



Beloved Church Family,

Happy New Year! As we enter into Advent 2022 and look forward the Holy Days and Seasons instituted by the Church, let us give thanks to God that He, through His Body, has given us a means by which to put Him first throughout all the days of our life. Remember that one of the biggest dangers in this life is to forget about the God who made us, loves us, and saves us. It seems preposterous that God's people might forget Him, but that is exactly what has happened throughout history (Deut 32:18; Jdg 3:7; Psa 106:21, etc.), and sadly takes place among Christians today. Seeing this problem in advance, throughout Scripture the Lord calls on His people to take actions that will help remind them of their God: after crossing the Jordan, the Israelites were commanded to set up twelve large stones on the bank of the river so that when they walked by it in the future, their children would ask about it, and they would recount their deliverance from Egypt (Jos 4:1-9); the Lord directed His people to live as though His written Word was in a container dangling in front of their eyes (Deut 6:8), so that everything they did was with God's commands in view.

This pattern of encouragement continued in the ministry of our Savior, as Jesus instituted both Baptism and the Eucharist. Although we as a congregation cherish the fact that these two ordinances are indeed Sacraments, and that through them God transmits His grace to the recipients, it is also true that they are memorials. That is, these Sacraments also serve as ways of remembering the Lord, as safeguards against forgetting our Master. By participating in these Mysteries, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is brought before us, and we are received into His loving embrace--and all this is to happen on a continual basis.

Thankfully, the Church also has implemented a means by which we remember and give thanks to God on a yearly, seasonal, and even daily basis: the Church Calendar. Throughout the centuries the Body of Christ developed a structure for ordering time, a structure that has the worship of God as its focal point. Beginning with the cycle of Christ's birth, we enter first into Advent, just four weeks before the Holy Day and Season of Christmas. After Christmas is Epiphany, which then leads us into the Paschal Cycle: starting with Lent, the Church approaches Holy Week, culminating in the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection in Easter. Like Christmas, Easter is both a Holy Day and Season, and the Easter Season is followed by Pentecost Sunday, then by what we call "Ordinary" time. Even that which is ordinary is filled with numerous Holy Days by which we commemorate significant Holy people and events belonging to the history of the Christian Faith.

The marking of time is a critical aspect of the human life. It is one that we don't often think about, but it is important nonetheless. Our secular society has a way of marking time to which we are subject. Some of this is noble, such as celebrating the Independence of our nation on July 4th, or the lives of

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praiseworthy individuals such as Martin Luther King Jr. on the third Monday of January. However, a good deal of it issues from large companies' commercial interests, or simply from motives that aren't aligned with God's desires for us. As a result, after Thanksgiving, rather than embracing Advent and preparing ourselves in penitential manner to encounter Christ at Christmas, our society enters directly into the "Christmas" season, replete with all the feasting and celebration that should begin on 12/24 and 12/25, rather than there ending. By the evening of 12/25, "Christmas" is over, and especially by the New Year, we have moved on to perusing the aisles of stores whose shelves proudly display Valentine's Day items. That is to say nothing of our culture's insistence on consigning Christ to the shadows of Christmas obscurity while assigning perhaps the most exciting feature of the holiday, presents, to a fictitious figure whose legend has been stripped of its original ties to the Christian faith.

Brothers and sisters, let me reiterate that the marking of time is vitally important to human society and to us as individuals. We, as Christians, unfortunately have the habit of mindlessly following the patterns of our godless culture when it comes to the celebration of seasons, holidays, and even Holy Days of the Christian Faith. We follow this course of action, coupled with a general disregard for the call of Christ on our lives, and then marvel as we find ourselves adrift from the Lord and our children come of age only to abandon the Faith entrusted to them. We cannot follow in the footsteps of this world and expect to arrive at the threshold of the "narrow gate" (Mt 7:13). Rather, let us pick up our cross daily and follow Jesus (Lk 9:23), embracing a lifestyle that continually reminds us of Him. This Advent, welcome into your family the traditional celebration that arose in the life of the Church. Fast, pray, and seek God in his Word. Turn from your sins. Employ an Advent Calendar, meditating especially on the Old Testament prophecies that speak of the Christ's Coming. Listen to Christian Hymns of Advent, singing of the Lord's first and future Parousiai, and the ministry of the Forerunner, John the Baptist. Overall, take these next few weeks to prepare yourself, so that at month's end, your heart, filled with love, might enthrone Him.

