

# THE CROWN

*The Newsletter of Christ Church Shrewsbury*  
*Christ Church is a community committed to exploring the reality of God in today's world*



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**10:15**

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

**CHANGE IN SUNDAY SERVICE TIME!**

**THE 10:00AM SERVICE IS NOW MOVED TO 10:15AM!**

***“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25***

Dear Friends,

As I was thinking about what I might want to write in the December Crown, I happened to read the letter that our Filipino student Phoenix Canoy wrote to us (you can read it in this newsletter). She started with a quote (I always love a good Bible quote) and I thought to myself, *that is the perfect quote for me, too!* And for us all.

*“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.”* Do we need anything more for this Season of Advent, as we prepare our homes and our church for the coming of our Lord? December is a time for refreshment. For filling the coffers of our hearts with joy, peace, and generosity. That is what Christ coming into the world is all about. As we fill our homes with delectable scents and get ready to lay presents under the tree, may we consider the source of our generosity and how generous our Lord has been to us.

There are many opportunities for your own refreshment around this place this month – and likewise, opportunities to share your generosity with others. Our **Mitten Tree** will be in place on December 1st, ready for mittens, gloves, hats, and scarves for those who need them during the dark, cold days of winter. If you have new or gently worn coats, bring them to the Parish Hall. We will find them a good home.

**The Christmas Bazaar** will be here in a week or so (on Saturday, December 7th), making a merry place for all who enter our doors – and an opportunity for us to share our very best hospitality. Saint Nicolas will be visiting the congregation the very next day, and we will bless the toys you are so generously collecting for our **Annual Toy Drive**, benefiting needy children in our area. If you haven't picked up a few gifts already, get out there and get going! The need is great, and you will feel greatly rewarded, too! Please do not forget our **Covenant House Kids**: we are asking for donations of Gift Cards to help these 18 to 22 year-olds this Christmas.

On December 14th at 10:00, we will once again be hosting our much-anticipated event of the **Blessing of the Stockings** in which we ice sugar cookies to both eat and take home, decorate the tree, meet with Saint Nicolas, and of course, bless our stockings. We ask our participants to bring in canned goods to help fill the pantries in our areas – another opportunity for your generosity. All children in our communities are invited to join us.

Then at 11:00am on the same day, we will be participating in **Wreaths Across America** for the first time. Wreaths will be placed on all the graves of veterans in our graveyard, allowing for a pause in our busy schedules to remember those who have so generously given of their lives for their country, and for us. It is a wonderful way to introduce some civic pride in your young ones.

Lastly, I remind you that we are in the midst of our **2025 Pledge Campaign**. Your generosity is needed more than ever! We made a huge dent in our financial deficit last year, and I am confident that we will all pull through again, making the future more secure for us, our children, and for all who seek the Christ.

I'm sure you have your own family traditions and practices during December that help you make the mystical journey to Bethlehem and to the cradle of the Christ Child. As you do your Christmas shopping and plan your Christmas dinner, do remember the words of our Lord Jesus when he said, ***It is more blessed to give than to receive.*** Indeed, it is. Be generous, my friends. For we have been showered with so many good things. May we spread our joy and love to all we meet in this very special season.

Peace,

Mother Lisa+

## PARISH NEWS & NOTES

### HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1 – Advent I  
8 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 8 – Advent II  
8 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist – St. Nicholas visits

Sunday, December 15 – Advent III  
8 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 22 – Advent IV  
8 am Holy Eucharist  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 24  
Christmas Eve  
4 pm Children's Mass

Wednesday, December 25  
Christmas Day  
10 am Holy Eucharist with reception



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office hours are Tuesdays through Fridays, 10am to 2pm. During the holidays hours may differ, so it's always good to call ahead if you're unsure that someone will be here.

### ANY CHANGES?

Advise us of any changes in address, e-mail or telephone number. Let us know so we can keep our records up to date. Please send us an email or call the Church Office at 732-741-2220.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED



For the sick and suffering, and those in any need or trouble:

\*Anderson Pedalino, \*Bill Balmer, \*Cassie Reagan, \*Carolyn, \*Dianne Regiec, \*Halina Nibbling, \*Jim Miller, \*Joan, \*John Smalls, \*Judi Buncher, \*Julia Walsh, \*Lary Nibbling, \*Mimi Brown, \*Pam Diamond, \*Richard Brugger, \*Rod Webster, \*Sarah Schmid, Diane Smith, Greg Shaljian, Jack Sauber, Jocelyn, John Veil, Lynn McKittrick, Meriwether Schmid, Mignon Williams, Pam, Pat & Bob Rivenes, Peddy, Todd Diamond  
***May they be relieved of their distress***

*\*denotes members of Christ Church*

## PARISH LIFE

### GFS: GIRLS FRIENDLY SOCIETY COFFEE HOUR



Join us on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> for Coffee Hour, after the 10:15 am service, hosted by GFS. A fun craft to follow Coffee Hour, so make sure to stay for both!



