

How much do we know about other Christmas traditions?



American people usually prepare themselves for the coming holidays doing different activities. Families go to find the right tree and put all the ornaments on it; moms prepare cookies and delicious food for the family and friends; dads put up all the Christmas lights, the Nativity scene, Santa, the snowman... people start to sing Christmas carols, and watch Christmas movies. This is something I have seen throughout the 15 years that I have been living in the United States. But, what do you know about other Christmas traditions?

Probably you can talk about "Las Posadas," which is a novenario (an extended devotional prayer). It is celebrated chiefly in Latin America, Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba, Spain, and by Hispanics in the United States. It is typically celebrated each year between December 16 and December 24. Latin American countries have continued to celebrate the holiday, with very few changes to the tradition (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Las_Posadas). People gather together waiting for the coming of the Lord, and share as one family delicious food, just as "tamales," "horchata," chocolate, or other candies.

You can also talk about "Las Parrandas," which are celebrated in Puerto Rico during Christmas season. "A parranda (English: party or spree) is a Puerto Rican music tradition that takes place in Puerto Rico during the Christmas holiday season. Parrandas are social events that feature traditional Puerto Rican music, food, and drinks. They are associated with pride for the customs of the traditional Puerto Rican jíbaro. The traditional events have been likened to Christmas caroling, but the contents of the songs are secular rather than religious. They are sometimes carried out in the evening, but most traditionally occur in the night, even into the wee hours of the morning. The songs sung are almost exclusively aguinaldos (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parranda).





In my home country Colombia, we celebrate this beautiful season with music, food, and dancing as well. Also, we celebrate this season with faith, praying that baby Jesus comes to our hearts and transform each one of us. We start Christmas season on December 7th, the evening before the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. That day, Colombians light the candles in honor to our Mother. This night is called "La Noche de las Velitas" (The Night of the Little Candles). Also that night, we light the Christmas lights

and eat the traditional Colombian Christmas Dessert: Natilla y Buñuelo. I have done the Night of the Little Candles and shared this dessert with you. On December 16th, Colombians start to pray the Christmas Novena. We pray during nine days, asking the Lord to come soon to our lives. We finish this novena on December 24th. That night Colombians make a huge party: music, drinks, food, and of course the gifts. At midnight on December 25th, all people start to look at what the baby Jesus brought. By the way, Santa does not go to Colombia, but Baby Jesus. Why? I guess Santa is very busy in America. The party continues all night long until the evening of December 25th. People continues to have fun even after Christmas day, because the New Year's Eve celebration is very similar to Christmas Eve. More dancing, more food, more drinks, more fun is around to receive the New Year. People after the traditional "Feliz Año Nuevo" (Happy New Year) continue dancing and having the rest of the day, and sometimes until January 6th, the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

I do not know how many of you knew my Colombian tradition, but I wanted to share with you. However, it does not matter how we celebrate Christmas. The most important thing is to celebrate Christmas with faith and prayer, and wishing that the Lord Jesus comes to our hearts.

Remember, The parish that we dream is the parish that I help to build. God bless you, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary be with you always!

Fr. George

<u>PASTORAL EMERGENCIES</u>: If you have a pastoral emergency after office hours; please call (315) 604-8070.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Saturday (vigil) 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS TIMES: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Call Tricia Kull, Faith Formation Coordinator at 265-4750.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment with a priest. **No Tuesday Confessions during the summer months (July –September).**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least six months in advance through the Parish Office. Preparation includes meetings with the pastor, Pre-Cana and the Fully Engaged inventory.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

HOSPITAL VISITS: Please call the Parish Office in advance, if possible.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thursday - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION: See our website or contact Tricia Kull for more information at (585) 265-4750 or <u>Tricia.Kull@dor.org</u>

- Religious Education Classes offered for Grades 1-7 in our Sunday Program or Family Program.
- Sacrament Preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion (two-year program) for Grades 2 and over.
- Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays (October -June) during our 10:30am Mass for Grades Pre-K - 3.

YOUTH MINISTRY - See our website or contact Michelle Schultheis for more information at (585)265-4750x328 or michelle.schultheis@dor.org

- Confirmation Preparation (two-year program) for Youth in Grades 8 and over.
- OCIC to prepare children ages 7-17 to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism.
- Children, Youth, and Family opportunities to gather in fellowship throughout the year. Watch our monthly newsletter for more information.

