

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, Ph.D. D.Min, Pastor

George Spohr, Deacon

Rev. Canon John E. Mikalajunas, Rev. Joseph E. Moskal, Assisting Senior Priests

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December 21, 2025 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 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.

Liturgical Celebrations

Holy Trinity (HT)

St. Mary's (SHSM)

Monday 12:15pm (SHSM)

Tuesday 12:15pm (SHSM)

Wednesday 8:00am (HT)

12:15pm (SHSM)

Thursday 8:00am (HT)

Friday 12:15pm (HT)

Saturday

4:00pm (Vigil) (SHSM)

Sunday

8:00am, 9:45am (HT)

8:00am, 11:00am (SHSM)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 3:00pm at St. Mary's (SHSM)

(201 Main Street, New York Mills).

Church Office Hours

Monday & Tuesday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Phone: (315) 724-7238

Closed holidays



NOTICE TO ALL PARISHIONERS!

We are updating our Parish Directory and we ask that **ALL PARISHIONERS** complete this registration form and return it to the collection basket:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Please mail to the Rectory or put in collection basket.

SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA | December 21*4th Sunday of Advent*

- 8:00 am + Joseph Ziembra *OF* Emily Ziembra
 9:45 am + Anna & Wojciech Tabor *OF* Grandson Tomasz Mroczek
 9:45 am + Swald Family *OF* Patricia Swald Aiken
 9:45 am + Dorothy Synakowski *OF* Elizabeth Buckley
 9:45 am + Wladyslaw & Jozef Gadek *OF* Family
 9:45 am + Maria Karas *OF* Wes Urban

MONDAY/PONIEDZIAŁEK | December 22*12:15 pm Mass at St. Mary's***TUESDAY/WTOREK | December 23***St. John of Kanty, Priest**12:15 pm Mass at St. Mary's***WEDNESDAY/ŚRODA | December 24***Christmas Eve*

- 4:00 pm + Ann & Gene Zagorski *OF* Gene & Sandy Zagorski
4:00 pm + Deceased members of Tobiasz & Zielinski Families *OF* Family Members
10:00 pm + Souls in Purgatory
Mass also offered at 4:00 pm & 10:30 pm at SHSM

THURSDAY/CZWARTEK | December 25*The Nativity of the Lord*

- 9:30 am + Christine Guzda *OF* Husband & Children
9:30 am + Maria & Walter Wozny *OF* Donna & Ed Piekelnicki & All family
9:30 am + Jan Karas (Anniv.) *OF* Stella & Joe Karas
9:30 am + Frank & Toni Golembiowski *OF* Steve, Deb, Pat, & Kathy
9:30 am + Stefan Krakowiak *OF* Joe & Stella Karas
Mass also offered at 11:00 am at SHSM

FRIDAY/PIĄTEK | December 26*St. Stephen, First Martyr*

- 12:15 pm + Frederick White, Steve Linkiewicz

SATURDAY/SOBOTA | December 27*St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**4:00 pm Vigil Mass at St. Mary's***SUNDAY/NIEDZIELA | December 28***The Holy Family*

- 8:00 am + Geraldine Cardona, Delores Szczesniak *OF* Family
 9:45 am + Dr. Robert Roback *OF* Wife & Children
 9:45 am + Joseph Aiken *OF* Wife Patricia & Sons
 9:45 am + Estelle Rajca *OF* Dolores & Don Bach
 9:45 am + Zosia Mroczek (1st birthday) *OF* Parents & Brothers
 9:45 am + Wieslawa Koscinska *OF* Kinga & Marek Koscinski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas. May good health and blessings be upon you, your family, and friends, throughout this Christmas and New Year. *Bóg zapłać.*

— Fr. Mark and Holy Trinity Staff

Holiday Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve — Wed, Dec. 24th

4:00pm & 10:00pm @ HT | 4:00pm & 10:30pm @ SHSM

Christmas Day — Thurs, Dec. 25th

9:30am @ HT | 11:00am @ SHSM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — Thurs, Jan. 1st

9:30am @ HT | 11:00am @ SHSM

THANK YOU to all who attended our St. Nicholas Party on Sunday, December 7th - and a special thank you to Mrs. Carol Armitage and her volunteers for bringing this event to life for the past 15 years!! This beloved annual event is a great way to learn about this wonderful Saint and to share fellowship with the parish! Many thanks — and a Merry Christmas to all from the Holy Trinity Religious Education Program!

Holy Trinity's financial status is good. A detailed financial report is available in the Church vestibule.

Winners of the Parish Raffle are ...

Roman Tarnowski, Brenda Snyder, Barbara Lachacz, Cecilia McGauley, Anthony Kulesa, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Powers, Alan Orsino. **Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who supported our annual Church Raffle!**

Raffle Intake: \$5521 | Prizes: \$2500 | Expenses: \$810

PROFIT: \$2211



OPLATKI are available in the Sacristy and Rectory Office for a donation of \$4.00.

