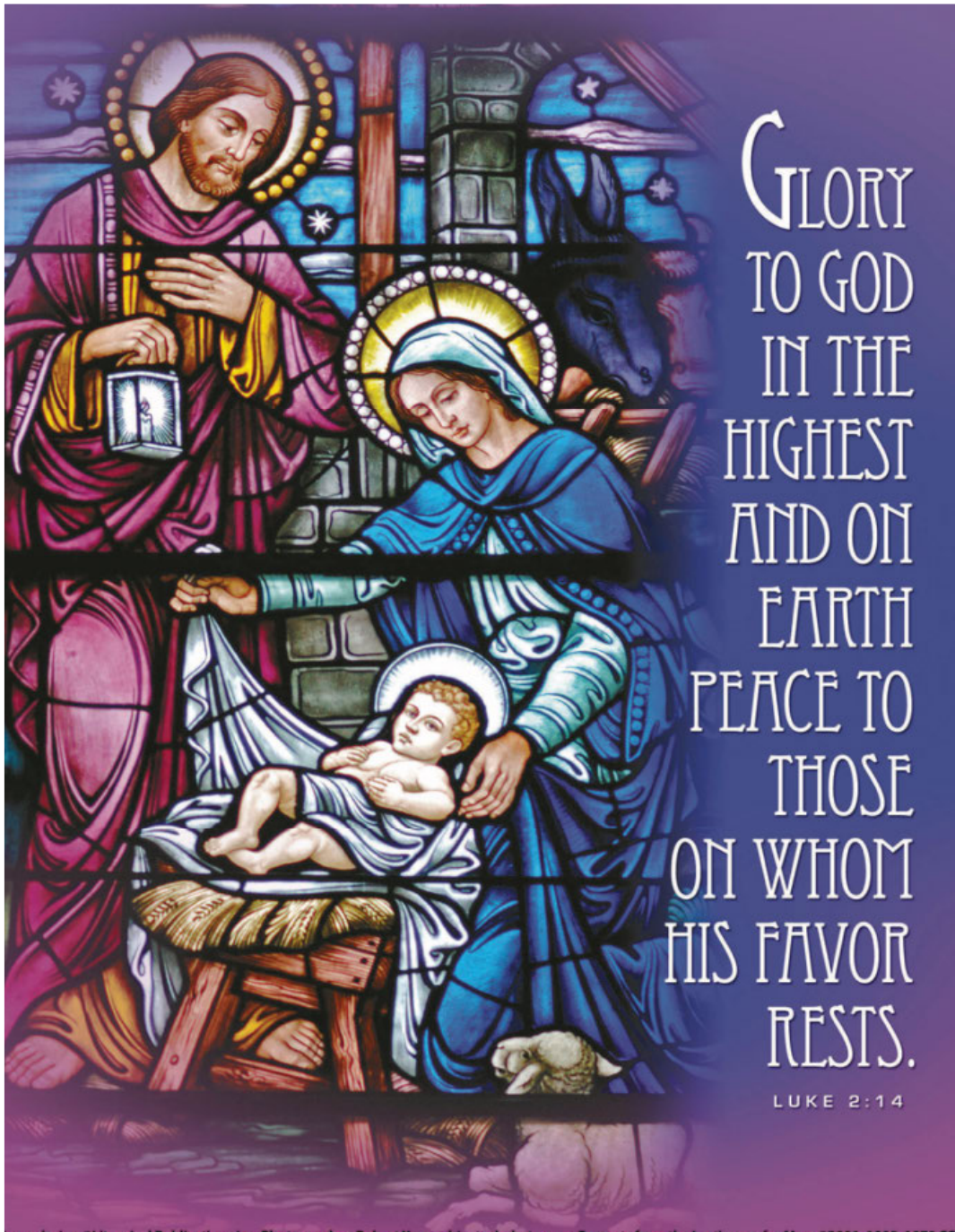


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The Nativity of Our Lord December 25, 2022

Mass, Prayer & Sacraments

MASS

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM
Saturday (Anticipation) 4:15 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - Noon

ROSARY

Thursday 7:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Thursday after 8 AM Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Fridays of the month beginning after the 8:00 AM Mass with Reposition at Noon.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 3:30 - 4:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is seriously ill due to sickness or old age may be anointed. Please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to have your child baptized.

ADULT BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult interested in becoming Catholic, or are an adult baptized Catholic but not confirmed, please contact Deacon Mike.

MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office at least six months prior to the marriage.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, December 26

No Liturgical Service

St. Stephen, First Martyr

Tuesday, December 27

8:00 AM

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

+ Barbara Koebel

Wednesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 AM

For the family of baby Jaxon Taylor Rosbeck

Thursday, December 29

8:00 AM

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

+ Elizabeth Matejka

Friday, December 30

8:00 AM

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

+ John Schlosser

Saturday, December 31

4:15 PM

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - Vigil

+ Ben and Rose Fechter

Sunday, January 1

8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

+ Francis and Marie Falkner
For the people of Holy Trinity

Liturgical Schedules

Saturday, December 31

Altar Server
Lector
Ushers

4:15 PM

Ed Spaeth
Mary Zajdel
Walt Grotelueschen, Hank Bell,
and volunteer

Sunday, January 1

Altar Server
Lector
Ushers

8:00 AM

Carol Altschwager
Nancy Wagner
Kathy Wilger and volunteers

Sunday, January 1

Altar Server
Lector
Ushers

10:30 AM

Tom Johnson
Marilyn Stys
Kenny Albinger, Dave
VandeBoom and volunteer





Scripture Readings for the week of December 25

Sunday	Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Monday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2 ©LPi

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

How can I reflect God's good news of great joy in the way I treat others?

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.



Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas!

Nativity of the Lord: Christmas Introduction to the Liturgy of the Day

With great longing, we have been preparing our hearts and our homes for this day on which we celebrate the birth of our Messiah and Savior. We recall that glorious night when the Blessed Mother bore Jesus into an expectant world, realizing that Jesus is also born in our hearts and in our world here and now, made present through one another and in the Eucharist we celebrate. May this “good news of great joy that will be for all the people” continue to be incarnated in our lives and our world.

Pastoral Ponderings Winter 2022-2023

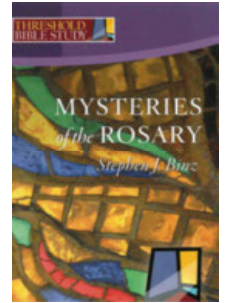
LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be. ©LPi

ATTENTION LECTORS & SERVERS

The current schedule runs through the month of January. If you have any dates you are unavailable to serve in your ministry the months of February through July 2023 please email them to holytrinitynewburgoffice@gmail.com by Monday, January 9. Please include your name, Mass time you Serve/Lector at and your contact phone number. If you have any questions please call Katie at 262-675-6256.

Join us for a Threshold Bible Study, Mysteries of the Rosary written by Stephen Binz and facilitated by Terri Schiller. This study explores the biblical roots of each of the mysteries of the rosary and the meditative tradition of this popular prayer. Enhance your reflection on the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries by understanding their biblical underpinnings.



The scripture study will be held **Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 8:00 PM** January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7, 2023, and **Wednesday mornings 9:00 – 10:30 AM** January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 1, and 8, 2023 at Holy Trinity Parish Office. Choose the day and time that works for you. To register sign up on the sheet in the back of Church or call Katie at 262-675-6256.

This bible study is open to everyone, those who have never been to a study and those who are more experienced. We will all learn together. Books will be distributed at the first class at no cost to you.



Thank you for your continued support of Holy Trinity Parish. Your gifts of financial stewardship are *truly appreciated!*

Your donations may be dropped in the collection basket, secured locked box or mailed to the Parish Office.

To donate online go to: holytrinitynewburg.org/give.

Welcome

Whether you are visiting us today, have been a member for a few months or many years...*Welcome!* We are happy you have joined us to worship our Lord today through prayer, song, and community!

If you are new to the area and would like to know more about our parish, or have been celebrating Mass with us for a while and would now like to officially make Holy Trinity your parish family, please contact the Parish Office. *We look forward to talking to you!*

Everyday Stewardship Recognize God in our Everyday Moments

Being the Sign

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ — or, at least, they think they have.

To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it.

Our baptism compels us to do the same — to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either “I already know about Jesus, thanks,” or “I’ve heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I’m really not interested in hearing more.”

Because in the end, our very lives are how we “announce his salvation” in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us.

How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign: “You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.”

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It’s our job to show them.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

2022 End-of-the-Year Contributions

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish. Without your support Holy Trinity and its ministries could not exist. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Please remember that, per IRS regulations, charitable contributions must be applied to the year they were received or postmarked. Any contributions received or postmarked on or before December 31, 2022 is a 2022 donation.

Any contribution received or postmarked on or after January 1, 2023 will be applied to your 2023 stewardship.

Contribution statements will be mailed out in mid-late January.

If you are mailing in your end-of-the-year donations, please be aware of possible mail delays due to the holidays and allow ample time for your donation to reach us before December 31 *Thank you.*



The Human Concerns Group would like to say Thank You to the very generous response to our Giving Tree in church to benefit the Gingerbread House. To say the least, we were just in awe at all we collected: gifts, gift cards and donations of money. I wish we could see the joy on the faces of the families we helped on Christmas morning. That surely is what Christmas is all about, giving to those in need and we did just that. Thank You again one and all. The end of this message is from a Gingerbread House o-worker and it reads like this:

Please know that the support of Holy Trinity Parish is deeply appreciated by the Gingerbread House Program and the families we serve! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!

- Holy Trinity Human Concerns Committee

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