

# St. John's Holiday Newsletter

## November ~ December 2017



### FROM THE RECTOR

*Christmas is coming . . . . . but, first it's Advent!  
And the Word became flesh and lives among us. (John 1:14)*

As St. Paul the Apostle has it, we are running a race. We are taking on a kind of training that will shape us into the image of Jesus Christ. Christmas, which could be called a decisive moment extended in time, offers us a great opportunity to seek this kind of transforming love. We yearn for a specific opportunity for grace, a disciplined way that will give us direction. Yet, this yearning is realistic, not so outrageous or mock-heroic that we can't experience and live it. Christmas is that generous commitment to relationship with God: one that, despite false starts, stumbling, and all the different aspects of our humanity, will nevertheless act by grace, to form us in Jesus Christ.

But how do we get there? How can we experience once again all the joy and wonder of a baby lying in a manger? How can we come to terms that this baby is our "Mighty God?" Have you every watched a baby learning to walk? Or a young bird learning to fly? The mother and/or father, and/or friend, and/or lover can't do it for the child. The child has to learn by taking chances, gaining balance, swaying. When you learn to walk, your parent is training you, egging you on, then reproaching and correcting, moving ahead of you on the path to show you that great love they have known in Jesus Christ.

The liturgical season of Advent is about God educating us; and that's why we must never drop out. God is treating us as loved children along a journey of faith. And when we fall (as we all most surely do) it isn't punishment, it's training - a normal experience of children. It's been said before that those who invest in Advent will be paid handsomely in their experience of Christmas. It's the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.

Exercise and nurture your "soul" this Advent. Come to Church. Get involved. Give to the poor and needy. Roll up your sleeves. Pray. Only together do we make up the Body of Christ. But take heart, at Christmas, God is not above and beyond our need and reach. God is revealed by a manger stall and swaddling clothes, the Angels and shepherds. In Christ, God loves us and is with us, wherever we are. Emmanuel, God is with us! Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas!

In great expectation and love, I remain faithfully yours,  
*Father Ron*



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## *Pastoral Care Notes from the Rector*

- ✦ Congratulations to Thomas Hoff and Jessica Deimler who were married on August 5, in The Highlands, NC. The couple now reside in NC.
- ✦ Congratulations to Mindy Wolfmayer and Michelle Golder who were married on August 25, in New Hope, PA. Mindy & Michelle are active members here at St. John's.
- ✦ Congratulations to Peter Chetwynd and Caitlin Fetko who were married on September 23, in Red Bank. Pete & Caitlin are active members here at St. John's.
- ✦ Congratulations to Ryan Gibson and Rebecca Di Stefano who were married in Stockton, on October 21. Ryan and Rebecca are new here at St. John's.
- ✦ Congratulations to Ellis Kelleher and Eamonn Quinn who were married in Fort Myers, FL, on October 29. Ellis and Eamonn live in Brooklyn, NY.
- ✦ Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Joseph Klosin, whose funeral was held on September 30. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ✦ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr. Carlyle "Corky" Caldwell whose funeral was held on October 12, here at St. John's. He was a long-time friend of parishioner Bob Vaucher. Dr. Caldwell's graveside service was held on October 18. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.
- ✦ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Delfina Greenip, mother of Danielle Barry, who died on October 14. She was 95 years old. May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory.
- ✦ Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jennie P. Jachim, mother of Doreen Franko, who died on October 21. Her memorial Service will be held on November 18, at 11:00 am here at St. John's. May she rest in Peace and rise in Glory.



### *Advent Wreath Making!*

Please join us for Advent Wreath Making on Sunday, December 3, after both the 8:00 am and 10:15 am service, in the Parish Hall.

This is the perfect opportunity for the entire family to learn more about the season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of the Christ Child.

Some supplies will be provided: purple and pink candles, metal wreaths, pipe cleaners, fresh cuttings of greens, etc. You are invited to bring in some supplies as well on the same day.

Questions, please ask Fr. Ron

*Don't forget to pick up your Advent Booklets after both services on Sunday, December 3, in the narthex and the Parish Hall.*



# Holy Baptism at St. John's Church

by Father Ron

Holy Baptism is one of the two major sacraments by which God adopts us as the children of God and makes us members of the Body of Christ, the Church, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God. It is an occasion, also, for the entire congregation to renew its own baptismal covenant and to promise to share with the parents and sponsors in the Christian nurture of the person being baptized.

A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. The outward and visible sign in Baptism is water, in which the person is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. The inward and spiritual grace in Baptism is the union with Christ in his death and resurrection, birth into the family of God the Church, forgiveness of sins, and new life in the Holy Spirit.

Because Baptism represents the most decisive moment in any person's life, we rejoice and give God thanks for the decision to make this step forward in faith.

**When Baptism is held** - Because Baptism is an act of initiation into membership in the Body of Christ, Baptism is always administered within the Eucharist at the main service for those feast days when the church celebrates those gifts and graces which become ours in Baptism or when the church is celebrating in thanksgiving its life as a community of faith:

- † The Great Easter Vigil, when we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, in which we share through our Baptism.
- † The Day of Pentecost, when we celebrate the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in which we are endowed in Baptism.
- † The Sunday after All Saints' Day, when we celebrate the one communion of saints in which we are members through Baptism.
- † The Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord, when we celebrate Jesus' confession at his baptism in the Jordan to be the Christ in whom we have our Christian ministries.
- † The Episcopal Visitation of the Bishop of New Jersey, who is the chief overseer of our Christian ministries and by loyalty to whom we are united as one Church.
- † There will be other times designated by the Rector during the year when, as a community of faith, we shall observe the joys of Christ's Church and celebrate the reality of our faith and baptism.
- † Baptisms are administered at other times only in rare situations of extenuating circumstances, such as an emergency (*someone near death*).

**Being Baptized** - All desiring to be baptized must notify the Rector so that there is ample time for baptismal instructions to be held with the person being baptized or the parents of the child being baptized.



# Holy Pitchers, Cruets, Flagons & Ewers

by the Rector

*The vessels used in the Eucharist have special shapes as well as function. Here's the difference:*

**Cruets** are containers for water and wine prepared by the Altar Guild and placed on the credence table in the narthex to be handed to the priest to pour into the chalice for consecration and communion. Water is placed on the credence table at the altar. Cruets are usually made of glass or crystal so that the acolyte or Lay Eucharistic Minister can easily tell which is water and which is wine. Cruets hold extra water and wine if needed for a large service. The chapel uses glass cruets with sterling silver toppers.



