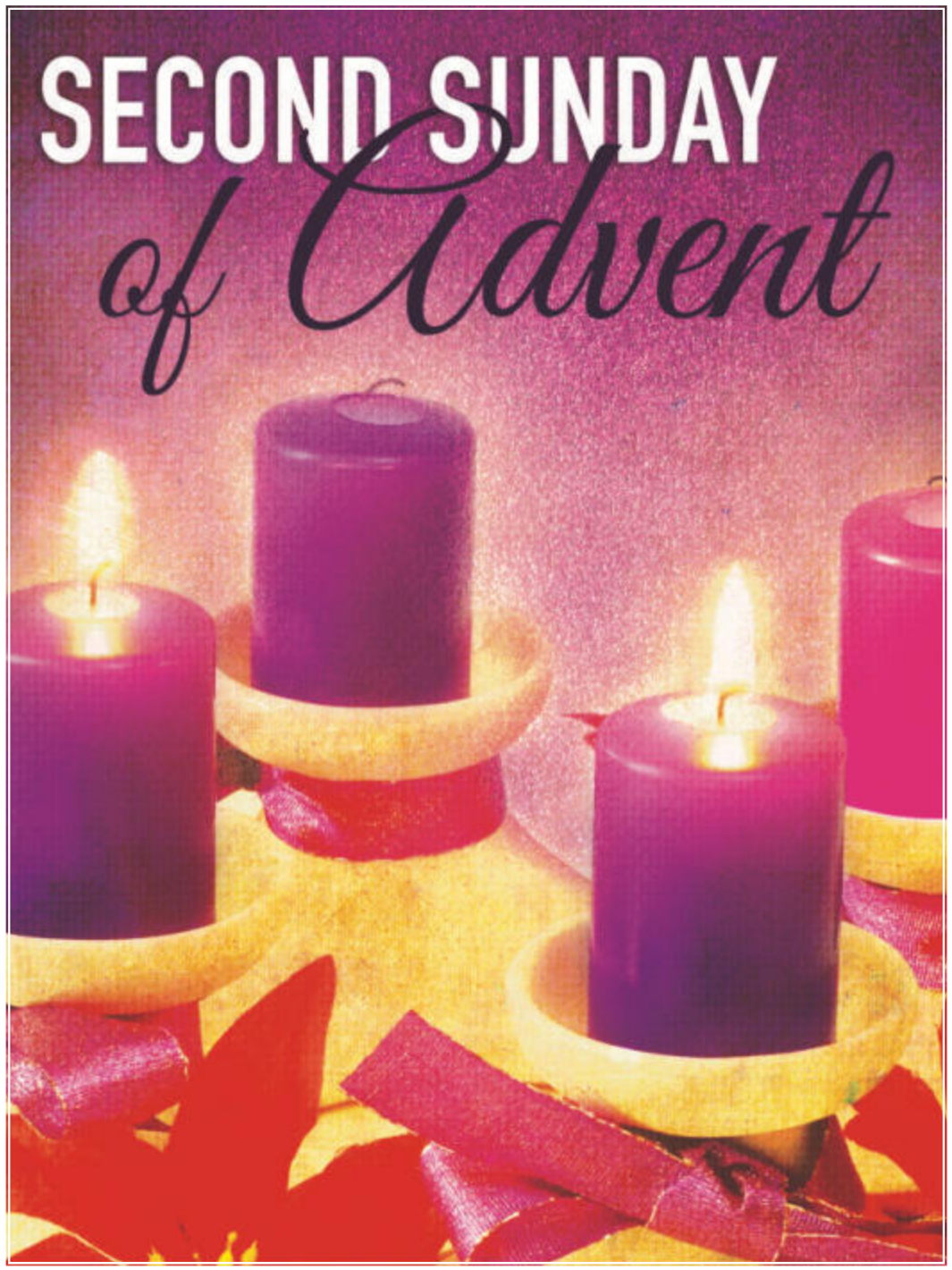
Holy Trinity

A Parish Community in the Fall River Diocese

Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020



Holy Trinity Church
246 Main Street (Rte. 28), West Harwich, MA

Our Lady of the Annunciation Summer Chapel
187 Upper County Road, Dennis Port, MA

Holy Trinity ~ 246 Main Street (Rte. 28), West Harwich
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00PM
Sunday Masses: 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~11:00AM
Daily Mass: 9:00 AM, Monday-Friday
Liturgy of the Hours: Morning Prayer 8:35AM, Mon-Fri
Rosary: After the 9AM Mass, Mon-Fri

Our Lady of the Annunciation Summer Chapel
187 Upper County Road, Dennis Port, MA

