PARISH ADMINISTRATION
**Parish Bookkeeper, ***Lani Cosme
Program Manager, *Colleen Glazer
**Parish Secretary, ***Catherine Jestice

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCILS
Pastoral:
Alexander McMahon (Singles)
Don and Maureen Drew (Marrieds)
Odelia Ramirez (Spanish speakers)
William Quinn (Seniors)
Rosario Campos (Teenagers)
Financial:
Michael Donofrio, Vincent Pascal
Carol Joyce, Emily Cho Roache (Trustees)

WORSHIP
Acolytes, Msgr. Sandi
Devotions, Private,
Adoration/ Daily Evening Rosary, Ellen Valko
Legion of Mary
Hijas de Sagrado Corazon, Yolanda Pardo
Lectors, *Colleen Glazer
Floral Decorations, Maryann Finegan
**Sacred Music, ***Andrew Yeargin, Director
Cantors, *Andrew Yeargin
Contemporary Choir, Janet Chung
Misa in Espanol, *****José (Cheito) Guevara
Schola Cantorum, *Andrew Yeargin
Sunday Sacristans, * James Hulak, Patrick Machado

COMMUNITY BUILDING
**Bulletin, Parish Weekly, ***Catherine Jestice
Calendar, Master Parish, *Catherine Jestice
Concert Series
**GUEST, ***Andrew Yeargin
**PARISH, ***Andrew Yeargin
CRC (Contemporary Roman Catholics), James Hulak
Trinity Counters, JoAnne Pollio

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
**Faith Formation, ***Colleen Glazer
**RCIA (Christian Initiation), ***Msgr. Sandi
Religious Education, *Colleen Glazer

OUTREACH
Breakfast Line, *****Colleen Glazer
**Food Pantry, ***Colleen Glazer
Guest Clergy Hospitality, *Msgr. Sandi
Holy Trinity/Ascension Homeless Shelter
*** indicates parish employee**

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Please keep our sick in your prayers:
Kate Concannon, Anne Lia, Edward Haggerty, Devinee Worrell, Gloria Frucht, Gloria Harris, Michael Waters, Robert Donofrio, Kenneth Larson, Amy Fisher, Tony Hartner, Josephine Zingone, Dennis Joseph, Maria Lameda, Edna Harris Lilienthal, Cindy Hunt, David Ray, Bishop Timothy McDonnell, Nancy Towbin, Tony Cooper, Linda Cooper, Meg Scala, Mabel Harper Southerton, Alfie Regan, Camilia Avila, John Phillips, Kathia Almeida, Jennifer Daly, Flavia Langan, Margarita Perla, Jane Brown, Mary Jarvis, James Moore, Elizabeth Nichols, Mary Keaveny, Jacqueline Reilly, John Pierce, Virginia Funa, Zopra Koshak, Jenna Lasel, Gary Nichols
Names will remain on our prayer list for one month. If you would like us to carry a name longer, please contact the Rectory.

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

"God's sign is that he makes himself small for us. This is how he reigns. He does not come with power and outward splendor. He comes as a baby – defenseless and in need of our help. He does not want to overwhelm us with his strength. He takes away our fear of his greatness. He asks for our love: so he makes himself a child." – Pope Benedict XVI

What an Advent! What a Christmas!
What a Parish!

On this final Advent Sunday, blazing with pre-Christmas beauty, we express our gratitude to all the people who selflessly contribute to the beauty of our Church, including YOU. We especially highlight those who bring to life our **Worship, Education, Community Enrichment and Community Outreach**. Thank you, liturgical ministers (how about our *Schola Cantorum*!), decorators, custodians, sacristans, the Pastoral Staff, the Parish Administrative Staff, and other faithful parishioners and professionals who work and pray quietly, day by day behind the scenes. AND, please, don't forget those who fed the poor at our rectory door *this morning* (as they do 365 days a year!). God bless you ALL!

MASS INTENSIONS FOR THE WEEK / 12/24

SATURDAY 12/24
5:30 **Christmas Vigil –** Families of Holy Trinity
SUNDAY 12/25
7:30 Families of Holy Trinity
9:30 Families of Holy Trinity
11:15 Families of Holy Trinity
12:30 Families of Holy Trinity
5:30 **NO** Mass
MONDAY 12/26 *Stephen, first martyr*
9:00 Former parishioners, living & deceased
5:30 **NO** Mass
TUESDAY 12/27 *John, apostle and evangelist*
9:00 **ETHELYNN SWANN**
5:30 Our godparents
WEDNESDAY 12/28 *Holy Innocents*
9:00 Children of our parish
5:30 **HERMAN & MARGARET BAECHLE** (living)
THURSDAY 12/29 *Thomas Beckett, martyr*
9:00 Elderly of our parish
5:30 **JAMES QUINN**
FRIDAY 12/30 ***Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***
9:00 **EVA & AUGIE GUADI**
5:**30** Our Parents
SATURDAY 12/31 *Sylvester, pope*
9:00 Our grandparents

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"God became like *us* so that we could become like *God.*"
Saint Athanasius

Happy, Holy Christmas! We wish your families man blessings as you celebrate *His birth in the Flesh. It's* life affirming because He loves us unconditionally. That's really what Christmas is about! Enjoy!

