

# 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

February 2, 2025



**SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA\* February 2, 2024**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

**Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* February 2**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

5:00 pm + Robert M. Mickler -- Barbara & Dr. Rafe Mickler  
 5:00 pm + William A. Meyers (Anniv) -- Melanie Meyers

**SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* February 2**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00 am + Lorraine M. Walsh -- Ken Szczesniak &  
 Carly Calogero  
 8:00 am Intentions from the Father's Day Envelopes  
 10:00 am Blessings for Cazimierz & Lucyna Targosz and Family  
 -- Stefania Szymanska  
 10:00 am + Deceased Members of the Denison & Kotary Families  
 -- Ken & Michelle Denison

**MONDAY/PONIEDZILEK \* February 3**  
**Saint Blaise**

8:00 am + Jadwiga Karas -- Rose LaBuz  
 8:00 am Blessings of Health for Fr. Joseph Moskal

**TUESDAY/WTOREK \* February 4**  
**Ordinary Time Weekday**

8:00 am + Sophie Kurtyka (Btdy) -- Niece, Susie  
 8:00 am Blessings of Health for Fr. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

**WEDNESDAY/SRODA \* February 5**  
**Saint Agatha**

8:00 am + Patricia Vidoni-Biernat -- Barbara & Dr. Rafe  
 Mickler  
 8:00 am + Intentions from the All Souls Day Envelopes

**THURSDAY/CZWARTEK \* February 6**  
**Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

8:00 am + Frank Grzywacz -- Family  
 8:00 am Intentions from the Father's Day Envelopes

**FRIDAY/PIATEK \* February 7**  
**Ordinary Time Weekday (First Friday)**

8:00 am + Johanna Mikalajunas (Anniv) -- Son, Fr. Canon  
 John E. Mikalajunas  
 8:00 am + Charles "Charlie" Czerwiecki (Anniv) -- niece,  
 Bonnie Przestrzelski  
 8:00 am + Special Intention -- Terri Hobson

**SATURDAY/SOBOTA \* February 8**  
**Saints Jerome & Josephine (First Saturday)**

8:00 am Intentions from the Mother's Day Envelopes  
 8:00 am + Appolonia Rogero -- Family

**Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* February 9**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm + Helena Browar (15th Anniv) --Family  
 5:00 pm + Carl Sierak -- Family  
 5:00 pm + Ann Sroka (20th Anniv) -- son, Gary & daughter,  
 Charlene

**SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* February 9**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am + Geraldine A. Cardona -- Ken Szczesniak &  
 Carly Calogero  
 8:00 am + Infant Sterling Bocchino -- Grandparents  
 10:00 am + Maria Karas -- Michael & Ewa Kryszczuk  
 10:00 am + Deceased Members of the Lohr & Wisner Families  
 -- Ken & Michelle Denison  
 10:00 am + Mary Swald (Btdy) -- daughter, Patricia Aiken  
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**



What is the meaning of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple? The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is a Christian event that symbolizes Jesus' divine identity, his humanity, and the importance of community. It also represents the fulfillment of the Old Covenant and the Jewish Messiah's promise. The Presentation shows Mary and Joseph's cooperation with Jesus' divine mission and also reminds us of the importance of community. The Presentation shows how Jesus fulfills the Old Covenant by being consecrated to the Lord. The Presentation is celebrated on February 2nd, also known as Candlemas. This is because it takes place forty days after the nativity. Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the Temple to present him to the Lord. They offer a sacrifice of turtledoves or two young pigeons and Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus as the Son of God.

This weekend we also celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, which falls on February 3, 2025. On the Feast Day of St. Blaise, the Church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats with candles. St. Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miracle cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The Saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers. He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading. St. Blaise said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. The candles, blessed on Candlemas Feb. 2, are crossed against the throat, and the following prayer is said:

*"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

The sympathy of Holy Trinity Church is extended to the family of **Elizabeth A. Best**, who was honored with a Mass of Christian burial this weekend. May eternal rest be granted unto your handmaid **Elizabeth**, O' Lord!

