

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church



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<http://myocn.net/>

<http://www.ancientfaith.com/>

Welcome to Holy Trinity Parish

Today is the Feast of All Saints. The Epistle Hebrews 11:33-12:2. The Gospel is from Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30.

Holy Trinity is a diverse and welcoming parish of the Carpatho Russian Diocese, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa, is our diocesan ruling hierarch.

Divine Liturgy is offered Sunday at 10 am. As reminder only those Orthodox Christians who are properly prepared are invited to receive Holy Communion.

Everyone is invited downstairs following Divine



Liturgy for Coffee Hour and Fellowship.

Come down and meet Fr. Luke and the parishioners.

Our parish offers many opportunities to pray, to study and learn more about Jesus

Christ and His Holy Orthodox Church.

If you have any questions about the Orthodox Church, our Faith, or our parish please feel free to contact Fr. Luke. He is more than happy to meet with you and talk.

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Sunday, June 23, 10 AM –
Liturgy – All Saints – End of Church School

Monday, June 24 – Beginning of the Peter and Paul Fast

Monday, June 24, 7 PM –
Spirituality Class

Tuesday, June 25, 8:30 AM –
Hours

Wednesday, June 26, 7 PM –
Adult Catechism Class

Thursday, June 27, 8:30 AM –
Akathist

Thursday, June 27, 9:15 AM –
New Testament Class

Thursday, June 27, 5 PM –
OYMT Last Meeting before leaving

Friday, June 28, 9 AM –
Old Testament Class

Friday, June 28, 5 PM –
Vespers for Peter and Paul

Saturday, June 29, 9 AM –
Liturgy Feast of Peter and Paul

Saturday, June 29, 11 AM –
Baptism of Sadie Xenia Mihaly

Saturday, June 29, 5 PM –
Vespers

Sunday, June 30, 10 AM –
Divine Liturgy – Synaxis of the Carpatho-Rusyn Saint

Readers Schedule

6/23 – Paul Toaso
6/30 – Jonathan McCormack

Coffee Hour

6/23 – OPEN
6/30 – OPEN

Help Re-Stock our Kitchen:

Sturdy 10-inch plates, napkins, kitchen counter cleaner.

Please remember to sign up and subscribing on our parish web site

www.holytrinitydanbury.org

And to those with a Facebook accounts please like our Facebook page posts associated with the fundraising events here
<https://www.facebook.com/htcdanbury/?fref=hovercard> so the word gets out.

Tag Sale went very well!

Thank you to everyone who helped set up, take a spot to sell their items, cook food, clean up and in general make the event run smoothly for the parish. God bless all of you!

2019 YWE

2019 Young Women's Encounter -

- Registration is now open for the SIXTH Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter which will take place from Sunday, June 30th to Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. We encourage our young women, ages 12 to 18 to attend. Registration will be primarily online and is open now! A link to register is on the home page at www.acrod.org or a direct link can be found at here.

Please encourage interested families to find more information about this event by looking through past photo albums which can be found at <https://www.acrod.org/ministries/youth/ywe/>

| Graduates 2019

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High School:

Sean Gordon—Graduating from Ridgefield High School and is going to Michigan State, where he will major in computer engineering.

Tyler Gordon—Graduating from Ridgefield High School and is going to Indiana State business school.

Jacob Villa—Graduating from Henry Abbot Tech Carpentry Program. He is planning to begin working in his field.

Kaitleen Villa—Graduating from Henry Abbot Tech's Hairdressing Program. She is going on to Norwalk Community College here she plans to pursue a Veterinary Tech degree.

Adult Education Opportunities

We have a number of adult education classes going on currently:

Spirituality Class – Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Currently reading and discussing: *Parenting Toward the Kingdom* by Dr. Philip Mamalakis

Catechism Class – Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. For those studying to come into the Church and those in the Church who want to deepen their understanding and participation in the Faith. We are starting a new Book. It is *Spreading the Word* by Fr. Michael Keiser

New Testament – Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. currently were are reading and studying *The Acts of the Apostles*

Old Testament Class – Fridays at 9:00 a.m. We have begun Judges.

New Cemetery Fence

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We are looking to install a new fence along the back side of our cemetery. It will be made of long-lasting black chain link with privacy slats that will provide a neat backdrop and block the view into the neighboring yards. If anyone would like to donate to the cost of the fence and the survey please let Fr. Luke know.

| Road Race Sponsors

Road Race Sponsors—

We will be looking for sponsors for our Perogie Dash 5K Road Race set for August 17th. Sponsorship levels start at \$100. All sponsors will have their logo on our t-shirt and the opportunity to contribute promotional material to our runner bags. Please let Fr. Luke or Susan Sulich know if you or a business you frequent would like to be a sponsor.

| Holy Trinity Golf Outing

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It's not too early to get a foursome together for our Holy Trinity Golf Outing on Thursday, July 18th. We will be in a new place this year—Richter Park right here in Danbury. There will be a Hole in One contest and prizes awarded. Male and female golfers welcome. Please consider inviting friends and family to join this fun summer fundraiser. The price is \$125 per golfer.

