

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Christmas Day



The Adoration of the Shepherds, Creator: Battista Franco Veneziano

Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey

10:00 in the Morning



Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10am service for infants to age 4. Parents are given pagers. An usher will be happy to escort you there.

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service and then proceed to their classrooms. (Most Sundays September through May).

Adult Forum is held in the Upper Assembly Room following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Assembly Rooms. The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

*Let Reverence and Quietness
Characterize your Entrance into God's House*

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Holy Eucharist: Rite I

VOLUNTARY *Noel Suisse* L. C. DAQUIN (1694-1772)

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83 “O Come all ye faithful” *Adeste fideles*

OPENING ACCLAMATION.....Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

THE COLLECT FOR PURITYBCP 323

SUMMARY OF THE LAW BCP 324

KYRIE and GLORIA IN EXCELSISBCP 324

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (Christmas)

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah (52:7-10)

Lector A reading from the Book of Isaiah

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Hark, your watchmen lift up their voice, together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

O sing unto the Lord a new song; *

for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, *

hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation; *

his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; *

and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, all ye lands; *

sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp; *

sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost*

as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

Amen

THE SECOND LESSONHebrews (1:1-12)

Lector A reading from the Letter to Hebrews.

In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by his word of power. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has obtained is more excellent than theirs. For to what angel did God ever say, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? And again, when he brings the first-born into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." Of the angels he says, "Who makes his angels winds, and his servants flames of fire." But of the Son he says, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous scepter is the scepter of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, thy God, has anointed thee with the oil of gladness beyond thy comrades." And, "Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; they will perish, but thou remainest; they will all grow old like a garment, like a mantle

thou wilt roll them up, and they will be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years will never end.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

SEQUENCE HYMN 96 “Angels we have heard high” *Gloria*

The people standing

THE HOLY GOSPEL John (1:1-14)

Lector The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON..... Fr. Civale

THE NICENE CREEDBCP 327

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....BCP 328

the people kneeling

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP 330

the people standing

THE PEACE BCP 332

All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Behold, I bring you good tidings of a great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward

Offertory Hymn 105 “God Rest you merry gentlemen”*London Carol*

the people standing

THE PRESENTATION

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II..... BCP 333

SURSUM CORDA..... BCP 333

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS QUI VENIT *BCP 334*

the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass

THE GREAT AMEN BCP 336

THE LORD’S PRAYER BCP 336

FRACTION BCP 337

AGNUS DEI BCP 337

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS BCP 337

INVITATION TO COMMUNION BCP 338

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized, or who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. the people kneeling

Communion Hymn 115 “What Child is This”*Greensleeves*

The people kneeling

POST COMMUNION PRAYER BCP 339

THE BLESSING BCP 339

the people standing

DISMISSAL BCP 340

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87 “Hark! The Herald Angels sing” Mendelssohn

VOLUNTARY *Fantaisie on a Catalan Carol*..... J. Bonnet (1884-1944)

Those Who
Serve Today

Organist: Nicholas Mynyk
Server & Chalice Bearers: Jim Bathurst
Lector Maureen Carrigan
Usher: Mary Beth Bathurst

Weekday Services this Week

Tuesday, December 24

The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Eve

5:00 pm Choral Mass with Blessing of the Creche

11:00 pm Choral Mass

Wednesday, December 25

The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas Day

10:00 AM Mass

Thursday, December 26

Stephen, Martyr and Deacon

6:30 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, December 27

John the Evangelist

5:30 PM Evening Prayer



The Sacrament of Penance

The Sacrament of Penance (Confession) and spiritual counsel are always available by appointment. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Fr. Civalo.

Christmas Communion

- . If you are unable to attend services during Christmastide and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Fr. Civalo to schedule a visit.

Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civalo

Email: frcivalo@christchurch.woodburynj.org

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.