**Flagons** also hold water and wine but are larger than cruets. One flagon is placed before the service on the credence table in the narthex. During the offertory anthem they are carried up the aisle to the altar by two parishioners (called oblation bearers) following the ushers, who hold the alms basins or plates, and are handed to the priest. St. John's flagons are silver, kept well - polished by the Altar Guild. The bearers are careful to keep the flagon with water on the left and the wine on the right. Some parishes, to avoid confusion, place a little red dot on the base of the wine flagon. At St John's we count on knowing the left from the right.



**An Ewer** is a vase-shaped pitcher. Some are made of silver or brass and are frequently used to hold water for the baptism prior to its being blessed and poured into the font. Ewers can also be used to hold water and wine for the Eucharist. At St. John's we have a particularly lovely ewer reserved for baptisms.



## *The Scarcity Assumption*

*The following article is from a book titled "The Promise of Paradox: A Celebration of contradictions in the Christian Life." written by Parker Palmer.*

More than we know, our lives are governed by rules - not the rules of civil society, but rules which flow from the assumptions we make about life. Each of us is filled with such assumptions, with beliefs about "how things are" and what we can expect. More than we know, our attitudes and behaviors are shaped by these beliefs, beliefs we hardly ever examine because we think they simply reflect reality. If we think life is a jungle, then that's the way life is likely to be for us - not because life really is a jungle but because the assumptions lead us to act in ways that cause the jungle to grow up around us. The paranoid person eventually creates the very enemies that began only in his or her imagination. These prophecies come true not because they are inevitable, but because we bring them to life by acting as if they were true.

So it is with scarcity and abundance. Are the basic goods of life plentiful or in short supply? It depends. It depends on your assumptions. What do you assume those basic goods to be? If diamonds are vital to you, or if you absolutely must have mangoes, then scarcity becomes a problem. And what do you assume about the sources of supply? If all life's goods must be obtained through cash exchange with others, it will be hard to see the abundance that lies beyond dependence on the market.

Most people seem to assume that scarcity is a simple fact of life. How else can one explain the obsession with acquiring, consuming and hoarding which permeates our society? We live in constant fear of the future - the fear that money will run out, that food supplies will dwindle, that housing will be unavailable. And as we act on those fears, the assumption becomes reality! As we consume more than we need, as we hoard against the future, then stores do dwindle and prices do rise and there will be too little to go around.

The tragic victims of this self-fulfilling prophecy are, of course, the "have-nots" of the world who lack the capital to act out their economic fears. For them, scarcity is no assumption at all: it is a hard and cruel fact of life. But that fact is created by people who have a choice - the choice to assume scarcity and grab for all one can get, or the choice to assume abundance and live in such a way as to create and share it. For these people - for those of us who are affluent and educated - the matter of choosing assumptions is more than academic. Our souls and the lives of others hang in the balance.

# *Where There's a Will, There's a Way*

*by Sam Galpin*

My father wasn't always good at planning. Like many of us, he would procrastinate in taking care of those things that made him uncomfortable. So when he passed away, it became my job to see that his intentions were carried out.

My parents' will was written in 1962. It was a one-page affair that turned out to be difficult to probate because it didn't conform to contemporary legal standards. It became a lengthy and expensive process to ensure that everything my parents worked so hard for over the years was distributed as they had intended. An updated will would have lessened the burden of that task significantly.

As Christians, we are called upon to be faithful stewards of God's gifts to us. We tend to think of that calling in terms of "today," but what happens "tomorrow" when we're not able to make those decisions? Will our choices be carried out? Will they reflect our values and intentions?

Writing a will and having appropriate medical directives in place are essential if we want to control what happens to our family and possessions if we become incapacitated or pass away. Appointing trustees and executors, naming guardians for young children and deciding how we'd like our worldly goods distributed will give us peace of mind and relieve our loved ones of the burden of those decisions.

If we die without a will, the state will make all those decisions for us without regard to cost or intentions, and it will ensure that the estate pays as much tax as possible. The State will also make *no charitable contributions* to deserving organizations of our choice such as St. John's or other charities.

Getting started is the hard part, especially if we chose to do it alone. That's why the Episcopal Church Foundation has developed the materials necessary to help us organize our thoughts and to prepare the rudimentary documents that reflect our values and wishes. For copies of these publications or additional information, please contact Sam Galpin, Planned Giving Committee, at [samgalpin@aol.com](mailto:samgalpin@aol.com) or leave a message with the church office. You don't have to do it alone!

*Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

*Hebrews 13:16*

## *The Columbarium at St. John's Church*

*by Father Ron*

The Columbarium provides a beautiful and reverent opportunity to claim the church as a sacred place of burial. Burial within the church has been a respected tradition throughout history. Some of the world's most historic churches are known for their cemeteries that adjoin the church.

St. John's continues that tradition with our own Columbarium. Today, churches throughout the world are finding that columbaria contribute to a feeling of church community. Be it Christmas or Easter Sunday or regular Sabbath Eucharists, the congregation -- past and present -- are the "Living Stones" together in body and spirit in history. For further information regarding Columbarium interments, please speak with Father Ron.

*"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
their bodies are buried in peace, but their names live for evermore."*

## ***New Books in the Goldsack Parish Library***

- Batterson, Michael. Whisper: how to hear the voice of God. Crown Publishing, 2017.
- Curry, Michael, with Barbara Harris. In conversation. CPI Publishing, 2017.
- Demi. Talking to God: prayers for children from the world's religions. Wisdom Tales, 2017.
- Lucado, Max. Anxious for nothing: finding calm in a chaotic world. Thomas Nelson, 2017.
- Reader, Ian. Pilgrimage: a very short introduction. Oxford University Press, 2015.
- Rylant, Cynthia. Nativity. Beach Lane Books, 2017.
- Sheldrake, Philip. Spirituality: a very short introduction. Oxford University Press, 2012.

