

Fr. Ignatius Hunter Named Rector



On January 19, Archbishop Melchisedek revealed his choice for the next rector of Holy Trinity and the Chapel of the Holy Spirit—the Reverend Priest Ignatius Hunter. After the liturgy, the parish joined his wife, Matushka Seraphima, his children, Daniel and Elizabeth, and his dean, Fr. Mark Meholic (inside right) in asking that our Lord God grant them “Many Years” of fruitful ministry.

ON FEBRUARY 1, the parish will have a rector: the Reverend Priest Ignatius Hunter. His appointment by His Eminence Archbishop Melchisedek ends a 13-month vacancy that was faithfully ministered by Interim Priest Fr. David Smith, Fr. John Steffaro and other visiting clergy, as well as Deacons Alexander and Mark (the vacancy was created when Fr. John Reeves, the parish’s first rector, retired at the end of 2018 after more than two decades of service).

A native of Williamsport (where he was also received into the Church as an adult), Fr. Ignatius joins the parish via St. Innocent Mission in Napaskiak, AK, and St. Michael’s Church in Mount Carmel, PA, where he served alongside his wife, Mka. Seraphima, and children, Daniel (age 2) and Elizabeth (born in December).

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Chapel Building Project Approved

THE PARISH MET IN BOTH LOCATIONS on January 19 to authorize the Chapel of the Holy Spirit in Beavertown to enter into a \$150,000 mortgage (at 0% APR for 25 years) with the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania. The loan, which was pre-approved by the Diocesan Council and included in the 2020 budget passed last November, pays off the Chapel’s \$62,500 mortgage and will be used to build a 12- by 24-foot addition on the building’s east end. When construction is complete this Spring, the growing community will have a dedicated sanctuary and nave, and 50% more space in which to worship. ■

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Schedules

	COFFEE HOUR	GREETERS	TELLERS	SERVERS
February 2	I. Andrzhievsky and B. & N. Troyan*	B. Haupt and A. Stickle	M. Anthony and G. Cartell	All Servers
February 9	Russian Ladies II	J. Cadman and J. Houser	B. Haupt and H. Torbic	Team B
February 16	E. George and K. Olevnik	J. Pettengill and S. Pettengill	M. Fiori and D. McNulty	Team A
February 23	J. Cadman and J. Rush	D. Parel and R. Parel	M. Anthony and M. Fedkin	Team B
March 1	BLINI/PANCAKE LUNCHEON**	E. Bazilevskaya and M. Fedkin	G. Cartell and B. Haupt	Team A
March 8	R. Schrauf and D. Patei**	B. Haupt and A. Stickle	D. McNulty and H. Torbic	Team B
* Denotes switch/change Team A: Z. Cadman, B. Olevnik, N. Patel, E. Scuisber, J. Scuisber, and J. Torbic. Altar Server Captains: D. Torbic and S. Olevnik				
** Denotes fast Team B: A. Buyanskiy, J. Cadman, N. McFarland, S. Patel, D. Stickle, and L. Torbic.				

Have Your Home Blessed this Month

Following Theophany each year, time is set aside for the blessings of houses, apartments, and dormitories. The process is simple: submit your preferences (*first, second, third*, etc.) of the shifts listed below using the online form at *holytrinity-oca.org* or the signup sheets in the Narthex. Within 48 hours of placing your request, you will be contacted with confirmation of the exact time of your appointment. Every effort will be made to accommodate your personal availability and any special needs you may have.

