

# The Fourth Sunday in Advent



19 December 2021  
Sung Mass 11.00

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Organ—Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

*Please stand when the bell rings to announce the entrance of the Ministers.*

### The Asperges

*Ant.* Aspérges me, Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor; lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor. *Ps.* 50, 1. Miserére mei Deus, secúndum magnam misericórdiam tuam. *℣* Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sácula sæculórum. Amen. Aspérges me.

*Ant.* Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps.* 51, 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. *℣* 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. Thou shalt purge.

*℣* O Lord show thy mercy upon us. *℞* And grant us thy salvation.

*℣* O Lord, hear my prayer; *℞* And let my cry come unto thee.

*℣* The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**G**RACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. *℞* Amen.

Introit—Isaiah 45, 8.

**R**ORATE cœli, désuper, et nubes pluant justum: aperiátur terra, et gérmínet Salvatórem. *Ps.* 118, 2. Cœli enárrant glóriam Dei: et ópera mánuum ejus annúntiat firmaméntum. *℣* Glória Patri. Rorate cœli.

*Please kneel and stand as the servers so do.*  
**D**ROP down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth the Saviour. *Ps.* 119, 1. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handy-work. *℣* Glory be. Drop down.

Kyrie Eleison—Missa super ‘Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland’

*Johann Fischer*

Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.* Christe, eléison. *ijj.*  
Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.*

Lord, have mercy upon us. *ijj.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *ijj.* Lord, have mercy upon us. *ijj.*

*℣* The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy spirit.

*Please stand for the Collects.*

Let us pray.

**S**TIR up, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy power and come: and with great might succour us; that whereas through our sins we are sore let and hindered, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us: Who livest. *℞* Amen.

Let us pray.

**O** GOD, who wast pleased that thy Word should take flesh of the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the message of an Angel: grant to us thy humble servants; that we, believing her to be indeed the Mother of God, may by her intercession be holpen in thy sight.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to hear the prayers of thy Church: that all adversities and errors being done away, she may serve thee in freedom and quietness. Through.  
℞ Amen.

### The Epistle

*Please be seated.*

The Lesson from the Epistle of blessed Paul the Apostle to the Corinthians. I Cor. 4, 1–5

**B**RETHREN: Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. For I know nothing by myself: yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come: who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. ℞ Thanks be to God.

*Graduale. Ps. 144, 18 & 21.* Prope est Dóminus ómnibus invocántibus eum: ómnibus, qui ívocant eum in veritate. ̄ Laudem Dómini loquétur os meum: et benedícat omnis caro nomen sanctum ejus.

Allelúja, allelúja. ̄ Veni, Dómine, et noli tardáre: reláxa facínora plebis tuæ Israëł. Allelúja.

*Gradual. Ps. 145, 18 & 21.* The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. ̄ My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia. ̄ Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people Israel. Alleluia.

### The Holy Gospel

*Please stand for the Gospel.*

̄ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

Luke 3, 1–6

̄ ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke. ℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I**N the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judæa, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituræa and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene, Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying: The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make his paths straight: every valley shall be filled: and every mountain and hill shall

be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. ℞ Praise be to thee, O Christ.

### Hymn—Like the dawning

*Köln*

Like the dawning of the morning  
On the mountain's golden heights,  
Like the breaking of the moonbeams  
On the gloom of cloudy nights,  
Like a secret told by angels  
Getting known upon the earth,  
Is the mother's expectation  
Of Messiah's speedy birth.

2. Thou wert happy, blessed Mother,  
With the very bliss of Heav'n,  
Since the angel's salutation  
In thy raptured ear was giv'n,  
Since the Ave of that midnight  
When thou wert anointed Queen,  
Like a river overflowing  
Hath the grace within thee been.

3. Thou hast waited, child of David,  
And thy waiting now is o'er.  
Thou hast seen him, blessed Mother,  
And wilt see him evermore.  
Oh, his human face and features,  
They were passing sweet to see!  
Thou beholdest him this moment,  
Mother, show them now to me.

