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December 18, 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

WE WAIT IN JOYFUL HOPE



★ *The Nativity of Our Lord* ★ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE—12/24

4:00 PM – Church, Trinity Hall, Livestream **

5:45 PM – Church

7:30 PM – Church

9:30 PM – Church

Midnight – Church

with Lessons & Carols starting at 11:20 PM

** Church doors will open at 3:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY—12/25

9:30 AM – Church

11:30 AM – Church, Livestream

Note: Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year.
The usual Sunday Mass times are replaced by the above.

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother (Dec. 31 and Jan. 1), will return to the normal weekend Mass schedule except that NO MASS will be celebrated in Trinity Hall.

The Trinity Hall 9:00 AM Mass will return on the Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 8).



DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM – Chapel
5:30 PM – Chapel

SATURDAY: 8:00 AM – Chapel

SATURDAY (VIGIL): 5:30 PM – Church

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM – Church

9:00 AM – Church,

Trinity Hall & Livestream

11:30 AM – Church

5:30 PM – Church



Offertory

We invite you to share your gifts with others in our parish community!



*As the winter nights grow longer and days shorter
we proclaim:*

light against darkness;

warmth against cold;

hope against despair.

*The One who created the stars of night
lights our path and
guides us into the way of peace.*

*Let us take a moment in silence
to recall Christ's presence among us.*

As the cantor concludes this invitation and is seated, I have found that it takes a few seconds for the deep quiet of focused silence to settle over the assembly. For all to release the busyness of getting ready for the trip to church and finding a parking place... There are so few real opportunities for silence in our lives, especially at this time of year. For over a month we have been inundated with Christmas music, commercials, movies, decorations, etc. It is a challenge to remain firmly rooted in the season of Advent—the season of anticipation and waiting.

Over the past three weeks, we have been musically steeped in our journey through the Advent season. In the first weeks of Advent, which focus on the “end times,” the Second Coming of Christ, we sang “In the Day of the Lord,” and “Soon and Very Soon.” In these final weeks of Advent, we sing the songs of anticipation for the First Coming of Christ in his birth in Bethlehem: “Maranatha (come), Lord Messiah,” “Come, Come Emmanuel.”

Our Song of Sending Forth this weekend is: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” where we sing the O Antiphons. The Church has been singing these antiphons since the early 8th century! The antiphons accompany the Magnificat of Evening Prayers from December 17-23 and use ancient biblical imagery from the Old Testament to proclaim the Coming Christ as the fulfillment of our longing for the Divine Messiah.

Take note of these verses: “O Wisdom, O Lord of Might, O Key of David, O Rod of Jesse’s stem, O Dayspring, O Desire of Nations.” During “Maranatha, Lord Messiah” a modern interpretation of the O Antiphons begins each verse.

This weekend’s Gathering Song, “Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn,” serves as a bridge song to our long anticipated Christmas music. “Sing out your joy for soon he is born; behold the Child of our longing!”



A sample from an O Emmanuel Antiphon parchment manuscript, created c. 1930 by Sr. Maria Walburga von Bechtoldsheim OSB (1891-1966)

This is the longest Advent season possible, since Christmas is next Sunday; we have a full week of Advent remaining. More time remaining to take care of final preparations, gift shopping, cooking. But I encourage you (and I challenge myself, as well!) to find some quiet time—time to be thankful, time to reflect on Christ’s Presence in our lives. Take time to read today’s gospel again and use your imagination to become a part of the Nativity.

The Priests and Staff at Holy Trinity have been busy preparing to welcome literally the thousands of parishioners and guests who will attend our Christmas Masses. The Christmas Eve Masses begin at 4:00pm in both the Church and Trinity Hall—the doors to both spaces will open at 3:00pm. This is the only Mass celebrated in both spaces. The 4:00pm Mass in the Church will also be livestreamed. The 4:00pm Mass will be followed by Masses at 5:45pm, 7:30pm, and 9:30pm. The Christmas Day schedule begins with Lessons and Carols at 11:20pm and the Mass at Midnight. Christmas morning Masses are celebrated at 9:30am and 11:30am. The 11:30am Mass will also be live streamed. *There will be no Sunday 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.*

I hope this Advent season has been one of hope and peace for you and yours as we await the joy of Christ’s birth!



ADVENT YOUTH PRAYER GROUP

DECEMBER 21 – 7:30 PM, Zoom

High school students are invited to join Youth Ministry's final weekly Advent prayer group this coming Wednesday! Pre-registration is not necessary, and students are encouraged to attend whichever dates they can make. The link can be found at trinity.org/youth and in the Youth Ministry eLetter. Meetings last 20-30 minutes and focus on trying out different forms of prayer in community.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, Church, Chapel, and Trinity Hall

We welcome all volunteers to meet in the Church at 3:00pm to decorate the Church, Trinity Hall and the Chapel for our Festive Christmas environment. Please send an email to mathildacox@gmail.com confirming you plan to join us. Pizza will be shared—joyfully!

FELIZ NAVIDAD!

