



# CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY

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**December 9, 2018**

*second sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



## 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.

In light of our upcoming Penance Service (**Tuesday, December 11 at 6:15 pm**), I thought I would share some quotes from Pope Francis on the importance of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, and Jesus is better than the priests - Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love! Be courageous, and go to confession."

"Someone can say, 'I confess my sins only to God.' Yes, you can say to God, 'forgive me,' and say your sins. But our sins are also against our brothers, against the Church. This is why it is necessary to ask forgiveness of the Church and of our brothers, in the person of the priest."

"While the celebration of the sacrament is personal, it is rooted in the universality of the Church," which "accompanies us on the path of conversion," he explained.

"Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves. One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus."

"But Father, I am embarrassed! Even embarrassment is good. It's healthy to have a bit of shame... it does us good, because it makes us more humble."

"Don't be afraid of confession. When someone is in line for confession he feels all these things - even shame - but then, when he finishes confessing, he leaves (feeling) free, great, beautiful, forgiven, clean, happy."

*(Above quotes are taken from CatholicNewsAgency.com Feb 19, 2014)*

I know sometimes it's easier to go to a priest you do not know. For this reason, we will have two visiting priests (Fr. Bourgeois and Fr. Ciotoli) available for individual Confession starting at 6:00 p.m. Also, please invite a friend to come along with you, especially someone you know who has fallen away from the practice of the faith. I believe that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a path to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Slezak

### **CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN 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.

**The first rehearsal is on Sunday December 9 at 11:30 am in the choir loft at church;** and again on Sunday, December 16th and Sunday, December 23rd, both also at 11:30 am in the choir loft.

Teens in the 7th through 10th grade Faith Formation program who wish to participate need only attend the December 23rd rehearsal.

Contact Marge Stockwell at (518) 237-2373 or [htpfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:htpfaithformation@gmail.com) with questions.

**FOOD PANTRY...** We will be taking names of those in need for Christmas baskets until Thursday, December 13. These baskets will be assembled on Saturday, December 15th at 10 am at the food pantry in the parish center. Please consider helping with this project.

The following items are currently needed to stock our shelves: Canned Vegetables, Stew, Chicken, Hash, Tuna Fish, Paper Towels, Bath Soap, Toothpaste, Dish Liquid, Laundry Detergent and Shampoo.

### STEWARDSHIP

<b>Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>\$5500.00</b>
December 2nd	\$5125.00
Fuel	\$1745.00
Online	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7170.00</b>

#### Collection counters for December 10, 2018:

E. Hoffman, M. LaGue, I. Rigney

### NATIVITY PAGEANT

Children and youth of the parish, ages 4 to 12, are invited to participate in the annual Nativity Pageant. The Pageant will be presented on **Sunday, January 6, 2019 before the beginning of the Mass at 10:30 on the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.** This is also the date of the monthly Family Mass.

Roles include: The Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph, Caesar, The Angel Gabriel, Shepherds, Angels and the Three Kings. There is no limit to the number of children who can take a part in this activity.

Rehearsals for the Pageant will be held in the parish center on **Thursday, December 27 at 10 AM and on Thursday, January 3 at 3:15 PM.**

Please contact Marge Stockwell if your child would like to participate in this activity, or if you would like to donate costumes or props for this event.

### 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 YEAR ....SNOW SEASON

If there is a delay or school closing there will be NO morning Mass. Let's all stay safe!

### HOLY TRINI Y KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

During Advent, we can be a light for others!  
Saturday, December 15 at 10:00 am

Children ages 8 to 12 years old are invited to participate in the next event of this ongoing program. Through friendly instruction and hands-on experience, participants are taught the basics of assembling simple meals, desserts and snacks that are tasty, healthy and visually appealing, too.

During the event on December 15, children will make and decorate cookies to share with residents of the Eddy Village Green.

Permission forms are available on the church bulletin boards. Completed forms are due by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

For further information, contact Marge Stockwell, Faith Formation Coordinator, at (518) 237-2373 or [htpfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:htpfaithformation@gmail.com).