## ***Some Book Suggestions from the Rector***

- The Jesus Heist: Recovering The Gospel from the Church, by Bishop C. Andrew Doyle.
- Restreaming: Thriving in the Currents of Retirement, by William S. Craddock, Jr.
- Tracking Down the Holy Ghost: Reflections on Love and Longing, by Former Presiding Bishop  
Frank T. Griswold.
- How Then Shall We Live? Christian Engagement with Contemporary Issues, by Samuel Wells.
- All My Words Have Holes in Them: Simple Daly Meditations, by Ginny Wilder.
- Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around: Stories of Contemplation and Justice, by Therese Taylor-Stinson.
- Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent, by Walter Brueggemann. "Advent is not the kind of preparation that involves shopping and parties and cards. Such illusions of abundance disguise the true cravings of our weary souls. Advent is preparation for the demands of newness that will break the tired patterns of fear in our lives." - *from the first Sunday of Advent.*

## ***Watchung Convocation Evensong and Meeting***

Sunday, November 19, at 3:00 pm. At St. Mark's in Basking Ridge.

Business: Election of someone to Mission Commission, the Nominating Committee and a report from the Treasurer.

# Episcopal Church Women

Our year has gotten off to a good start. We have a number of wonderful events on our schedule which are designed to meet the various interests of our members. We started the year with a pot-luck in September and in October our guest speaker demonstrated some techniques for getting fit.

On **Monday, November 6** we will gather at 7 p.m. in the Guild Room to share refreshments and have a brief meeting where we will discuss our plans for our Christmas chocolate candy and poinsettia sales in November and December.

We will start our **Monday, December 4** meeting at 7 p.m. with an Advent Eucharist in the church followed by a brief meeting, Yankee Swap and holiday desserts in the Guild Room.

I am looking forward to meeting new faces and seeing old faces at our coming events. My best wishes to all for a very Happy and Holy Holiday Season.

God Bless,  
Marianne Jalali,  
President

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## *Prayer for Our Troops*

**"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.  
Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.  
Amen."**

*Fr. Ron*



## A Veteran's Day Tribute

Nominated Best Original Song 16th Academy Awards -1943

### *Say A Prayer*

All of us are working hand in hand  
We're working to preserve this wondrous land  
But there is something more we all can do  
That will help to bring our loved ones safely through.

Say a prayer for the boys over there  
When they play the Star Spangled Banner  
Picture them by the dawn's early light  
And ask the Lord to watch over them each night.

Lift your eyes as you silently rise  
When they play the Star Spangled Banner  
As the song of freedom fills the air  
Say a prayer for the boys over there.

(Transcribed by David Story - August 2013)

***Fr. Ron will be offering the Invocation and  
Benediction at the Somerset County Veteran's  
Memorial Plaza at 11:00 am on Saturday,  
November 11, Veteran's Day.***



***Editor's Note: St. John's continues to pray for all women and men serving in our U. S. Armed Forces!***

## November - The Month of *Thanksgiving*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Albert Einstein, whose anniversary of death draws near, said some interesting things about God; Concerning purpose vs. accident or chance, he said, “*God doesn’t roll dice.*” Concerning meaning and pain, he once said, “*I believe God is sophisticated but not malicious.*”

His fundamentally thankful attitude with respect to his own intellectual and artistic gifts is reflected for me in the following quotation: “*I have been the recipient of excessive admiration and respect from my fellows through no fault of my own.*”

Maybe thanksgiving is at the heart of genuine spirituality. In other parts of the country, churches are much fuller on Thanksgiving than in the northeast, but I do hope you’ll try to be in church on Thanksgiving morning at 9 am. Every Sunday is, of course, an opportunity to offer thanks but Thanksgiving, our only national religious holiday (holy day) is special.

Please come if you can- just for the peace of it!

Faithfully, and lovingly, Fr. Ron

### ***Seasonal Outreach - “Adopt-A-Family”***

In this outreach ministry, anyone is invited to “Adopt-A-Family,” especially during the Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Years. This may be in the form of supplying food baskets; providing toys or clothes for children and/or adults; providing gift cards (grocery gift cards to ShopRite) or gift cards, movie tickets, etc., etc. Marianne Jalali has taken on a leadership role with this very rewarding ministry.

(For more information see page 12.)

### ***Thanksgiving Season: Baskets***

Emily Ianniello is getting a list of volunteers together to provide Thanksgiving baskets for needy families. If you are willing and able to help by providing a basket, please email her at [emily.ianniello@gmail.com](mailto:emily.ianniello@gmail.com). If you know of a family who is in need, or you are in need yourself, please contact Fr. Ron with that information.

### ***A Prayer for the World***

God in whose love we are made, When bread is before us, remind us of the hungry. When our key is in our door, remind us of those who have no home. When we enjoy the opportunities of money in our pockets, remind us of those who only know poverty. When the laughter of friendship fills our hearing, remind us of those who know only loneliness. When the love of our family keeps us safe, remind us of those whose family was the place of their pain. When we wonder what it is we can do, remind us that you said: Whenever you feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, visit the prisoner, you do it to me. May prayer feed our actions and may our actions feed the world.



It is good to give thanks!



# Happy Thanksgiving!





## *From the Heart Thrift Shop*

*November-December 2017*

Our next **From the Heart Thrift Shop** will be November 2 (from 11 am to 6 pm) and set up is November 1 (between 2 to 4 pm).

**Shop in November and you will receive a \$5.00 coupon off anything in January.**

December's thrift shop will be December 7 and the set-up is December 6.

We will be accepting only fall and winter clothing.

We are looking for help to set-up and work on the day of the Thrift Shop. Helping hands are greatly appreciated. Please contact me at any time.

Since its inauguration 12 years ago, the St. John's From the Heart Thrift Shop has donated more than \$80,000 to community and regional social services and non-profits organizations and agencies.

See you at the thrift shop.

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### *State of New Jersey*

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Very often in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency, donations come into the office that we give to the children that we serve here in Somerset County. We have the Holiday Toy Drive, a used coat drive for the children, and sometimes if we are lucky some free Turkeys during Thanksgiving. So many other things are needed though.

Throughout the year, a lot of children may only see books in the schools they attend. Some may be able to see them at libraries as well. I know that a lot of children love to read, and would love a new book of their own. Often reading is an escape for many children. It can give a child someplace to go when they use their imagination.

Your support in hosting a book drive for the children involved in the Division of Child Protection and Permanency in Somerset County, will bring many opportunities for children that love to read but may not have the means to get to a book.

Your support is greatly appreciated and the Division of Child Protection and Permanency looks forward to working with you to help the many children in our community, that will benefit from this amazing donation drive. Karin Erickson AFSW2

### *Dear Youth Group,*

Thank you for your donations and for supporting the babies, children and teens of [Somerset Child Protection and Permanency \(DCP&P\)](#).

