

“BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND
BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS.”

—LK 1:31

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OUR WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

| Collection | Dec 16—17 |
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| Offertory | \$3,122 |
| Mail | \$1,126 |
| e-Giving | \$1,017 |



Thank you to all who have sent in donations to keep us going at this difficult time! God bless you all! My prayers are for you, especially those who are struggling during these challenging times.

— Fr. Martin
 617-479-9200 ext. 304

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE! Sign up at
<https://holytrinityquincy.com/egiving>

CHRISTMAS CALENDARS

Christmas Calendars are on sale and continue throughout the month of December for drawings each day in January 2024. These calendars make great stocking stuffers for \$10 each. See Barbara Logan or Eileen Timcoe after Mass today to purchase your calendars.



CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 3:00—4:00 PM MBS
 Wednesdays 7:00—8:00 PM OLGC



**HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION,
 DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
 AND ROSARY**

Monday—Friday 8:00 AM OLGC

**HOLY HOUR WITH ADORATION AND
 RECITATION OF THE ROSARY**
 Wednesdays 7:00 PM OLGC



Each week on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. we gather in Our Lady of Good Counsel lower church in fellowship to pray together and learn more about our faith. Under the guidance of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a Catholic priest, martyr, and founder of **The Militia of the Immaculata**, we pray together with our Blessed Mother for the conversion of sinners and for peace in our troubled world. Together we can save souls and bring about the Reign of Christ in many hearts. The world needs our prayers! All are welcome to join us. To learn more about The Militia of the Immaculata and/or become a member visit: <https://militiaoftheimmaculata.com/>.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
 227 Sea Street



MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
 1015 Sea Street

Weekday Schedule

MassesOLGC Mon-Fri 9:00 AM
 Holy Hour (Divine Mercy, Adoration, Rosary)..... OLGC Mon-Fri 8:00 AM
 Holy Hour (Adoration, Rosary).....OLGC Wed 7:00 PM

Weekend Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass..... MBS 4:30 PM OLGC 6:00 PM
 Sunday Mass..... MBS 8:30 AM OLGC 10:30 AM
 Confessions MBS Sat 3:00—4:00 PM OLGC Wed 7:00—8:00 PM

We are a welcoming parish seeking to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all who enter our doors.



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CALL HOME THIS CHRISTMAS?

You are invited to join our parish family this year!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. MBS and 6:00 p.m. OLGC

Sunday, December 25, 2023 Christmas Day
8:30 a.m. MBS and 10:30 a.m. OLGC

Sunday, December 31, 2023 New Year's Eve
4:30 p.m. MBS only

Monday, January 1, 2024 New Year's Day
9:00 a.m. OLGC only

Regular weekend Masses: December 23-24 & December 30-31.

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION for the Clergy Trust

At all Christmas Masses, our only collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, visit www.clergytrust.org.



Father Martin, Deacon Bill, Deacon Bash, Deacon Tim, and the staff of Holy Trinity Parish wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas, and a New Year filled with many graces and blessings!

Christmas Message from the Pastor

Peace be with you! The world is in great need of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. When enough people turn to the Prince of Peace, there will be peace. How do we get there? What is the way? In John's gospel, Jesus tells us, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Pope St. John Paul II told us wisely, *He must become Our Way, Our Truth, and Our Life*. Christmas is the perfect time to reflect upon the Prince of Peace, who came into the world through a lowly handmaid, born in a humble stable, a place for livestock. The Creator of all came to us in utter poverty and humility. Yet he owned all; all creation belongs to Him.

As we hear in the Christmas hymn, O Holy Night, "the weary world rejoices," the soul has felt its worth, we have reason to rejoice, not in our fallen world, but in our glorious Savior, who is the hope of the world.

My prayers are with you each day. Despite the chaos of wars and turmoil, despite the attack on faith and truth itself, we who have Christ Jesus, have all that is needed for eternal life. I am grateful to be here at this time in this place to serve the Lord in my own humble and very limited way on this my seventh Christmas with you. Thank you for your kindness to me.

