



Holy Trinity Anglican Church
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Advent 2024 - Epiphany 2025

HTAC Faithful,

Once again, the Lord has been faithful, and by His grace we are at the beginning of yet another year. The Church year begins with Advent, a time of preparation and anticipation. It is a time wherein our “being stuck in the middle” is felt acutely, as we are reminded that the Lord indeed has come the first time, but that there remains to be fulfilled His promise to come again. “Not that the Lord is slack concerning His promise,” as we know that He takes His time due to His patience and desire to save those yet to repent; however, to us who operate down here under the heavens, it can seem like an eternity. When pressed with the anxieties and hardships of life, we often turn to God and say like the Psalmist, “How long, O Lord? Will you forget us forever?” And if we don’t, perhaps we at least feel like saying this.

It is natural to feel this pulling in both directions; we are grateful for God’s truth, for His lovingkindness, for all that He has done and is doing, both in our lives and throughout the history of the world, yet also it can be tough to remain steadfast in our pursuit of Him. It is difficult to live the Christian life when we know that those who follow Christ will endure persecution. We want Him to wrap this all up and take us home to glory. Or sometimes we have the temptation to give up altogether, because we are sick of dealing with everything. Now, of course, what it would look like to “give up” and “not deal with everything” is a bit hazy, but we do know that it isn’t what God wants for us. We know in our heart of hearts that, although God does invite us to be real with Him, to share our true emotions and feelings with our true Lord and Master, He does not want us to enter into despair or despondency. This is because despair is the exclusion of hope. When one steps into that sort of state, he or she has necessarily rejected the promises of God; if there is anything we know, it is that God is faithful to His children and that He fulfills His Word. Christ is the very “hope of glory,” whose finished work of death, burial, resurrection, and ascension, provides us a hope that is tethered like an anchor fastened to the heavenly Holy Place, as described in Scripture. Thus, regardless of the present circumstances of our lives, we can be certain that God has us in His loving arms and that He is leading us, as a Good Shepherd, towards that which is best for us.

Therefore, may we remind ourselves of God’s goodness and loyal love towards us this Advent and Christmas season. Let’s get in the Word to review what He has done for His people in the past, let’s look to our own lives to stir up the memory of what He’s done for us, and may we reach out to one another in love this holiday season and watch as God continues to work in and through us in the present and future, all to the glory of His name!

Fr. Shawn+

Worship at Holy Trinity

Sundays:

8:00 a.m. Said Mass (*except* any fifth Sunday of the month)
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Solemn High Mass the first Sunday of the month and other Special Days)

Wednesdays:

11:30 a.m. Said Mass

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

7:00 p.m. Solemn High Mass

Wednesday December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



Sunday, December 29 – Christmas 1

NO 8:00 a.m. Said Mass (5th Sunday of the month)
NO 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons and Carols

Sunday, January 5 – Holy Name

8:00 a.m. Said Mass
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn High Mass

Sunday, January 5 – Epiphany Eve

5:00 p.m. Solemn High Mass

Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. Solemn High Mass with Imposition of Ashes

EPIPHANY EVE MASS and TWELFTH NIGHT PARTY SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024



- Once again we will have a Solemn High Mass on the Eve of Epiphany, 1/5.
 - The MASS WILL BE FIRST, AT 5PM.
 - Join us as we celebrate the visitation of the Wise Men to our Lord Jesus.
- After the Mass is our 12TH NIGHT PARTY AT 7PM IN THE OUTREACH CENTER
 - Celebrate the final night of Christmas with us! We will have Christmas games, music, and lots of fun.
 - WE WILL BE PROVIDING PIZZA FOR EVERYONE!

Visit from our Diocesan Bishop

Our Diocesan Bishop, the Right Reverend Dan Gifford, visited Holy Trinity in November. He led a clergy retreat and then celebrated at our All Souls Solemn High Mass on November 10th. During that Mass, Bishop Dan confirmed Sara and Elias Gonzalez, and Tiffany Rule, and Received Johnny Brown into the Anglican Church. Also, the Bishop presented David Tucker with the Bishop Donald Harvey Award for Christian Ministry. This was a wonderful day of worship and good fellowship.