2026 Calendars in English and Polish are available in the vestibule, provided by the McGrath and Wolanin Funeral Homes.

*Memorial Fund Donation in Memory of
Stella Rdzanek*

Offered by

Ron Malachowski, Timothy & Michele Jones, Marianne Szajer, Nancy & Jerome

*The Sanctuary Candle Burns this week for
Mary & Constantine Krupski*

Offered by

Delores Woronkiewicz & Children

*We remember those who served us from Holy
Trinity and St. Stanislaus Parishes:*

December 14 — Rev. Charles A. Stuczko, 1987

24 — Rev. Stanley P. Macewicz, 1992

30 — Rev. Stanley M. Szweczyk, 1988

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

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. \$5,500.00 per week needed to cover our expenses.

Sunday Offering (Dec. 7th): \$3,348.00 (140 envelopes)

Other Church Gifts:

Rel. Ed/CCD	(1) \$5.00	Sol. of Mary	(3) \$45.00
Fuel/A.C.	(11) \$185.00	Human Dev.	(1) \$5.00
Pew Rent	(9) \$42.00	Christmas Flowers	(13) \$188.00
Repairs & Imp.	(11) \$117.00	Cathedraticum	(4) \$80.00
Thanksgiving	(4) \$65.00	Oplatki	\$123.00
Immac. Con.	(18) \$303.00	Votive Candles	\$45.00
Christmas	(7) \$95.00	Food Pantry	\$71.00

HOLY TRINITY FOOD PANTRY**Please Help Restock the Food Pantry**

CANNED — Spaghetti Sauce, Fruit, Vegetables, Meat, Tuna, Chicken, Beef Stew, Chef Boyardee, Soups

Macaroni, Rice, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal Complete
Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Pudding and Jello Cups, Instant Potatoes,
Knorr Mixes

THANK YOU!



ALSO NEEDED — NEW socks, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves in adult and kids sizes.

Check out new posted pictures of our Saint Nicholas party, which have been posted on our Holy Trinity Facebook page. Simply go to Facebook.com and search for "Holy Trinity Church Utica."

Winter weather is upon us again as we relive our dream of a "White Christmas." Please be extra careful walking in and out of Church and in our parking lots. Assist older parishioners on the steps or handicapped ramp, or use the ground floor church entrance next to the rectory garage to avoid outside steps. When you notice changing weather conditions, if you are able, clear the way for other parishioners. Ice melt and shovels are available. Our staff does an admirable job but can always use help when weather changes quickly.

4th Sunday of Advent

The final days of Advent are filled with hope and expectation of the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ Our Savior! We look forward to celebrating again the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago! We are preparing ourselves to receive Him more deeply in our hearts everyday. To receive this gift, we must open our hearts to the light of Christ — prepare the way through prayer. Ponder upon the manger and the significance of this season of Christmas! Make Christmas Mass the centerpiece of your family's Christmas celebration.



Next Holy Trinity Bingo will be Saturday January 3 @ 6:15pm in our school gym. We invite you to a fun-filled night with a friendly community of parishioners and bingo players. Bring family and friends! Doors open at 4pm. Enjoy Christmas music before Bingo!

Altar Server Assignments

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM: Volunteer

10:00 PM: Volunteer

Thursday, December 25

9:30 AM: Mroczek Fam.

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM: M. Olejarnik

9:45 AM: Mroczek Fam.

Lector Assignments

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM: Br. Leonard

10:00 PM: D. Pellerin

Thursday, December 25

9:30 AM: J. Piersall &

K. Mroczek

Sunday, December 28

8:00 AM: L. Fusco

9:45 AM: S. Ossowski &
M. Zemanek

The tax year of 2025 is coming to an end. If you would like to receive a credit for charitable church donations throughout the year, please make sure you use your regular envelopes. Our money counters need to be able to match your name with your donation. Beginning in January, if you would like to receive a contribution letter for your tax purposes, please drop off or send us a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket or email it to us. Thank you! — Office Staff



**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
ALUMNI
GATHERING**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026
STARTING AT 5:00 PM
THE POLISH COMMUNITY CLUB,
COLUMBIA ST.**



**ALL ARE WELCOME—ALUMNI OR
NOT**

Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers

All are welcome to join us for a Charismatic Mass with Healing Prayers, celebrated by Fr. Amedeo "Padre" Guida, on the third Thursday of each month at 5:45 p.m. in a new location at Sacred Heart / St. Mary Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. Hosted by the Diocese of Syracuse Office of Renewal for over 15 years, this uplifting evening includes praise, worship, and fellowship, inviting the Holy Spirit to bring renewal and healing. The Mass is open to all people from across the Eastern Region of the Diocese. Come and experience the Lord's powerful presence, mercy, and love!



The LORD protects the resident alien, comes to the aid of the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked. Isaiah 9

One story shows this reality clearly. My neighbor, Umm Iyad, a widow who lost her husband during the genocide, is raising four children alone in a torn tent. With a small amount of support, we were able to provide her family with a new tent, blankets, clothes, shoes, and basic essentials they had gone without for nearly two years. Later, my brother took her and her children to a supermarket so they could choose food themselves — cheese, fruit, chocolate, and the ingredients for knafeh. The children cried, asking, "Is this really ours?" Their tears turned into laughter.

That brief joy revealed just how deep their deprivation runs.

Abir Elzowidi, a Palestinian American, with family in Gaza.

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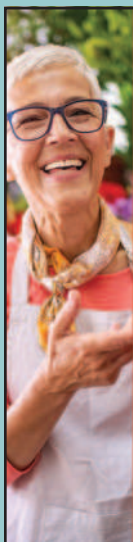
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