### BREAKFAST AT THE KNIGHTS

The Cohoes Knights of Columbus will have their monthly breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 16 at 255 Remsen Street. Santa will be there 9 am until 10:30; breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 11:30.

### A BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sunday, December 14 at 4 pm  
St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park

Is the holiday season difficult for you? Do you struggle with grief, loss, unemployment, illness, isolation? If you have these feelings, it is important to make the space & time to acknowledge your sadness and to know that you are not alone.

You are invited to come and join in sharing prayers, scriptures, reflections and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who struggle and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness and bring us hope. For more information, call Linda or Tom at 518-899-9631.

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**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

- Mon **MASIH FAMILY**– Family  
**DONALD FANNIFF, 2ND ANNIV**- Wife, Denise & Family  
*Nathaniel Resila*
- Tue **WILLIAM & KATHLEEN DILLON** - Estate  
*Stephen Yusko*
- Wed **LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WUNNING AND GREGOIRE FAMILY** - Yvette  
**PHILIPPA A. KOVAL**– Ciejka Family  
*Joseph Aini*
- Thur **MARY WUNDERLICK**—Estate  
**JUDY BEDDOW** - Eunice and Loretta  
*Russell Bergman*
- Fri **NORBERT TREMBLAY** - Estate  
**MR. & MRS. MICHAEL LANDOR, SON, JOHN** - Family  
*Joseph Tuan Cao*
- Sat **MARY G. AND VALMORE G. SAUSVILLE** - Family  
**MR. & MRS. FRANCIS X. CARON** - Theresa LaPointe  
**JOHN KEHN** - Wife, Margaret  
**ADOLFO & THERESA SPADONI** - Grandchildren  
*Joseph Hein Pham*
- Sun **8:00 AM ROBERT KINSEY** - Norman Gauthier  
**10:30 AM BERNICE SLEZAK** - RCIA Team Members  
**JUSTIN R. PEELLE**- Faith Formation  
Program Catechists  
*Adam Feisthamel*

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**December 15-16, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**8:00 AM**

**10:30AM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Marybeth Ross	Judy Heins	Alan Carknard
Ray Beattie	Lillian Herrington	Tina Carknard
Karen Beattie	Bridgette Mucha	Jim Gorton
Patty Wilcox	Jim Pertierra	Lorraine Gorton
		<b><i>Mike Czmyr (C)</i></b>

**Lectors**

Erie Galarneau (C)	Barbara Hildreth	Alayne Rigney
Nate Russ	Carolyn Koval	Steve Rigney

**Servers**

Shae Fontaine	Vito Marascia	Julie Szozda
Liam Galameau		Skylar Ricard

**Ushers**

Betty LeBlanc	John Hildreth	Shirley Blanchard
Ed Marble	Tom Clingan	Mary Caulfield
Ray LeBlanc	Carol Clingan	Tom Caulfield
Monica LaGue	Charles Fitzgerald	Ed Razzano

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, December 9 — Faith Formation**

K-6th, 9 am

7-10th, 11:45 am

Children & Youth Choir rehearsal, 11:30 am

**Bible Timeline Study**, 11:45 am

### **Monday, December 10 - Knitting Ministry**, 1 pm

### **Tuesday, December 11 -- Reconciliation**, 6 pm

### **Wednesday, December 12—Chair Aerobic**, 10:00 am

### **Saturday, December 15 - Kids in the Kitchen**, 10 am

### **Sunday, December 16— Faith Formation**, K-6th, 9 am

7-10th, 11:45 am

**Bible Timeline Study**, 11:45 am—**Conference Rm**

**Caroling at the Eddy**, 2 pm

## MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

### **Christmas Eve**

4 pm - Family Mass with Children and Youth Choir

9 pm - Music by the choir beginning at 8:30 pm

### **Christmas Day - Mass**, 10 am

### **January 1· Solemnity of the Mother of God - 9 am**

Vigil Mass - Monday at 5 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 with a way to be truly ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Please refer to the breakdown of activities below:

### **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**

