

Trinity Episcopal Church

Cranford, in the Diocese of New Jersey



"The Nativity" – Domenico Ghirlandio

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist ~ Rite II

December 28, 2025 at 9 AM



The Reverend Jack Zamboni ~ Presider & Preacher
Anthony J. Rafaniello ~ Director of Music & Organist

The Reverend Andrew David Kruger ~ Rector
Casey Woodruff ~ Senior Warden & Thomas Kaercher ~ Junior Warden

Prelude

At the end of the prelude, the bells are rung and the People stand for the procession of the Cross.

I. Gathering of God's People

Gathering Hymn

Antioch

Hymnal 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Presider Alleluia, alleluia. The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us:

People **Oh, come let us worship. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

BCP 355

The Presider and People together pray

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria

William Mathias

Hymnal S 278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



Collect of the Day

BCP 213

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

II. Proclaiming and Receiving the Word of God

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

Reader A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

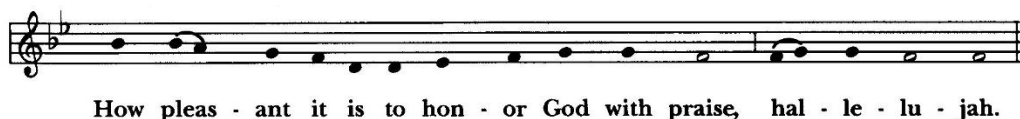
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147

Laudate Dominum

Plainsong Psalter

All sing the antiphon and psalm.





TONE VIII.1

- 1 *Hallelujah!*
How good it is to sing praises to our Gód! *
how pleasant it is to / honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerúsalem; *
he gathers the ex/iles of Ísrael.
- 3 He heals the brokenhéarted *
and / binds up théir wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stárs *
and calls them / all by théir names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in pówer; *
there is no limit / to his wísdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lówly, *
but casts the / wicked tó the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thánkgiving; *
make music to our / God upón the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clóuds *
and prepares / rain for thé earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the móuntains *
and green / plants to sérve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flócks and herds *
and for the young / ravens wén they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a hórse; *
he has no pleasure in the / strength of á man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who féar him, *
in those who await his / gracious fávör.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerúsalem; *
praise your / God, O Zíon;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of yóur gates; *
he has blessed your chil/dren withín you.
- 15 He has established peace on your bórders; *
he satisfies you / with the fínest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the éarth, *
and his word runs / very swíftly.
- 17 He gives snów like wool; *
he scatters hoar/frost like áshes.



- 18 He scatters his hail like bréad crumbs; *
who can / stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and mélts them; *
he blows with his wind, / and the wáters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jácob, *
his statutes and his judg/ments to Ísrael.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nátion; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
/ Hallelújah! [Ant.]

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Proclaiming Hymn

Regent Square

Hymnal 93

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

all the earth; ye, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
flocks by night, God with you is now re - sid - ing;
beam a - far: seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Presider

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 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 or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Presider

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

III. Responding to the Proclaimed Word of God

Homily

Jack Zamboni

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father, *
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Common Worship

The Presider says

Let us pray to our incarnate Lord, who has brought us out of darkness and into his own marvelous light.

The intercessor prays

Christ born for us, Son of God given for us: help us to know you, to worship and to serve you.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Wonderful counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Prince of peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

Lord, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

The Presider concludes

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we will share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity; your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

BCP 360

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.

Announcements

Warden

IV. Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Sentence

1 Chronicles 29:11

The Presider says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty.
For everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offering of bread and wine to the Holy Table.



*The Ushers pass the collection plates among the People.
Another option is to give to Trinity online –
scan the QR code and go directly to our Breeze link.*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The People stand as the ushers bring the collection plates to the ministers.

Presentation of Gifts


An Anglican Prayer Book 1989

Presider

Source of all life, everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

People

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you. Amen.