To give as many as possible an opportunity to participate, thirty minutes are allotted for each blessing. Because of time constraints, the best way for you to show hospitality to Father is to have your home clean and brightly lit with a candle and bowl ready before he arrives. Everyone and everything in the home will be blessed to bring Christ’s sanctification upon it—your home is a small church in essence. There is never a charge to have your home blessed; requests can be made by anyone (visitors, catechumens, members, etc.). ■

2020 Home Blessing Schedule

LOCATION	AVAILABLE DATES AND TIMES	
Eastern Centre & Northern Huntingdon Counties <i>(16801, -27, -28, -52, -65, -68, -75, -83)</i> <i>including State College Borough, State College (S. Atherton), Boalsburg, Centre Hall, Houserville, Huntingdon, Lemont, Pennsylvania Furnace, Pine Grove Mills, Spring Mills, and Spruce Creek.</i>	Wednesday, February 5	10am–12pm
	Thursday, February 13	2pm–4pm
	Friday, February 14	10am–12pm
	Tuesday, February 18	2pm–4pm
	Wednesday, February 19	2pm–4pm
	Saturday, February 22	1pm–4:30pm
	Tuesday, February 25	10am–12pm
	Wednesday, February 26	2pm–4pm
Penn State Campus (16802)	Thursday, February 13	8pm–10pm
Western Centre County (16803, -35, -44, -70) <i>including State College (North Atherton), Park Forest, Port Matilda, Stormstown, Julian, and Unionville.</i>	Wednesday, February 5	7pm–9pm
	Thursday, February 6	2pm–4pm
	Tuesday, February 11	10am–12pm
	Saturday, February 15	1pm–4:30pm
	Friday, February 21	10am–12pm
Northern Centre County (16823, -53) <i>including Bellefonte, Milesburg, Pleasant Gap, and Zion.</i>	Tuesday, February 4	2pm–4pm
	Wednesday, February 19	7pm–9pm
	Thursday, February 20	10am–12pm
Snyder County (17xxx)	Email frdavid@holyspirit-oca.org to schedule.	
Other Locations/Make-ups	Wednesday, February 26	7pm–9pm
	Thursday, February 27	10am–12pm
	Friday, February 28	10am–12pm
	Saturday, February 29	1pm–4:30pm

Chapel of the Holy Spirit

CATEGORY	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME					
BUDGETED INCOME (<i>Stewardship Offerings</i>)	\$23,906	\$28,098	\$43,208	\$31,700	136%
NON-BUDGETED INCOME					
Building and Memorial Fund Donations	1,320	903	7,570	—	—
Charitable Income/Other Income	1,363	2,130	70	—	—
TOTAL NON-BUDGETED INCOME	\$2,683	\$3,033	\$7,640	—	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$26,589	\$31,132	\$50,849	—	—
EXPENSES					
BUDGETED EXPENSES					
Personnel	6,150	8,650	17,800	17,100	104%
Outreach and Fellowship	1,707	2,869	1,882	4,000	47%
Operating Expenses (Liturgical, Office, Christian Ed.)	1,969	3,743	2,765	3,500	79%
Utilities	1,849	1,834	1,709	2,100	81%
Property/Mortgage	3,682	3,554	904	1,000	90%
Discretionary Fund	—	—	500	500	100%
Insurance	—	—	500	500	100%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$15,357	\$20,651	\$29,061	\$31,700	92%
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES					
Building and Memorial Fund Expenditures	—	—	7,135	—	—
Charitable Expenditures/Other Expenses	375	315	—	—	—
TOTAL NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$375	\$315	\$7,135	—	—
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,732	\$20,966	\$36,196	—	—
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$10,857	\$10,166	\$14,653	—	—



More than a Dozen from our Parish Participate in the March for Life
Orthodox from around the country joined more than a half million others at the 2020 March for Life last month, an annual event marking the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. The rally, attended by President Donald Trump, began at noon with a prayer offered by Bishop Apostolos of Medeia on the National Mall. A prayer service led by Metropolitan Tikhon immediately followed before marchers proceeded along Constitution Avenue up to the U.S. Supreme Court. ■