We collected 6 boxes of books already!! (See attached photo) They will certainly bring smiles to their faces.

***If you still wish to donate books, please hold onto them for the next book drive.*** Karin at DCP&P will contact me when they are ready for more. (We collected new and gently used books. Ages baby to teen.)

Thank you!

-Kevin and Kim Buchanan



## *Thank you...*

To the gang from the "From the Heart" thrift shop, and all my family at St. John's, for the cards, flowers, and good thoughts on the recent passing of my mother Irene, and of my cousins George McCoy and Barbara McCoy. You are all a blessing to me, especially at times like these.

To Pauline Boyer, Joann Ivas, Tom Keefer, Toni Kolupanowich, Judy Marine, Linda Olson, and Karen Whitmore, who spent half a day with me in late August to prepare the annual mailing of the Fund for the Diaconate to the deacons of The Episcopal Church. They stuffed, sealed, labelled and stamped almost 3100 envelopes! I hope the pastries and pizza made up for it.

*Dn. Keith*

## *Christmas Chocolate Sale*

St. John's Episcopal Church Women is again sponsoring a Homemade Chocolate Sale for Christmas. Order forms are available on the bulletin board in the parish house and may be returned there. Both dark and milk chocolate will be available in the form of non-perils, toffee almond bark, chocolate covered pretzels, peanut butter creams, coconut creams, raisin clusters, and assorted Christmas molds.

The deadline for ordering is the beginning of November. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Sundays during coffee hours beginning December 3.

Chocolates will be made in St. John's kitchen on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning October 31 and continuing through the month of November, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome, even if you are available for just an hour or two. We will train you; no experience necessary!

Sign up on the schedule on the parish hall bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Pauline Boyer at 908-722-1832



## *An Epiphany Party!*

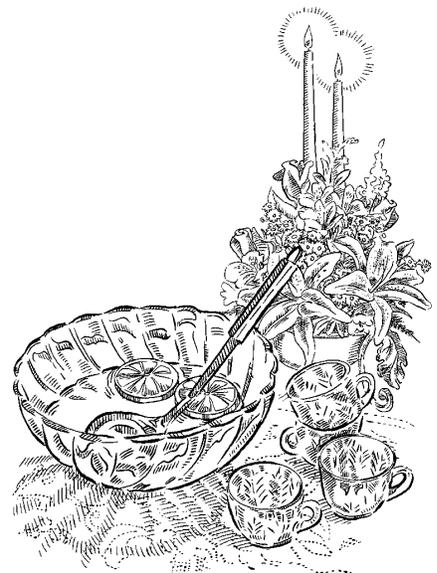
*Saturday, January 6, at 5 pm*

This event is open to Everyone! Come and enjoy a special evening of fellowship and food.

Sign-up to bring hors d'oeuvres, veggie platters, desserts and beverages. The main course will be catered.

Musical offerings will be provided by members of our community thereby creating a wonderful atmosphere for this celebration.

Children will be invited to participate in The Three Kings Procession "play".





## “Adopt-A-Family” Christmas Season

This Christmas season St. John’s will assist ten needy families in the Somerville area in an Adopt-A-Family program. All families are living on the edge financially and struggling each month to cover the costs of providing the basics like food, shelter and clothing. Some are known to the church, some are living in shelters, and others have been referred by county social service agencies and other service organizations.

We are asking for your help in several ways. Father Ron has been in contact with the families. The Wish List that the families provide is meant as a guide in helping us to give them items that are truly needed or desired to give them a reason to rejoice on Christmas Day. We will do our best to accommodate the gift requests made, but cannot guarantee all wishes will be met. In the coming weeks, a Christmas Wish List for each child will be posted in the parish hall. Please stop, look at the list, and consider purchasing a gift. Then, enter your name alongside the requested item you will provide. All gifts should be wrapped and labeled clearly. They can be brought to the parish hall starting December 3 and should be there no later than December 15.

We would also like to provide each family with food for Christmas dinner. Also, in the parish hall will be list of foods needed. If you would like to give an item, or two, please write your name next to the item you will provide. You might also wish to consider a grocery store gift certificate. All food items can be brought to the parish hall starting December 3 and should be there no later than December 15.

The gifts and food items will need to be assembled and bagged to be distributed to the families. Your help is needed on Saturday, December 16 between 9 am - 12 noon in the parish hall to do this. If you are available, your help will be greatly appreciated. More hands make for lighter work.

With your help, we can provide essentials for the families. Ultimately, the adopted family will be blessed by receiving assistance, hope, and caring, and we as members of St. John’s, will gain the feeling of knowing that we helped make a family’s holiday better and brighter.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones at Christmas and all year long.

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Jalali at [Marianne.Jalali@aol.com](mailto:Marianne.Jalali@aol.com) .

## *Ship’s Galley at St. John’s*

Please remember that St. John’s assignment for Ship’s Galley is Wednesday, **November 8 and Wednesday, December 13**. Our assignment is always the **Second Wednesday** of the month.

The entrees, soups and casseroles that have been brought in are outstanding and enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those who have been supplying the food and to everyone who volunteers to serve on our day.

For those who don’t like to cook there is always an opportunity on the day of Ship’s Galley to help out in the kitchen or the serving line. We have had a successful year in serving those in need. We would encourage anyone to please add your name to the list and make your favorite casserole or dish to share with those who come to Ship’s Galley. Remember that the sign-up sheet contains suggestions but if anyone has a favorite they would like to make please feel free to do so. Just write it in on the sheet. This support is truly a generous outreach by the parishioners of St. John’s. To those who provide the food, those who work the kitchen and those who give moral support...*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

Any questions please contact **Dot Spolarich 908 526-3987**.



## A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



Please join us for our Annual Lessons and Carols on Sunday December 17 at 5 pm. This tradition takes us back to King's College Cambridge England where it was first introduced in 1918 though an earlier format dates back to 1880.

Oddly enough the then - newly appointed Dean of Kings was persuaded by an Army Chaplain that England needed more imaginative forms of worship!

The format of the service is divided into 9 Lessons or readings. It begins with the fall of humanity as dictated in the book of Genesis, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is through the power of music that we profess the written word of God through song. This tradition is a major part of the Anglican worship style. Some of finest hymns, anthems and Carols were specifically written for the Advent and Christmas Season.