<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	


It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

William Matthias

Hymnal S 128



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice For the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Great Amen

Mathias/Kruger



Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei

William Matthias

Hymnal S 165



Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

Invitation

BCP 364

Presider The Gifts of God:
People **for the People of God.**

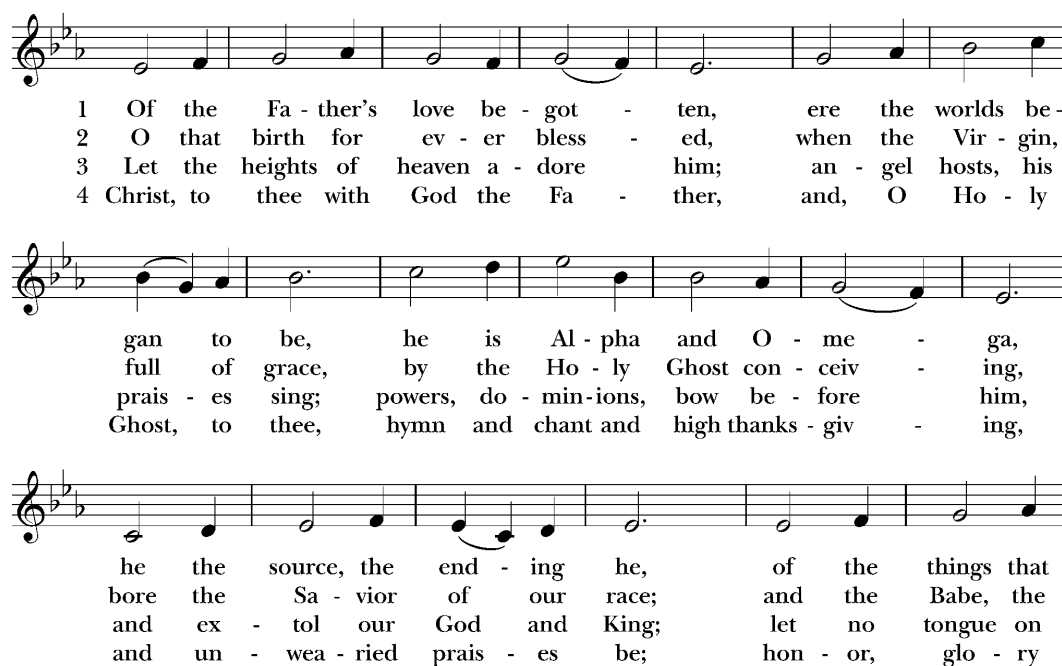
The ushers guide the people to receive Holy Communion. All who hunger for God, including children, are cordially invited to share the Gifts of God offered at this table. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here.

All persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the full spiritual benefits of communion. Wine is offered by way of a sip from the common cup. You may choose to receive only the host. Gluten-free wafers are available by request to the priest.


First Communion Hymn

Divinum Mysterium

Hymnal 82



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -
2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,
3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that
bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on
and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have _____ been, and that fu - ture
world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in
and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal

years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____
vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! _____

Second Communion Hymn

Cradle Song

Hymnal 101



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

Post-communion Prayer

Common Worship

Presider Let us pray.

The People stand.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

CW

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the magi, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

V. Going out as God's People

Sending Hymn

Mendelssohn

Hymnal 87

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!
 2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

Dismissal

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Presider

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

What you need to know today...

Fellowship Hour Today, in Sherlock Hall, immediately after this service; coffee, tea and snacks are provided.

What you need to know this week...

Rector on Vacation Today through Thursday, January 1. In the event of a pastoral emergency, contact Marion Nechuta at the office.

Parish Office Hours Closed for the holidays. Office Manager Marion Nechuta returns next Tuesday, January 6 and is available Tuesday (12 noon–2:30 PM), Wednesday (1 PM–3:30 PM) and Thursday (12 noon–2:30 PM). Please call before arriving; at other times she may still be contacted via parish email.

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer Monday to Friday at 8:30 AM and 5 PM, respectively, online.

Choir Rehearsals Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, January 7.

Compline This Thursday at 8 PM online.

Trinity Men's Group meets on Saturday, January 3, from 8 AM to 9 AM in Witherington Hall.

What you need to know in the future...

Outreach meeting Next Sunday, January 4 in Witherington Hall at 11:30 AM.

Sunday School and Children's Choir resume on Sunday, January 4, during the 10 AM Eucharist.

Confirmation Class Next Sunday, January 4 in Witherington Hall, from 5 PM till 7 PM.

Baptism On the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, Sunday, January 12.

Martin Luther King Jr. Thursday, January 15 at 7 PM at St. Mark's AME Church, Cranford.

2026 Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that according to Diocesan Canon (Article III, Section 1, Canon 49, Sec. 1), and the Constitution of the Parish, the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, following the 10 AM service (there is only one service that day) in Sherlock Hall. Election of new vestry members, convention and convocation delegates, review of 2025 Annual Report, and Bylaw Revisions are presented. Those revisions are available via the email blast or by request from the parish office.

Deadline for committee reports is Sunday, January 4, 2026; refer to last year's Annual Report (available by request).

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