In Christ our Hope,
Fr. Shawn+

Christmas and Epiphany Services:

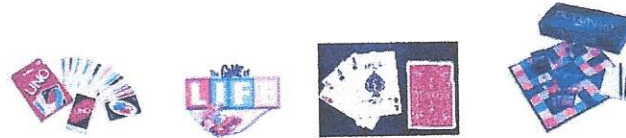
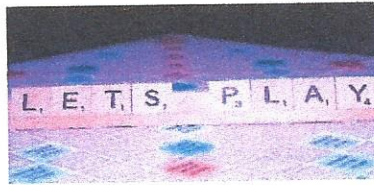
December 24:	Christmas Eve	7:00 p.m.	Solemn High Mass
December 25:	Christmas Day	10:00 a.m.	Said Mass with hymns and service music
January 1:	Holy Name	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Lessons and Carols
January 5	Epiphany	7:00 p.m.	Epiphany Eve Solemn High Mass



COME, CELEBRATE THE TWELFTH NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS!

Thursday, January 5th, 5:00 p.m.
Christmas themed games, music, and desserts.
Followed by
Epiphany Eve Solemn High Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for this family friendly celebration of the Season!



Join us for an Evening of Fun & Games!
Friday, January 27, 2023 – 6:30 pm – 9 pm

Light supper followed by a few rounds of table games (7 pm start)...

Family & friends are welcome!

Look for sign-up sheet at Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall early January, 2023!

If willing to host a game/two, please indicate on sign-up sheet...

Menu: GF Chicken Parmesan, GF Pasta, Garden Salad, Bread & Butter
Fruit & Assorted Cookies; Coffee, Tea, Juice Boxes, Water

Meal Donation - \$7/Adult, \$5/Kid Under 12

Teens will be available to watch/play age-appropriate games with young children in Walker Hall.

Just Me and My Shadow

“Just Me and My Shadow” is a luncheon fellowship group for those who live alone and others who simply would enjoy some company and fellowship. We meet once a month (usually the third Wednesday) for lunch and fellowship. People **do not** need to belong to our church family in order to attend. All are welcome. Thus, please feel welcome to invite a family member, friend, or neighbor who lives alone or someone in need of a little company and fellowship. If you are unable to afford the meal, PLEASE do not let this stop you from joining in the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal. Please join us on Wednesday, December 14 (the second Wednesday on this occasion) and Wednesday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m. at the Longhorn Restaurant, Boston Post Road West, Marlborough.

SECOND SATURDAY



Thank you to everyone who has given of their time and energy to help maintain our buildings and grounds! But, as always, there is plenty more to do. Please, please help as you are able! Upcoming Second Saturdays are December 10th and January 14th. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention.

June's Kitchen



A service opportunity for youth age (13 – 17) and adults to prepare a healthy well-balanced meal for those in need in the City of Marlborough...

We need helpers to prepare the Saturday, December 17, 2022 meal for 40 servings...

- When: 3rd Saturday of the month, every other month from Noon up to 3 pm.
- Where: Holy Trinity Anglican Church Kitchen/Outreach Space
60 Gibbon Street/472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough, MA
- Who: Diane O'Leary (Primary Adult Leader); Brian O'Leary (2nd Adult Leader)
- How: Contact olearyclan@comcast.net for further details. 1st come; 1st serve registration.
- Benefit: Opportunity to serve, learn and practice life skills such as cooking and kitchen safety, all the while enjoying fellowship with peers, and earning community service hours.

JUNE'S TABLE

A very special thanks from the June's Table crew to all who helped with cooking, donations, and service for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, November 24, 2022. It was such a blessing to be able to share a meal with our neighbors in French Hill and beyond, and there were many satisfied diners!

We are planning "**Christmas at June's Table,**" **December 24.** We are asking the other organizations that serve with us at June's Table to contribute items for gift bags for our guests. Holy Trinity will be providing gift cards to Dunkin', and are asking the other groups to contribute gloves, hats, socks, toiletries, Christmas treats, and small breads.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

"For I was hungry and you gave Me food" (St. Matthew 25:35a)

You are invited to contribute to the Food Pantry on any given Sunday. Please place your offering in the box provided in the Narthex. Thank you and God Bless You!

Also, if you are in need of food, please visit our Food Pantry located in the Fellowship Hall, or speak with Fr. Shawn or Kathleen Demers.



HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH'S
Women's Fellowship
3rd Saturday of Every Month @ 10am via Zoom

December and January: Studying Ephesians 1 & 2

All women are invited to join us for our meetings via Zoom on December 17 and January 21. We are studying Ephesians and enjoying fellowship. For more information, please contact Cate Fowler at caitlynfowler@gmail.com.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd enables children to encounter God through developmentally appropriate presentations, centers, and prayer with a strong focus on Scripture, liturgy, and the whole of sacred history. The program helps the children develop a personal relationship with the Lord.

This year we are blessed with several children new to our church and the Atrium. We now have two groups, the older ones led by Diana Newton Wood; the younger group led by either Monica Walker or Cate Fowler. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful.

The students are interested and responsive to the Atrium presentations. Already we have covered several topics, including the seasons and colors of the church year. In Advent we will talk about the prophecies and then the Infancy narratives.

For more information, please contact Monica Walker, Diana Newton Wood, or Cate Fowler.

BIBLE ON THE BLOCK

Over the summer and fall Fr. Shawn and Cate have been leading a new initiative inviting neighborhood children to have some fun while learning about the Lord. This has taken place on some Saturday mornings in our parking lot. Now the colder weather is here, Fr. Shawn is exploring ways to do this indoors. If you would like to help with this ministry, please speak to Fr. Shawn or Cate.



Food during Christian Fellowship:

We all enjoy the light lunch between Mass and Christian Education each Sunday. If you are able to commit to bringing food on an occasional specific Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Please don't leave it to just a few people! For more information, or to offer help, please contact Joan Balk (508-835-2085 or jcbalk@aol.com).

THE GIFT OF CHRIST'S COMING

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God with us.” Matthew 1:23

Centuries before Christ was born, the prophet Isaiah foretold about His coming. At Christmas we read the amazing prophecy about the virgin who would conceive and bear a Son.

Isaiah 11: 2, prophesies that the Spirit of God would rest upon the coming Messiah – giving us a wonderful picture of Jesus. “The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.”

It's incredible to think that the Spirit who rests upon Jesus is given to everyone who follows Him! As our God promised in Joel 2:28 “I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.” His Holy Spirit abides in us, and in Hebrews 13:5, declares, For He has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” This is so reassuring to read these words over and over, to know Jesus will never leave us.

We may go through periods when we have great faith and a strong sense of anointing, then we can go through times of questioning and where are you Lord? Yet God hasn't left us, we have not trusted Him. What is the remedy? Isaiah 12: 2-3, tells us: “Surely, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; He has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

This is the prophetic account of Jesus at the Water Festival. Every year, people would draw water from the pool of Siloam, bring it to the Temple Mount, pour it out at the altar, and say, “Let us draw water from the wells of salvation.”

John 7: 37-39, this records when Jesus cried out at the last day of the Festival of Booths. “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.” This He said concerning the Spirit whom those believing in Him would receive.

As we celebrate Christmas, remember Jesus is our salvation. If you are sick in body, discouraged, or just overwhelmed, Jesus said, “Come and drink.” Spend time with Him and trust Him.

Let us welcome Sweet Little Jesus Boy who will save all who believe in Him!

A very Blessed Christmas!

Submitted,
Joan Carol Balk

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ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m. All welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. At present we are studying Genesis. Please join us!

Live Streaming: For anyone unable to attend the Mass on Sunday, we will continue to live stream the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please watch your emails for any changes to the schedule below.

December

Sun, December 4 Advent 2	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Solemn High Mass
Sun, December 11 Advent 3	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sun, December 18 Advent 4	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sat, December 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Solemn High Mass
Sun, December 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist



January

Sun, January 1 Holy Name	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Christmas Lessons and Carols Solemn High Mass
Thu, January 5 Epiphany Eve	7:00 p.m.	
Sun, January 8 Baptism of Our Lord	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Solemn High Mass with Baptisms
Sun, January 15 Epiphany 2	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sun, January 22 Epiphany 3	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist
Sun, January 29 Epiphany 4	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Said Mass Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist



Winter Coat Program

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who helped set up the racks, bring down all the tubs from “middle earth” and hang all the coats. We began the coat program on Wednesday, November 16th. On that day nineteen people visited and received twenty-three coats along with hats, gloves, and socks. On November 23rd twenty-one people visited and received twenty-five coats along with other articles.

