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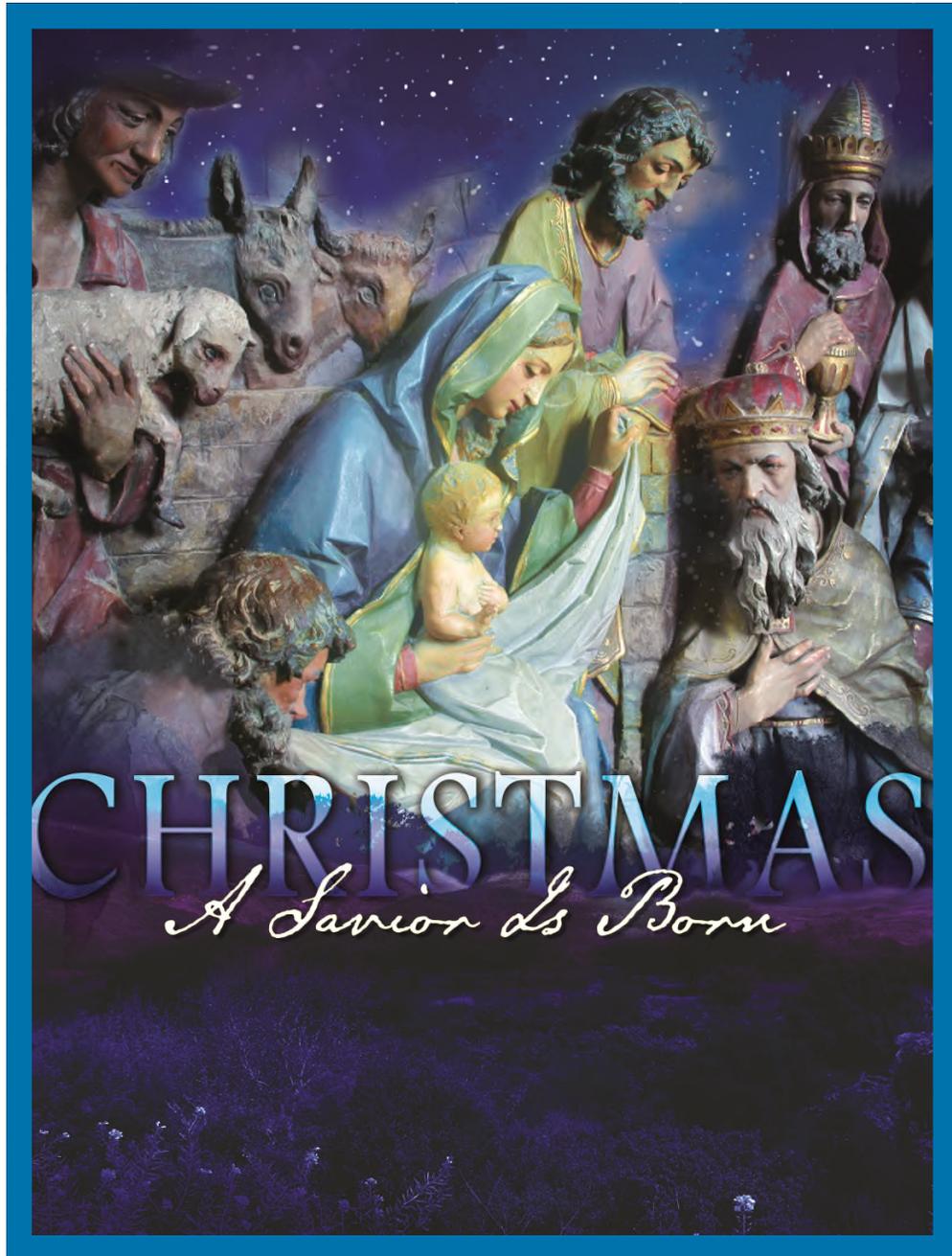
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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND THANKS

As we mark the special feast day of the Holy Family this weekend, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family every joy and many blessings as we continue to celebrate this great season of Christmas, or “Christ’s Mass”. Can you believe that Christmas Day has already come and gone....? It did seem strange having Christmas on a Monday this year, right after having Christmas Eve as the Fourth Sunday of Advent!

As we reflect about Christmas and all that it means, please do remember that Christmas *begins* on Christmas Day (it does not end on the 25th December) and that we now have a whole season of Christmas to celebrate! It always seems so odd that all the Christmas decorations are taken down in places such as stores even before Christmas Day. For us, as Christians, our celebrations indeed begin on Christmas Day and will continue for several weeks.

