

# HOLY TRINITY PARISH

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# 2016

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rose McGee	01-02	Wesley Ball	01-04
Lynn VanHyfte	01-05	Mike Kubinsky Jr.	01-12
Carolyn Cathelyn	01-14	Richard Kubiak	01-15
Ed Lee Kubinsky	01-19	Bette Dennison	01-20
Denise McDaniel	01-21	Joe Hankins	01-22
Fr. Jerry Rafalko	01-24	Michael Duytschaver	01-26

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR SPONSORS

Lu Rux 01-05 Clark Blair 01-10

*May God Bless You All on this happy day!!!*

## EPIPHANY VISITATIONS OF YOUR HOMES

It is a very nice tradition in our Church, that after the Epiphany the pastor of the parish visits his parishioners with special blessing and prayer. According to the tradition the end of these visits is February 2nd. If you



want to bless your home, please call me and set up the time for my visit.

## SUNDAY MASSES IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY

### January 10<sup>th</sup> - Sunday – Baptism of the Lord Sunday

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + For loved one departed from VanHyfte family

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass for young families

### January 17<sup>th</sup> - Sunday - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Jill Tellier by Jacke Euchaski

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass for the health of all from prayer list

### January 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Leo Saey by his wife and children

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass for father's safe trip

### January 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M. Worship service officiated by our lectors

### February 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Shirley Dennison by her family (First Anniversary of her death)

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass

### February 10<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday

4:00 P.M. Holy Mass + Donna Siemors by Janet Girllin

### February 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00A.M. Holy Mass + Frances Kubinsky by Gail & Dave Holtschult

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass

### February 21<sup>st</sup> - Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass + Walt Kubiak by his family (First Anniversary of his death)

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass

### February 28<sup>th</sup> –Sunday – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 A.M. Holy Mass+ Marriel Tellier by his family

11:00 A.M. Holy Mass

**PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE IN THE NEW YEAR**

On the edge of a new year, Lord, teach us again to order our priorities and number our days and hours.

And teach us to trust – life, history, one another, You.

So that even in the gray gloomy days, when the ceiling is low, we may trust the star that enabled wise men of old to live in hope and proclaim the divine promises which call us on in Jesus Christ. Amen

--Deryl Flemins

**What awaits us?**

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us?



Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day? We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy. I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2016? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell

**Our Events Calendar for 2016**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
4:30 - 7:30 P.M.

**Saturday St. Joseph Supper –**  
Polish Sausage, Mashed potatoes, Pierogies, Kraut, Corn, Green Beans, Pies, Coffee  
Donation: Adults: \$10.00  
Children Age 10-4: \$ 4.00 Under 4: Free

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:30 A.M.

**Sunday Easter Brunch,**  
Polish Sausage, Ham, Potatoes, Eggs, Pies  
Easter Eggs Hunt for children  
Donation: Adults: \$10.00  
Children Age 10-4: \$ 4.00 Under 4: Free

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday - Lunch with Polish Food in the church hall**  
9:30 – 1:30 P.M.  
Polish Sausage sandwich, Cabbage Rolls, Kraut, Pierogies

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday Polish Sausage Supper-**  
4:30 – 7:30 P.M.  
Polish Sausage, Pierogies with Cheddar, Mashed potatoes, Kraut, Corn, Green Beans Pies, Coffee  
Donation: Adults: \$10.00  
Children Age 10-4: \$ 4.00 Under 4: Free

**November 1<sup>st</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> Holiday Sale of Polish food**  
Time to order Polish Food

**December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saturday Polish Food Sale: Pick up day**  
10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.  
Fresh Polish Sausage, Cabbage rolls pierogies.

Polish Sausage sandwich for lunch and **Bake sale** – Ladies Adoration Soc.

**December – 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday -Christmas Party-** Ladies Adoration Society

**December 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday Parish Christmas Party**  
4:00 P.M.

**FEBRUARY**

Michael VanHyfte 02-02-  
Donna Kubinsky 02-03  
Deb Rednour 02-03  
Allison L. Ensley 02-06  
Amanda Chong 02-08  
Cassandra Kubinsky 02-13  
Linda Duytschaver 02-20  
Rick Sundberg 02-23  
Jerni Tylor Warner 02-27



Nancy Rennick 02-09  
Sandra Kay Kursock 02-14  
Michael Kubinsky SR.02-23  
Kathy Erdmann 02-27  
Elsie Tellier 02-28

**SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> First Sun. of the month**

***SPECIAL ANNUAL MEETING WITH PARISH REPORTS WILL FOLLOW UP THE HOLY MASS***

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**HOLY TRINITY PARISH COMMITTEE FOR 2016  
ELECTED ON SUNDAY JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>**

Chairman - Thomas Greiner  
Vice-Chairman – Mike Alcaraz  
Treasurer - Nana Verstraete  
Vice-Treasurer: Sandra Kursock  
Financial Secretary - Kathy Erdmann  
Recording Secretary - Catherine Hughes  
Assistant secretary: MaryJo Gibson  
Directors/ Auditors:  
Nancy Ball  
Edward L. Kubinsky  
Attorney Robert Rennick SR.

**Building advisory board:**

Mike Kubinsky SR  
Bert Erdmann  
MaryJo Gibson  
Joe Warner  
Martin Gibson  
Paul Lamb  
Edward Sturtevant  
Mike VanHyfte

This new committee will be sworn in on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

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Thank you very much to Rich Kubiak for your hard work as the chairman of the Parish Committee for the last three years.  
Thank you to Laura Kubiak for being the financial secretary for the last three years.  
Thank you very much to all parish committee members and Building advisory committee for your dedication and work for our parish. May God bless you all.



Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> -  
Valentine's Day

**BIRTHDAY PARTY AND BRUNCH AFTER THE HOLY MASS.**

All members and friends of the parish are invited.