Please join us on **Sunday December 17 at 5pm**. It's a wonderful service and serves as a form of preparation, prayerful meditation and jubilant song! A free will offering will be taken during the service. The monies go towards the Music Fund.

**A Dessert Extravaganza Reception follows the service!!**

John Plesniarski,  
Organist/Choirmaster

**Prayerfully consider your participation in the Christmas Angel Tree!**



**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**

No child should be lost in the cracks of our society. No child should be forgotten at Christmas. But that's exactly what might happen to many, many kids this year unless you and I come together to do something about it.

Christmas can be one of the toughest times of the year for many children - boys and girls who through no fault of their own have been deprived of a parent, aunt or uncle, or grandparent, guardian, foster parent or other adult figure during one of the most important times of their lives.

We are asking for your kindness to help children and older youngsters (1-18 years old) right here in Somerset County who may not otherwise have a smile on Christmas morning. We are talking about the young people who live at the **Somerset Home For Temporarily Displaced Children**, the children of **Somerset County Jail Inmates**, **Agape House**, and lots of other children we know as a result of **Soup Kitchen**, **Thrift Shop** and other ministries.

Quoting from The Children's Home newsletter, *"It is difficult for some of us to imagine what a holiday might be like without our loved ones — no place to call home, no one to share in the excitement, joy and love. The holidays for our residents, who are victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment, have often meant loneliness, sadness and anger."*

St. John's would like to make this Christmas a memorable one for these young people. We, who are so fortunate, would like to share some of our bounty. It is this spirit of giving, exemplified by Christ, that makes us Christians, just as the birth of the Christ Child gives true meaning to Christmas.

**On the stage in the parish hall will be our Christmas Angel Tree.** Simply take an angel from the tree clearly labeled "boy" or "girl" and age, wrap the present and label it with the age and sex, and place it under the Angel Tree. Bring your gifts to the Parish Hall on or before **Friday, December 15**. If at all possible bring your gifts in at the beginning of the month! The gifts will be delivered to the Home and the jail.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for instilling in our children the real meaning of Christmas and Christ's love for all of us.

We pray that many members and friends of St. John's Church will support this ministry and provide children with toys and gifts that they ordinarily would not receive.

Gratefully yours, *Father Ron*

**Please remember to deliver your presents to the church  
no later than Friday, December 15!**



# Christmas Music & Christmas Flowers

Christmas is a time when God's greatest gift came into the world. Christmas is a time to be joyful, a time to be thankful for all that God has given us, a time to share with others, a time to celebrate with those who are close to us, and a time to remember those who have passed from our lives. Christmas is a time of love.

**Nothing says "Christmas" quite so much as seasonal music and flowers!**

You can fulfill your own Christmastide outpouring of love by honoring those who are with us or remembering those who have gone before, by contributing toward special Christmas Flowers to adorn the altar and/or special "Brass" music at our Christmas Eve Eucharists. Undoubtedly, brass compliments our special Christmas music and brings untold joy to those who listen and experience its richness.

## If you would like to contribute money for Music:

If you wish to honor a loved one, please write that it is given "in thanksgiving" or "in memory of" someone and then list their names. Please mail your contribution directly to **Fr. Ron (158 West High Street, Somerville, NJ, 08876), hand it to him on Sunday, or put it in his mailbox at Church.**

Checks should be made out to: **St. John's Memorial Fund, memo - "Brass"**

## If you would like to contribute money for Flowers:

Please use the envelopes you will find in the narthex or the parish hall. Or you can send a check with a list of the names you wish to have remembered in the Christmas bulletins to **St. John's Episcopal Church, 158 West High St., Somerville NJ 08876.** Be sure to neatly list the names of those you are acknowledging, indicating if it is "in thanksgiving for" or "in memory of." Place the envelope with your donation in the Parish Secretary's mailbox in the Parish Hall, or mail it to the Parish Office.

Checks should be made out to **St. John's Altar Guild , memo - "Christmas Flowers"**

Thank you for your generosity! *Fr. Ron*



**The DEADLINE for ALL contributions for music and flowers is Monday, December 18.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

## *Six Tiny Stories with Great Meanings*

- {1} Once all villagers decided to pray for rain, on the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.\*\*  
That's FAITH\*\*
- {2} When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs, because she knows you will catch her.\*\*  
That's TRUST\*\*
- {3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake up.\*\* That's HOPE\*\*
- {4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.\*\*  
That's CONFIDENCE\*\*
- {5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.\*\*  
That's LOVE\*\*
- {6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 90 years old.... I am sweet 16 with 74 years experience'\*\*  
That's ATTITUDE\*\*

Submitted by Linda Olson



# The Diocese of New Jersey

PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE GARDEN STATE

*Dear People of the Diocese of New Jersey,*

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God....Philippians 4:6*

*I am grateful to all those who participated in last Saturday's Special Convention. Saturdays in fall are precious and, as I said to the Convention, I do not take the gift of people's time for granted. The Convention was important for our common life as a diocesan community. Five resolutions were passed that help thove the ball'in terms of our ability to carry out the mission and ministry God has given us to do in the part of God's dominion entrusted to us as the Diocese of New Jersey.*

*The first resolution provides guidance to our Budget and Finance Committee as they determine budgeting priorities for 2018. The guidance comes from the different components of the Discerning Our Common Call process.*

*The second resolution calls for a task force to take a close look at all revenue and resource options available to us as we seek to strengthen and support stable, secure, long-term mission and ministry as a diocesan community. This will include analyzing the growth potential of congregations and their support, selling under-utilized properties for revenue, looking at ways of using people resources, creating a diocesan talent bank to take on some of the tasks we currently contract, and more.*

*The third resolution also involves creating a task force. This one will study how we might restructure our diocesan entities - committees, commissions, boards, and ministries - so that they align with the Five Anglican Marks of Mission. This would have implications for how the budget process would function and create greater ownership and accountability across the diocese for our shared ministries. It will help sharpen our missionary focus.*

*The fourth resolution begins the process of initiating a diocesan-wide fund raising campaign. There hasn't been one since the early 1980s. We currently draw income from an investment fund that was created by the generosity of generations that have come before us, but the current generations have not done their share. This is not acceptable. The first step is a feasibility study*

*The fifth resolution calls for us to continue the work of Discerning our Common Call. It recognizes that the work done this past summer is only a beginning. We need to continue to expand our awareness of God's call to us as well as the participation level of all who are part of this community that is the Diocese of New Jersey.*