We are in need of small children’s coats, under size six for both girls and boys, and men’s sizes small to medium, also socks.

A special thanks to the ladies who help me every week.
Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642)



FAMILY NEWS

Rest in Peace:

Bill Kane, loving partner of many years to Mary Carroll, and father of five, passed away October 16th. A Requiem Mass was held at Holy Trinity on October 20th attended by many family and friends.

Please keep Mary and the rest of Bill's family in your prayers. May the love of God the Father, the victory of our crucified and risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the healing grace of the Holy Spirit comfort them in the days ahead.

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Happy Birthday:

December: Fr. Terrence McGillicuddy – 7th; Jennifer Davis – 8th; John Chase Wood, IV – 9th; Karen Mutalik – 9th; Richard Bostock – 12th; Sue Powell – 15th; Joan Balk – 19th; Charles Place – 26th; Josh Hassard – 28th; John Lindsay – 28th.

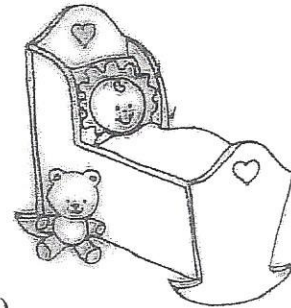
January: Jennie O'Leary – 1st; Ethan Keeler – 4th; Martha Ayisi – 8th; Sharon Beaulieu – 8th; Sandra Cullen – 9th; Karen Carlson – 10th; Allison Hassard – 15th; Arlene Adams – 17th; Jay O'Leary – 21st.

Happy Anniversary:

Lawrence and Marjorie Franko on December 21st.

Fr. Michael McKinnon ordained a priest December 4, 1996.

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ANGLICANS FOR LIFE

"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book.

Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed" (Psalm 139:16, NLT)

- **Please visit our table** in the entrance to the church. There is a huge amount of information that you may take to read.
- **Life Summit 2023** will be held January 19th through January 21st. All information can be found on their web site www.anglicansforlife.org.
- **Please continue to pray** for the unborn, the sick, all those who society feels are a burden.
- **Newsletter of Anglicans for Life:** The current newsletter from Anglicans for Life is on our table at the entrance of the church. It may also be viewed at <https://anglicansforlife.org/publications/>. You can also keep up to date with Life Issues by going to www.Liveaction.org.
- **Playpen for donations:** Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to our local pregnancy resource center. Donations of items for babies and toddlers (diapers, clothes, etc.) may be left in the entrance to the church, in the playpen in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Kathleen to arrange drop off.
- **Anglicans for Life** is an international Pro-Life Ministry within the Anglican Communion, upholding and proclaiming the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Our local Chapter seeks to raise awareness regarding alternatives to abortion... Let us help you! If you are being called to help with this vital ministry, or if you would like to have information on how we can help, please speak to our co-Coordinator Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

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A Collect for the Epiphany:

O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thine only-begotten Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know thee now by faith, to thy presence, where we may behold thy glory face to face; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Intercessory Prayer Group is led by Martha Ayisi. Those participating in this ministry are committed to pray for the clergy of HTAC and their families. They pray for the Holy Spirit to bless the members of our church family, our several ministries and our financial worship. They also pray for God's protection upon us all.

Noonday Prayer on Tuesdays: This will continue via Zoom. All are welcome. Following Noonday Prayer we offer a time of free prayer for all who are able to join in.

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Notes of Note:

- **Men's Group:** All men are invited to join us for breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by discussion. This is usually the fourth Saturday of the month. For more information, please contact Dan Morse at 978-808-0901, or dwmorse@live.com.
- **Week of Fasting and Day of Prayer:** Our upcoming Weeks of Fasting and Day of Prayer on behalf of our Church Family are as follows:
 - *Week of Fasting:* Monday, Dec. 12 – Saturday, Dec. 17; Monday, Jan. 16 – Saturday, Jan. 21.
 - *Day of Prayer:* Saturday December 17; and Saturday, January 21.
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund in 2023:** Sundays, January 8, April 10, July 9, October 8.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund:** Sundays, December 11, 2022. In 2023 Sundays, February 12, May 14, August 13, November 12.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table in 2023:** Sundays, March 12, June 11, September 10, December 10.
- **Amazon Smile:** We are a member of Amazon Smile, which you can reach via our website - just go there and click on the logo. If you are asked for a charity, put in Holy Trinity Anglican Church, or pick it from the list. Amazon Smile donates 0.5% of any qualifying purchase to us, so, for all your future Amazon purchases, use our link, rather than going directly to Amazon.com.
- **Prayer requests:** please email Emily Morse at emmorse@comcast.net or call/text Emily on 978-808-8608.
- **Parish Council meetings:** Any member of the parish is welcome to observe any regular Parish Council meeting. At present these meetings are held via Zoom.
- **Fr. Shawn is off every Monday and Saturday.** He will be present for special Services and events in the life of our church family that fall on these days. On these two days, please only call him in the event of an emergency. Thank you.