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The Christmas Season

For Catholics, Christmas continues to burst forth for two more weeks with celebrations, marking the Savior's appearance:

Holy Family Feast Day	(Fri) **Dec 27th,**
Mary the Mother of God	(Sun) **Jan 1st,**
The Epiphany	(Sun) **Jan 8th,**
The Baptism of the Lord	(Mon) **Jan 9th.**

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Mondays, Dec 26th AND January 2nd
Federal Holidays

As is out custom, on Mondays, December 26th and January 2nd, the rectory office will be CLOSED and the 5:30 Mass will NOT be celebrated.

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Please, Read Our Sunday Bulletin!

We try to inform you about parish events and other helps to living a good Christian life week by week. Inform other parishioners when questions arise. **Our parish Bulletin can also be accessed online at our parish website**: **HTCNY.ORG**.

For the Poor at Our Door

If you have some spare cash, drop it into one of our bronze, parish POOR BOXES, embedded at either end of the REAR WALL of our church.

This helps us feed the poor at the Parish Daily *Breakfast Line* and Parish Monthly *Food Pantry*. Thank you very much!

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

SUNDAY
Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day
MONDAY
NO Rosary
TUESDAY
Rosary – Church – 5:10 PM
NO **R.C.I.A**
WEDNESDAY
Rosary – Church – 5:10 PM
THURSDAY
Rosary – Church – 5:10 PM
FRIDAY
Rosary – Church – 5:10 PM
SATURDAY
Eucharistic Adoration – Church – following 5:30 Mass

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Don't Have a Resolution for 2023 Yet?
Take a look at this provocative quote and smile!

"**The Christian IDEAL** has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried."

Gilbert K. Chesterton (1874 -1936)

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R.C.I.A.
Christian Initiation

We three do **NOT** meet on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. We resume on **Tuesday, Jan. 3rd.** Merry Christmas!

Sophia, *ChurchMouse*

Reporting unseen works of faith, hope and charity to uplift you.

"To **become a child** in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become 'children of God' we must be 'born from above' or 'born of God.' **Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us."**

Catechism of the Catholic Church #525-526

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CHRISTMASTIME

The psalmist instructs all creation to rejoice – the sky and the land, the sea and the plains, even the trees – because God is coming to rule the world with justice. Likewise, the prophet Isaiah proclaims that the son to be born is cause for rejoicing because he upholds and sustains justice. People who have been burdened will stand up straight; those who walked in darkness will emerge into the light. In graphic images, Isaiah describes the end of war when the child is born: muddy boots and blood-soaked cloaks will be burned, making warmth and light out of the weapons of violence.

The Prince of Peace will rule from David's throne. The evangelist Luke, in his account of the birth of Mary's son, reminds us three times that he was born in the city of David. When the promised Savior is born, shepherds and angels – the land and the sky, earth and heaven – rejoice together.

For the people who first heard Isaiah's proclamation, it was a promise that territory seized by the violent Assyrian empire would be liberated and peace restored to Israel. The birth of Jesus brings about a deeper peace: the reconciliation of humanity and God, of earth and heaven. It indicates a justice that rights all wrongs and offers mercy even to those who crucified God's own Son.

As we celebrate this first advent (the first coming), Titus reminds us that we await a second advent (the second coming), when our God and savior Jesus Christ will appear in glory and God's eternal reign of peace will be ushered in at last. – At Home with the Word

Regalo de Dios

Don para Israel, don para el mundo. Nada hay más extraordinario que el hecho de que Dios haya querido ser don para el hombre. No se trata de darle cosas, objetos materiales. Eso ya sería grande, pero se queda chico ante la maravilla de un Dios, don de sí mismo. En la historia de las relaciones de Dios con el hombre, primeramente es un don que se encarna bajo la forma de sabiduría. Con el paso de los siglos, al llegar el momento culminante de toda la historia, se verifica un cambio singular: Dios no se da sólo como don espiritual (sabiduría), sino personal (encarnación del Verbo, de la Palabra de Dios). Ningún signo de admiración es capaz de expresar este don excepcional. Que Dios rasgue el misterio de su trascendencia, entre en la historia y se nos dé en una creatura humana recién nacida, ¿quién lo podrá comprender? (Evangelio). No bastará la eternidad para sorprendernos ante este gran misterio. No es una "necesidad" de Dios; no se siente obligado por nadie; no le perfecciona en su divinidad. Sólo el amor lo explica, el amor que es difusivo y generoso. Además no sólo es un don personal, es también un don universal, mundial. "Luz para todas las naciones". Mientras exista la historia, Dios será un don para todos, sin distinción alguna. Los hombres podrán decir: "No lo quiero", "No lo necesito", pero jamás podrán pronunciar con sus labios: "Estoy excluido", "No es para mí". Jesucristo es el don del Padre para toda la humanidad.

Un don en plenitud. Son hermosas las imágenes que utiliza el Sirácida para comunicarnos esa plenitud: la sabiduría, recurriendo a imágenes vegetales, dice de sí misma que es como un cedro del Líbano, como palmera de Engadí, como un rosal de Jericó o un frondoso terebinto... El evangelio es más sobrio en imágenes, pero más rico en significado. Habla de la "gloria del Hijo único del Padre, LLENO de gracia y de verdad" y, poco después, "de su PLENITUD todos hemos recibido gracia sobre gracia".