

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF UTICA

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Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas, Pastor

Rev. Joseph E. Moskal, Assisting Senior Priest

Deacon George Spohr

January 5, 2025



SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA* January 5, 2024
Epiphany of the Lord

Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA * January 5
Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm + Barbara Malinowski (Namesday) -- Earl Reed
 5:00 pm + Felicia Pytlak (Anniv) -- Sophie Karas

SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA * January 5
Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am + Dolores Szczesniak & Carmen Decicco -- Family
 8:00 am + Mary T. Karas -- Stefania Szymenska
 10:00 am Blessings of Health for Zdzislaw Karas--Friend & Family
 10:00 am + Barbara Malinowski -- Earl Reed
 10:00 am + John Swiech (Anniv) -- Don & Dolores Bach

MONDAY/PONIEDZIEK * January 6
Saint Andre Bessette

8:00 am Blessings for Ron & Carol Davi -- Br. Leonard & Kathy
 8:00 am + John J. Mikalajunas (Btdy) -- son, Fr. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

TUESDAY/WTOREK * January 7
Christmas Weekday

8:00 am + Edward Waskiewicz -- AM Rosary Group
 8:00 am + Stanley Walerski -- Ewa & Michael Kryszczuk

WEDNESDAY/SRODA * January 8
Christmas Weekday

8:00 am + Intentions from the All Souls Day Envelopes
 8:00 am + Mary T. Karas -- Zdzislaw Karas

THURSDAY/CZWARTEK * January 9
Christmas Weekday

8:00 am + Mary T. Karas -- Andrew Moskal & Family
 8:00 am Blessings of Health for Fr. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

FRIDAY/PIATEK * January 10
Christmas Weekday

8:00 am + Rosalie Alar (Month's Mind) -- Nancy Reina
 8:00 am + Michael Mikalajunas (Anniv) -- grandson, Fr. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

SATURDAY/SOBOTA * January 11
Christmas Weekday

8:00 am Intentions from the Father's Day Envelopes
 8:00 am Intentions from the Mother's Day Envelopes

Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA * January 12
Baptism of the Lord

5:00 pm + Robert M. Mickler -- Barbara & Dr. Rafe Mickler
 5:00 pm + Mary T. Karas -- Anna & Henry Krakowiak

SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA * January 12
Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am + Joseph Adams -- Ken Szczesniak & Carly Calogero
 8:00 am + Elizabeth Gerling--Ken Szczesniak & Carly Calogero
 10:00 am Birthday Blessings for Jakub Mroczek -- Parents & Grandma
 10:00 am + Mary T. Karas -- Stefan & Helena Krakowiak

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**



At the time of Jesus' birth, it was commonly believed that a new star would appear whenever a new ruler was born. The Father in Heaven used this belief to honor His Son Who was born as the new King. The three Magi from the East were astrologers. When they saw this "new star," they chose to follow it to discover the new King. Creation itself, in the form of a star, pointed the way, thus giving glory to the newborn King, manifesting Him to the whole world as symbolized by the Magi. The word "Epiphany" means "manifestation." Therefore, as we honor this moment in time when the Christ Child was made manifest to the world, we need to look into our own hearts. There, we discover Christ's ongoing manifestation to us so that we can worship Him Who has also chosen to be born within our hearts. We must diligently seek out that manifestation of God within us and respond to it in the same ways that the Magi responded.

First of all, the Magi were determined. When they saw a sign from the heavens that pointed to a new King, they stopped everything and departed in haste to find Him. When God speaks to you and manifests Himself to you in some way, nothing could be more important than to be attentive to His voice and follow His manifestation with the same haste. The Magi brought the Christ Child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. God was honored and glorified through His creation by the giving of these gifts. God created gold to manifest His beauty and dignity. It was a gift that symbolized kingship. When we ponder the natural gift of gold given to the Christ Child, we are inspired to give Him our own gift of symbolic gold by prayerfully acknowledging Him as our own King to whom we pledge our complete submission.

Made from the sap of trees found in India, northeastern Africa, and the Arabian peninsula, frankincense and myrrh are also fruits of God's creation. Used in worship to symbolize prayers rising to heaven, frankincense symbolizes the Christ Child's divinity. We offer frankincense to Christ when we acknowledge His divine nature, since He is God in the flesh. Often used in burial, myrrh honors the Christ Child Who came to give His life as a sacrifice for many. We offer myrrh to profess our belief in the saving power of Christ's death on the Cross and our need for that gift of salvation.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Prayer: Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born, and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. **Jesus, I trust in You.**

Sacrament of Confession this week is cancelled

HELP YOUR GREAT PARISH TO ACHIEVE YOUR HOPE APPEAL! For 2024. We only need \$900 to reach our Goal. I know you will not only reach the Goal but will go over.