On December 10, over 125 members of our migrant familia community gathered to pray and celebrate together. Our familia has grown over these past five years thanks to the dedication of our parishioners who generously share their time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful! Special thanks to Ellen Toups, Matthew Ogden, Jenny Heflin, Bruce Cohen, Pere Noel (Julien Patrick), Barb the Elf, Katie Laskey, Georgetown Prep students, and the many volunteers who cooked, decorated, and danced!



ABIDING IN GOD'S LOVE:

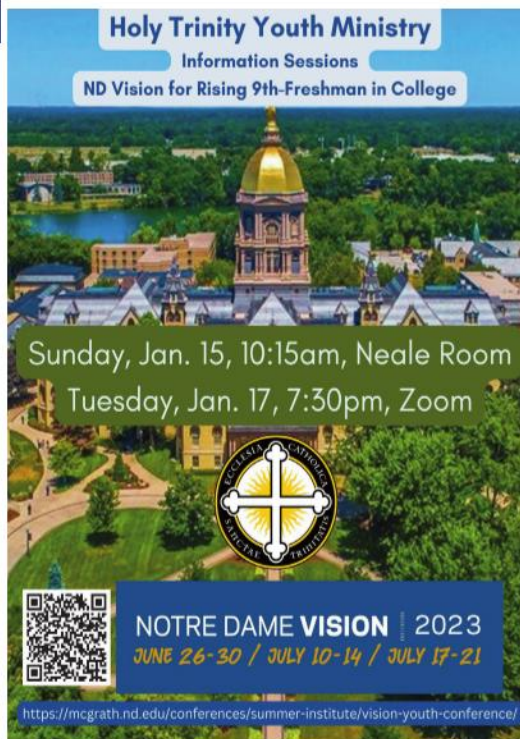
An Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

JANUARY 22-28, 2023

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 8, 2023

Join us in praying in the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola, engaging the intellect, feelings, and imagination. During the retreat, you will be invited to reflect on the Mystery of God's love spilling over into creation; become aware of God's comforting presence in your life; listen to God's call to you to be a receiver and giver of Divine Love; and become God's friend. Register: trinity.org/ignatian-spirituality/gods-abiding-love-retreat. Questions? Contact moshea@trinity.org





NOTRE DAME VISION INFO SESSIONS

ND Vision is a weeklong summer experience on Notre Dame's campus for high school students to ask questions about and grow in their faith. Please join us at an upcoming info session hosted by our Youth Minister (and Notre Dame alumnus!), Katie Laskey, where she will answer questions from parents and students about the program and encourage participation.

Holy Trinity is Hiring!

- Building Engineer
- Substitute Teacher (ongoing)

To apply to any open positions, please submit a resumé and cover letter to jobs@trinity.org. No calls, please.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2023

Come and tour our campus with a student and parent tour guide and learn more about our wonderful program, and warm and welcoming community! Please register at htsdc.org/visit. We are accepting applications from October 3, 2022 to January 27, 2023 at htsdc.org/how-to-apply/

WOMEN WHO STAY: CATHOLIC WOMEN AT WORK

Beginning January 23, we will celebrate the voices of professional Catholic women from within Holy Trinity's own pews. In our discussion series, we will learn: What does it mean today to be Catholic in the workplace? How can our values help us shine professionally? And when can our faith elevate our problem solving or our uniting?

Through this series of moderated Q&As, we will explore the opportunities and challenges of being a female professional Catholic in today's world. The first four presentations will be held at 5:30pm over Zoom. Register on the website.

JANUARY 23 – Faith & Education with Elizabeth Wittschen, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, & Dr. Eileen Moore, Georgetown School of Medicine (Virtual)

JANUARY 30 – Faith & Business with Maury Devine, Former President and Managing Director of a Norwegian affiliate of ExxonMobil & Kitty Wach, Pro Bono Counsel for Miller & Chevalier (Virtual)

FEBRUARY 6 – Faith & International Relations with Dr. Maria del Pilar Londoño-Kent, international trade and port and transport consultant, and Teresita Schaffer, Former Ambassador to Sri Lanka. (Virtual)

FEBRUARY 13 – Faith & Communication with Donna Cassata, journalist, and Gail Louis, relationship manager, PNC Financial Services Manager (Virtual)

FEBRUARY 20 – In person reflection on the spirituality of work led by Anne Koester. Be prepared to be in conversation about the work you do and work as nourishment for our spiritual lives

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JUNE 2023

Once again Holy Trinity Parishioners are invited to join Fr. Brendan Lally, S.J., on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This year the pilgrimage will take place June 14-24, 2023 and will include visits to Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, Cana and The Dead Sea. In his various Jesuit ministries Father Lally has led more than 35 pilgrimages, including three pilgrimages that included HT parishioners. Learn more at <https://www.pilgrimages.com/frlally/june/>. You can also contact Father Lally directly with questions at blally@sju.edu. Space will be limited to 25.

We are a Jesuit Catholic parish that welcomes all to accompany one another in Christ, celebrate God's love, and transform lives. Join today!