### Homily—Fr Alton

*Please be seated.*

### Nicene Creed

**C**REDO in unum Deum, Patrem  
omnipotentem, factorem cæli et terræ,  
visibilibus omnium et invisibilium. Et in unum  
Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei  
unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante omnia  
sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum  
verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum,  
consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta  
sunt. Qui propter nos homines et propter  
nostram salutem descendit de cælis. *Here  
genuflect.* Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex  
María Virgine: Et homo factus est. *Here arise.*  
Crucifixus etiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Piláto

*Please stand for the Creed.*

**I**BELIEVE in one God. The Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, and of all things  
visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God. Begotten of his  
Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light,  
very God of very God. Begotten not made, being of  
one substance with the Father: by whom all things  
were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation  
came down from heaven. *Here genuflect.* And was  
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary:  
And was made man. *Here arise.* And was crucified  
also for us: under Pontius Pilate he suffered, and  
was buried. And the third day he rose again

passus, et sepúltus est. Et resurrexit tértia die, secúndum Scriptúras. Et ascéndit in cælum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum ventúrus est cum glória judicáre vivos et mórtuos: cujus regni non erit finis. Et in Spíritum Sanctum, Dóminum et vivificántem: qui ex Patre Filióque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Fílio simul adorátur, et conglorificátur: qui locútus est per Prophétas. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostólicam Ecclésiám. Confíteor unum baptísma in remissionem peccatórum. Et expécto resurrectionem mortuórum, ✠ et vitam ventúri sáeculi. Amen.

according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven: and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and giver of life: who proceedeth from the Father and the Son. Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified: who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead. ✠ And the life of the world to come. Amen.

∇ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit. ∇ Let us pray.

*Offertorium. Luc. 1, 28.* Ave, María, grátia plena; Dóminus tecum: benedícta tu in muliéribus, et benedíctus fructus ventris tui.

*Offertory. Luke 1, 28.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

### Hymn—There's a voice

### *Ascension*

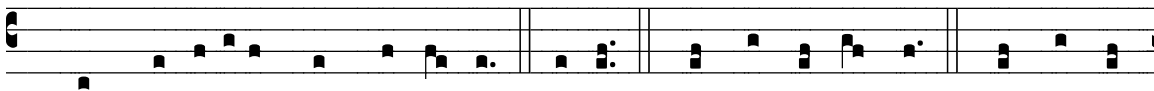
There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
A cry from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway,  
A highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
The lofty hills brought low:  
Make straight all the crooked places,  
Where the Lord our God may go.

2. O Zion, that bringest good tidings,  
Get thee up to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
The coming of their King:  
Like the flowers of the field they perish,  
The works of men decay,  
The power and pomp of nations  
Shall pass like a dream away.

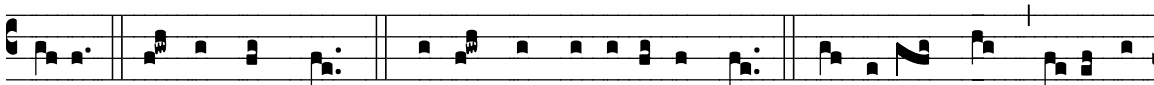
3. But the world of our God endureth,  
The arm of the Lord is strong;  
He stands in the midst of nations,  
And he will right the wrong:  
He shall feed his flock like a shepherd,  
And fold the lambs to his breast;  
In pastures of peace he'll lead them,  
And give to the weary rest.

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
A cry from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway,  
A highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
The lofty hills brought low:  
Make straight all the crooked places,  
Where the Lord our God may go.

## Solemn Preface of Advent



Throughout all ages, world without end. *℞* Amen. *℣* The Lord be with you. *℞* And with thy



spirit. *℣* Lift up your hearts. *℞* We lift them up unto the Lord. *℣* Let us give thanks unto our



Lord God. *℞* It is meet and right so to do.

