

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF UTICA

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Holy Trinity Parish (est. 1896) St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Parish (est. 1911)

Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas, Pastor

Rev. Joseph E. Moskal, Assisting Senior Priest

Deacon George Spohr

January 7, 2024



***SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA\** January 7, 2024**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B**

**Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* January 7**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B**

**5:00 pm + John J. Mikalajunas (Btdy) -- son, Fr. John**  
**5:00 pm + Ida Cooper (12th Anniv) -- niece, Beatrice**

**SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* January 7**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord - Year B**

8:00 am + Zofia Gutowska -- Divine Mercy Group  
8:00 am + Fr. Stanley Dudkiewicz -- Mark S. Zemanek  
8:00 am + Wanda Krystowska--son, Gregorz Krystowski  
& Family

10:00 am Jakub Mroczek (Btdy) -- Parents  
10:00 am + John Swiech -- Don & Delores Bach  
10:00 am + Frances Mietlinski -- son, Thomas

**MONDAY/PONIEDZILEK \* January 8**  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

8:00 am + Eva McBee (Btdy) -- daughter, Beatrice  
8:00 am Intentions for Carol & Ron Davi and Family  
-- Br. Leonard & Kathy

**TUESDAY/WTOREK \* January 9**  
*Weekday Ordinary time*

**8:00 am + Florian Karas -- Karas Estate**  
**8:00 am + For all the Souls remembered in the All Souls**  
**Envelopes**

**WEDNESDAY/SRODA \* January 10**  
*Weekday Ordinary time*

**8:00 am + Michael Mikalajunas (Anniv) -- grandson, Fr. John**  
**8:00 am + Deceased Priests of Holy Trinity Church**

**THURSDAY/CZWARTEK \* January 11**  
*Weekday Ordinary time*

**8:00 am + Veronica Kusnierz -- Rdzanek Family**  
**8:00 am + The Gol and Wilkins Families -- The Gol Estate**

**FRIDAY/PIATEK \* January 12**  
*St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

8:00 am Blessings of Health for Janice Russo --Barbara and  
Dr. Rafe Mickler  
8:00 am + Evelyn Starczewski -- Edward Starczewski

**SATURDAY/SOBOTA \* January 13**  
***St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor and BVM***

8:00 am + Julius Kosakowski -- Barb Boulianne  
8:00 am + John Kosakowski -- Barb Boulianne

**Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* January 14**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B**

**5:00 pm + Robert M. Mickler -- Samuel & Janice Russo, Jr.**  
**5:00 pm + John T. & Jesse Goodwill and Gladys & Richard**  
**Pupecki -- Richard Borowiec and Family**

**SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* January 14**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year**

8:00 am + Frances Kosakowski -- Barb Boulia  
8:00 am + Julius Kosakowski -- Barb Boulia  
10:00 am + Marion & Matthew Niznik -- Peter & Debbie  
Wyborski  
10:00 am + Margaret & Valentine Wyborski -- Peter & Debbie  
Wyborski

**Have a mass offered for the Anniversary of Death of your  
Parents & Loved ones. Call the rectory and reserve  
the date. God Bless!**

## From the Pastor's Desk



Happy and Blessed New Year to my friends and family here at OUR Holy Trinity Church. I love you all and wish you health, happiness, and God's blessings in the year to come. I know that times may seem bleak and there is an ongoing battle against God and morality. This is enough to give even the most faithful amongst us pause. It may seem hopeless, especially having to witness the pure evil of secular society on a daily basis. Fear not, as Jesus said, "I am with you always!" Even on the darkest of days or when the storm is on the horizon, turn to Jesus, he is here waiting for you. Just take a deep breath, say "Jesus, I TRUST IN YOU" ten times, and feel HIS grace and comfort come over you. It truly works!

This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus Christ. This special day marks the arrival of three important visitors to pay glory and homage to our new born Baby Jesus. Their names were Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. According to scripture, they were known as magi, a sort of wise man or king. Not much else is known about them other than they were enlightened leaders who traveled a great distance from the east after observing a star found in the constellations that was to signify the location of the exact birthplace of the King of the Jews. They brought with them gifts fit for a king as tribute to Baby Jesus. These were Gold, a symbol of wealth and power, Frankincense, a crystalized resinous sap used as incense or an offering symbolic of prayer, and Myrrh, a resinous tree sap used in healing and as an embalming agent. Myrrh was an odd gift for a child and it is believed that this gift was to symbolize Jesus's death and resurrection. During this special day, let us take time to reflect on the wisdom and faith of these "wise men" and try to incorporate their attributes into our own daily lives. Also, let us too bring gifts to Baby Jesus, the gift of love and prayer, to HIM daily!

Please keep Fr. John and Fr. Joe in your prayers! Fr. Joe is currently receiving rehab at St. Luke's Rehabilitation Center and Fr. John was admitted to the hospital with some health issues. God Bless you and provide you with a speedy recovery, Fr. John and Fr. Joe!