Holy Trinity Ministry Corner

As daily Mass (Monday - Friday) has changed to 8:30 am, please note the **NEW** start times for the following Holy Trinity Ministries:

St. Monica Ministry: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. (after 8:30 daily Mass) in Church.

<u>Legion of Mary</u>: Every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the Marion Room.

Rosary: Every Friday at 8:00 a.m. in Church.

<u>Thursday Morning Bible Study</u>: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (check weekly bulletin to confirm dates/room location)

Contact the parish office with any questions at 585-265-1616



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of Michael Gaglio, req. by Pat & Jimmy Gaglio.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Dawn Schreiber, req. by Pam & Denny.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Jason Grizzanto, req. by Mary & Joe DiCicco.

If you would like a candle lit in memory of a loved one or for special intentions, please call the parish office.

A REMINDER: If you need a devotional candle lit immediately for a loved one, a special occasion, or special intentions, you are invited to light the small votives that are on the side altars of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. They will burn for about 4-5 hours.



Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead

John Perez; James Ernstberger and those who mourn for them.

Legion of Mary

Please note that the Legion of Mary will not meet on December 17, December 24 or December 31st. They will resume on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. (after the 8:30 daily Mass).

CONFESSIONS CANCELLED

Please note that confessions will be **cancelled on Tuesday, December 17th** as there will be the Day of Penance offered on Thursday, December 19th. Please see the schedule below:

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

To Our Liturgical Ministers:

The gift of your service is especially needed and appreciated during this



season when Holy Trinity welcomes guests, some of whom may be looking to reconnect with the church. Please help us provide a warm and joyful celebration of Advent and Christ's birth by signing up to serve on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Open positions are listed on your homepage in the ministry software. Thank you for blessing our parish with your service!



We welcome our newest members of Holy Trinity

November 2024

Presley Trisha Harris

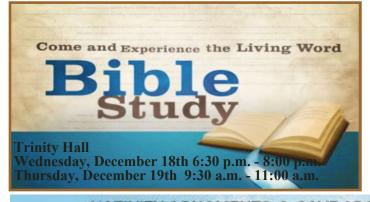


Advent Music Celebration & Children's Christmas Pageant

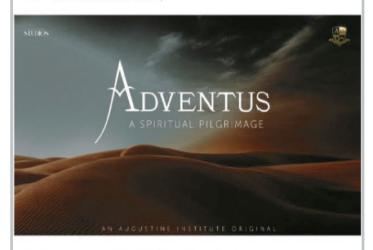
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3:00 pm Music Celebration 3:45 pm Children's Pageant 4:00 pm Reception with Special Guests!

Come celebrate the Advent season with Holy Trinity on Dec 15!







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Weekday activities at Holy Trinity and Bad Weather



If Webster Central Schools are closed during the week due to bad weather, Holy Trinity will be closed as well. This will include daily Mass, the offices and any other scheduled activities at our campus.

Please watch for the school closings on the local news stations. If weekend Masses or activities are cancelled that will be communicated via our website.

NATIVITY ORNAMENTS & SAVE AROUND ROCHESTER COUPON BOOKS

The Parish Office is once again selling Christmas ornaments and coupon books to support the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital Port-au-Prince in Haiti.

This year's ornaments are 3D printed nativity scenes, crafted by the students at St. Michael's Woodshop. St. Michael's Woodshop teaches Rochester city teenagers marketable skills including woodworking and 3D printing. The ornaments are beautifully packaged and cost \$7 each or 3 for \$18.

Save Around Rochester Books are \$25.

Payment can be made by cash or check. Please make checks payable to:

St. Louis Church, with Haiti ornaments or Haiti books in the memo line.

Stop by the Parish Office weekdays between 9:00am - Noon to purchase ornaments or coupon books now through December 20th.

Thank you for helping us support the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, Port-au-Prince - Haiti's only state-of-the-art pediatric hospital free to the indigent.

Stewardship by the Book

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

NOW HIRING:

Full Time Administrative Assistant (35 hours/week)

We are seeking an energetic, self-motivated individual with well-developed communication skills, to work both alone and collaboratively with parish staff and volunteers.