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From the Organist / Choirmaster:



The choir joins me in extending an invitation to join! St. Augustine has been credited with saying that "He who sings, prays twice." One of the joys of being the organist at HTAC is how lustily the congregation sings at mass. Another is how devoted the choir members are. For various reasons, such as moving away, we have lost a few members. Are you interested in joining us? The only requirements are that you attend rehearsals on alternate Tuesday evenings, and arrive at about 9 a.m. on Sunday to prepare, but these are flexible and can accommodate your work or family schedule. You don't need to know how to read music, but that helps, of course; reading music really is fairly easy, and I will help you learn. Please let me

or a choir member know if you are interested!

David Baker

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ANNUAL MEETING OF HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

This important event in the life of our Church family will be held Sunday, February 9, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. The meeting begins with a potluck lunch. Please mark this date and try to be present. 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 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Carlisle Congregational Church, 147 School Street, Carlisle, MA 01741

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



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)

- **40 days for life campaign:** The Spring campaign will begin March 5th and run through April 13th, 2025. The closest prayer vigil is on Pleasant Street in Worcester, across from the Planned Parenthood Super Center. For more information, go to www.40daysforlife.org
- **Brochures and other information:** There is a huge amount of information regarding Sanctity of Life issues on the walls in the Narthex (entrance to the church) that you may take home. Please visit the website www.anglicansforlife.org which lists the many great programs going on right now. The list is too long to mention everything!
- **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.
- **Donations of clothes, etc:** Donations of baby and toddler diapers, clothing, etc. benefit First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center (www.firstconcern.org). We also service the young mothers in the neighborhood when needed. Donations may be left in the entrance to the church or contact Kathleen to arrange a drop off time.
- **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-Coordinators Kathleen Demers (508-624-7642) and Marjorie Franko (978-369-8192). Thank you!

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY

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

Our Food Pantry is very low at this time.

Needed items right now are canned tuna, canned chicken, tomato sauce, peanut butter, jelly, mayonnaise, canned fruit, pasta, soups, stews, baked beans, etc. We do not need black beans, garbanzo beans, or carrots at this time.

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.

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FREE WINTER COAT PROGRAM

We opened Wednesday, November 20th, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. and were able to give seventeen people winter coats. One mom from the neighborhood was able to find coats for her four children. Unfortunately, we are in short supply. Do you have any slightly worn coats that you can donate? Do you have one Wednesday through early March that you could help out? If so, please contact me.

Kathleen Demers

508-624-7642 or nanakay105@aol.com

PRAYER AND FASTING

To fast and to pray on behalf of our church family is an important ministry in which most of us can participate. For several years Holy Trinity has had a week of fasting and day of prayer each month.

If you are not familiar with our monthly practice of Fasting and Prayer, it is as follows: During one week each month we have six days set apart for prayer and fasting. One or more persons sign-up to fast on each of the days appointed (Monday through Saturday). Our week of fasting concludes with a Day of Prayer on the Saturday from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. A minimum of eleven persons sign-up to pray in their own home for one hour. This way at least one person will be fasting every day that week on behalf of the church family and at least one person will be praying from approximately sunup to sundown on the Day of Prayer.

Upcoming dates:

Week of Fasting: Monday, December 16 – Saturday, December 21
Monday, January 20 – Saturday, January 25
Monday, February 17 – Saturday, February 22

Day of Prayer: Saturdays December 21, January 25, February 22.

Come Holy Spirit! Fall upon us! Come in power!

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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 the group. Just let Fr. Shawn know (860-207-2210 or shawnfowler86@gmail.com) and he will cover all or part of your meal.

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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! We would like to spruce up our buildings and grounds. Please watch the Enews for information on tasks needing attention. Upcoming Second Saturdays are December 14th, January 11th and February 8th.

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Food and clean up 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. If you are not in a position to provide food but can help clean up, that would be much appreciated also. 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).

Women's Group

We are very grateful to Cate Fowler for leading our Women's Group this past couple of years. Now Karen Panasevich-Cummins and I will take over this leadership. Our first meeting will be **Saturday, January 18th** at 10AM. We will meet in person at the church (location dependent on the number of participants) with Zoom link for those who don't want to drive over.

There will be a main scripture topic around which to have a discussion and we'll provide coffee and snacks. The meeting will run at least an hour but not longer than two. We'll talk more about our format at the first meeting to flesh out more details and get feedback from the group.