Our regular Monday Zoom meeting will take place on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Stacy will send you a link to join us as we continue looking at the GFS Promise. And then we are going to the Nutcracker! On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> we will once again have lunch together following the 10:00am service and then drive over to Count Basie for a magical performance.

*~ Contact Stacy Reagan if you have any questions about any of these events.*

## SEEKING ELVES!



Come down off that shelf and be Elf-full! Make the yuletide Bright and Merry. Decorating for the holidays and the bazaar will take place after church on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Please see me then and we'll get it going. Elf-fully Sue Nap

## EYC: EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



There are several opportunities for our Youth this December. On Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be helping to set up and decorate for the Christmas Bazaar. On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we will assist at the Bazaar – wherever help is needed. Lastly, we are assisting with the Blessing of the Stockings on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Come join us! Bring a friend!

~ Julie Cassidy

## RAFFLE TICKETS

Last call to sell to all your friends, relatives and neighbors!!

The drawing date is December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, at the close of the Christmas Bazaar. Please sell the tickets for \$5 each and be sure to return them by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

You may put the money and ticket stubs in the envelope included and return it to me via the office, mail it to the church or put it in the collection plate (if it is in the envelope). If you are unable to sell all the tickets, please enclose the unsold tickets as well. If you can sell more tickets, let me know and I will get them to you.

Thank you for your continued support of the fund-raising events of the church.

~ Elaine Feyereisen

## BASKEYS & BAKED GOODS HOLIDAY BAZAAR



The Bazaar is quickly approaching on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 3 pm. Besides beautiful baskets and delicious treats, we will be serving hot beverages from our kitchen once again. The very popular Holiday/Winter Themed Curiosity Shoppe will be returning along with Trinkets and Treasures. The 50/50 Raffle will be back with the winning ticket scheduled to be drawn at 3 pm (winner need NOT be present).

There are many fun ways to get involved! Please reach out to Tara Dunford, Bazaar Chair at 732-275-4095 and let her know how you can help!

## CHRISTMAS GREENS MEMORIALS



The church will be decorated with Christmas Greens, including wreaths, poinsettias and a tree for the holiday season. Donations for the cost of the Christmas Greens would be appreciated. There will be pink envelopes marked Christmas Memorial Flowers and Greens at the back of the church as well as in the church office. Please put your donation (in the envelope) in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Memorials must be received in the office by December 18<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Christmas bulletin.



## SAINT NICHOLAS VISIT

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** is going to be a special day. St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra, and the patron Saint of Children, will be visiting us at our 10:15 am service. This is an experience not to be missed!



## Blessing of the Stockings

*Experiences of the Holy  
for Parent and Child  
Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am*

December is such a very special time that we at Christ Church cannot keep it to ourselves! And so we have planned a very special event for the community:

*Help decorate the Christmas Tree.  
Bring your Christmas Stocking for a  
Special Blessing  
Decorate cookies for your own home.*

Bring your child or grandchild. Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a wonderful way to introduce a layer of the true spirit of giving and love into the Christmas Season.

If you would like to help with this event, please contact the Church Office.



Join us in celebrating **Wreaths Across America** for the first time. On Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. Wreaths will be placed on all the graves of veterans in our graveyard. Remember and honor the veterans who have given of their lives for their country.

**COME ALL YE FAITHFUL! COME  
LET US MAKE AN EPIPHANY  
PAGEANT RIGHT NOW!**



If your child would like to be in the pageant, please let us know. Our Epiphany Pageant will be held on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at the 10:15 am service. Would your child like to be an Angel, Sheep, Shepherd, maybe a Magi or Sage? Contact Donna Devlin at [sarahannb@aol.com](mailto:sarahannb@aol.com)

## PEAK IN THE WEEK

*The Old Ways*, our Peak in the Week book for December, follows the author, Robert Macfarlane, as he treks through England, Scotland, and abroad. Macfarlane loves, with a wild and deep passion, nature and all things natural. A prize-winning author, Macfarlane challenges the reader to hear the words and lives of the people and things which lived in these places well before we did. Travel with us on this journey of remembrance, discovery and imagination.

Peak with us at 9:30 Wednesdays in the parish house for an informal Eucharist followed by our book discussion in the library at about 10:15.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~ 8:00 to 11:00 A.M.**

### NetWork Opportunity

The Men's Breakfast Group has been invited to join men from St. James, Eatontown and St. Michael the Archangel, Wall to help prepare a shipment of church supplies relief goods to benefit the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and Liberian people in need. Contact Deacon Bill by email at [DBBalmer15@gmail.com](mailto:DBBalmer15@gmail.com), or by phone at 732-859-3084 to find out more and sign up today!



## **NEW ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER**

### **Welcome Fiona Smith Sutherland**

Fiona is pleased to be serving the Christ Church Shrewsbury community. She also serves as the full-time Director of Traditional Music at *Tower Hill Church* in Red Bank, running a large program of choral and handbell ensembles, and an exciting concert series. A handbell expert, she also has begun a ministry of solo handbell ringers, bringing a musical education to many teens in the church. Ms. Sutherland also is the staff accompanist and assistant director for the *Lakeside Choraliens* in Montvale, NJ. Since the Fall of 2021, she has also served as the Music Director of the Monmouth County based choral ensemble the *Shrewsbury Chorale* and is pleased to be bringing them to sing Michael John Trotta's new *Requiem* in Carnegie Hall this May.