Our Lady of Life
Adoration Chapel
Located behind Holy Trinity Church
Open daily from 8AM to 4PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3PM

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Marc P. Tremblay, *Pastor*
Deacon Ralph F. Cox
Deacon Christian De Vos
Deacon John W. Foley
Mrs. Betsy Casey, *Religious Education Coordinator*
Mrs. Linda Mattson, *Administrative Assistant*
Mr. Steven Grubiak, *Director of Music*
Mrs. Barbara McCarthy, *Parish Secretary*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Mass Schedule: 508-432-0650
Rectory Office: 508-432-4000 ◆ FAX: 508-432-3494
Religious Education Office: 508-432-2898
St. Vincent DePaul Society: 508-432-0650, Menu Option #4
Thrift Shop: 508-432-7625
Email: htchurch@comcast.net
Holy Trinity Cemetery: Rectory Office 508-432-4000
Holy Trinity Website: www.holytrinitycapecod.org
Memorial Wall: Tom Peterson 508-432-1220 or www.htmw.org

Mailing Address: P. O. Box 428, West Harwich, MA 02671

MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY TRINITY

Saturday..... Dec. 5 .....4:00 PM..... John Baylor & Katherine & Patrick
Sunday ..... Dec. 6 .... 7:30 AM..... People of the Parish
Sunday ..... Dec. 6 .... 9:00 AM..... William & Marilyn Keenan
Sunday ..... Dec. 6 .. 11:00 AM..... Thomas Fitzgerald
Monday..... Dec. 7 .... 9:00 AM..... Ints. of Marion Mara

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Vigil on Monday, December 7, at 4PM
Masses on Tuesday, December 8, at 9AM and 5PM

Wednesday ... Dec. 9 .... 9:00 AM..... Julia Speakman
Thursday..... Dec. 10 .... 9:00 AM..... Fr. Justin James Quinn
Friday..... Dec. 11 .... 9:00 AM..... Jeanne McKenna
Saturday..... Dec. 12 .....4:00 PM..... Frank Barrows
Sunday ..... Dec. 13 .... 7:30 AM..... People of the Parish
Sunday ..... Dec. 13 .... 9:00 AM..... G. Kathleen Schofield
Sunday ..... Dec. 13 .. 11:00 AM..... Elizabeth Hurley

SECOND COLLECTION
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HOLY TRINITY PARISH
ONLINE WEEKEND & DAILY MASS

Go to our website:
https://holytrinitycapecod.org/ and click on **MASS** at the top of the page.

All Masses are broadcast live.
Archived Masses are also available.

After viewing the Mass online, those of you who would like to receive the Eucharist, please come to the church hall at 12 Noon for a short prayer service and to receive Communion

Thank you to everyone who is supporting the parish during this difficult time!

If you cannot attend Mass, please make the donations that you would normally make when you attend Mass. You can send a check to P. O. Box 428, West Harwich, MA 02671.

To give electronically, please go to
holytrinitycapecod.org
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You will get a confirmation email and your donation will be recorded in our system. If you have any questions, please contact 774-203-9480 or support@gabrielsoft.com. ***Thank you!***

Collection for November 21/22—$6,954
Campaign for Human development—$1,119
Collection for November 28/29—$5,397

Holy Trinity Parish Mission Statement
Guided by the Holy Spirit, strengthened by Word and Sacrament and instructed by the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, Holy Trinity Parish is a community of Disciples of Jesus Christ called to bear witness to His presence among us and to continue our Lord's proclamation of the coming of the reign of God.

PARISH INFORMATION

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation Saturday 2:30 to 3:30 PM, and by appointment.

Baptism Baptisms are scheduled the first and third Sunday of each month. Pre-sacramental instruction is required. Please contact the parish office at 508-432-4000 to make arrangements.

First Eucharist Two-year preparation required for children. Must be at second grade level or beyond to receive.

Confirmation Two-year preparation required for young people. Must be at least at 9th grade level to receive. Other arrangements available for adults.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Please contact the parish office at 508-432-4000.

Marriage Couples planning to enter marriage should contact the rectory no less than six months in advance of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick Communal and individual celebrations of this sacrament of healing are available to those struggling with serious or chronic illness or infirmity. Parishioners preparing for surgery may request the Sacrament of Anointing prior to admission to the hospital.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Homebound Communion visits to ill or infirm parishioners at home or in skilled nursing facilities may be arranged by calling Joan Ryan at 508-432-3710.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religious Education Office Betsy Casey, Coordinator, 508-432-2898.

St. Therese of Lisieux Library, Parish Center Currently closed.

APOSTOLATES AND MINISTRIES

Adorers of the Eucharist Please give an hour of your week to this apostolate of prayer in honor of Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. 508-432-4000.

