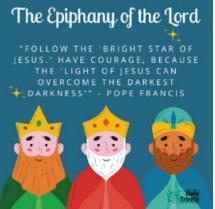
Church of the Most Holy Trinity

January 5, 2024

The Parish that We Dream is the Parish that I Help to Build

Tutaina



There is a famous Christmas Carol in Colombia, and probably in other countries of Latin America, called *Tutaina*. If you wonder what Tutaina is, let me tell you that I wonder the same thing. I have been asking almost all my life the meaning of this song. I was checking on the internet, and apparently the meaning of this word is *fiesta* (party). One of the verses of this Christmas Carol says, *Tres reyes vienen también, con incienso, mirra y oro, a ofrendar a Dios su bien, como el más grande tesoro (*Three kings also come, with frankincense, myrrh, and gold, to offer their goods to God, like the greatest treasure). God is the greatest treasure of the three kings.

The three kings understood that their offerings of frankincense, myrrh, and gold are meaningless in comparison to Jesus Christ who is the great gift that God, our Father, gave us through the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar traveled from the East, following the star, and finding a baby laying in a manger. They offered their gifts to this baby, understanding that He is the king of kings. Today, we celebrate Christmas and this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord recognizing that the baby who was born in a manger in Bethlehem is our Lord, and He is bringing peace on Earth.

This weekend in Mass, we pray in the preface of the Epiphany of the Lord, "For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when He appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of His immortal nature." *Tutaina*, and therefore, the epiphany, invites us to rejoice in the Lord. This is a feast that invites us to celebrate with love that Jesus not only came to rescue the people of Israel, but the whole humanity. Therefore, let us allow that this great mystery of the salvation of human-kind in the person of Christ comes to our hearts. Let us adore the king of kings not only with frankincense, myrrh, and gold, but also with our hearts and lives. Let us allow that this baby, who was found through a star by the three wise men, reigns in our hearts. Let us keep the spirit of Christmas always among us.

Let us pray:

O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also attain the vision of Your glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord. 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! Father Jorge Ramirez

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.

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>



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:

Sue Busse, req. by Mr. Mrs. Gerald Staub Jack and Buddy Cleary, req. by daughter, Maggie Mooney and family Departed family, req. by MaryJo Polatas Hutteman and Hurysz families, req. by MaryJane Hut-

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Allan and Peter Schichtel families and Fran and Basilla Fullone, req. by Rose Schichtel

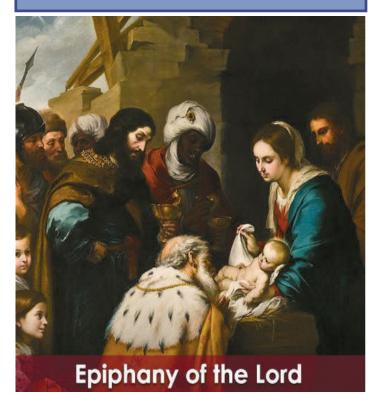
Traverse family, req. by Annie Drollette

Oliver and Stephen Krenzer, req. by Darlene Krenzer Jason Grizzanto, req. by mom and dad and family Deceased family and friends, req. by Robert and Lois Didas

Siedlarczyk, Kondis and Geisbrecht families

Stewardship by the Book

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?





Diane Savage and those who mourn for her.

Please Remember in Prayer Our Beloved Dead



Altar Candles will burn this week for the following:

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn in loving memory of Antonio & Pat Micali, req. by Lilla Micali.

Our Blessed Mother's Altar Candle will burn for special intentions of Marlene Green, req. by Sharon Gavens.

St. Joseph's Altar Candle will burn in loving memory of James Thomann, req. by Monte & Jamie Chilson.

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.

CONFERGE Young Adult Ministry Find your place to belong!

Upcoming January Events!

Young Adult Adoration & Taco Tuesday! – Tuesday, January 14th – 6:30pm – St. John the Evangelist Church (email <u>roc.converge@dor.org</u> for more information)

Young Adult Catholic Q & A w/ Discussion! – Wednesday, January 22nd – 7 – 9 PM – St. Mary's Church (Downtown) (In the Dugan Center) (email roc.converge@dor.org for more information)

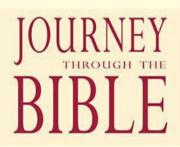
Young Adult Board Game Night! – Thursday, January 30th – 6:30 – 8:30 PM – St. Cecilia's Church (In the Newcomb Center) (email roc.converge@dor.org for more information)

https://www.converge-roc.com/events

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje MAY 22 - 31, 2025 with Fr. Jorge Ramirez & Deacon Leo Flynn

To learn more visit: https:/www.81tours.com/dcnleo or pick up a flyer from the Gathering Space





Holy Trinity's "Journey Through the Bible" study sessions will be held this week on Wednesday, January 8th, 6:30 - 8 pm and Thursday morning, 9:30 am - 11:00 am, in Trinity Hall. Come and join us as we study the Mass readings for the following weekend. The presented Dr. Brant Pitre videos provide an in-depth explanation of the Gospel readings, connecting them with the Old Testament reading and Responsorial Psalm. After the video, we will share a dessert and discuss the readings in a small group. Having offered this study last year, we have found that many people have enjoyed a better understanding of the Bible and the teachings of the Church.