*Lastly, the sixth resolution allows us to continue to fund the diocese at current levels until our Convention in March when we will pass a 2018 budget.*

*I am deeply thankful to Anne Notte, our Convention Coordinator, as well as members of staff, particularly Sarah Paige, Mary Ann Rhoads, Mary Anne Clisham, Canon Connie White, Canon Debi Clarke, Terry Schwarz, and Curtis Wilson, as well as Trinity Cathedral staff members Patrice D'Angelo, Al Shaw and Michael PJ'Pettyjohn, and diocesan youth who did an incredible job organizing the Special Convention and the Convention space. Chancellor Paul Ambos prepared the order and script for the day and assured that everything was done properly.*

*Archdeacon Pete Cornell and Dcn. Eric Elley, who came down from Connecticut, spent hours to assure that the technical set-up was right and that everything worked smoothly. Archdeacon Pete's sister, The Reverend Amy Cornell, Allie Graham, Rob Bullington, Freddie Paiva, and Catherine Ambos also lent their assistance with the tech work.*

*The Steering Committee did an outstanding job throughout the Discerning Our Common Call process. Special kudos to Convener, The Reverend Emily Mellott and to Amy Cornell who served as recorder at most of the DOCC events. Theresa Dunn did exemplary work on communications and especially charts and Word-clouds. Phyllis Jones crunched numbers and kept the whole process on track. Susan Stokes prepared the PowerPoints used for convention presentations. Allie Graham took photographs. Sebastian Vazquez served a translator for the Spanish speaking members of our community at the Special Convention and Rosalina Ibanez-Memba, and Lori Panteleo translated the documents with a short lead time. The Reverend Valerie Balling did an outstanding job planning and organizing the Eucharist and adapted well when we changed the format and schedule at the last moment. John Sheridan was our organist and Deborah Ford our music coordinator. There were numerous other volunteers, especially young adults who assisted in the registration process. Thank you. Thank you all.*

*Blessings and peace, The Right Reverend William H. (Chip) Stokes, D.D.*

*XII Bishop of New Jersey*

# St. John's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 14, 2018



The Annual Meeting of St. John's Parish will be Sunday, January 14 in the Parish Hall following the 10:15 am Eucharist. Come cast your vote for your Warden, Vestry Members, Diocesan Convention Deputies and Watchung Convocation delegates.

## All submissions for the Annual Report are due in the Parish Office by January 8.

The Canons of the Church (49:1) wisely require an Annual Meeting of every congregation in which to elect those whose duty it is to protect the church property, and see that all things needed for the orderly worship of God and for the administration of the sacraments and Ordinances of the Church be provided. And further, to see that the funds of the Parish are expended properly (50:2,3). Those elected to the Vestry, and those elected to represent the parish in Diocesan capacities are expected to be faithful in their attendance at worship and to set an example in stewardship.

The Episcopal Church provided for a democratic method of governing itself and the annual elections are proof of that method. It takes seriously the responsibility laid upon people to support, to suggest, to extend the Kingdom of God through the Church. Canon 49:2, 4 defines the qualifications of votes and officers to be elected:

*The voters shall be baptized, at least 16 years of age, domiciled in the Parish, of good moral character, adhering to this Church and to no other religious body, regular attendants at the services of the Church in said Parish, meaning thereby those who are more frequently present than absent, and regular contributors to the current expenses of the Parish in the manner prescribed by the Vestry.*

The qualified voters shall elect such officers who shall be communicants in good standing. The term "communicant" shall be taken to mean a person who has been confirmed by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church, or has been received into this Church by a Bishop of this Church, and who shall have received the Holy Communion at least once during the preceding year.

Join us for St. John's Annual Meeting on January 14. Child care will be provided during the meeting.

**Please plan to attend!**

## To all heads of organizations and their treasurers:

**Heads:** Please prepare a written report about the ministry and activities of your group or committee and have it to Lillie Hardingham, the Parish Administrator in the parish office no later than **Monday, January 8** (preferably before that date).

**Treasurers:** Please prepare your financial report including: Receipts - opening balance, receipts, (list categories, not single items), total receipts, balance and total. Disbursements (list categories, not single items), total disbursements, year's closing balance disbursements, and closing balance. Treasurers must include reports of monies in all saving accounts using the same information above.

**Thank you in advance for your continued leadership, cooperation, and timeliness.**

Faithfully, *Fr. Ron*

## *Nominating Committee Members this year are:*

Father Ron Pollock, Chair: [frronpollock1@verizon.net](mailto:frronpollock1@verizon.net)

Diane Sireci, warden: [dianesireci@comcast.net](mailto:dianesireci@comcast.net)

Marianne Jalali, vestry: [marianne.jalali@aol.com](mailto:marianne.jalali@aol.com)

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Member at Large: TBD

William Hoffman, vestry: [william.hoffman@att.net](mailto:william.hoffman@att.net)

Member at Large: TBD

## *November Altar Flowers*

**November 5** ~ by Mr. & Mrs. Gimbut in honor of *All Those who Served their Country*

**November 12** ~ by Lynn & Matt Giordano in loving memory of their mothers, *Frances K. Powers & Eleanor Giordano*

**November 19**~ by Linda Olson in loving memory of her husband, *Olaf Norman Olson*

**November 26** ~ by the Rev. Ronald N. Pollock in thanksgiving for *The People of St. John's: Past, Present, and yet to be*

## *November Altar Candles*

**November 5** ~ Open

**November 12** ~ by Alice Marshall in loving memory of her daughter, *Sharon Marshall*

**November 19** ~ by Bobbi Agins in loving memory of her husband, *Jack Agins*

**November 26** ~ by Florence Mindos in loving memory of her husband, *George Mindos* and her father, *Michael Lachowin*

## *November Bread & Wine*

The offerings of bread and wine for the month of November are given to the Glory of God  
by Linda Olson in loving memory for her husband,  
*Olaf Norman Olson*

## *Lectionary for November*

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>LESSON</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
<b>November 5</b>	Joshua 3:7-17	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
<b>November 12</b>	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
<b>November 19</b>	Judges 4:1-7	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
<b>November 26</b>	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