Altar Angels Volunteers who clean the sacred vessels. Contact the office, 508-432-4000.

Altar Servers—Students Contact Betsy Casey, 920-912-3602 .

Altar Servers—Adults Contact the office, 508-432-4000.

Catechists Those who are willing to help to pass on the faith to another generation may contact Betsy Casey, 920-912-3602.

Celebrate Life Committee For information, please call the parish office at 508-432-4000.

Adult Choir Rehearsals are held each Thursday 6:30 to 8:30PM in church. For information contact Steve Grubiak 508-385-2396.

Holy Trinity Youth Chorus, Grades 2-9 Rehearsals are conducted every Sunday in the church hall from 8:20 to 8:45AM for participation in the Sunday 9AM Family Mass each week during the school year. Contact Mrs. Paige at 508-364-2811 or by email at capecodpaiges@comcast.net.

Liturgical Ministers Those who would like to serve as Ushers, Collectors, Lectors, Cantors, Acolytes, or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist should inquire at the Parish office to learn of requirements and training.

Prayer Chain Many voices raised in Prayer for the same need. Call Pearl, 508-432-7540 or Lynne, 508-432-6958.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Knitters and crocheters meet Mondays at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. Call E.J. at 508-394-9942 for information. Suspended until further notice.

Rosary The Rosary is prayed after the 9AM Mass Monday through Saturday in the side chapel.

Vincentians An apostolate that seeks to meet the material as well as the spiritual needs of those who struggle to make ends meet. (Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2PM in the Parish Center. Meetings are currently suspended.) Please call 508-432-0650, menu option No. 4, and leave a message to receive further information.

ORGANIZATIONS

Knights of Columbus Council 7312 Meets monthly every 2nd Tuesday in the Parish Center at 7:00PM. Meetings are currently suspended. Membership Information: contact Roger Ellis, 508-258-8566.

FUND RAISING

Bingo Cancelled until further notice.

Thrift Shop Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11AM to 3PM. Located in the Parish Center. ***Closed during the month of February.***

HELP

Al-Anon Mondays 7:15PM in the Parish Center. Currently suspended.

St. Vincent De Paul Society Emergency assistance to the needy call 508-432-0650, menu option No. 4.

Auto External Defibrillator in handicapped entrance of church.

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Thursday, 9AM-Noon and 1-3:30PM
Friday 9AM to Noon

Bulletin Notices
Due at the parish office by e-mail (preferred) or in writing by 10 AM on Monday.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

ST. VINCENT de PAUL ADVENT MARY TREE PROGRAM

Vincentians will be in the church hall during this Advent Season to accept monetary donations in any amount to honor or remember family or friends with a STAR to be hung on the **Advent Mary Tree** located on the right side of the sanctuary. Please stop and make a donation that you can gift to others and at the same time help the poor in our area with basic needs. For those who have not returned to church for Mass, you may request a star to be hung on the tree by sending your name, the name you want on the STAR and a donation of any amount to SVdP, P.O. Box 682, W. Harwich, MA 02671. All donations received will be MATCHED through the generosity of a parishioner. IN OTHER WORDS, YOUR DONATION WILL BE DOUBLED! Won't you reach out and show you care? Help-Line (508) 432-0650, option #4.

Thrift Shop Closing for Month of December—As concerns about the surge in Covid-19 cases increase, it is important to protect our Holy Thrift Shop volunteers from potential exposure to the virus. To do this the Thrift Shop will be closed for the month of December. Closing the shop has not been an easy decision. We know how much you enjoy visiting the shop and appreciate your loyalty. We also know the many rewards our volunteers experience interacting with customers and each other.

Please do not leave any donations outside the shop. Volunteers will not be in to process them.

We wish you a healthy, happy, and holy Christmas season and will see you in the new year!

Oberammergau, Germany & Italy—September 28 to October 8, 2022—With spiritual directors:
Fr. Marcel Bouchard, and Fr. George Bellenoit.

The Passion Play in Oberammergau was scheduled for 2020, but because of the COVID pandemic, it has been rescheduled for 2022, so you didn't miss the opportunity to be part of this spiritual experience that only occurs every 10 years.

In addition to the Passion Play and a quick visit to the Munich area, we will fly from Munich to Rome, Italy and visit sites in Assisi and Rome. We will be in Assisi for the Feast of St. Francis, and enjoy the beautiful fall weather in Italy.

For more information, to request a brochure, or make a reservation, please contact Randy Pinto at 321-987-8173, randypinto1@gmail.com, or go online at http://bit.ly/PintoOGauItaly.