Upcoming Events

Monday	December 23 <i>Feria</i>	2:00 PM - 7:00 PM 6:00 PM	Red Cross Blood Drive Dignity & Grace AA
Tuesday	December 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	NOON 5:00 PM 8:00 PM 11:00 PM	AA Choral Mass with Blessing of the Creche AA Choral Mass
Wednesday	December 25 <i>The Feast of the Nativity: Christmas</i>	10:00 AM	Mass Office Closed
Thursday	December 26 <i>Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i>	6:30 PM	Office Closed Evening Prayer
Friday	December 27 <i>John the Evangelist</i>	5:30 PM	Office Closed Evening Prayer
Sunday	December 29 <i>The First Sunday after Christmas</i>	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Low Mass Sung Mass NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parish Office Business Hours



Monday: 9 AM - 1 PM
 Tuesday: 9 AM - 3 PM
 Wednesday : 9AM - 12 PM (NOON)
 Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM
 Additional hours by appointment.

**The office will closed December 25, 2024 to December 29, 2024
 in observance of the season of Christmas.**

Prayer List

Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity, especially: Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Jillian, Carroll, Jill, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Joy, Joan, Jack, Ed, Jason, Lorie, Steve, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Allene, Baby Rick, Tom, Kathi, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy

Pray for those with enduring needs: Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, James, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Charles, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Gloria, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Dottie, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you.

EPIPHANY

2025

EPIPHANY RECEPTION

COME AND JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF THE MAGI!
EXPERIENCE THE WARMTH OF OUR COMMUNITY AS WE GATHER FOR A TIME OF WORSHIP, REFLECTION,
AND FELLOWSHIP.

01/06/2025

following the 6:30 pm Mass
Christ Church Woodbury | 62 Delaware Street | Woodbury, NJ



We Can Do This!

Greater Cooperative Ministries needs our help. Donations are especially needed at this time due to continued high numbers of clients. What an impact Christ Church could make if each family set a goal to bring 1 (one) item to church every week.



Some special request items are:

- Cold cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Hearty Soups
- Grape jelly
- Pasta & Sauce
- Powdered milk



Please go to gwcm.org for more information and to see what else is needed.

We give thanks to the Altar Guild and all those who gave their time and talent decorating the inside and outside of the church this year. And thanks to all those who contributed to the flowers and the evergreens. We honor the Lord this holy season in the beauty of His creation.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2024

By Christ Church

Dr. Ross Beitzel
The Rev. Dr. John E. Bird +
Benjamin H. Brown, Jr.
Carla Colella
Margaret S. Geiger
Anthony A. Giaccio
Robert J. O'Mealia
The Rev. Canon William V.
Rauscher, Jr. +
The Rev. Canon Dr. Alan K
Salmon +
Robert W. Scott
Violet M. Wells

Jim & MaryBeth Bathurst

Owen Schiffer
Hannah & Horace Crofton
Gene & Ruth Bathurst
Debra and Chole Schiffer
Richard & Margaret Crofton

Richard & Ellen Bellamente

Robert Bellamente
Rollyn & Elinor Winters
Robert Roat
Robert A. Winters
B. Dawson Shoemaker
George T. Mitchell
E. Diana Redfield
Emanuel & Doris Bellamente
Margaret Roat
John & Mary Bellamente
Carl A. Minniti, Sr.
Harry B. Sherman+
William V. Rauscher+
John E. Bird+