Due to Fr. John's admittance to the hospital, WE would like to give a warm welcome Holy Trinity WELCOME! and THANK YOU! to the following priests who have graciously offered to cover our weekend masses for us.

***Fr. Salerno Sat. 5PM,  
Fr. Boutros Sun. 8AM  
Fr. Buehler Sun. 10AM***

Thank you Frs. Salerno, Boutros, and Buehler! God Bless you!

**Congratulations Holy Trinity Church, WE DID IT! I am pleased to announce that we have surpassed our HOPE APPEAL 2023 CHALLENGE GOAL \$28,955.00. I will not have to cry this year because YOU are so great, wonderful, and generous. The amount received to date is \$30,956.00, \$2001 more than what were challenged to raise. Thank you and God Bless your generosity and making 2023 yet another year that WE have met our goal.**

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY  
is cancelled until Fr. John's return.  
We apologize for any inconvenience.

***DATE CHANGE to August 20-Sept2nd for Our Pilgrimage to Poland, Lithuania and the Czech Republic. The cost is \$3,850.00 from Syracuse, 2 meals daily, hotel, guide bus, and flight per person dbl occupancy***

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS December 31, 2023**

We encourage all parishioners to use their weekly envelopes either by mailing your offerings, on-line giving or in Church. God Love You. Help us to meet our expenses as we strive to serve and save in these difficult times. Let us pray for each other. \$4000.00 per week needed to cover our expenses

December 31, 2023

Total Sunday Offering: \$8,824.00 (134 envelopes)

**OTHER CHURCH GIFTS:**

Pew Rent	6	\$152.00	Repairs & Imp.	7	\$50.00
Votives & Candles		621.50	Ukraine Marianists		37.00
Solemnity of Mary	56	1181.00	Fuel	7	162.00
Immac. Con.	1	5.00	Thanksgiving	1	40.00
Christmas Flowers	2	10.00	Christmas	12	605.00

**Altar Server Assignments**

**Saturday, January 13**

8:00 am: P. Zemanek

**Saturday, January 13**

5:00 pm: DeStafano Fam.

**Sunday, January 14**

8:00 am: R. Piper

10:00 am: Olejarnik Fam.

**Lector Assignments**

**Saturday, January 13**

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5:00 pm: B. Mickler

**Sunday, January 14**

8:00 am: Y. Piper

10:00 am: D. Koscinski



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**Mildred Lachacz & Stas Nicewicz**  
Given by Barbara Lachacz

Please pray for the following priests  
who have served our parish:

Rev. Stanley Dudkiewicz (1/5)

Rev. Theodore Gryga (1/18)

**Holy Trinity Memorial Fund**

A gift in memory of  
**The Pryputniewicz Family Members**  
was made by Sandra Pryputniewicz

**Annual Sing-A-Long**

Will be on Sun. Jan. 14th at 3:30 PM

Rehearsal for singers will be on Fri. Jan. 12th at 6:00 PM

**Parish Reminders**

Holy Trinity Bingo this Saturday January 6 and Saturday January 13 6:15pm in our school gym. This is an important fund raising event for our parish. Please support our efforts by playing or helping.

We are still interested in accepting bids for snow removal / snow shoveling on our church steps and sidewalks on an as needed basis. Please contact the rectory 315-724-7238 during normal business hours M-W 10AM-3PM

**Parish Contacts**

Paul Mickler, Office: 315-724-7238

Stephen Zielinski, Music Director: 315-736-6955

Ken Szczesniak, Parish Council Chairman: 315-749-8472

Jim Jones, Director of Religious Ed.: 315-797-4551

Mark Kantor, Trustee: 315-796-2123

David Roback, Trustee: 315-735-4444

**Rectory office hours 9am - 3pm Mon-Weds  
or by appointment**



*May the Epiphany bring you the wisdom of the wise men, the inner child of baby Jesus, and the light of God to lead your way!*

*~ Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas*

**Holy Trinity Hope Appeal Tracker**

Our Challenge goal is \$28,955.00

Amount raised so far: \$30,956.00

**Holy Trinity Food Pantry**

We are still in great need of the following items. Thank you for your donations!!!! **Dei beneficia!"**

*Operation White Christmas  
Wish List*

**Winter Clothing Items:**  
Mittens, Gloves, Socks, Hats,  
Scarfs

**Food Items:**  
Pasta, Stuffing, Pasta Sauce,  
Gravy, Instant Mashed Potatoes,  
Tea, Canned Veggies, Canned  
Fruit, Canned Chicken, Spam,  
Beef Stew, Corned Beef Hash,  
Cocoa, Hot Chocolate, Jello,  
Pudding, Instant Coffee,  
Chef Boyardee, Cereal, Tuna

**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
REGISTRATION FORM**

- ☐ New Registration ☐ Moving out of Parish  
☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Information  
☐ Name Change
- Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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