A warm welcome is extended to any visitors to Holy Trinity parish and a heartfelt “welcome back” to those who have returned for the holidays. On a very personal note as I celebrate my first Christmas here at Holy Trinity parish, my deepest thanks must go to so many of you for your cards, gifts and best wishes: your kindnesses, generosity and support are truly wonderful and very much appreciated. Please do continue to keep me in your prayers, so that I may serve to the very best as your pastor!

There are so many people to thank for all their hard work: those who have prepared and decorated the church and parish center, our musicians, all our sacristans, ushers, servers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers, church decorators, all those involved in the food pantry, giving trees and so many other forms of outreach, the Religious Education team. We have also had so many volunteers who have helped again with our welcome and evangelization projects this year. I would also like to thank Father Bath and Deacon Rick, the parish staff, trustees, volunteers and our new “bulletin ladies”; as well as our hard working parish groups and committees for all that they have done. If I have forgotten to thank anyone else, please forgive me! The efforts and gifts of so many have truly enhanced our celebration of Christmas, as well as the life of the parish throughout the year.

This year has certainly been a busy one for our

parish and a year of transition as Fr. Bath retired after so many years of dedicated service (although I should really put retired in quotes given all the continued love and service that he gives!). With so many wonderful people with so many talents, we can look forward to building on the strengths of our parish community in the year ahead. We have had all the usual activities and events, as well as special occasions and many faith formation and evangelization projects. In fact, we hope to continue our focus on evangelization and welcome: reaching out and inviting our friends, neighbors and family to deepen their relationship with Jesus, our Savior who is born for us and to look for ways that the parish community can help that relationship to grow.

We celebrate the coming of Christ, the Word made flesh (John 1: 14) or, as St. Leo says, “[that] He came down from heaven so that we might go up to heaven.” In this great season of Christmas, let us renew our prayers for one another and continue to work together for the building of the Kingdom in our community. Let us also remember in our prayers those who find this time of year difficult for various reasons. We have also been reminded of the need for peace, repentance and a conversion of heart with so many struggles and incidents of violence throughout the world during 2017. May the peace and joy of Christmas be with us all and flow out into the coming year. God bless you in this coming Christmas season and as we begin 2018.

With love and prayers,



Fr. Anthony



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, December 31

- Sign up for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

MONDAY, January 1

- Office Closed

TUESDAY, January 2

- Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, January 3

- The Gathering: 7:30 St. Mary's Academy

THURSDAY, January 4

- Our Lady of Grace Prayer Group -
6:30 PM St. Mary's Church
- Bible Study: 7 PM St. Mary's Academy

FRIDAY, January 5

- First Friday - All Day Eucharistic Adoration

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (New Year's Day)

Monday, January 1, 2018

9:00 A.M. - Hudson

(As this falls on a Monday, it is still a holy day, but NOT a holy day of obligation.)

2018 Mass Book open

The 2018 Mass Book is now open to all requests for intentions on an unlimited basis. Parishioners can now request that particular Masses be offered wherever there is an opening. We will try and accommodate parishioners wherever we can. You can write your requests on a sheet of paper and put them in the Sunday collection, or you can contact our parish office manager, Sally Hotaling, Monday to Thursday, at 518 828-1334.

TRAINING SEMINAR

On Wednesday, January 17, at 6:30 PM, the Kinderhook Reformed Church will host a training seminar to help the public and churches prepare and respond in the event of an active shooter scenario. The seminar/training program will be presented by Investigator Anthony Brahm of the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. There will be a question and answer session following.

The Kinderhook Reformed Church is located at Rt. 9 and Church Street.

For further information, contact Jean Hacker at Jch9412@aol.com

Help! Help! Help!

After the 9:00 Mass next Sunday, January 7, we will be putting away the statues and other parts of our Christmas decorations. Because the assistance of a great number of people in previous years, we were able to get things put away in short order. Help us continue the tradition. Mike Van Allen and other members of our parish team will be giving directions to keep things organized.

Cookie and Bake Sale

The Christian Service Committee extends a warm thank you to all those who donated cookies for the Open House and the Bake Sale. The Bake Sale realized a profit of \$656.



Adopt a Poinsettia

After the 9:00 Mass next Sunday, January 7 our beautiful poinsettias will be available to adopt.

We have over a hundred poinsettias that are still in great shape. Adopt one of these plants, or take them home. Give them to someone in the hospital or a nursing home. They can provide lots of enjoyment. If you are not at the Sunday 9:00 Mass, stop by during the week. The plants will be free for the taking in the vestibule.