I too feel the call to fall on my knees, and open my heart to the message of the angel, *the good news of great joy that will be for all the people*, that in the city of David, a Savior is born, who is Messiah and Lord. That is why we are a people of hope. God is with us—Immanuel. We never walk alone. It is my prayer and hope that you continue to grow closer to the Lord as we prepare to enter a new year, guided by Our Lady of Good Counsel, our advocate before her Son, our Eucharistic Lord, present to us in the Most Blessed Sacrament, at every Mass. *Praise His name forever.* ✠

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 24



With the celebration of Christ's birth, on our doorstep – let us be sure to take a few moments to savor the words of today's Gospel. Imagine the scene and focus on what you hear spoken between Mary and the Angel. "The Lord is with you." "Do not be afraid." "Nothing is impossible for God." "Let it be done to me according to your word." Mary trusted that God was with her. . . that she had nothing to fear. Take five minutes today, before you begin to celebrate Christmas and prayerfully say the "Hail Mary" asking Mary to help strengthen your love and trust in God.



The Christmas Giving Tree Thanks YOU

Thank you to all who contributed gift cards and made cash donations to the Christmas Giving Tree this year. Your thoughtfulness brought festive joy to many families. A special word of thanks to Margie Lawless for organizing this project of charitable giving during the season of Advent. God bless you for your generosity!



THANK YOU
SWEENEY BROTHERS
for the beautiful
2024 calendars!

Please pick up a calendar at the doors of the church.

The Holy Name Society will meet on the following dates from January to April 2024.



January 14
February 18
March 3
April 14

St. Thomas Aquinas Hall
following the 8:30 AM Mass.

MASST INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23

MBS 4:30 p.m. Tom Logan, Bill and Peg O'Neill, Norma and Bob Largey, Debbie Sparks, Peggy Ronan, and Fr. English

OLGC 6:00 p.m. Filippo and Josephine Montalto,
and David Donaghue

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24

MBS 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

OLGC 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24 Christmas Eve

MBS 4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

OLGC 6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day

MBS 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

OLGC 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, December 30

MBS 4:30 p.m. Alex Makuski

Sunday, December 31

MBS 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

OLGC 10:30 a.m. Nicholas Cristiani

Sunday, December 31 New Year Vigil Mary, Mother of God

MBS 4:30 p.m. *only* People of the Parish

Monday, January 1 Mary, Mother of God

OLGC 9:00 a.m. *only* People of the Parish

Saturday, January 6

MBS 4:30 p.m. Alex Makuski

Sunday, January 7

MBS 8:30 a.m. Marie Wilkinson

OLGC 10:30 a.m. Anne Packard—5th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 9

OLGC 9:00 a.m. Blessing for Rev. Paul LaBree

Wednesday, January 17

OLGC 9:00 a.m. Johanna Perrow

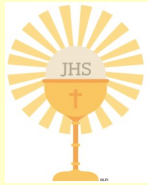


THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in your prayers those who were buried from our parish recently and all deceased members of our parish community.



Bread, Wine & Candles
December 2023
offered in memory of the
O'NEILL and LOGAN families
and **TOM LOGAN**



LIVE STREAM OF DAILY AND WEEKEND MASSES

All Masses are streamed live at

www.facebook.com/holytrinityquincy/videos/

Visit our website <https://holytrinityquincy.com/> for many resources. If you are homebound or sick and in need of a priest or in need of help, call Fr. Martin at 617-479-9200 ext. 304.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

All things came to be through him,
and without him nothing came to be.
What came to be through him was life,
and this life was the light of the human race.

- Jn 1:3-4

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPROVAL OF THE RULE OF SAINT FRANCIS

In 1223, St. Francis created the first nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, to marvel at the mystery of the Incarnation. On October 4 this year, many Catholics gathered at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the approval of the Rule of St. Francis. As part of the celebration, the Conference of the Franciscan Family, which oversaw the gathering, announced that they were asking Pope Francis to grant an indulgence for any Catholic who prayed in front of a Nativity scene at a Franciscan church. The Pope accepted the request.

This Christmas season, Catholics can receive a plenary indulgence by praying in front of a nativity scene located in a Franciscan church. The indulgence will be available from December 8, 2023, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, through February 2, 2024, the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple. Those wishing to receive the indulgence must pray in front of a nativity scene at a Franciscan church.

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church that removes the temporal punishment due to sin. To receive this indulgence, one must have a detachment from all sin, including venial; receive the Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of Confession within 20 days of praying in front of a nativity scene in a Franciscan church. In addition, those attempting to receive the indulgence must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.