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church

CATEGORY	2017 ACTUAL	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
INCOME					
BUDGETED INCOME					
Stewardship Offerings	\$257,017	\$239,044	\$247,820	\$264,640	94%
(Transfer from Trinity House Phase II Fund)	—	—	10,800	10,800	100%
Parking	8,099	6,840	6,835	7,200	95%
Candles and Flowers	3,217	2,918	3,071	2,800	110%
Appeals Income (Chapel, Seminarian, etc.)	—	—	1,596	5,200	31%
Other Income (Interest, Rewards, etc.)	916	1,243	447	550	81%
TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME	\$269,249	\$250,045	\$270,569	\$291,190	93%
NON-BUDGETED INCOME					
Fund Income (Bookstore, Building, Memorial, etc.)	30,684	25,819	28,851	—	—
Charitable Income (Matt. 25, Missions, Souper Sun., etc.)	8,387	37,392	18,616	—	—
TOTAL NON-BUDGETED INCOME	\$39,071	\$63,211	\$47,187	—	—
TOTAL INCOME	\$308,320	\$313,256	\$317,756	—	—
EXPENSES					
BUDGETED EXPENSES					
Personnel	\$145,129	\$153,669	\$127,635	\$158,464	81%
Mortgage	28,572	28,572	28,721	28,572	101%
Archdiocesan Expenses (Assessment, Assembly, etc.)	20,147	22,071	25,317	25,399	100%
Outreach/Fellowship	11,634	15,513	20,329	18,300	111%
Utilities	11,973	12,732	12,801	12,330	104%
Property	6,899	5,472	4,048	9,000	45%
Liturgical	6,367	9,012	7,665	7,350	104%
(Transfer to Capital Projects Fund)	—	—	6,835	7,200	95%
(Transfer to Property Reserve Fund)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	100%
Office Administration	3,951	6,239	5,885	4,875	121%
Insurance	3,339	3,765	4,239	4,200	101%
Christian Education	2,897	2,137	1,818	3,250	56%
Licenses/Professional Fees/Bank Charges	1,712	2,183	3,534	2,250	157%
(Transfer to All-American Council Fund)	1,000	1,000	2,000	2,000	100%
(Transfer to Clergy Discretionary Funds)	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	67%
Accessibility Improvements	1,482	784	—	750	0%
Refurbishments	415	282	762	750	102%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$252,017	\$269,930	\$257,589	\$291,190	88%
NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES					
Fund Expenditures (Building, Memorial, etc.)	4,109	26,719	29,709	—	—
Charitable Expenditures (Matthew 25, Souper Sun., etc.)	10,304	32,726	19,057	—	—
Adjustments for Prior Year	639	1,000	—	—	—
TOTAL NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$15,052	\$60,445	\$48,766	—	—
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$267,069	\$330,375	\$306,355	—	—
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$41,251	(\$17,119)	\$11,401	—	—

Get to Know the Hunter Family

Fr. Ignatius and Mka. Seraphima invite you to an Open House at Trinity House (123 S. Sparks St.) at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11. Refreshments and desserts will be served following the blessing of the ministry center, which was integral to the parish in several ways last year.

Join Matthew 25 this Lent

This month, Holy Trinity’s *Matthew 25* ministry will plan a Lenten Drive to fulfill our Lord’s command to minister to the least among us. Those interested in helping determine the beneficiary and assist in co-ordination are invited to attend a meeting at Trinity House on Thursday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m.

February Bookstore Feature

Striving for Knowledge of God: Correspondence with David Balfour is a collection of letters written by the recently canonized St. Sophrony Sakharov (+1993). Over the course of the book, David Balfour moves from Catholic monk, to Orthodox monk and priest, to losing his faith, to finally returning to the Orthodox Church before his death. St. Sophrony’s letters to his friend are a treasury of wisdom, profound humility and compassion, and provide a rich source of teaching about the Christian faith and life. It is available for \$27 in the Bookstore, located in the lower level of Holy Trinity. All major forms of payment—including gift certificates (which are now available)—are accepted.

