

SAINT MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



We are finishing 2024. Probably, most of us are making resolutions for 2025. Some of us want to lose weight, work out more often, read more books, study, save money, and so on. All the resolutions that we keep in mind are good, because we are thinking about ourselves and other people in a positive way.

The Roman Catholic Church also is thinking about each one of us. Hence, in this time of Christmas, the Church introduces us to the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. You can wonder why Mary is called Mother of God if she was just another human being. The first thing that we need to know is that the theological term for this title for Mary is "Theotokos." This is a term that Catholic and Orthodox Churches use for Mary and came from the early centuries of the Church. The Council of Ephesus, in 431 A.D., insisted "If anyone does not confess that God is truly Emmanuel, and that on this account the holy virgin is the "Theotokos" (for according to the flesh she gave birth to the word of God become flesh by birth) let him be anathema." This council also emphasized the double nature of Jesus, human and Divine. If Mary is the Mother of Jesus, and Jesus is Divine (that means that He is God); therefore, Mary is the mother of God. In other words, the title Mary is the "Mother of God" refers not to the relationship between Mary and God, the Father, but to Mary and God, the Son, who is Jesus. "In the encyclical Marialis Cultus (1974) Pope Paul VI states: 'This celebration, assigned to January 1 in conformity with the ancient liturgy of the city of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary

in this mystery of salvation" (https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/solemnity-of-mary-mother-of-god-5826).

Let us begin 2025 in the company of our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we make resolutions for the new year, let us make another important resolution: to be closer to God. The Mother of God will help us with this resolution. She always introduces us to our Lord, our God, and our Savior, and at the same time, she is leading us to see her Son. In this 2025, may all of us feel the love and blessings of God, and share this wonderful love with our brothers and sisters.

I want to wish you a Happy New Year! ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

Let us pray:

Almighty Father, I thank You graciously for the New Year 2025. I ask You, Lord, to bless my family, as we begin this blessed new year with a renewed hope in You. Lord, I thank You so much for all that You have done for my family and me. Your hand on our lives is so much more than we could ask for. Your blessings are so greatly appreciated. Amen!

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. Jorge Ramírez

Our Mission

We are a Catholic faith community blessed with the joy of God's love. Together we share this love with all who hunger for God's presence in their lives. We follow Christ who taught us to find God by giving our lives in service to others and gathering to celebrate a Eucharist that welcomes everyone. Join us on this journey! **PASTORAL EMERGENCIES**: 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 8:30 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 <u>michelle.schultheis@dor.org</u>

- 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.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - Contact Fr. George

(fr.jorge.ramirez@dor.org) or Mary Kramer (mary.kramer@dor.org) for information about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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.

<u>Skills required:</u> 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>



Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead

Phillip Stever and those who mourn for him.



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of Sue Herbst Busse, 25th anniversary, requested by Karen Staub and family.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Celine Rank, 12/30 birthday memorial, req. by Jim & Nancy Rank.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of Theresa Spinelli, req. by Frank & Many Ann Spinelli.

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.

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

December 31st - New Year's Eve

5:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

<u>January 1st - New Year's Day</u>

10:30 a.m. Mass



Christmas Flower Donations - 2024

We thank the following people for their donations to the Holy Trinity Christmas Flower Fund. Your contributions have made our church more beautiful this Christmas season.

In Memory of:

