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**Holy Hour every week**  
Tuesdays (7pm to 8pm) SMM

**Eucharistic exposition once a month**  
First Tuesdays (7pm to 8pm) SMM




**Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against  
the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell  
Satan, and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen**

**Prayer for Our Troops**  
Sam Interlichia — Marines  
Noah Foro — Air Force  
Bryan Wetzal — Air Force

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands.  
Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they  
perform for us in our times of need, and give them peace.  
I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.  
**AMEN**

We, *the people of Blessed Trinity Parish*, come from diverse backgrounds and *are working together* to learn, live and spread the Roman Catholic Faith. *We support one another on this journey of faith* by studying the Gospel, celebrating the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, and nurturing the spiritual growth of all. Our pledge is *to consistently strive to build an ever-stronger parish family* where the word of God is proclaimed, studied, and integrated into daily living, where we worship in prayer and in sacrament the presence of God in our midst, and where *we witness the Gospel through our actions* of care and concern for the needs of those around us.



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**Living in Grace through the Sacraments**

**Sacrament of Baptism.** We share in your joy as we welcome the newest member of your family into God's family, the Church. Our Parish offers Baptism Preparation Program to parents, with godparents, who wish to share their faith with their child. To register, please call the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Persevere on the journey to holiness: Say "No" to sin and "Yes" to God's love, mercy and forgiveness. St. Mary Magdalene in the Church Hall on Saturday evenings 3:30 to 4:15 PM, St. Jude's in the old Sacristy on Sunday morning from 7:20 to 7:50 AM, or please call the Parish Office to make an appointment.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.** Jesus continues his healing ministry through his Church. If you or any parishioner is ill at home, in the hospital or the nursing home, and desires to celebrate this sacrament of healing, call the Parish Office to schedule a visit.

**Sacrament of the Eucharist.** One of our priests will bring Communion during home visits or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (communion ministers) can and may bring you Communion regularly. Call the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Confirmation.** Our young parishioners who wish to prepare to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation must be enrolled in a 2 year preparation program. Adults must call the rectory.

**Sacrament of Marriage.** You and your fiancé are called to mirror the love of Jesus for his Church! Please contact the Parish Office at least six months before the intended date of your wedding so we can help you prepare for this wonderful sacrament of committed love.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders.** Do pray for vocations to the ordained priesthood and permanent diaconate. It is our common obligation to raise vocations—ordained, religious, married, single—in the Church.

**Are You a Visitor or a Newcomer?** Welcome and we are glad you're here to worship with us!

IDEAS? SUGGESTIONS?  
Your Parish Council is interested.  
Please share your thoughts with any Parish Council member listed in this bulletin.



EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: 585-208-2433.  
Please use that number if the death of a loved one is imminent and in need of the last sacraments.

**Second Sunday of Advent  
December 6, 2020**

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday 4:30 PM at St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott  
Sunday 8:00 AM at St. Thomas, Red Creek

**Weekday Masses at Saint Mary Magdalene**

Monday and Friday 8:30 AM

**December 6  
Psalm 85**


**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims;  
the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.  
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him,  
glory dwelling in our land.

Kindness and truth shall meet;  
justice and peace shall kiss.  
Truth shall spring out of the earth,  
and justice shall look down from heaven.

The LORD himself will give his benefits;  
our land shall yield its increase.  
Justice shall walk before him,  
and prepare the way of his steps.

**Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Schedule of Sacred Liturgy				CMA Goal: \$16,207	
December 5, Saturday	4:30pm SMM	Irene Bidwell	By Nancy Polacek	To date: \$9561 58.99%	
December 6, Sunday	8:00am ST	Ron Polacek	By Nancy Polacek		
December 7, Monday	8:30am SMM	Mass of Healing	By Susie Gallo		
December 7, Vigil Mass	7:00pm ST				Attendance Nov. 28/29
December 8, Tuesday	8:30am SMM				4:30pm 32
December 11, Friday	8:30am SMM	Jill Virts	By Ginger Knapp		8:00am 35
December 12, Saturday	4:30pm SMM	Rich Bielemeier	By Eileen Bielemeier		1st Collection 1535
December 13, Sunday	8:00am ST	Mark Boston	By Nancy Polacek		2nd Collection 24
December 14, Monday	8:30am SMM	Joseph Weber	By Terry VanFleet Family		Total 1559
December 18, Friday	8:30am SMM	Lee Poole	By Gerry and Luba LaForge		Budget: \$2605 (1046)
December 19, Saturday	4:30pm SMM	Lillian Trivella	By Ted and MaryAnn Roberts		Flowers
December 20, Sunday	8:00am ST	Dave Jenkins	By Tom and Linda Jenkins		Social Ministry 15
Please pray for: Rick Durocher, Anthony Terry, JoAnne Nichols, Mary Lou Adams, Ann Minosh, Bill McHenry, Danny Dreschler, Jeanine Gagnon, and all of our parishioners who are ill, at home or in the hospital.					