## *December Altar Flowers*

**December 3** ~ by Marianne Jalali in loving memory of her parents, *Fred & Elise Kiekhoefel*

**December 10** ~ by Miss Nancy Haring in loving memory of her parents, *Myrtle & Clifford Haring*

**December 17** ~ by Mrs. Kenneth Osinski in loving memory of her husband, *Kenneth* and her son, *Michael*

**December 24** ~ by Suzanne Manziano in loving memory of her husband, *Larry Manziano*

**December 31** ~ Christmas Flowers

## *December Altar Candles*

**December 3** ~ Open

**December 10** ~ Open

**December 17** ~ Open

**December 24** ~ Open

**December 31** ~ Open

## *December Bread & Wine*

The offerings of bread and wine for the month of December are given to the Glory of God

by Harriet Osinski in loving memory of *Kenneth & Michael Osinski*

## *Lectionary for December*

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>LESSON</u>	<u>EPISTLE</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
<b>December 3</b>	Isaiah 64: 1-9	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
<b>December 10</b>	Isaiah 40: 1-11	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
<b>December 17</b>	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
<b>December 24</b>	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
<b>December 31</b>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7	John 1:1-8

## *Worship & Events Schedule for Advent, Christmas and New Year's*

**December 3, I Advent:** 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I / 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Please join us for Advent Wreath Making after both services in the Parish Hall.

Some supplies will be provided: purple and pink candles, metal wreaths, pipe cleaners, fresh cutting of greens, etc.

**December 4, Monday:** 7:00 pm - Episcopal Church Women's Advent Holy Eucharist:

**All are welcome!** Business meeting and Yankee Swap follows.

**December 9, Saturday:** 9:30 am - Daughters of the King Eucharist *All are welcome!*

**December 10, II Advent:** 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I / 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**December 17, III Advent:** 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*(Gaudete Sunday)* 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:00 pm - Advent Lessons & Carols. A Festive Reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

**Sunday, December 24, IV Advent:** 9:00 am - Holy Eucharist - ONE SERVICE ONLY

Help decorate the church for Christmas after the 10:15 am service.

### **Christmas Eve:**

4:30 pm - Children's Christmas Pageant & Festive Celebration of the Holy Eucharist (*Feast of The Nativity*)

11:00 pm - Special Christmas Music sung by the Senior Choir and congregation.

Festive Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with music and Brass.

*Feast of the Nativity: Vigil for the Christ Mass.*

**Monday, December 25, Christmas Day:** 9:00 am - Festive Holy Eucharist with Carols, Hymns, Sermon

*(Feast of The Holy Nativity)* **ONE SERVICE ONLY!**

**Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve:** 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Weekday Eucharists:** Tuesdays 7:00 pm - Chapel

Thursdays 10:00 am - Guild Room or Church



# Merry Christmas!

## *A Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*A*cept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen*

*from the Book of Common Prayer p.836*

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*“To Know Christ and to Make Him Known”*

# NOVEMBER ~ 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1 All Saints Day</b> <b>7pm - Holy Eucharist</b> <i>in the church.</i>  SHIP'S Galley	<b>2 All Souls Day</b> 10 am- Holy Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild meeting "From the Heart" Thrift Shop: 11 am - 6:30 pm.	<b>3</b>  SHIP'S Galley	<b>4</b>
<b>5 All Saints Sunday</b> <i>Loose Change Sunday</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist w/Baptism. <b>9:15 am- Nominating Committee Meeting</b>  <i>Turn back clocks!</i>	<b>6</b> SHIP'S Galley /AA Meeting AA Meeting <b>7pm - Episcopal Church Women Meeting</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>8</b> 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting SHIP'S Galley - St. John's 7:00 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	<b>10</b> SHIP'S Galley	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> <b>11 am - Memorial Service</b> <b>Veteran's Plaza</b> <b>Invocation &amp; Benediction</b> <b>by Fr. Ron</b> <b>All are Welcome!</b>
<b>12</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>13</b> SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting  <i>Fr. Ron Away at Clergy Conf.</i>	<b>14</b>  7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm Sr. Choir SHIP'S Galley	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	<b>17</b> SHIP'S Galley <b>Fr. Ron's 19th Anniversary here at St. John's!</b>	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 am - Daughters of the King Holy Eucharist</b>  <b>11:00 am - memorial Service for Jennie Jachim</b>
<b>19</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist <b>2:00 pm - Wedding</b>	<b>20</b> SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	<b>21</b>  7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal SHIP'S Galley	<b>23 9:00 am</b>  <b>Holy Eucharist</b> <b>in church, with music.</b> <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closed  SHIP'S Galley	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>27</b> SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	<b>28</b>  7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>29</b> 7pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal SHIP'S Galley	<b>30</b>		

# NOVEMBER ~ INTERCESSIONS



## *Birthdays*

November 3 ~ Peter Tom-Wolverton, Anthony Apgar-Fehring,  
Gregory Krueger  
November 5 ~ Susan Mathews  
November 6 ~ Danielle Barry, Olivia Massey  
November 7 Zachary Hillman, Ronald Szumigala  
November 8 ~ Joan Nazarenko, Emery Pierson  
November 9 ~ Nancy Spolarich, Eva Normant  
November 12 ~ Allan Tom-Wolverton, Charles Halsted II,  
Mark Jameson, Katie Agins  
November 14 ~ Cecilia Lande, Isabelle Thorpe, Kayleigh Cookingham  
November 15 ~ Kurt Jelinek  
November 16 ~ Jeff Daugherty, Tia Maria Viola Yingst  
November 17 ~ Ed Edwards  
November 18 ~ Anji Centolanza  
November 19 ~ Anais De LosSantos, Damien Dodds  
November 20 ~ Emma Dupuis  
November 21 ~ Margo Ellis Christou, Julianna Barkin  
November 23 ~ Douglas Mathews  
November 24 ~ Thom Boyer, Linda Gimbut, Derek Pasquale  
November 26 ~ Elizabeth Morrison  
November 27 ~ Charlotte Newton, Marie Teresa Vendettuoli,  
Amber Leibold, Wayne Westmoreland, Mark Ansbro  
November 28 ~ Jane Henderson-Glick  
November 29 ~ Traci Kinst  
November 30 ~ Antonio Saunders, Jesse Smith,  
Michael Marshall, Marianne Jalali