Ralph and Grace Marianetti, Virginia Fern, req. by children, grandchildren and Marianetti family Perrin family, req. by Mr. and Mrs. John Dunlap Marjorie and Henry Albert, Leola and Chanel LaPlante, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Albert Lum and Reiland families, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lum Marjorie Wohlabaugh, req. by Art Wohlabaugh Carla and Tony Simeone, Johanna Viggiani, Eleanor and Ralph Williamson, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Viggiani Lois and Bill Hough, req. by Jean Hough Catherine and Merle Hurley, Louis Maltzahn, Elizabeth Whitcomb, Richard Bauriedl, req. by Dolores Maltzahn Lisa LaMonica Wilson, req. by Mr. and Mrs. James LaMonica Leo Hwiecko, req. by Helen Hwiecko Mackey family, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mackey Catherine and Denis Rinkacs, Margaret and Dan Barry, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Denis Rinkacs Sally Coccia, req. by Donna Coccia Donald Timkey, req. by JoAnn Timkey Alma Thomann, Dorothy Streb, req. by Gary Thomann Albert, Mary and Louis Rago, req.by Elaine Rago Kastan, Bianconi, Paino, Marks (parents and grandparents), aunts and uncles, req. by Mr.and Mrs. Mark Kastan Pieter and Knelsie Nonkes, Charles and Kathleen Nagel, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nonkes Matthew Leonardo, req. by Chris, Carrie, Catherine and Marcie Thomas Sillence, Miller family, req. by Marilyn Sillence James and Xe Gibbs, Charles and Kathleen Nagel, req. by Dr. and Mrs. John Gibbs Manuelita, Manuela, Natividad and Jose Alicea, req. by Frances Salgado-Givens Girvin, Salmon, Lambert and Jones families, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Girvin Charles Forstbauer, req. by Jean and Mary Forstbauer Klee and Ruisi families, req. by Jim and Mary Klee Stewart and Veronica Coon, Paul and Marie Zachmann, req. by Mr. and Mrs. James Coon Stanley and Lottie Wieczorek, James and Winifred Reidy Keiffer and Smith families, req. by Bob and Marge Keiffer Eleanore Willink, Ed Winslow, reg. by Amy Winslow Stanley and Pat Haber, David and Sandy Gilfoy, req. by Mr. and Mrs. David Gilfoy Camiel and Gertrude DeBree, req. by Mrs. Milton Mason Daniel Flaherty, Edward and Viola Ogden, req. by Patricia Flaherty Bill Hickey, Tom and MaryEllen Harrison, req. by Phyllis Hickey Robert Wilson, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson Gene Kemp, Kemp family, John and Mary Adams, Michael and Helen Donnelly, Ed and Barbara Ferguson, req. by Mrs. Mary Kemp Heintz and Atkinson families, req. by Chris and Bill Atkinson Martin and Adolphine Schreiner, Shirley, Earl and Kathryn Dorn, Roman, Dorothy, Don and Paul Hosenfeld, Harry, Susan, Gary and Kevin, reg. by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter William Pawluckie, Anthony Cerasoli, Bill and Stella Dorrance, Stanley and Violet Janek, req. by Carol Cerasoli Joe and Eleanor Maier, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Maier Darice Alward, Richard Alward, Pat Casey, reg. by Robert Alward Theresa Meyer, req. by Christine Diegert Leonello Casilio, Gina and Antonio Presutti, Sabatino Agnitti, req. by Connie Casilio Schmidt and Moisan families, req. by William Schmidt Driscoll and Kehrig families, req. by John and MaryEllen Kehrig Ronald Carafice, req. by the Maier family Antonio and Pat Micali, req. by Mrs. Antonio Micali Dante Mastrosimone, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Mastrosimone Father Tim Horan, req. by Roman and Alicja Reimann Finch, McAllister and Laubscher families, req. by Kathy Laubscher **Special Intentions:** Maureen DiPoala Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Vaquera

Edward Hasenauer Carol Thompson Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lisi Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Costanza John Schreiber Cindy McCaffery Maureen DiPoala David Stein Mr. and Mrs. Loren Siebert Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bull Mrs. Maria Rosenbauer Mr. and Mrs. Leon Pritchard Mr. and Mrs. Lou Bamonti Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Vaquera Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Luqueno Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Long Mr. and Mrs. Steven Enes Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Tomporowski Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boris Anonymous doner

December 29, 2024



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



November 2024 Totals

Blessings to all who donated through the mail, online, 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.

68,120.00
46,327.11
3,910.75
2,672.00
74.58
25,254.50
10,118.94

Total Attendance for December 14/15: 999

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

Tithing: Stewardship in Motion It is easy to make your financial contribution to Holy Trinity Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account with no charge to you using our electronic Intentional Giving Program.



Distribution of Communion to the Homebound

Dear Parishioners,

If you have gotten a pyx for communion from the sacristy or bring one of your own, here are a few guidelines for taking communion to a loved one.

Maintain absolute respect and reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

1. Go directly to the communicant. Do not run errands, make other stops, or attend gatherings.

2. Do not engage in long conversations before leaving church, but of course, be cordial as Christ would have us be. Remember it is He whom you carry with you.

3. If you need to keep the host for a while before the visit, it is to be placed in a quiet place away from noise and distraction. Place the pyx on a white cloth (corporal) with a crucifix and candle present. A battery-operated candle may be used.

Thank you, Jean Wolf, Corpus Christi Ministry



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
PLEDGED TO DATE:	\$147,688.22
DONORS:	415
% TO GOAL:	76.92% (as of December 17th)

Mass Intentions: December 28 - January 5, 2025

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

SATURDAY, December 28, 2024 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Nicholas Faraldo, req. by Aunts Joanne & Chris

SUNDAY, December 29, 2024 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 8:30 a.m. † Jean LaBelle, req. by Anita 10:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

Monday, December 30, 2024 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 8:30 a.m. † Jason Grizzanto, req. by mom, dad & family

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 Saint Sylvester, Pope 5:30 p.m.(VIGIL) † Marcia Gilman, req. by Marsha O'Connor

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD 10:30 a.m. † Gonzalo Ramirez & Nubia Elena Velasquez, req. by Fr. Jorge

Thursday, January 2, 2025 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 8:30 a.m. † Joan Paprocki, 1st anniversary, req. by sister, Barbara Kalamanka

FIRST FRIDAY, January 3, 2025 Holy Name of Jesus 8:30 a.m. Denny & Pam Schultz on their 55th wedding anniversary

FIRST SATURDAY, January 4, 2025 USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

SUNDAY, January 5, 2025 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 a.m. † Fr. Tim, req. Holy Trinity staff & parishioners 10:30 a.m. † Dante Mastrosimone, req. by family

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday, December 31 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Confession - Church

Thursday, January 2 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Adoration - Church

Friday, January 3 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

Saturday, January 4 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confession - Church 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass - Church



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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 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, you may view our live-stream at https://livestream.com/

Stewardship by the Book

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relations. How do I measure up?

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:

> Deborah Housel at 585-328-3228, ext. 1555 or 1-800-388-7177 ext: 1555 or email to victimsassistance@dor.org housel@dor.org



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