This weekend, February 1st & 2nd, candles will be blessed in honor of the Presentation of the Lord in the temple. Blessed candles will be available for purchase with an offering of \$5.00 per box of two candles. Blessing of the throats will take place this weekend, February 1st & 2nd in honor of St. Blaise, who's feast day is February 3rd.

Please feel free to take a piece of straw from our manger and place it in your wallet. This will help make sure that you will not be hungry or without funds during this upcoming year.

**Sacrament of Confession**

**Fr. John will be available for the Sacrament of Penance at 4pm on Sat. and 9:30am on Sunday. Also, Fr. John is available for Confessions by appt. at the Masonic Home.**

**WE HAVE SURPASSED OUR HOPE APPEAL GOAL!**

We thank you for your generosity! Please continue to donate to OUR Hope Appeal if you are able. The monies received come back directly to Holy Trinity Church and the ministries it provides to all of us. If you have not done so already, please make a donation to keep Fr. John smiling!

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas*

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS January 26, 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. \$5500.00 per week needed to cover our expenses

**January 26, 2024**

Total Sunday Offering: \$3,548.00 (111 envelopes)

**OTHER CHURCH GIFTS:**

|                |   |         |                    |    |          |
|----------------|---|---------|--------------------|----|----------|
| Pew Rent       | 2 | \$11.00 | Repairs & Imp.     | 5  | \$100.00 |
| Sol. Of Mary   | 1 | 20.00   | Fuel               | 17 | 291.00   |
| Votive Candles |   | 73.00   | Ukrain. Marianists |    | 25.00    |
| Christmas      | 1 | 100.00  | Rel. Ed/CCD        | 2  | 55.00    |



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for  
**Robert M. Mickler**  
Given by  
**Barbara & Dr. Paul Rafe Mickler**

**Parish Reminders**

Cabin fever this winter? Possible cure : Holy Trinity Bingo this weekend and next (first 2 Saturdays of each month) February 1 and 8 @ 615pm in our warm, clean and spacious school gym. Doors open at 4pm. Walk in volunteers always welcome. Come see what all the excitement is all about!

Livestream Mass this Sunday 10AM from Holy Trinity Church on Facebook. Intended for sick, shut-ins, those prevented from attending Mass in person due to inclement weather or distance. Mass posted on Facebook for worship at a time convenient to you.

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.



Wedding  
Banns

Daniel Olejarnik  
&  
Allison Jones

**Parish Contacts**

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

**Altar Server Assignments**

**Saturday, February 8**  
8:00 am: P. Zemanek  
**Saturday, February 9**  
5:00 pm: DeStefano Fam.  
**Sunday, February 9**  
8:00 am: Olejarnik Fam.  
10:00 am: Mroczek Fam.

**Lector Assignments**

**Saturday, February 8**  
**Saturday, February 9**  
5:00 pm: C. Usyk  
**Sunday, February 9**  
8:00 am: P. Fairbrother  
10:00 am: S. Ossowski/M. Zemanek

**Next Weekend**

**February 8th and 9th**  
**"Souper Bowl" for Hope House!**

**Canned food and monetary**  
**Donations will be accepted in the**  
**collection basket in our**  
**second collection.**

**Thank you for your support!**



**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:

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Cereal, Instant Potatoes,  
Canned Fruit, Jello, Pudding, Hot Chocolate,  
Hats, Gloves, Scarves, Socks, Canned Meat

**Dei Beneficia!**

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



**Padre Jochum's jokes**

How do you turn regular water  
into Holy Water?

You boil the *Hell* out of it!



**HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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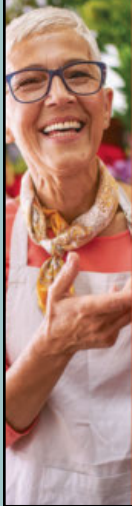
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