Visit the Library in the Parish Hall

On February 9, 16, and 23, the Library will again have a selection of books in the Holy Trinity Parish Hall for you to peruse and borrow during coffee hour. Take advantage of this opportunity to pick out books to read this upcoming Lent. See Anna Stickles or email librarian@holyltrinity-oca.org if you have any questions.

Be Wary of Fraudulent Emails

Spammers have made recent attempts to impersonate parish clergy by creating fake email addresses. Always check the sender’s address before responding: clergy only communicate to the parish through the official holyltrinity-oca.org and holyspirit-oca.org domains.

Welcome, Fr. Ignatius!

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An avid reader, Father Ignatius holds bachelor degrees in Religion, History, and General Economics from Lycoming College and master degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary (where he first discovered Orthodoxy), St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, and the University of Alaska. In addition to his spiritual knowledge, Father also has character-building experience co-laboring with Christ as a bank teller, factory hand, and natural gasfield worker.

Saint Vladimir’s was instrumental to Father’s life not just educationally and vocationally—it was there where he discerned a call to marriage, having been on a track to enter monastic life. While caring for family in Pennsylvania and preparing to be a missionary to Alaska, he met Mka. Seraphima, an instructor at St. Herman’s Seminary, and later married her in Napaskiak, a village on the Kuskokwim River. After marriage, Father was ordained to the diaconate and priesthood at Holy Cross in Williamsport and was assigned to serve the respective parishes in Napaskiak and Mount Carmel.

With Fr. Ignatius taking office as Acting Rector this month, Fr. David and Dn. Alexander’s terms as Interim Priest and Acting Administrator, respectively, have concluded. Father David will resume his role at Holy Trinity as Associate Rector—keeping his regular office hours in State College through the month of February to assist Fr. Ignatius in transitioning roles—and remain Priest-in-Charge at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit. Deacon Alexander will remain on staff with the parish full-time with a title and roles to be determined. ■

For the Record

BAPTISMS

➤ **Wesley (James), Naomi (Anna), and Noa (Mary Magdalene) Hoffman** were baptized at the Chapel by Fr. David Smith on January 4. Many years!

➤ **Todd (Elias) Enders** was baptized at the Chapel by Fr. David Smith on January 4. Many years!