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**OUR FUND RAISER IN MARCH**

**St. JOSEPH SUPPER**

*Pierogies and Sausage Supper*



**Saturday; March 5<sup>th</sup>**

Two sittings: # 1. 4:30 - 5:45p.m.

# 2. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Polish Sausage, Pierogies, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Kraut, Corn,  
Green Beans, Coffee, Pies.

Carry-outs available

50/50 tickets at the door 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00



**Donation for the meal:** Adults \$.10.00, Children  
6-10 -\$.4.00,  
Under 4. free

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**SPECIAL THANKS AND APPRECIATION  
TO OUR FINE SPONSORS**



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# OUR WISH LIST FOR THE YEAR 2016

1. More members
  2. Renovation of the floor in the church hall
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## The meaning of Epiphany

Epiphany begins on January 6 each year. It gets its name from the Greek word Epiphaneia, meaning 'to appear, to show or to manifest.' The ending date of the Epiphany season is determined by Ash Wednesday, which is determined by the date of Easter. Traditionally, Epiphany Day marks the coming of the Magi to worship the infant Jesus. The significance of Epiphany for Christians is that it symbolizes the first recognition of Christ by non-Jews. The season of Epiphany emphasizes the divine nature of Jesus - a truth that justifies his perfection as the model of real life. The color of Epiphany is green to symbolize life, growth, hope and eternity, which are all characteristics of the Epiphany emphasis.

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## When the new year begins for us

In 46 B.C., Roman emperor Julius Caesar first chose January 1 as the date of the new year. Six hundred years later, the Roman church proclaimed that the new year would henceforth be March 25, the date of the Feast of the Annunciation (when the angel spoke to Mary). March 25 was the accepted New Year's Day for almost 1,000 years. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII moved it back to January 1.

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## Thinking of Christian unity

January is the month when many Christians think about and pray for Christian unity. One of our Lord's last prayers included his petition "that all of them may be one ... that the world may believe ..." (John 17:21). Our Lord knew that if Christians were fiercely divided, those outside the Christian faith would not likely want to be followers of Christ. Sincere loving Christians will work and pray for Christian unity.

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## + Christian Symbols + Fish

The first letters in the Greek phrase "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" spell ICHTHUS, or fish. Early Christians used the sign to convey their faith and avoid persecution. In the gospels, fish are part of several miracles. They also represent people who need to be "caught" for Christ. Today, a fish bumper sticker is a popular indicator of Christian faith.

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## Spiritual nourishment

Someone, feeling spiritually unfed, wrote a letter to a newspaper, saying that after some 30 years of attending church, he couldn't remember one sermon. The letter writer said he'd probably wasted his time, and preachers were wasting theirs, as well. A few days later, someone else wrote a rebuttal. This writer said he'd been married for 30 years but couldn't recall the entire menu of any one of the thousands of meals his wife had fixed. Yet he knew those meals were nourishing and gave him strength to do his work. He also said that without eating those meals, his body would have been long dead. Without going to worship, he added, he'd be spiritually dead, too.

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## Encouraging words

- I am made in God's image, and he doesn't make any junk. God loves me and wants me to live a fulfilled life.
- Communing with God constantly brings light, direction and blessings from him.
- Life is astonishingly wonderful. Even the rough spots often turn out to be pluses. Hard lessons make me wiser, kinder and more fruitful.

## An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, *Lent* comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some *spiritual* spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.

## Our Servant-King

Jesus began his ministry by being hungry,  
yet he is the Bread of Life.

Jesus ended his earthly ministry by being thirsty,  
yet he is the Living Water.

Jesus was weary,  
yet he is our rest.

Jesus paid tribute,  
yet he is the King.

Jesus was accused of having a demon,  
yet he cast out demons.

Jesus wept,  
yet he wipes away our tears.

Jesus was sold for 30 pieces of silver,  
yet he redeemed the world.

Jesus was brought as a lamb to the slaughter,  
yet he is the Good Shepherd.

Jesus died,  
yet by his death he destroyed the power of death.

—Gregory of Nazianzus (fourth-century church father)

## Love notes

When it comes to relationships, kid quotes are priceless:

- "I love you so much that even God is amazed!"

- "Dear Mom, I love when you spend time with you." (A mom can only dream!)
- "I'm sorry that I've been chasing you outside. If you start to like me, I will not chase you."
- Responding to a note that asked, "Do you like me?" a child wrote, "I don't know. I don't know myself yet. Plus I'm under a lot of stress at home so, I can't tell. P.S. You don't know yourself until you're 18."

## An Ash Wednesday prayer

Dear righteous Lord, we enter the holy season of Lent confessing our many sins that separate us from you. We're sincerely sorry for offending you repeatedly through our thoughts, our words and our actions — and often through our inactions, too.

Forgive us, Lord, and show us your tender mercy. Restore and strengthen us to become your faithful and faith-filled servants. During our Lenten journey, remind us to show mercy to other people, just as you've shown mercy to us. In Jesus' name, amen.

## The significance of Lent

Lent is the fourth season of the Christian year. Its length is the 40 days preceding Easter Day, not counting Sundays. This means Lent always begins on a Wednesday, known as Ash Wednesday.

Lent commemorates Jesus' fast and temptation in the wilderness of Judea Province, which, according to the Gospel, lasted 40 days. Just as Jesus confronted his temptations during these 40 days, Lent helps Christians focus on our most basic need as sinners: forgiveness.

The only way our Lord's forgiving power can become effective in our lives is by our taking the initiative to confront our sins, confess them and repent of them. In short, Lent is a season of penitence.

Some Christians fast during Lent. This denial of bodily comforts can help encourage self-reflection about the need for Jesus' forgiveness.