For more information, contact Will and Linda Trout at 315-333-1098.

The Year Ahead

May God make our year a happy one! Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain, But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes; Not by making our path easy, But by making us sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from us,

But by taking fear from our heart;

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making our life always pleasant,

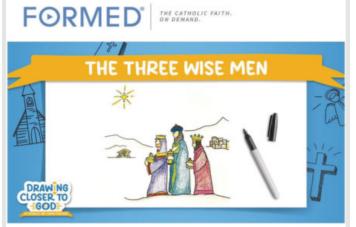
But by showing us when people and their causes need us most, and by making us anxious to be there to help.

God's love, peace, hope and joy to us for the year ahead.

- Author Unknown; Adapted by Debra Mooney

Family Activities for Epiphany

Many families will celebrate Epiphany with an opportunity to bless their homes in the New Year by taking the first two numbers of the year, adding the letters CMB (to honor the three Wise Men), and then adding the last two numbers of the year and displaying this sign over the top of the door of their home. The letters stand for the Latin phrase, "Christus mansionem benedicat," or, "Christ, bless this house." (20+C+M+B+25).



The Three Wise Men: Share Your Gifts | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 6

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

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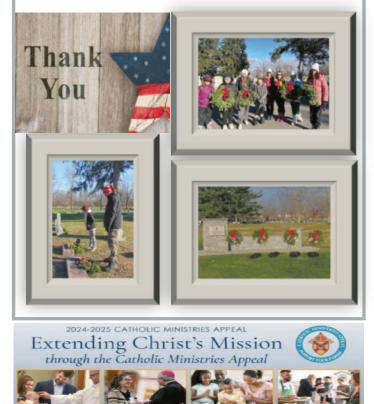
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Please Note Confession Times

While Fr. Jorge is away, confession hour is cancelled for Tuesday January 5th and Tuesday, January 14th. Confessions will be heard on Saturday, January 11th from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Wreaths Across America

On Saturday December 14th Holy Trinity cemetery was one of over 5,000 cemeteries across the country that honored veterans by placing a wreath on the grave of those who served. At Holy Trinity we have over 300 veterans going back to the Civil War resting in our cemetery. The cemetery committee would like to thank everyone that sponsored a wreath and the family members and volunteers who came out to help place wreaths.



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:	\$151,313.22	
DONORS:	432	
% TO GOAL:	78.81%	(as of December 23 RD)

Mass Intentions: January 4 - January 12, 2025

All weekday and weekend Masses will be live-streamed

SATURDAY, January 4, 2025 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased

SUNDAY, January 5, 3025 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 a.m.† Father Tim Horan 10:30 a.m. † Dante Mastrosimone, req. by family

Monday, January 6, 2025 Saint Andre Bessette, Religious 8:30 a.m. † Kelly Leitten, req. by Gwen Bigelow

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest 8:30 a.m. † Jayne Fogarty, req. by John & family

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Christmas Weekday 8:30 a.m. † Kathleen Dionese, req. by Marcy & Joe Leonardo

Thursday, January 9, 2025 Christmas Weekday 8:30 a.m. † Richard Schultz, req. by Pam & Denny

Friday, January 10, 2025 Christmas Weekday 8:30 a.m. † Kathleen Dionese, req. by David & Jean Wolf

SATURDAY, January 11, 2025 4:30 p.m. (VIGIL) † Susan VanDeraa, req. by Marlene Green

SUNDAY, January 12, 2025 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 8:30 a.m. For the people of Holy Trinity, living and deceased 10:30 a.m. † Bill Kalamanka, 10th anniversary, req. by wife, Barbara & family

This Week at Holy Trinity Church

Saturday, January 4 6:30 - 7:30 Spanish Mass - Church

Tuesday, January 7 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary - Marian Room No Confessions

Wednesday, January 8 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall

Thursday, January 99:30 - 11:00 a.m. Bible Study - Trinity Hall10:00 - 12:00 am. - Prayer Shawl Ministry -Marian Room3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Adoration - Church

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Friday, January 10 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Rosary - Church

Saturday, January 11 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Women's Faith Group - Marian Room 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Men's Group - Wing Room 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Confession - 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/ 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:

> 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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