### December 25, 2020
*The Nativity of the Lord*

### December 27, 2020
*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

#### Mass Schedule

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Christmas 2020! This will be a memorable one for sure. Due to the interruptions of so many of our “normal” interactions and activities, we are all being led to look more deeply at the true and enduring meaning of Christmas. Please don’t give in to sadness and despair. Throughout Advent we have spoken each weekend about hope. The hope of Christmas is profound and especially poignant in a year like this one.

The birth of Jesus enables us to believe that human life, with all of its delights and tragedies, is the place where God is preeminently found. The reality of Emanual “God-Is-With-Us” helps us face up to the harsh realities of our fragmented world, fraught with COVID-19, dissention, loss, and violence. We are not provided with a ladder by which to escape all of this and scale the heights of heaven. Rather, we are promised that in everything, God is with us: personally, intimately and powerfully.

St. Bonaventure once said that God gave us three eyes: the eye of the body, a physical eye through which we see things; the eye of the mind, a capacity to see things through reasoning and thought; and the eye of the soul, a capacity to see, feel, and understand the things of God. Learning to see through the eye of our soul allows us to get at least glimpses of God’s goodness and his plan. Our world, our circumstances, our lives – all are permeated with signs of hope, “shimmering with divinity,” and you and I are called to be agents of that hope to all we encounter. Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!

New Year’s, usually a Holy Day in honor of Mary, the Mother of God, is dispensed this year due to COVID. We will have a Mass that morning at 9:00am but continue to have the limit of 100 persons, so I encourage you to watch Mass from home. It will be live streamed on our website.

**Scripture Readings**

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**Mass Intentions**

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PARISH FINANCES

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FAMILY FAITH REFLECTIONS

Chris Storm – cstorm@htsch.org

The Christmas story has gone through a few changes over the years. St. Nicholas became Sinterklaas in Holland and Santa Claus in England. You might have noticed that I love going back to the origins of our faith, so here’s a few bits’n’pieces of the Christmas story you may not have heard before — and they’re all true!

Did you know . . .

… that the wise men were never at the manger? By the time they showed up, Joseph had found a place for his family to stay! “On entering the house they saw the child and his mother” (Matthew 2:11).

… that the Bible doesn’t actually say how many wise men there were? They brought three gifts, but there may have been only two wise men — or there may have been twenty!

… that those cute little Christmas angels were actually pretty scary? They have to say “Do not be afraid” to Mary, to Joseph, to the shepherds, and even to Zechariah (the father of John the Baptist).

… that Joseph was part of Israel’s royal family? He was a distant descendant of King David, which is why he took Mary to Bethlehem (the city where David was born) to register for the census tax.

… that Jesus was named after an Old Testament hero? A man named Yeshua had taken over after the death of Moses and led the people into the Promised Land, the place God had promised them. Translated into English, Yeshua becomes Joshua; translated into Latin, Yeshua is Jesus. They’re all the same name in different languages!

HOLY FATHER’S INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

LIVE STREAMING AT HOME

1. **Choose your viewing device.** If you have a “smart device” (e.g., TV, phone, tablet), it’s easiest to go through the YouTube app (search for “Holy Trinity Catholic Church”). Otherwise, you can go directly to our website: www.h-t.org/online-mass.

2. **Create a prayerful environment.** Light some candles, silence your devices, and take a moment to quiet your thoughts. Plan to participate as you would if you were in church: make the responses out loud, kneel or stand where appropriate, and join in the Prayer of Spiritual Communion.

3. **Click ‘play’ on the video.** We will start the live stream 15 minutes early to give folks a chance to connect. If you’re having difficulties, stay at your car and flag down a greeter (they’ll be wearing Santa hats). Mass will begin on time. You will not be able to pause, rewind, or fast-forward through the stream. You’ll see a countdown timer after you click ‘play’, and when we “go live” it should start automatically for you. If it doesn’t, refresh the page once and click ‘play’ a second time.

LIVE STREAMING IN THE PARKING LOT

1. **Turn off your Wi-Fi.** Go to the Settings of your device(s) and turn off/disable your Wi-Fi. Do not turn on “Airplane Mode”.

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4. **Troubleshooting Tip.** If the video appears to be “stuck” buffering for more than 10 seconds or so, refresh the page and click ‘play’ on the video again.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Monday, December 28th
+ 11:00am, Church — Funeral for Carol Balcom

Friday, January 1st
The Parish Office and Food Closet are closed.
+ 9:00am, Church — Mass
+ 10:00am – 11:00pm, Chapel — First Friday Adoration

Saturday, January 2nd
+ 4:15am, Chapel — Adoration resumes
+ 8:15am, Church — First Saturday Mass
Merry Christmas, everyone! As we celebrate our God come to dwell with us, here’s a little prayer given to me by one of our parishioners:

*Disturb us, Lord, when we are too pleased with ourselves,
  When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little,
  When we arrive safely because we sailed too close to the shore.*

*Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess
  We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
  Having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity
  And in our efforts to build a new earth,
  We have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim.*

*Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
  To venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery;
  Where losing sight of land, we shall find your stars.*

*We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes;
  And to push into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.*

— Sir Francis Drake

**Brett’s Two Cents**

Merry Christmas! In this most unusual of years, Christmas is a reminder to me of the things that are most important. God became man, becoming one of us. Jesus was born, and we could look on his face. Mary, a human being, became the Mother of God. Major miracles which took place in silence and stillness and through spoken words of love.

Our celebrations this year will of course be very different from other years, but the core of the Christmas celebration remains the same. I’m reminded of Linus’ speech about what Christmas is all about: Shepherds in a field who saw the angel, and heard a message of Great Joy for all people. The birth of a savior. A baby in swaddling clothes lying in a manger. A multitude of angels praising God. Peace on earth, and good will for all of us. These things do not change, and cannot change. God loves us. In every year, even this year, God is the source of peace, joy, hope, and love.

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God Bless you all.

Love,
Fr. Hans

**Fr. Hans’ Pair O’ Dimes**

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