Holy Trinity Calendar

All events take place at 119 South Sparks Street in State College, unless where noted.
Events listed at **Trinity House** (T.H.) take place at 123 South Sparks Street, in State College.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 26 Sunday School, 9am (<i>Locations vary; All classes begin in the Parish Hall.</i>) Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am Junior Orthodox Youth Association Bowling Outing, 12:30pm @ Northland Lanes, State College	27	28	29 Confessions, 4:30pm Great Vespers, 6pm Adult Study Group, 7pm @ Trinity House Conference Room	30 Synaxis of the Three Hierarchs Choir Rehearsal, 7pm OCF at Penn State: Dinner and Discussion, 7pm @ 124 Pasquerilla Center, University Park	31	1 Altar Society Meeting, 10am @ Trinity House Conference Room Great Vespers/Litya/ Blessing of Candles, 6pm Confessions, following
2 MEETING OF OUR LORD Zacchaeus Sunday Sunday School, 9am Festal Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am OCF Super Bowl Party, 6pm @ Trinity House Atty Lounge	3	4 <u>HOME BLESSINGS BEGIN</u> (Schedule yours before Theophany in the Narthex or online at holytrinity-oca.org.)	5 Confessions, 4:30pm Vespers, 6pm	6 OCF at Penn State: Dinner and Service Night, 7pm @ 124 Pasquerilla Center, University Park	7	8 Archdiocesan Retreat for Clergy and Laity, 10am-2pm @ Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
9 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Fast Free Week) Matins/Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am Orthodox Youth Assoc. (OYA, gr. 9-12) Game Night with Fr. Ignatius, 6pm @ Trinity House Atty Lounge	10	11 Homeless Ministry, 4pm @ Centre House, 217 E. Nittany Ave. Trinity House Blessing/ Open House with the Hunters, 7pm @ Trinity House, 123 S. Sparks St.	12 Confessions, 4:30pm Vespers, 6pm Parish Council Meeting, 7pm	13 Matthew 25 Lenten Drive Organizational Meeting, 4:30pm @ Trinity House Conference Room OCF at Penn State: “Stump the Priest Night”, 7pm @ 124 Pasquerilla Center	14	15 21 New Martyrs of Libya Choir Rehearsal, 4pm Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions, following
16 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Sunday School, 9am Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am Junior Orthodox Youth Association (Jr. OYA, grades 5-8) Monthly Activity, 12:30pm @ TBA	17 Penn State OCF: Annual Presidents Day Card Game Tournament, 7pm @ Trinity House Conference Room	18 Clergy Staff Meeting, 6pm @ Trinity House Conference Room	19 Confessions, 4:30pm Vespers, 6pm	20 OCF at Penn State: Dinner and Prospora Baking Workshop, 7pm @ Parish Hall	21	22 Sunday School Teacher Meeting, 5:15pm @ Trinity House Conference Room Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
23 Sunday of the Last Judgment (Meatfare) Sunday School, 9am Matins, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am	24 First and Second Finding of the Head of St. John the Forerunner	25 Vespers of Cheesefare (CF) Wednesday, 6pm	26 Confessions, 4:30pm Vespers, 6pm	27 St. Raphael of Brooklyn Directory Photo Session, 2pm-9pm @ Parish Hall Vespers of CF Friday, 6pm Choir Rehearsal, 7pm OCF Dinner & Game Night @ 124 Pasquerilla Center	28 2020 Directory Photography Session (Day 2), 2pm-9pm @ Parish Hall (schedule online at holytrinity-oca.org)	29 40-Day Memorial for Helen Woskob, 4pm @ TBA Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions
March 1 Forgiveness Sunday (Cheesefare) Matins/Sunday School, 9am Divine Liturgy, 10am All-Parish Photo, 11:45am Blini/Pancake Luncheon, 12pm Forgiveness Vespers, 6pm OCF Day of Prayer Service, 8pm	2 GREAT LENT BEGINS Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6pm	3 Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6pm	4 Confessions, 4:30pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6pm Lenten Potluck, 7:30pm	5 Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete, 6pm OCF at Penn State: Dinner at Holy Trinity, following	6 Confessions, 4:30pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 6pm	7 St. Theodore of Tyre Memorial Divine Liturgy, 9am (Hours, 8:40am) Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions

Chapel Calendar

All events take place at 145 North Kern Street in Beavertown, unless where noted.

Saturday 1 Great Vespers/Litya for the Meeting of the Lord, 6pm	Sunday 16 Sunday of the Prodigal Son Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am) Fellowship and Study of the Orthodox Faith, following
Sunday 2 MEETING OF OUR LORD IN THE TEMPLE Zacchaeus Sunday Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)) Fellowship and Study of the Orthodox Faith, following	Tuesday 18 Choir Rehearsal, 6pm
Saturday 22 Great Vespers/Conf., 6pm	Sunday 23 Last Judgment (Meatfare) Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)) Fellowship and Study of the Orthodox Faith, following
Tuesday 4 Choir Rehearsal, 6pm	Monday 24 “Hats & Blankets for Babies” Knitting Outreach, 6:30pm
Saturday 8 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions	Tuesday 25 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Sunday 9 Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee (Fast Free) Divine Liturgy, 10am (Hours, 9:40am)) Fellowship and Study of the Orthodox Faith, following CHS Family Fun Night @ Middlecreek Area Community Center, 5-7pm	Saturday 29 Great Vespers/Conf., 6pm
Tuesday 11 Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm	Sunday March 1 Forgiveness Sunday Hours/Liturgy, 9:40am All-Parish Photo, 11:45am Fellowship and Study of the Orthodox Faith, following Forgiveness Vespers, 6pm
Saturday 15 Great Vespers, 6pm Confessions	

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