## *Wedding Anniversaries*

November 1 ~ Howard & Michelle Barkin  
November 3 ~ Rafael & Gretchen Rivera  
November 10 ~ Greg & Valerie Gibson  
November 11 ~ Christine & Jon Anobile  
November 12 ~ Thomas & Traci Kinst  
November 17 ~ Mark & Pamela Ansbro  
November 22 ~ Dick & Barbara Meier  
November 25 ~ Lynn & Matteo Giordano III  
November 26 ~ Robert & Patricia Potts  
November 29 ~ Peter Miller & Christine Kelly



## *Anniversaries of Death*

November 1 ~ Robert Yingst  
November 2 ~ Russell Bedford  
November 4 ~ Carol Caufield  
November 5 ~ Wilbur Wood Goldsack, John H. Croll  
November 8 ~ Frances Powers  
November 9 ~ Colleen Goldsack  
November 10 ~ David Robert Andricsak, Rose Kletz  
November 11 ~ Clara Weill, William McCoy  
November 12 ~ Dorothy Kenvin  
November 16 ~ Caroline Chandler Hewett  
November 17 ~ Marian Crooler  
November 19 ~ Joseph G. Hoff, Sr.  
November 21 ~ Mary Rozenberger  
November 24 ~ Raymond Frazer, Sr., James Streeter

# DECEMBER ~ 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> World Aids Day  SHIP'S Galley	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <i>I Advent - Year B</i> Advent Wreath making after both services in the Parish Hall <b>Bob Voucher's 99th Birthday</b>	<b>4</b> <i>7 pm - Advent Eucharist</i> 7:30 pm Episcopal Church Women Meeting (Yankee Swap) SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>6</b> 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Re- hearsal SHIP'S Galley	<b>7</b> <i>Thrift Shop 11 am - 6 pm</i>  10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	<b>8</b> SHIP'S Galley	<b>9</b> 9:30 am - Daughters of the King Holy Eucharist
<b>10</b> <i>II Advent</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Children's Chapel 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>11</b> SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>13</b> 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting St. John's Assignment to SHIP'S Galley 7:00 pm - Adult Choir	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	<b>15</b> <i>Deadline for Toys going to Somerset County Jail.</i>  SHIP'S Galley	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <i>III Advent</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Church School 10:15 am Holy Eucharist - 5:00 pm - Advent Lessons & Carols - Dessert Extravaganza Reception <i>Fr. Ron's</i> 23rd anniversary of <i>Ordi- nation to the Priesthood!</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Deadline for Flower &amp; Brass Gifts</i>  SHIP'S Galley AA Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist	<b>20</b>  SHIP'S Galley 7:00 pm - Adult Choir Re- hearsal	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	<b>22</b>  SHIP'S Galley	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <i>IV Advent</i> <b>9:00 am - One Service</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i> 4:30 pm Children's Pag- eant & Festive Holy Eu- charist 11 pm Vigil for the Christ Mass: Feast of the Nativity Eucharist	<b>25</b> <i>Merry Christmas!</i> <b>9:00 am Holy Eucharist</b> Feast of the Nativity	<b>26</b> NO - 7:00 pm Holy Eucha- rist	<b>27</b> SHIP'S Galley	<b>28</b> 10:00 am Eucharist Mary & Martha Guild Meeting	<b>29</b> SHIP'S Galley	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <i>I Sunday after Christmas</i> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Adult Choir Rehearsal 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 5 pm Holy Eucharist - New Year's Eve						

# DECEMBER ~ INTERCESSIONS

## *Birthdays*

December 1 ~ India Mester, Michelle Hernandez,  
Jack Poklikuha  
December 2 ~ Stephanie Kennedy  
December 3 ~ T. Robert Vaucher  
December 4 ~ Dominic Cesario  
December 5 ~ Bob Disko, Claire Kinst, Helena Centolanza  
December 6 ~ Debbie Drury  
December 7 ~ Timothy Windus  
December 9 ~ Connor Elliston, John Newton  
December 10 ~ John Daniel, Romir Tonk  
December 11 ~ Alison Manko  
December 12 ~ Christopher Spolarich,  
Kathryn Helen Van Arsdale,  
December 13 ~ Katelyn Wilson  
December 14 ~ Lisa Moor, Charles Kletz, Peter Chetwynd  
December 15 ~ Gavin Williams, Sean McTernan, David Edwards,  
December 16 ~ Elizabeth Foreman, James R. Richart, Eva Dalrymple  
December 17 ~ Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Deirdre A. Kramer,  
Jagger Bachman, Thomas Burton Kelly,  
Florence Kendall  
December 18 ~ Christine Anobile, Thalia Centolanza  
December 19 ~ Michelle Barkin, Natalia Mathews  
December 20 ~ Christopher Foreman  
December 21 ~ Jonathan Martin, Kevin Hewett, Julian Anobile,  
Lisa Vandever  
December 22 ~ Marika Foreman  
December 23 ~ Joshua Zambrano  
December 24 ~ Charlotte Bradley, Tom Kothe, Jason Yingst  
December 26 ~ Ashley Bowden, Keith Bowden, Tammy Harimon,  
Hope Tracey  
December 29 ~ Shirley Lyken, Emily Todd, Rafael De LosSantos,  
Renee DePetris  
December 30 ~ Logan Billy, Rana Keefer  
December 31 ~ Christine Kutlow



## *Wedding Anniversaries*

December 5 ~ Ed Edwards & Paul Grzella  
Anthony & Danielle Liberatoscioli  
December 9 ~ Kyle & Renee Ferris  
December 23 ~ Gregory & Karen Krueger  
December 24 ~ Ibiyo Lawrence & Olumide Olawoye  
December 27 ~ Jonathan & Christine Kutlow  
December 28 ~ Pamela & Robert Becker



## *Anniversaries of Death*

December 2 ~ Gladys Henderson, Sylvia Smith  
December 3 ~ William C. Ellis  
December 4 ~ Robert T. Bonham, John Francis deVoe, Frank Agins  
December 7 ~ Hazel McConnell, Emma H. Degler  
December 8 ~ Daniel Casey, Sr.  
December 9 ~ Michael Osinski  
December 14 ~ Julianna Nagy  
December 15 ~ Gary Bower  
December 18 ~ Clifford F. Haring  
December 20 ~ Jennie S. Kosensky  
December 25 ~ John Wood Goldsack  
December 27 ~ Pattie Sherwood Smith  
December 28 ~ Robert Otis Pennell, George Lloyd Snyder,  
Sophia Rodriguez  
December 29 ~ Lois Schmelz  
December 31 ~ Margaret Hicks, Gertrude Vanderbeek