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

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REGISTER ONLINE!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1: July 14-20, 2019

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Week 2: July 21-27, 2019

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 3: July 28-August 3, 2019

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Register Online Register at – campnazareth.org From the Home

Page, From the 2019 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2019 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

Register & pay by May 15, 2019!!!!

Online Registration MUST be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

❑ When you register online please note that **you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical)** which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.

❑ **Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted.** Checks and Money Orders are to be made payable to *Camp Nazareth* and sent to *Camp Nazareth at 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA 16137.*

Birthdays

June	
Filip Bundra	20
Adrian Guerrero	24
Monika Mihaly	28
Luke & Rosalyn Mihaylo – Anniversary	30

Upcoming Events

OYMT Final Meeting and Cookout—Thursday, June 27th from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Leader Meeting from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Altar Boy Retreat/Young Woman's Encounter – June 30th – July 3rd

Dorothy Day – Friday, July 5th from 1-5 p.m.

OYMT Trip – July 6 to July 14

Holy Trinity Golf Outing – Thursday July 18th

Semi-Annual Meeting—Sunday, July 21st following liturgy

Camp Nazareth – July 21 – July 27

Perogie Dash 5K – Saturday, August 17th

Trip to Slovakia – August 18 – August 30

Parish Trip to Slovakia

Parish Trip to Slovakia—An itinerary has been set for our trip to Slovakia scheduled for August 18-30, 2019. We will start out in Prague, travel through Slovakia and have day trip into Hungary. Highlights of the trip include wooden churches, underground caves and other natural wonders, spas, castles and many other cultural and religious sites. We are currently looking for commitments to go on the trip. Group airfare available on a first come first serve basis. If you have not yet signed up and would like to, let Fr. Luke know.

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Dorothy Day Friday, July 6th

Dorothy Day Friday, July 6th—This will be our next time to serve at Dorothy Day. It is also the pack day for the OYMT trip for ASP to Kentucky. For that reason we will be in particular need of people to work the second half of the day from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm. Please let Susan Sulich know if you are able to help out this month. If anyone would like to prepare a meal for us to serve that would be welcome as well.

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"... a place of refuge full of love and joy."



The Diocesan-wide **Altar Boy retreat** will take place from **Sunday evening, June 30th** (Registration is from 6p.m. - 8 p.m.) **until Wednesday, July 3rd**. This year our outing will be to Coal Tubing in Johnstown for a tubing ride down the Stoney Creek River. This is the time and place for your faithful Altar Servers to join other Altar Boys from all over our Diocese. The cost of this year's retreat is \$100.00. This includes everything for the three days and also includes a commemorative "Encounter 2019" T-Shirt. Registration will be electronic this year and can be accessed at: http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=oblwu7zab&oeidk=a07eg95i0mjd06d468_4

**A Cloud of Witnesses!**

A witness is somebody who saw something or heard something. A witness knows something because of what he saw or heard. Today is All Saints Sunday, the day we remember all the wonderful saints we have in our Church. As the Gospel tells us today, these wonderful saints are witnesses! But what did these witnesses see or hear? They heard about Jesus Christ, and they lived their lives in a special way because they learned to love God so much!

The Gospel says, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely." We have a cloud of witnesses, a whole bunch of saints. And our saints all point us to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

DO YOU KNOW A SAINT? Sometimes we might think of saints as living many, many years ago. But saints are alive among us today. That's because people who love God very, very much are around us today!

Synaxis of All Saints

The Sunday following Pentecost is dedicated to All Saints, both those who are known to us, and those who are known only to God. There have been saints at all times, and they have come from every corner of the earth. They were Apostles, Martyrs, Prophets, Hierarchs, Monastics, and Righteous, yet all were perfected by the same Holy Spirit.

The Descent of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for us to rise above our fallen state and to attain sainthood, thereby fulfilling God's directive to "be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44, 1 Peter 1:16, etc.). Therefore, it is fitting to commemorate All Saints on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

This feast may have originated at an early date, perhaps as a celebration of all martyrs, then it was broadened to include all men and women who had borne witness to Christ by their virtuous lives, even if they did not shed their blood for Him.

The feast of All Saints achieved great prominence in the ninth century, in the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Leo VI the Wise (886-911). His wife, the Holy Empress Theophano (December 16) lived in the world, but was not attached to worldly things. She was a great benefactor to the poor, and was generous to the monasteries. She was a true mother to her subjects, caring for widows and orphans, and consoling the sorrowful.

Even before the death of Saint Theophano in 893 or 894, her husband started to build a church, intending to dedicate it to Theophano, but she forbade him to do so. It was this emperor who decreed that the Sunday after Pentecost be dedicated to All Saints. Believing that his wife was one of the righteous, he knew that she would also be honored whenever the Feast of All Saints was celebrated.