HOLY YEAR AT HOLY TRINITY.

Maybe you are a Parishioner of Holy Trinity since you were born, maybe you joined the parish in this year of 2024 or maybe you have started to come to Holy Trinity in 2024. With this in mind I would like to invite you one and all to join me in the Marian Room beneath the church on Wednesday January 17th, 2025 at 6PM to share some coffee and pastries and simply talk with me as your parish Priest. Mark your calendars and bring some cookies. See you there!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS December 29, 2024

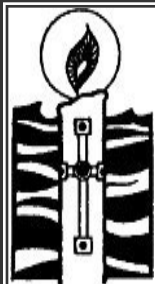
We encourage all parishioners to use their weekly envelopes either by mailing your offerings, online giving or in Church. God Love You. Help us to meet our expenses as we strive to serve and save in these difficult times. Let us pray for each other. \$4500.00 per week needed to cover our expenses

December 29, 2024

Total Sunday Offering: \$3,135.40 (114 envelopes)

OTHER CHURCH GIFTS:

Pew Rent	3	\$410.00	Repairs & Imp.	2	\$41.00
Sol. Of Mary	1	22.00	Fuel	4	70.00
Votive Candles		158.00	Ukrain. Marianists		8.92
Immac. Con.	1	10.00	Angel Music Box		6.00
Christmas	123	4670.00	Thanksgiving	1	10.00
Christmas Flowers	1	10.00			



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Chester & Mildred Lachacz (Btdys)

-----AND-----
Stas Nicewicz (Anniv)
Given by
Barbara Lachacz

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

Rev. Stanley Dudkiewicz (1/5)
Rev. Theodore Gryga (1/15)



HOLY TRINITY'S ANGELS' SHARE FOOD PANTRY

Our New Year Food Drive for the Food Pantry continues. We thank everyone who has been very generous so far.

The Food Pantry Friar is requesting donations of:
Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Instant Potatoes, Canned Veggies, Canned Fruit, Jello, Pudding, Hot Chocolate, Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Socks, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Meat

Dei Beneficia!

Fr. Canon John, Dr. Rafe, Barbara Mickler, and the Food Pantry Friar



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Holy Trinity Cemetery: 315-475-4639
Rectory office hours 9am - 3pm Mon-Weds or by appointment

Altar Server Assignments

Saturday, January 11
8:00 am: P. Zemanek
Saturday, January 12
5:00 pm: DeStefano Fam.
Sunday, January 12
8:00 am: Olejarnik Fam.
10:00 am: Mroczek Fam.

Lector Assignments

Saturday, January 11
Saturday, January 12
5:00 pm: B. Mickler
Sunday, January 12
8:00 am: P. Fairbrother
10:00 am: S. Ossowski/L. Targosz



Parish Reminders

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, and the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic.

Holy Trinity Bingo the first 2 Saturdays of the month : Saturday January 4 and Saturday January 11@ 6:15pm in our school gym. Doors open at 4.

Under NYS law:

Individuals under the age of 18 years of age are permitted to attend bingo occasions but are not permitted to play bingo. Individuals between the ages of 16 and 18 may perform non-gaming activities, such as concessions, cleaning, maintenance and site preparation.

Holy Trinity Bingo house rules: children must be well behaved and under supervision of an adult player. In order to provide a pleasant experience for our players, disruptive individuals will be asked to leave. No children under age 5 allowed.

Livestream Sunday Mass 10 AM January 5 on Facebook. Search for Holy Trinity Utica.

If you would like to request information to be placed in the bulletin, it needs to be received on the Monday prior to that week's bulletin. Late submissions will not be accepted due to printing schedules.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH REGISTRATION FORM

- New Registration
- Moving out of Parish
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- Change of Information
- Name Change

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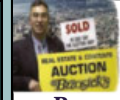
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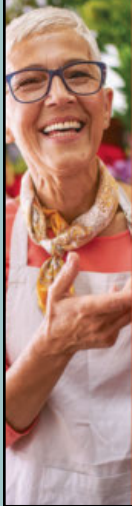
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