MaryBeth Bird

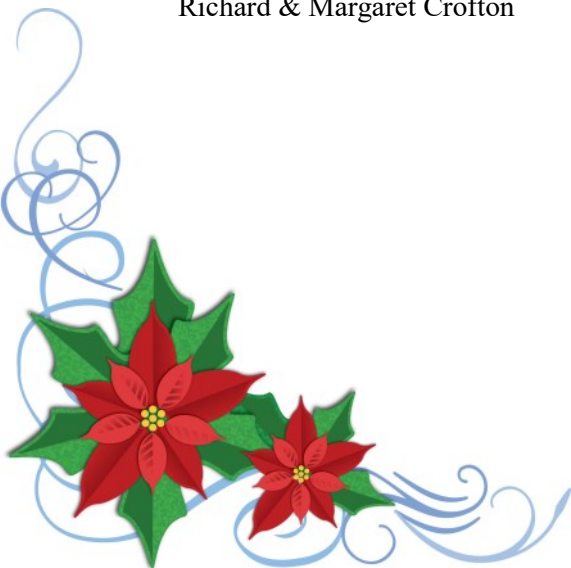
The Rev. Dr. John Bird +
Thomas Reutter

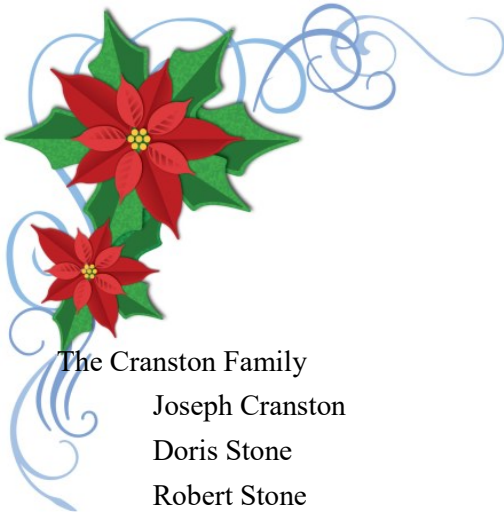
Scott & Anna Carr

William Carr
Lola Carr
Lydia Kozlowski
Bob Facemyer

Maureen Carrigan

Ann Donahue
Gerald Donahue
Marguerite Carrigan
William Carrigan
Edith & Jack Foley
Gerry Donahue





The Cranston Family

Joseph Cranston
Doris Stone
Robert Stone
Margaret Mary O'Brien
Charles Dougherty
Delores Lerow
Francis Lerow
Thomas Stone
Mathew Novak

Francis & Judith Fulgham

Benjamin F. Long
John & Eleanor Preole
Randolph & Helen Fulgham
Robert Fulgham

Carol Hill

The Rev. Canon William V.
Rauscher+
Marie Rauscher
Ruth M. Crawford
Hugh N. Crawford
G. Perry Hill
Dorothy M. Hill
Scott Brown

Dorothy Lauren Brown
The Rev. Dr. John Bird+

Richard & Regina Howey, Jr.

Charlotte and Richard W. Howey,
Sr.

Linda Howey
Anna E. Dowler

Katharine and William Mitchell
LuAnn Mitchell

Susann Kaback

Inge Kaback
Susette Whitfield

Richard & Gloria Kurtz

Ralph S. Kurtz
Margaret C. Kurtz
Harold B. Boughey □
Margaret P. Boughey

Caroline Kurtz

Roger Kurtz
Shirley Blake
Edith Patterson

Charles Lewis, Jr

Charles B. Lewis, Sr.
Mathilda Okai Clemens
Eve S. Lewis
Laura Doe Dixon

Steve Lewis

Margaret & Stanley Lewis
Cora & James Lewis
Mary & John Hindsley
Dawn Lewis
Karen Dean

Tara Mass

Paul A. Mass, Jr.
Beverly & Paul Mass, Sr.
Thomas Mass
Jose Andujar Mass
Nancy O'Quinn Freas
Shirley Feas Blake
Edith & Jack Patterson
William & Barbara Freas

Marilyn McGeoch

Frank & Joan Handy, Jr.
George & Helen McGeoch

Doreen Mills

The Rev. William E. Mills +
Genevieve Eike

Heather Noble, Hadley & Harrison Moore

Adam Moore

Mark Nester

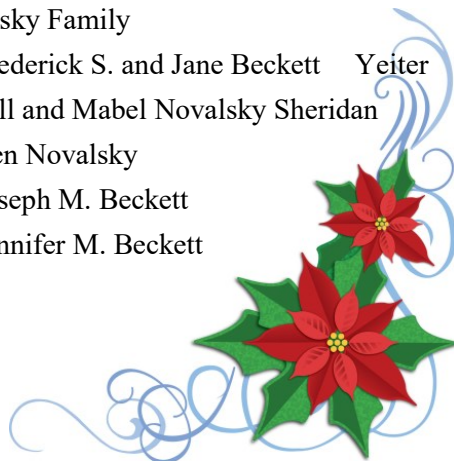
Herbert Allen
Lucille Allen
Alice Archut
Anna & Bert Baroniak
Harry Ellis
John Fignor
Anna & Stanley Guditas
Nell Guty
Stephen, Theresa, & Joseph Guty
Elizabeth Hahalis
Anastasia Hahalis
Marjorie Hagner
Gladys Holmes