Mass Intentions

Week of December 19, 2022

Monday	8:00am	Siobhan Sophia Sharkey+
	5:30pm	John Dluhy
Tuesday	8:00am	John Corso Sr.+
	5:30pm	Caroline Niesley
Wednesday	8:00am	Lucia Duddy+
	5:30pm	Margaret James+
Thursday	8:00am	Courtney Kampa+
	6:30pm	Elizabeth Madigan+
Friday	8:00am	Gregory Michael Kortanek+
	5:30pm	Mary Charlotte Daniel+
Saturday	8:00am	Vincent Paul Murray+

Equipping individuals to guide people through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius is one of the ways in which our parish Accompanies others in Christ. Such Accompaniment can help another deepen their life in God and discern the calling of the Holy Spirit.

Our donors make such Accompaniment possible. Your gifts pay salaries and stipends and the costs of physical space and materials. Blessings flow from these gifts as people learn how to use the tools of Jesuit spirituality to discern God's presence, activity and calling in all moments of life, whether opportunity, crisis or some mix.

You can see the many other ways our Ignatian Spirituality programs are enriching the lives of people in our parish and far beyond by going to trinity.org > ministries > Ignatian Spirituality and Prayer.

To make your 2023 Pledge and support those seeking to deepen their conversion to Christ through the practice of Ignatian Spirituality, mail your pledge card to the office or email your pledge intention to Rock Schuler, Director of Stewardship:

RSchuler@trinity.org. You can also set up your pledge and recurring payments online at trinity.org > Give > Parish Pledge > 2023 Pledge. Questions? Call Rock at **301-455-5437**.



Daily Readings

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Romans 1:1-7 | Matthew 1:18-24

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

MONDAY OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Judges 13:2-7 | Luke 1:5-25

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 7:10-14 | Luke 1:26-38

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Song of Songs 2:8-14 | Luke 1:39-45

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

1 Samuel 1:24-28 | Luke 1:46-56

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 | Luke 1:57-66

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Mass in the Morning

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Luke 1:67-79

SUNDAY RE & SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

Please note that Sunday RE and Shepherd's Flock will NOT meet this Sunday, December 18. Classes will resume on January 8. Have a blessed last week of Advent!

REMEMBER BETHLEHEM THIS CHRISTMAS

There's still time to support our Giving Tree this year! Please consider supporting our friends at Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation. Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem is located on the West Bank of Palestine, just 1,500 steps from the birthplace of Christ. This Catholic teaching hospital is a state-of-the-art maternity and neonatal critical care center serving women, infants, and children throughout the Holy Land. The Hospital stands as a beacon of hope for poor and at-risk families in the Bethlehem region, nearby desert villages, and refugee camps. The Hospital and its Outreach Clinics provide quality medical care to all, regardless of religion, ethnicity, or ability to pay. <https://birthplaceofhope.org/donate/>



VENTURING CREW

Holy Trinity parishioners are starting a co-ed BSA Venturing Crew for 14-20 year olds interested in outdoor adventure and leadership development. Fill out the Google Form at trinity.org/youth to indicate your interest as a student or an adult adviser!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of conversion and faith formation for individuals who are interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. Those who want to learn more about the possibility of becoming Catholic are welcome to come to the inquiry meetings held every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Faber Room, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Please contact Anne Koester at akoester@trinity.org or (202) 903-2825. Holy Trinity also offers RCIA adapted for children and youth who are not Baptized (ages 7 through high school). Please contact Anne Marie Kaufmann at akaufmann@trinity.org or (202) 903-2832 for more information.

LGBTQIA+ MINISTRY

Holy Trinity's commitment to accompany one another in Christ invites us to be more deeply aware of the diversity of our community and more welcoming to those who are marginalized by society or the Church. Our lay-led ministry embraces individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex, asexual and their families and friends. More information and upcoming meetings can be found at www.trinity.org/lgbtqia or by emailing LGBTQIA@trinity.org.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

PPC members share leadership responsibility with our pastor. As advisors to the pastor, PPC members assist the pastor in discerning, articulating and communicating to other parishioners the identity and mission of the parish, and they assist the pastor in assuring fidelity to that identity and mission. Contact President Jennifer Dorsey at ppcpresident@trinity.org and Vice President Gail Louis at parishcouncil@trinity.org.

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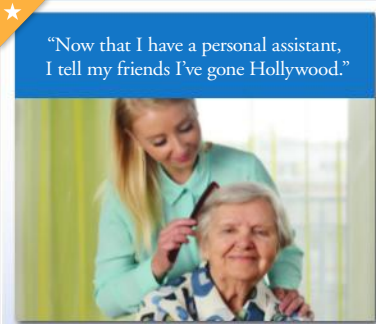
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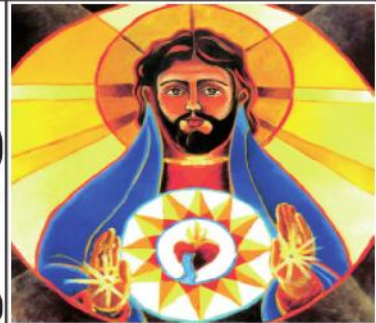
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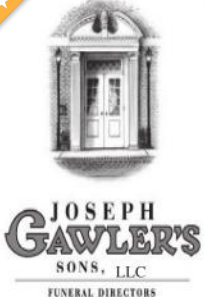
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