AVON

Thanks to all who supported our recent Avon fund raiser. Your generosity netted a profit of \$300 for the parish. A special thank you to Richelle Caragine for another successful fund raiser!

March for Life 2018 -- Bus Information

If you would like to travel with others from our Diocese to the annual March for Life in Washington DC on January 19th, please see bus information below. Busses will meet Bishop Sharfenberger in Washington DC and participants will march together as a Diocese.

Contact Person: Barbara Fraterrigo

21 Ableman Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

(518) 456-3998; cellphone(518) 221-

6776

Cost: \$55 per person transportation, not including meals

Reservations: Call Barbara ASAP. She needs to have an accurate count.

Payment: Checks payable to Barbara Frateriggo, mailed to above address after making phone reservation, *but must be received by her at least several days before January 19.*

Pick up: Catskill Exit 21 NYS Thruway Parking Area, around 11:30 PM Thursday, January 18.

Bus sometimes arrives later, but best to be there on time or earlier just in case. We're the last to

Can't make the March for Life

in Washington D.C.???

To mark the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and to be in solidarity with those attending the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, Holy Trinity Parish will be sponsoring a Day of Prayer for Life on Friday, January 19, 2018. There will be all day Eucharistic Adoration beginning after the 7:15 am Mass in St. Mary's Sacristy and ending with a **Holy Hour for Life from 5-6pm**, Deacon Richard Washburn presiding. Please join us by dropping in for silent prayer during the day and/or by joining us for the Holy Hour.

THE WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us January issue is available in the front vestibule for \$1.00. Keep using this valuable tool to learn and experience the power of God's Holy Word.

Having thoughts of becoming a Catholic?

At some point in their lives, many people find themselves interested in the Catholic Church. Whatever your reason, know there are many like yourself who desire a closer relationship with Christ and a community in which to thrive and worship to help deepen the relationship.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults helps individuals journey to a deeper understanding of Jesus and the Catholic faith. It is a life-changing journey. To find out if this is right for you, or for more information, please call Michael Van Allen at the Rectory Office: 518-828-1334. Or email him at holytrinityhudson.org.

2018 St. Joseph Sunday Missal Available

This missal is designed to help you deepen your understanding and participation in the Mass, guide your life in the spirit of the liturgy, and to meditate often on the Word of God. Missals are available in the Sacristy for \$4.00 each.

Income Tax Statements

Parishioners who wish to have statements with respect to their 2017 contributions to Holy Trinity Parish may call St. Mary's Rectory at 518 828-1334. We will gladly provide documentation that will allow you to get appropriate credit on your Income Taxes.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Dec. 24).....	\$6530.00
Regular Offertory additional.....	752.00
Heat and Fuel Collection.....	250.00
Seminarians.....	305.00
Christmas Flowers.....	202.00
Christmas (Dec. 25).....	11716.00

GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Dec. 24).....	\$1192.00
Christmas (Dec. 25).....	2224.00



SACRAMENTS

The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA: For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

RECONCILIATION: Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

MARRIAGE: Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

VOCATIONS: If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 78 Opening Hymn: # 231 Closing: # 215

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Jan. 1)

9:00 AM Frank Drew - Elaine Erickson
(HUD) Sylvester Kovalich & Henry Kosbi - Family

TUESDAY: Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors (Jan. 2)

7:15 AM Margaret Scollo - Angie & Wendy Albano
Myles Dolan - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue

WEDNESDAY: Christmas Weekday (Jan. 3)

7:15 AM John A. Alvarez - John & Judy Alvarez & Family
Myles Dolan - Marlene Edgely

THURSDAY: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4)

7:15 AM Robert Stiffler - George Malchow
Rocco DeSimone - Charles & Mary Ann Vieni

FRIDAY: St. John Neumann (Jan. 5)

7:15 AM Ruth Drabick & deceased members of Drabick family

- John Drabick

Luisa, Partemio & Anthony Cacchillo - Family

9:00 AM Walter Hull - Daughter, Linda
(G'TWN)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (Jan. 6)

4:00 PM Jake Halloran - Adrienne Lustiber
(HUD) Emily Pomeranz - Carol Schmidt
Constance Anuska - Family

5:30 PM Betty Bartolotta - Gloria & Frank Santacroce
Marilyn Kraft - Tammy, Brittany & Ryan Kiel
(G'TWN) Living & Deceased of the Parish

SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (Jan. 7)

9:00 AM Dorothy Weber - Diane Kreig
(HUD) Jeanne Goldman - Family
Myles Dolan - Travis & Jennifer
(Pawluk) Brodowski

Readings for the Week of December 31

Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Wed.: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sun.: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a,

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