**I**T is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God: through Christ our Lord. Who in thy mercy and faithfulness didst promise a Saviour to the fallen human race, that his truth might instruct the ignorant; his holiness justify the wicked, and his power give aid to the helpless. Now the time draweth nigh for the coming of him whom thou wilt send, and the day of our liberation is dawning, so with faith in thy promises we rejoice with holy exultation. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the company of the heavenly host, we sing the majesty of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

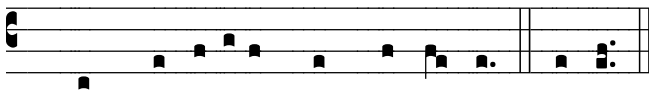
### Sanctus & Benedictus

**S**ANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. *✠* Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

**H**OLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna in the highest. *✠* Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Canon of the Mass

*Please kneel for the Canon.*

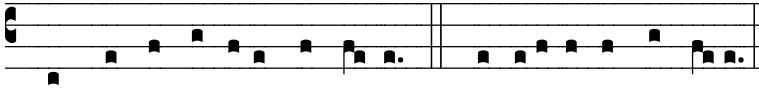


Throughout all ages, world without end. *℞* Amen.

## Our Father

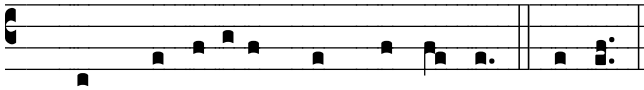
Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

**O**UR 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:

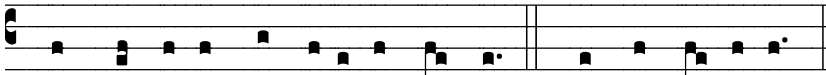


And lead us not into temptation.  $\text{R}$ . But deliver us from e-vil.

## The Pax



Throughout all ages, world without end.  $\text{R}$ . Amen.



The peace of the Lord be alway with you.  $\text{R}$ . And with thy spirit.

## Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:  
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:  
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the  
world: grant us thy peace.

## Communion of the Faithful

$\text{V}$ . Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world.  $\text{R}$ . Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. *ijj*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please make your way via the center aisle to the rails, the Ushers will direct and assist you. If you are unable to make your way to the rail, please alert the Ushers that the Sacrament may be brought to your pew.*

*Communio. Is. 7, 14.* Ecce, Virgo concípiet et páriet fílium: et vocábitur nomen ejus Emmánuel.

*Communion. Is. 7, 14.* Behold, a Virgin shall conceive, and bear a son: and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

### Motet—Prope est Dominus

**P**ROPE est Dóminus ómnibus invocántibus eum: ómnibus, qui ínvocant eum in veritáte. Laudem Dómini loquétur os meum: et benedícat omnis caro nomen sanctum ejus. Allelúja, allelúja. Veni, Dómine, et noli tardáre: reláxa facínora plebis tuæ Israëli. Allelúja.

*Josef Rheinberger*

**T**HE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy name. Alleluia, alleluia. Come, O Lord, and tarry not: forgive the misdeeds of thy people Israel. Alleluia.

### Hymn—The Angel Gabriel

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame,  
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady', Gloria!

2. 'For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honour thee,  
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady', Gloria!

*Gabriel's Message*

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleaseth God', she said,  
'My soul shall laud and magnify thy holy Name.'  
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

4. Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will  
ever say—  
'Most highly favored lady', Gloria!

✠ The Lord be with you. ✠ And with thy spirit.

*Please stand for the Postcommunions.*

Let us pray.

**O**LORD, who hast made us to be partakers of thy bounty: we beseech thee; that we, continually drawing near to this holy mystery, may thereby grow in grace to the attainment of everlasting salvation. Through. ✠ Amen.

Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that as we have known the Incarnation of Christ thy Son by the message of an Angel; so through his passion and cross we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection.

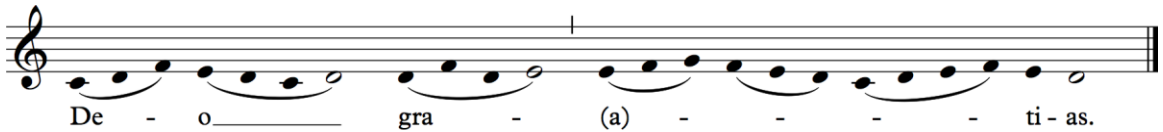
**W**E beseech thee, O Lord our God: that we, whom thou makest to rejoice in the partaking of heavenly things, may by thee be defended against all earthly perils. Through. ✠ Amen.