All women are invited to come and voice their opinions on their desires and needs for this ministry. There will be an outreach component woven into it at some point. Please let us know if you'll likely attend this first meeting so that we can plan accordingly.

Dcn Rhonda Cotton
cottonfamily@verizon.net

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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; Alison Cotton – 18th; Joan Balk – 19th; James Burbeck – 22nd; Dcn. John Lindsay – 24th; Charles Place – 26th; Josh Hassard – 28th.

January: Jennie Langberg – 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.

February: Paulina Drummond – 5th; Brenda Keeler – 6th; James Holt – 6th; Bob Demers – 8th.

Happy Anniversary:

Marta and Danny Burbeck on December 20th.
Marjorie and Lawrence Franko on December 21st.
Diana Newton Wood and Gregg Dunphy on February 7th.

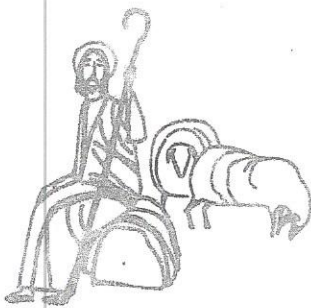
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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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. Classes are held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, following fellowship time. We now have three groups: Level I (ages 3-6), led by Cate Fowler; Level II (ages 6-9), led by Monica Walker; and Level III (ages 9-12), led by Diana Newton Wood. Parents and others assist in the Atrium each week for which we are very grateful. Several of these assistants have taken – or plan to take – Atrium assistant training online and that is a great blessing.

We would love to have more catechists and Atrium assistants, to make it possible for our regular catechists to take a day off occasionally. Please, if you think this ministry may be of interest to you, speak with Monica, Cate or Diana for more information.

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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!

Notes of Note:

- **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.
- **Adult Christian Education** is offered each Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** is offered at 10:00 a.m. in person and via Zoom. Please join us!
- **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.
- **Special Collection for the Rector's Discretionary Fund:** Sunday, January 12.
- **Special Collection for the Non-Stipendiary Clergy Fund:** Sunday, February 9.
- **Special Collection to help fund June's Table:** Sunday, December 8 and Sunday, March 9.
- **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.

A Collect for the Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Day

Almighty God, who hast given us thine only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and [as at this time] to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the same Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.



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 (Rector)
Father Robert Cummins, PhD (Harvard, MA)	978-732-3012 (c) 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)
Deacon John Lindsay (East Brookfield, MA)	508-867-6641 (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)
Lynne Krebs	508-494-2410 (Clerk)
Jay O'Leary	508-624-9705
David Tucker	508-875-4863
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

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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.

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Snow Policy/Cancellation Notice:

The 10:00 a.m. Principal Sunday Eucharist typically is cancelled only in the most extreme circumstances (e.g. the Governor declaring a State of Emergency). If you have any question as to whether an event is cancelled, please check the E-news Or call Fr. Shawn at 860-207-2210. Thank you!

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT MESSENGER

The deadline for the next issue of this newsletter to cover the seasons of Lent and Easter is **Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Please e-mail your items to me at walkermonica@comcast.net. Thanks, Monica



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 15th**.

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: _____

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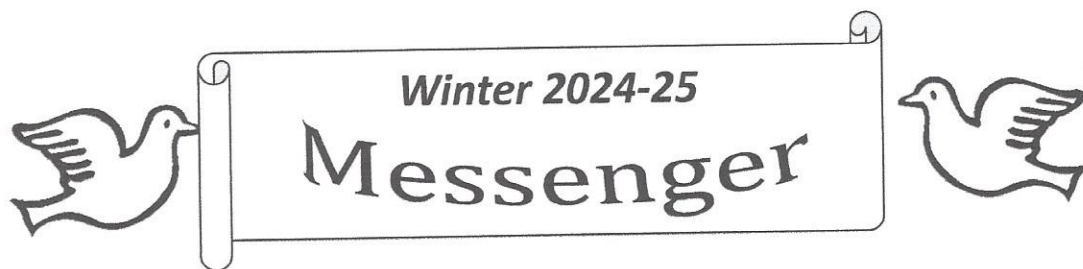
Given in living honor of: _____

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



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