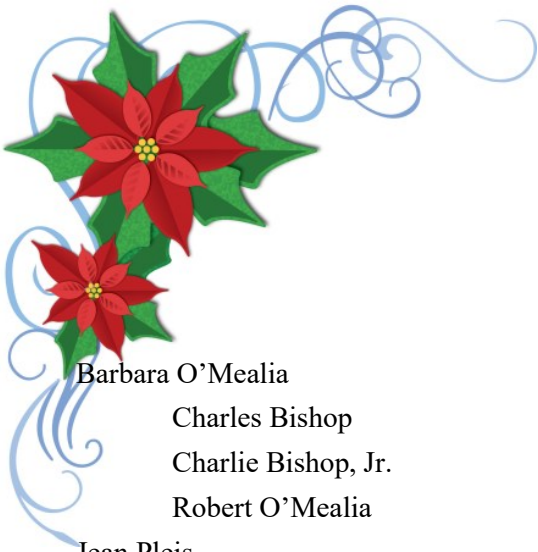
Mary & Luther Hood

Thelma Hudson
Evelyn Kelly
John Kluchko
Dr. & Mrs. Ralph Moore
Donald Moser
Bessie Mussell
Helen & William Nester
Margaret & John Nester
Paul, Michael, Emma, & Joseph
Nester
Luke & Mary Nester
Catherine and Frank R. Pidcock
The Rev. Canon William V.
Rauscher, Jr.+
Patricia Schoen
Michael, Peter, & Stephen Stefero
Peter & Anna Stefero
John & Sarah Stefero
Dorothy V. Storms
Edna & Elwood Storms
Evelyn E. & William Urban

The Novalsky Family

Frederick S. and Jane Beckett Yeiter
Bill and Mabel Novalsky Sheridan
Ben Novalsky
Joseph M. Beckett
Jennifer M. Beckett





Barbara O'Mealia

Charles Bishop

Charlie Bishop, Jr.

Robert O'Mealia

Jean Pleis

The Geortler and Pleis Families

Cheryl Rheiner

The Rheiner Family

The Seidel Family

The Rodano Family

John W. Rodano

Robert & Dorothy Finnimore

The Sanchez Family

Joe Chew

Ron Snock

Linda Sanchez

The Seddon Family

Lawrence Kaminski

Michelle Seddon

Gwen Simpson

Arlene Simpson

Donna Lynn Simpson

Antonio Mendez-Vaz

Baron Mosely

Markai Brown, Jr.

Richard Ford

Delores Burgess

Michael Burgess

Danni and Wally Burgess

Leonard Travis, Sr.

Leonard Travis, Jr.