## Dismissal

℣ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

℣ Benedicámus Dómino.



## Blessing

*Please kneel for the Blessing.*

May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost. ℞ Amen.

## The Last Gospel

*Please stand for the Last Gospel.*

℣ The Lord be with you. ℞ And with thy spirit.

John 1, 1-14

✠ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. ℞ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

**I**N the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *Here genuflect:* And the Word was made flesh, *Here rise:* and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ℞ Thanks be to God.

## The Angelus

℣ The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary. ℞ And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

℣ Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. ℞ Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

℣ Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. ℞ Be it unto me according to thy word.

℣ Hail Mary. ℞ Holy Mary.

℣ And the word was made flesh. ℞ And dwelt among us.

℣ Hail Mary. ℞ Holy Mary.

℣ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. ℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel; so by his ✠ Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *℟. Amen.*

**New English Hymnal N° 11—O come, O come, Emmanuel**

*Veni Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high!

Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. O come, O come, Adonai,

Who in thy glorious majesty  
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw

The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

5. O come, thou Lord of David's Key!

The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!

Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

7. O come, Desire of nations! Show

Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

**Organ—Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland**

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Parish Notes

We welcome all those who are worshipping with us today. At the present time, the City of Philadelphia requires masks on all persons at indoor gatherings regardless of vaccination status, if you have forgotten yours there is a supply at the usher's table. We have been fortunate so far and have not had any COVID-19 cases arise from worship here.

**Offering Envelopes for Christmas Greens** are available on the Ushers' Table.

**Vespers will be chanted** in Latin at 3.00 this afternoon, please join us.

## Anniversaries

- 19 December Joseph W. McGuire, Birth  
Sister Beatrice Anne, CSM, RIP (1984)
- 20 December Madeline Kennedy Bean, Benefactress, RIP (1976)
- 21 December Helen Haedrich Fritz, Benefactress, RIP (1950)
- 22 December Benjamin Stewart Bert, Priest, RIP (1942)
- 23 December Elizabeth Livingston Kelley, Benefactress, RIP (1928)  
Edward Fredrick Lindley Wood, Viscount Halifax, RIP (1959)  
Anne Ashburn, Benefactress, RIP (1967)  
William Hampton Brady, Bishop, RIP (1996)
- 24 December Daniel Ingalls Odell, Priest, RIP (1925)
- 25 December Josephine Gertrude Barron, Benefactress, RIP (1984)

## Kalendar

- 20 December Vigil; *Feria*
- 21 December S. THOMAS, AP.; *Feria*
- 22 December S. Frances Cabrini; *Feria*
- 23 December *Feria*
- 24 December Vigil
- 25 December CHRISTMAS DAY
- 26 December S. STEPHEN, PROTOMARTYR; *Of the Octave*

# Christmas at Saint Clement's

*Friday, 24 December*

## Vigil of the Nativity

- 11.00 Little Hours
- 12.10 Mass of the Vigil of the Nativity
- 1.00 First Vespers of the Nativity
- 5.00 Confessions
- 9.00 Matins
- 11.00 Solemn First Mass In the Night & Procession

*Saturday, 25 December*

## The Nativity of the Lord

Lauds immediately following the First Mass

- 8.00 Low Mass of the Dawn
- 9.30 Little Hours
- 11.00 Solemn Mass of the Day
- 1.00 Second Vespers

## Saint Clement's Church

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The Rev'd Barbara A. Henry, *Associate Priest & Archivist*

The Rev'd Justin Lanier, *Associate Priest*

Mr. John A. Carter, *Eucharistic Visitor*

Mr. Andrew W. Nardone, *Parish Administrator & Sacristan*

Mr. Peter Richard Conte, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Mr. Bernard Kunkel, *Associate Organist & Secretary to the Rector*

The Polyphonia Society, *Choral Artists-in-Residence*