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of *Tony Castellano Sr. and Leo Davis*

**Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.**



The sanctuary lamp at St. Mary Magdalene will burn from November 28 to January 2 for *Anthony Terry*

*Lord you are the light of the living and a help in time of need. Amen.*

Christmas Mass Times:

**December 24**  
4:00 pm @ St. Mary Magdalene in Wolcott—Visiting Priest (reservations closed)  
4:30 pm @ St. Michael in Lyons—Fr. Merritt  
4:30 pm @ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde—Fr. Felician  
4:30 pm @ St. Michael in Newark—Visiting Priest (Fr. Brockmyre) (reservations closed)  
7:00 pm @ St. Thomas in Red Creek—Visiting Priest  
7:00 pm @ St. Michael in Newark—Fr. Merritt  
7:00 pm @ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde—Fr. Felician  
Midnight @ St. Michael in Newark—Fr. Merritt  
Midnight @ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde—Fr. Felician

**December 25**  
8:30 am @ St. Michael in Newark—Fr. Merritt  
8:30 am @ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde—Fr. Felician  
10:30 am @ St. Michael in Lyons—Fr. Merritt  
10:30 am @ St. Mary Magdalene in Wolcott—Fr. Felician

Please be aware of the need to call the office for tickets to attend Christmas Masses. 315-902-4130.

ADVENT DAYS OF PENANCE

**December 12**  
**St. Michael, Newark**  
*10 am - 12 Noon*  
Confessions with Exposition, Adoration and Benediction



**December 18**  
**St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott**  
*9 am - 10 am*  
Confessions Only after morning Mass

**December 19**  
**St. John, Clyde**  
*10 am - 12 Noon*  
Confessions with Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

A Little History from Fr. Mike

The Wonderworker

In my homily on the Feast of All Saints, I encouraged everyone to learn more about the saints and, if you had not already, to try and foster a devotion to a particular saint. I thought I might take this opportunity today to write about a saint whom I have great fondness for and whom we would be celebrating today if it did not fall on the Second Sunday of Advent. That saint is St. Nicholas of Myra, whose Feast day is December 6.

St. Nicholas lived during the 4<sup>th</sup> Century, and was Bishop in the City of Myra, which is in modern day Turkey. What is interesting about him is that we can be certain of very little about his life. In fact, the only detail of his life that seems to be shared in all stories and in any records is that he was the Bishop of Myra in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. Most of what we “know” about him instead comes from legends, stories, and hearsay.

The most famous story about St. Nicholas centers around a man with 3 daughters during Nicholas’ time as Bishop of Myra. This poor man had no way to pay the dowry for his daughters to marry. Rather than allow the girls to be sold into prostitution, St. Nicholas came to their house on three separate nights and dropped a bag of gold coins through their window each time, thus paying for the dowries of each daughter and enabling them to be married.

There is some doubt as to whether or not St. Nicholas was actually at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, the first Ecumenical Church Council. However, it is certain Bishop Arius was at this council. Arius was the one who began and then spread the Arian heresy that Jesus was not actually fully divine. This false teaching was the main reason the council was created, and it was officially condemned by the time the council came to an end. It was said that St. Nicholas was a staunch defender of Christ and the true teachings of the Church, so much so that he was tortured and put in prison for his belief in Christ in his younger years, before Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire. The legend is that St. Nicholas became so frustrated with Arius that he actually hauled off and hit Arius in the face!

Of course, in the modern day, we cannot help but think of Santa Claus when we hear the name St. Nicholas, and his gifts to the three daughters eventually gave rise to the idea of giving gifts in his memory. In the East, the tradition is to exchange gifts on his feast day, whereas in the West, with his amalgamation as Santa Claus, the tradition is to exchange gifts on Christmas Day.

I chose Nicholas as my confirmation name and I have learned more about him and appreciate him more as the years pass. You can read more about his legend and about many other saints online or in various books about their lives.



During the four Sundays of Advent we are collecting mittens, hats & gloves, undies and socks to benefit children in our community. Please bring and hang your gifts on the tree at the Churches. Your contributions provide much needed winter apparel to those children of our community that are in need. If you have any questions, please contact Marie Smith (315-591-1051) or Cathy Immerman. Thank you for your generosity!



Please be aware of the possibility of Mass closures as we linger on the brink of being designated Code Orange. We will post any information on Facebook and the Website.

Coming Events:  
12/5: Mass at SMM at 4:30pm  
12/6: Second Sunday of Advent: Mass at ST at 8:00am  
12/7: Mass at SMM at 8:30am  
Vigil Mass at 7pm at ST  
12/8: Mass at SMM at 8:30am  
12/10: Pastoral council at 6pm at SMM  
12/11: Mass at SMM at 8:30am  
12/12: Mass at SMM at 4:30pm  
12/13: Mass at ST at 8:00am  
12/14: Mass at SMM at 8:30am  
12/18: Mass at SMM at 8:30am  
12/19: Mass at SMM at 4:30pm  
12/20: Mass at ST at 8:00am

**Confession times:**

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**Glory and Praise Missal**  
Remember-The Sunday Readings are from Year B  
Dec. 5/6: #787  
Dec. 12/13: #790