# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF UTICA

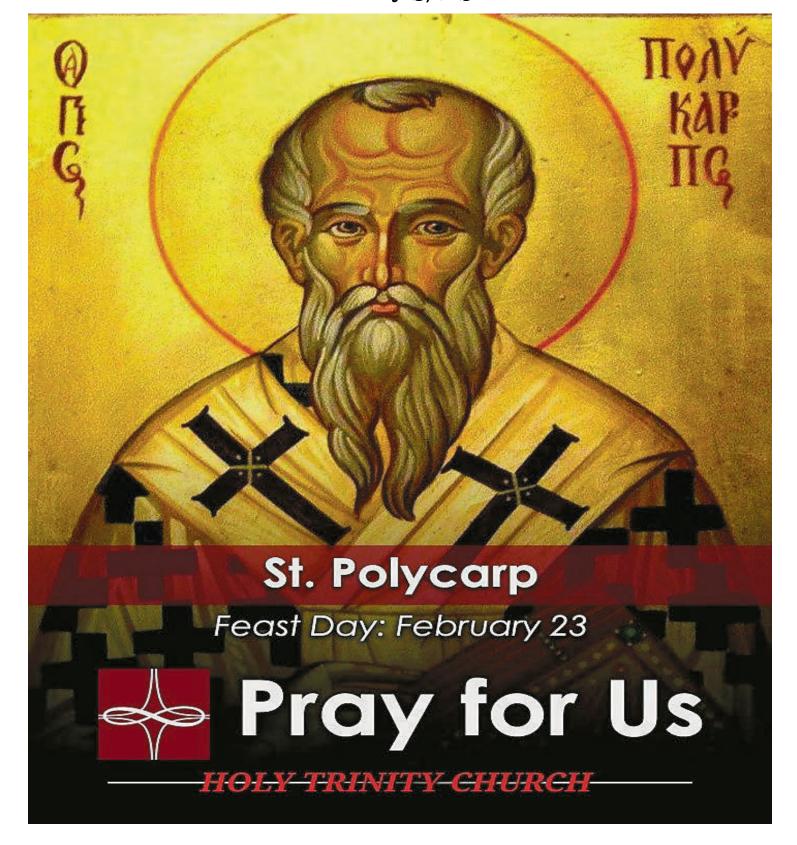
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Holy Trinity Parish (est. 1896) St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr Parish (est. 1911)
Rev. Mark P. Kaminski, Pastor

Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas, Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Joseph E. Moskal, Assisting Senior Priest

Deacon George Spohr

February 23, 2025



## SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA\* February 23, 2025 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

#### Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* February 23 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm + Dr. Robert Roback -- Wife & Children

5:00 pm + Carl Sierak -- Co-workers

## SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* February 23 **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am + John & Mary Karas -- Stella & Joe Karas

8:00 am + Stanley Szymczak (55th Anniv) -- Br. Leonard CFX

8:00 am Blessings of Safety for Jocelyn Matusiak -- Babci

10:00 am Birthday Blessings for Daniel Olejarnik -- Parents & **Brothers** 

10:00 am Blessings for Daniel & Allison Olejarnik--Parents & **Family** 

10:00 am + Nancy (Hapanowicz) Lovecchio -- Lovecchio Family

## MONDAY/PONIEDZILEK \* February 24 Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am + Edward Waskiewicz -- Betty Servatius

8:00 am Blessings of Health for Sarah Grogan & Family-Family

#### TUESDAY/WTOREK \* February 25 Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am Blessings of Health for Sarah Grogan & Family-Family 8:00 am + Intentions from the All Souls Day Envelopes

# WEDNESDAY/SRODA \* February 26

Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am + Frances Reina (Btdy) -- Family

8:00 am Blessings of Health for Sarah Grogan & Family-Family

# THURSDAY/CZWARTEK \* February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek 8:00 am Blessings of Health for Sarah Grogan & Family-Family

8:00 am +Thomas Turczyn -- AM Rosary Group

#### FRIDAY/PIATEK \* February 28 Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am + Edward S. Przestrzelski (Anniv) -- sister, Bonnie

8:00 am + Kathleen Sears (8th Anniv) -- Michael Rys

8:00 am Blessings of Health for Sarah Grogan & Family-Family

#### SATURDAY/SOBOTA \* March 1 BVM

8:00 am Blessings of Health for Sarah Grogan & Family-Family

8:00 am + Walter Kubik -- children, David & Sylvia

#### Vigil Mass for SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* March 2 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 pm + Amaya Marie LaBella -- Barbara & Dr. Rafe Mickler

5:00 pm Intentions from the Mother's Day Envelopes

## SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA \* March 2 **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

8:00 am + Elizabeth Best -- Friend

10:00 am + Leonard & Gertruda Roj -- Irena Wozny & Family

10:00 am + Stefan Krakowiak -- Stella & Joe Karas

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

# Words of Wisdom from Fr. John

On this Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are blessed to have a special occasion and one dear to my heart fall on February 23rd. While it is the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, it is also the Feast Day of St. Polycarp!

St. Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.

Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp's leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church.

At 86, St. Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint's body burned. The "Acts" of Polycarp's martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr's death. He died in 155.

St. Polycarp was recognized as a Christian leader by all Asia Minor Christians, a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock. Like the Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for his sheep and kept them from more persecution in Smyrna. He summarized his trust in God just before he died: "Father... I bless Thee, for having made me worthy of the day and the hour..." (Acts of Martyrdom, Chapter 14).

St. Polycarp, as I mentioned in the beginning, holds a place near and dear to my heart. It was through the intercession of St. Polycarp on his Feast Day 15 years ago today that I survived septicemia. Also, as a Priest, I baptized 1 child with the name Polycarp and inspired Fr. Malachi Clark to take Polycarp as his confirmation name. I believe that it was through his intercession that I survived to continue my ministry for God, and I am truly grateful. Let us all take a moment to recognize this Feast Day.

With the recent inclement weather, please be safe and come to Mass only if you will not be putting yourselves at risk. God loves you and understands if you cannot attend. Also, please mail or drop of at the Rectory your weekly offerings when you are able if you cannot attend due to weather or safety issues. Thank you and God Bless you! Bog Zaplac

Lent will begin on Wednesday March 5th! Let us start renewing ourselves spiritually through the sacraments and scripture. Fr. John is planning to do something spiritually special for you all!

#### 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 at 5PM on Wednesdays at the Rectory

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas

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#### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS February 16, 2025

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

#### **February 16, 2025**

Total Sunday Offering: \$1,316.00 (64 envelopes)

#### **OTHER CHURCH GIFTS:**

Pew Rent	7	\$24.00	Repairs & Imp.	3	\$15.00
Blessed Candles		10.00	Fuel '	6	58.00
Rel. Ed/CCD	4	21.00	Votive Candles		34.00
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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for

# Blessings of Safety For Jocelyn Matusiak

Given by Babci

## Parish Reminders

If you were unable to attend Mass due to recent inclement weather, please make up your weekly support by either mailing in your collection envelopes or bringing them to a future Mass. Your parish endures many fixed costs regardless of attendance and especially more during winter due to the added burden of snow cleanup. Please remember to keep your parish strong!

Next Holy Trinity Bingo : Saturday March 🔊 1 and Saturday March 8. We have an excellent clean spacious gymnasium and a great game with many happy customers.

Due to a scheduling conflict, there will be no Mass livestream this weekend. Livestream will resume Sunday March 2 at 10 AM. Several previous Masses are posted on our Facebook page.



#### **Parish Contacts**

Dr. Rafe Mickler, Office: 315-724-7238

Stephen Zielinski, Music Director: 315-736-6955 Ken Szczesniak, Parish Council Chairman: 315-749-8472

Liz Fusco, Director of Religious Ed.: 315-525-5142

Mark Kantor, Trustee: 315-796-2123 David Roback, Trustee: 315-735-4444

Holy Trinity Cemetery: 315-475-4639

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

#### **Altar Server Assignments**

Saturday, March 1

8:00 am: P. Zemanek

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm: DeStefano Fam.

Sunday, March 2

8:00 am: Olejarnik Fam.

10:00 am: Mroczek Fam.

## **Lector Assignments** Saturday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm: B. Mickler

Sunday, March 2

8:00 am: L. Fusco

10:00 am: J. PiersallM. Zemanek

# HOLY TRINITY'S

# ANGELS' SHARE FOOD PANTRY

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!



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# MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Trinity Parish is committed to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ as a Roman Catholic community of faith, by promoting a sense of commitment to the Church, encouraging divine worship and prayer, fostering evangelization and nurturing the spirit of service. Within the context of our Polish-American religious and cultural heritage, we foster our tradition and aspire to personal growth in faith. We are determined to develop our vision for the future, to educate the children in Christian values and to be receptive to the creative and saving grace of the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH **REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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