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**The Imago School invites you to
*Lessons & Carols***

Celebrate the birth of Christ with us, and hear the greatest story ever told in Scripture and in song.

Thursday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Congregational Church, 14 Wattaquadock Hill Road, Bolton, MA 01740

Please join us after the service for hot cider and festive cookies.

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DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023 MESSENGER

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter is **Sunday, January 22, 2023**. Please hand your items to me, or e-mail them to me at walkermonica@comcast.net.

Thank you! Monica Walker

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Dan Gifford	Diocesan Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Donald F. Harvey	Bishop Emeritus
Father Shawn Fowler (Voluntown, CT)	860-207-2210 (Interim Rector)
Father Robert Cummins, PhD (Harvard, MA)	978-339-3077 (c: voice mail only) or 978-456-2767 (h)
Father Praveen Mutalik (Marlborough, MA)	508-259 -0804 (c) or 508-481-0409 (h)
Deacon Rhonda Cotton (Harvard, MA)	508-517-9805 (c) or 978-456-8680 (h)
Parish Council:	
Monica Walker	508-272-6900 (Rector's Warden)
Marta Burbeck	508-382-2026 (People's Warden)
John Bottini	508-877-8736 (Treasurer)
Richard Bostock	508-826-7244 (Clerk)
Dustin Hassard	
Jay O'Leary	508-624-9705
Donald Richards	Senior Warden Emeritus

Contact Information for Fr. Shawn and Holy Trinity Anglican Church

- In case of an emergency, please call Fr. Shawn any time, including his days off at 860-207-2210.
- Fr. Shawn's email: shawnfowler86@gmail.com
- **Fr. Shawn's days off are Monday and Saturday.**
- Church address: 472 Lincoln Street, Marlborough MA
- Church mailing address: 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough MA
- Church office: 508-481-8493
- Church website: www.holytrinitymarlborough.org
- Like Holy Trinity on Facebook: facebook.com/HTACMass
- Our Diocesan Website: www.anglicannetwork.ca
- Our Provincial Website: www.anglicanchurch.net

Please let us know!

If you, or a family member, is sick or in the hospital,
please inform Fr. Shawn or another clergy person.
They will arrange visits, and holy communion
if requested.



ALTAR FLOWERS and SANCTUARY LAMP

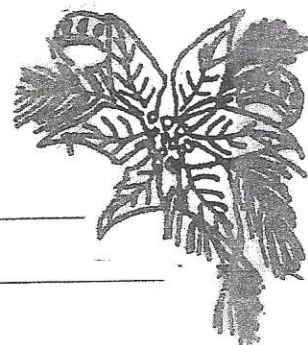
If you would like to commemorate a loved one by donating the cost of the altar flowers or Sanctuary Lamp, please contact Tanya Bottini (508-877-8736), or email JBottini1@verizon.net for details and to sign up for a particular Sunday. You are welcome to donate in memory, in thanksgiving, or in honor of one or more people. The Holy Eucharist will also be offered for your intention. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS AND GREENS

Please fill out this form and enclose it with your special Christmas memorial offering. Contributions in any amount are most welcome. The deadline for the names to be included in the Christmas bulletin is **Sunday, December 18th**.

Your check should be made out to Holy Trinity Anglican Church, noting "Christmas flowers" on the memo line. Please give your payment to Tanya Bottini, or place it in the offering plate marked "Flower Fund". If mailing, please send to: Mrs Tanya Bottini, Assistant Treasurer, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 60 Gibbon Street, Marlborough, MA 01752.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS AND GREENS



Given in loving memory of: _____

Given in thanksgiving of: _____

Given in living honor of: _____

This/these memorial(s) is/are given by: _____

A Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

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