Robert Still

Departed Members of the Mendez-Vaz Family

Departed Members of the Simpson Family

Jim & Donna Wenzel

Edward and Elmira Wenzel

Kenneth and Dorothy Mullen

Helen Adams

Nancy Kline

Albert LaSalle

Kathleen Schrader

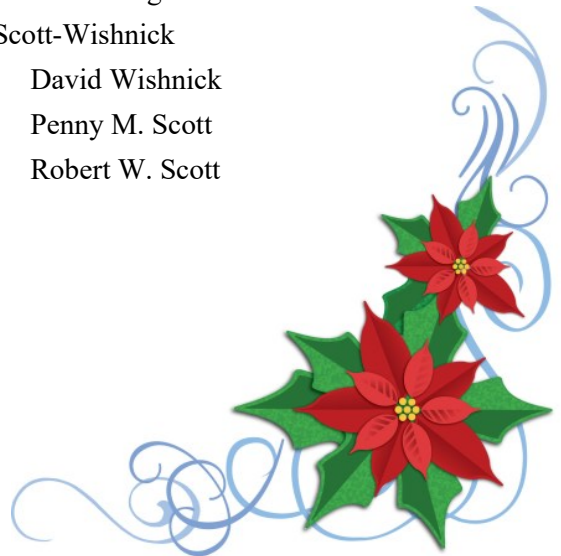
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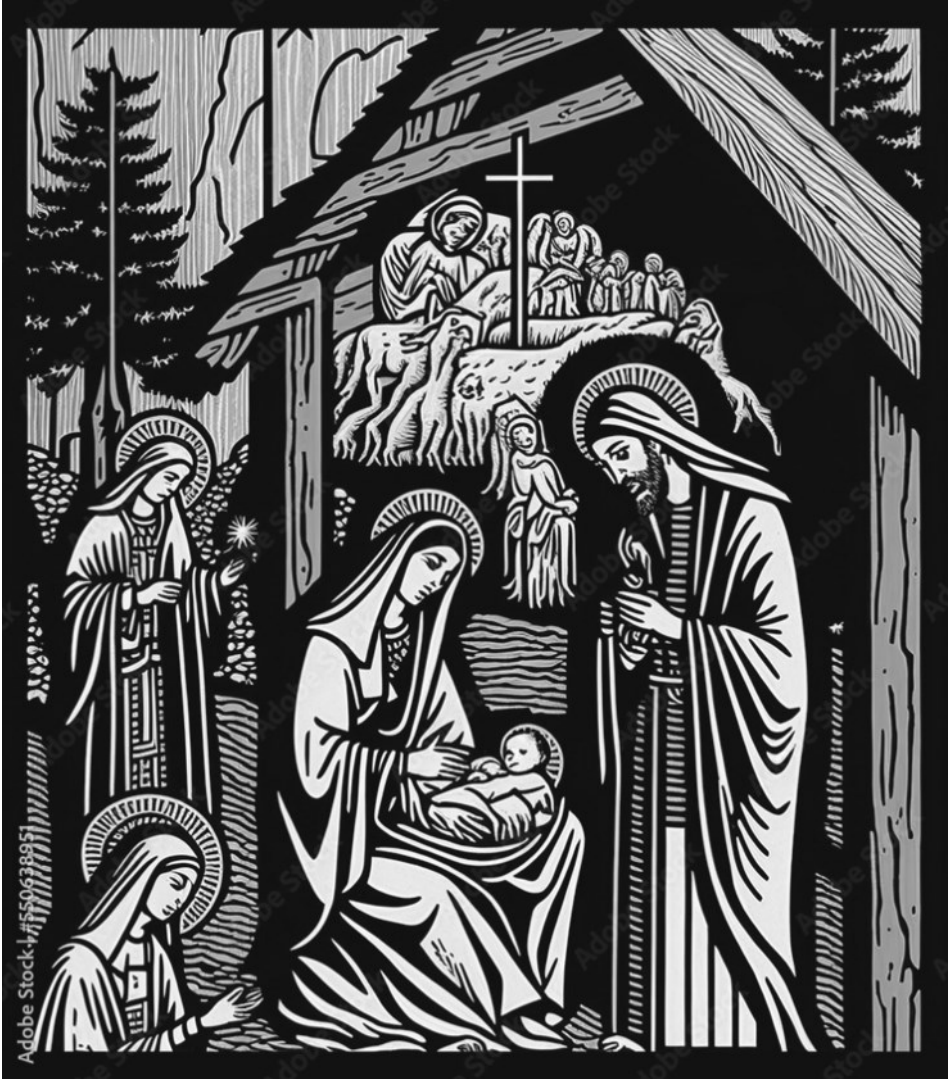
Tori Scott-Wishnick

David Wishnick

Penny M. Scott

Robert W. Scott





Christmas Blessings from Christ Church

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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

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The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

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Junior Warden: Tara Mass

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Gwen Simpson

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