Skills required: Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (especially Word, Excel, Publisher). Must be comfortable with utilizing technology and online database systems.

To apply for this job, **email a resume and cover letter to** <u>Helen.Sleeman@dor.org</u>

For the full posting, visit: https://www.dor.org/employment/

We are so sad to see Natalie Peek being called to a different place in her life. At the same time, so happy to have spent the 1 1/2 years with her running our main office. All our best and prayers to you, Natalie!



November 2024 Totals

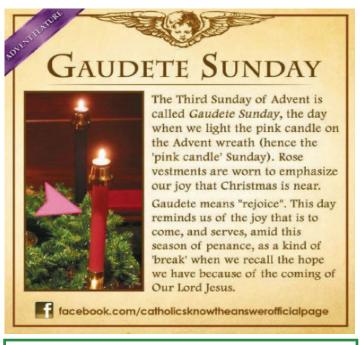
Blessings to all who donated through the mail, on line and dropping off at the Parish Office. We continue to strive to maintain our goals for the month. Holy Trinity is grateful for your continued support.

GOAL:	68,120.00
OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:	46,327.11
LOOSE COLLECTION:	3,910.75
HOLIDAY:	2,672.00
CHILDREN'S OFFERING:	74.58
ONLINE GIVING:	25,254.50
VARIANCE:	10,118.94

Total Attendance for November 30/December 1: 1025

Thank you to all that have contributed to our STAR program!

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It is easy to make your financial contribution to Holy
Trinity Church by automatic withdrawal directly from
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Family Christmas Tree



Father George is inviting all parishioners to decorate our Family Christmas Tree. Please bring a labeled Christmas ornament that is significant to your family to decorate the tree. Ornaments that were left from last year will be hung the first week of December.

You can collect them after the Epiphany of the Lord in January or leave it at the parish for next year.

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Christmas Flower Fund

If you wish to make a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund, you may do so by either calling the Parish Office or placing your intention and donation in an envelope in the Church collection basket.

Your donation to this fund will be appreciated.



We thank those who have given generously to the CMA. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways.

Join our appeal and give back what you can, so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

If you wish to give to the CMA, there are envelopes at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.

GOAL: \$192,000.00 TOTAL TO DATE: \$132,053.22 DONORS: 362

% TO GOAL: 68.78% (as of December 9th)

Mass Intentions: December 14 - December 22, 2024

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

Saturday - December 14, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

SUNDAY - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 15, 2024

8:30 a.m. . † James Rank, req. by Jim & Nancy Rank 10:30 a.m. Family members of William & Margaret Bowles, living and deceased

Monday - Advent Weekday December 16, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Philip Maenza, req. by wife, Mary Ann

Tuesday - Late Advent Weekday

December 17, 2024

8:30 a.m.† Ilean Dennis, req. by Kraft family

Wednesday - Late Advent Weekday

December 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Theresa Pinaire, req. by David & Jean Wolf

Thursday - Late Advent Weekday December 19, 2024

8:30 a.m. † John Hauber, reg. by wife, Haydee Hauber

Friday - Late Advent Weekday December 20, 2024

8:30 a.m. † Sharon A. Miklas, req. by Elaine & Shawn McGrady and Brianne & Aiden Sisca

Saturday

December 21, 2024

4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Richard Link, req. by family

SUNDAY - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **December 22, 2024**

8:30 a.m For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased 10:30 a.m. † Susan Rockford, req. by family

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, December 16

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Book Club - Wing Room

Wednesday, December 18

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. St. Monica Ministry - Church

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. Stitching Group - Wing Room 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

Thursday, December 19

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

Day of Penance

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. (Father John) 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Father Jorge) 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (Father Jorge)

Friday, December 20

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church 10:00 - 12:00 noon - Quilt Guild - Trinity Hall

Saturday, December 21

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confession - Church

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> Website: www.holytrinityweb.com Email address: wholytri@dor.org

MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Vigil Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.. (Oct. - June)

(no Tuesday confessions during the summer)

If you find that you are unable to attend Mass in person, vou may view our live-stream at https://livestream.com/ accounts/18862485/events/5598269

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester contact our **Victims Assistance Coordinator:**

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