love of the Lord.

ANNUAL MARIAN CONSECRATION

Bishop Ed is inviting everyone in the diocese to join him on **December 8th at 11:00 AM** to Consecrate / Renew our Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The preparation will culminate with the Consecration at Bishop Ed's diocesan Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the cathedral. This Mass fulfills the holy day obligation. For more information:

www.rcda.org/marianconsecration

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKS

We will have available our Advent Meditation Books. The four weeks of the Advent Season begin on December 1-2. We hope these books will help everyone more prayerfully celebrate this special season. Our Advent Meditation Book for 2018 is "*Five minutes with the Word*" - from the *WORD among us*.

HOLIDAY HOPE 2018

We are asking that all **UNWRAPPED** gifts be brought to the church vestibule the weekends of December 1st & December 8th. Gifts can also be dropped off at the Parish Center. Donations of gift bags and wrapping paper are also welcome.

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

KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

This year our gift for our elderly and homebound will be 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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION ... Our December collection will be for Harmony Hill Elementary School.

MITTEN TREE (AND HATS)

At the main entrance of church is our mitten and hat tree. We are collecting children's hats, mittens, gloves and scarves until December 16. What we collect will be given to our elementary schools and Head Start program here in Cohoes. Thank you for caring.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN....SNOW SEASON -- If there is a delay or school closing there will be NO morning Mass. We don't want any broken legs!!!!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- Mon **FRANCIS WALSH B'DAY**– Family
MARILYN GALARNEAU - Mike Galarneau
Kyle Gorenski
- Tue **MARY JANE HINES (7th ANNIV)** –
 Sons, James & Michael
MR. & MRS. FRANCIS X. CARON & FAMILY -
 Theresa LaPointe
Matthew Houle
- Wed **MIICHAEL SANTARCANGELO B'DAY** -
 Jim & Gina Santarcangelo & Family
PHILIPPA A. KOVAL– Barbara & John Hildreth
Peter Thien Van Nguyen
- Thur **MR. & MRS. FRANCIS CARON**—Theresa LaPointe
THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR FAVOR REC'D—Kay
Charles Onyeneke
- Fri **ROBERT SKPOWSKI & ZENZEN FAMILY** -
 Mary Ann Skpowski
HOPE A. CATRICALA B'DAY—Family
Robert Palyo
- Sat **FRANCIS WALSH 10th ANNIV.** - Family
SALLY JOVELL - Kathy Boyd
RITA DAME 28th ANNIV - Laurette Deyoe
PHILIPPA A. KOVAL - Vince & Sharon Sgroi
Matthew Duclos
- Sun **8:00 AM FRANKOW & MUCHA FAMILY**—
 Leo & Bridgette Mucha
- 10:30 AM AL ROUSIA** - Wife
DORIS GAGNON—
 Anita Gagnon & Jean-Claude Martel & Family
Daniel McHale

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 8-9, 2018

4:00 PM

8:00 AM

10:30AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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| Al Doremus | Larry Grandchamp | Mary Burns |
| Pattie Kelly | Barbara Hildreth | Janet Hilton |
| Diana Praus | Brian Jackson | Sharon Sgroi |
| Need EM | Kathy Kingsley | Need EM |
| | | Mike Czmyr (C) |

Lectors

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| Rebecca Hanson (C) | Jim Pertierra (C) | Alice Benamati |
| Karen Beattie | Barbara Hildreth | Mary Ann Beaury |

Servers

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| Olivia Hanson | Need Server | Benjamin Harkavy |
| | | Lucas McCormick |

Ushers

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| Carol Desnoyers | Tim O'Connor | Kevin Costello |
| Al Rigney | George Marcil | Ed Razzano |
| Cheryl Robideau | Sally Cotugno | Don Roy |
| Patty Wilcox | Low Cotugno | Mary Ann Skpowski |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 2 — Faith Formation

K-6th—Family Advent Assembly, 9 am -Gym

Family Mass, 10:30 am

7-10th— Classes, 11:45 am

Bible Timeline Study, 11:45 am

Wednesday, December 5—Chair Aerobic, 10:00 am

Friday, December 7—Feast of the Immaculate

Conception, Vigil Mass at 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 8—Feast of the Immaculate

Conception, Mass at 9:00 am; Adoration until 3:45 pm

Sunday, December 9— Faith Formation, K-6th, 9 am

7-10th, 11:45 am

Bible Timeline Study, 11:45 am

Tuesday, December 11 -- Reconciliation, 5:30 pm

ADVENT 2018

During the season of Advent, we are called to slow down and reflect. However, there will be activities that reflect our concern for the dignity of the human person, including, giving to the needy, feeding the hungry and caring for the homebound. We will also tend to our interior lives with daily Mass, Adoration and Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Lectio Divina, evening Reconciliation (confession) service and just quiet time to reflect with your Advent Meditation Book. Check the bulletin each week or our website where all these events will be posted. It is our hope that we will provide you a way to be truly ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Please refer to the breakdown of activities below:

1st Sunday of Advent—December 1 & 2

Tags for Food Pantry for Christmas Meals

In Pew Sign-up: Holiday Hope volunteers, flowers to Homebound, caroling at The Eddy and Ministers for Christmas & New Year's Masses and volunteers for decorating

2nd Sunday of Advent—December 8 & 9

Tags for Cards for the Homebound

3rd Sunday of Advent—December 15 & 16

Flowers & neck warmers for the homebound

4th Sunday of Advent—December 22

Decorating the Church