ADORATION CHAPEL FUND

The Fund, which was begun only two years ago with no money in it, **now has grown to over $153,000**, thanks to the generosity of many parishioners and visitors to the Chapel. ***Thank you!***

Our immediate goal is $200,000, but, in order for the Fund's proceeds to fully cover the annual maintenance, the ultimate objective is to have $600,000 in the Fund.

You also have the opportunity to make memorial donations. The name of the person you wish to honor or memorialize will be engraved on a leaf of the Giving Tree in the Chapel, at the following levels of giving:

Bronze $1,000 ~ Silver $3,000
Gold $5,000 ~ Acorn $10,000

Please consider a donation of any amount to the Adoration Chapel Fund as a way to help your parish preserve the beauty of the Chapel.

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If you're interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Knights of Columbus Council 7312 is conducting a membership drive.

For more information, contact Craig Gabri at gabstan@comcast.net or 774-559-3197.

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary—the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Masses for the Solemnity are Monday, December 7, at 4PM and Tuesday, December 8, at 9AM and 5PM.

Christmas Flower Envelopes

We will publish a Dedication/ Memorial Christmas Flower folder in the December 20th bulletin. If you do not receive a flower envelope with your monthly envelopes, there are extras available at the church doors. Please be sure to print the names clearly.

The deadline for names to be included in the folder is Thursday, December 10.

The schedule for Christmas is below. Please note that a *third* Mass has been added on Christmas Eve at 2PM. By having six Masses, we hope to avoid over-crowding at any one Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday, December 21st—5:00-6:30PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES
(All at Holy Trinity)
December 24th ~ Christmas Eve
2:00PM Vigil Mass
4:00PM Vigil Mass
6:00PM Mass during the Night
December 25th ~ Christmas Day
7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
MASSES (All at Holy Trinity)
December 31st ~ New Year's Eve
4:00PM Vigil Mass
January 1st ~ New Year's Day
9:00AM ~ 11:00AM

Although a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is still in effect, Bishop da Cunha wanted to make Mass available for those who would like to attend and receive Communion. However, the State of Massachusetts and the Diocese of Fall River have issued guidelines to be followed for the opening of churches. Please understand these are mandates, and we ask for your cooperation and patience.

HERE'S WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ATTEND MASS

- Everyone must wear a mask that covers the nose and the mouth. The only exceptions are children under 2 and persons who have a medical reason for not wearing a mask. Putting a mask on children ages 2 to 6 will be at the parents' discretion.
- Everyone will enter by only one door—the handicapped entrance on the Damien Hall side of the church.
- One of the regulations is that the church can only be filled up to 40% of its capacity. So, when you enter the church, a person will be there with a counter. ***Unfortunately, once that capacity is reached, anyone arriving after will be asked to attend another Mass.***
- Inside the church the pews where you can sit are marked, as are the actual seats in the pews. You will be ushered to your seat.
- You must keep the mask on during and after Mass until you are outside again, obviously remembering social distancing.
- Only the cantor will sing the responses and hymns. Please do not sing.
- Of course, the Eucharist can only be received in the hand. The method to receive the Host is: pull down your mask and receive the Host in your hand, then step to the side to consume the Host and replace your mask.
- Communion will be distributed at the regular time, followed by the closing prayer and the final blessing. After you have received Communion, you may either leave immediately or go back to your seat and leave after the final blessing.

We're sorry for how different attending Mass is, but we have no choice. We are grateful, though, that we can worship together again—even under strange circumstances—and receive the Eucharist!

Second Sunday of Advent
by The Faithful Disciple

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: For kids, the weeks before Christmas seem to drag on forever; for many adults, they zip by way too fast ("Second week of Advent, already? Oh my!"). Fortunately for us, God is outside of time—he does not experience the temporal moments as we do. "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day," Peter writes. "The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard 'delay,' but he is patient with you." Just as we have the Advent season to prepare to celebrate Christ's birth, God gives us ample time to repent of our sins and grow in "holiness and devotion" as we prepare for his Second Coming. During this rich liturgical season of Advent, let us help prepare the way of the Lord through our words and actions.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Preparation. Preparedness. We use these words in Advent to mark our patient waiting for Jesus to come into our world. But while we are waiting, it is fitting to remember Peter's question in the second reading: "What sort of persons ought you to be?" That is not simply an Advent question. And the answer is relevant to all days and times of life: Conduct yourselves with "holiness and devotion." Right living and loving God and neighbor never go out of style. They are the answer to everything. Make wise choices. And, like John the Baptist, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." And perhaps one day, we can be transformed into the people God created us to be.

WITNESS: Today's psalmist prays: "Lord, let us see your kindness." This Advent, be conscientious about your everyday interactions with the people around you, making God's kindness visible and known to them.

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