In the summer of 2021 and 2023, she had the honor of being one of the Guest Conductors for the renowned *Ocean Grove Choral Festival*. Ms. Sutherland has worked as Organist and Choirmaster at many churches in NJ, PA, DE, NY, and CT over the past 33 years. Before returning to her home state of New Jersey, she worked at *St. Matthew's Episcopal Church* in Wilton, CT, *Trinity Episcopal Church* in Newtown, CT, the *Church of St. James the Less* in Scarsdale, NY, and *Christ Church Greenwich, CT*, leading large choral programs of all levels. As an organist, Ms. Sutherland has played recitals in many states, as well as abroad. She has conducted and accompanied numerous choral societies and ensembles over her career. Ms. Sutherland was proud to have the opportunity to perform for President Obama in 2012.

She earned her Bachelor's and Master of Music degrees at *Westminster Choir College*, studying Choral Conducting with Joseph Flummerfelt, Andrew Megill, and James Jordan, organ with Eugene Roan and voice with Lois Laverty and Dan Pratt. Ms. Sutherland has master classed and studied with many sacred musicians, conductors, and singers, including Robert Shaw, Sir David Willcocks, John Rutter, Gerre Hancock, Pierre Pincemalle, Rosephanye Powell, Dale Warland, Michael John Trotta, and Julianne Baird.

## **ALTAR GUILD OUTREACH**

### **Welcome Tia LaPiano to the Altar Guild**



The Christ Church Altar Guild would like to introduce Tia LaPiana as our newest Altar Guild trainee. She came to us from Christ Church in Middletown and is a “cradle” Episcopalian.

Tia said, “I have always been active in the Episcopal Church for as long as I can remember. From Sunday school to the children’s choir, an acolyte to being a member of the women’s group, and everything in between. The activities I hold dearest in my heart have always been serving as a member of the Altar Guild or at the Altar as a Chalice Bearer. I feel that those are both forms of Ministry to God and my fellow parishioners, and both bring me joy and peace. I look forward to getting to know everyone and becoming involved in more activities at Christ Church Shrewsbury.”

Please welcome Tia LaPiana to our church family and Altar Guild.

### **The members of the Altar Guild need your help!**

- Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am, guild members and volunteers will be meeting to polish the Church brass.
- Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30am, guild members and volunteers will be decorating the Church for Christmas Services.

The Altar Guild schedule for December is as follows:

1: Cindy Webster *First Sunday Advent*

8: Judi Buncher and Tia Lapiana

15: Halina Nibbling

22: Colleen & Mark Roth

29: Cindy Webster

~ Judi Buncher and Cindy Webster, Co-Chairs, Altar Guild

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**TO HELP THOSE LESS FORTUNATE  
DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

### **CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE**



Each year, the parishioners of Christ Church have helped families from Monmouth County fulfill the wishes of children at Christmas. Many families have been hard hit this past year and need our help to provide toys for their children. Many families are out of work, have increased expenses and issues. Please help make a bright Christmas Day for many children again this year. Toys are needed for all age groups - babies to High School students.

Suggestions:

- dolls of all sizes and types
- board games such as Candy Land, Monopoly, Battleship
- gift cards to Target, Burger King, McDonalds, Movie Theatres, Dunkin Donuts, etc.
- action figures, cars, fire trucks; dump trucks, etc.
- blocks, Lego kits, Nerf toys
- Barbie, Disney Princess items,
- Hot Wheels products

- sports items such as basketballs, soccer balls
- Transformers
- dress up clothing
- tea party sets
- Erector Sets; building materials
- play musical instruments
- puzzles
- art products and kits
- and just about any other toy you can purchase!

Please do not wrap the toys, but include wrapping materials, gift bags and tape. That is helpful to the sorting committee. Please bring your donations to the church or office (during office hours) any time between **now and December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any questions or would like to help with this charitable activity, please contact Elaine Feyereisen at: 732-742-1227

### **MITTEN TREE**



Through Christmas season we are asking you to help decorate the Christmas tree with new gloves, mittens, hats, socks, etc. Any size or color will do! These "ornaments" will then be donated to various charities to help those less fortunate over the cold hard winter months.

## COVENANT HOUSE ASBURY PARK



We are collecting gift cards for Covenant House, as they continue to help the youth in our community who

### STEWARDSHIP 2024

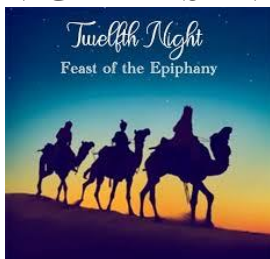


Our stewardship program is off to a good start. I think everyone is enjoying reading about and guessing who our mystery parishioner is. I will continue to interview parishioners into December and will be sharing the interviews in a special email on Mondays. Email your answer to the church office before 10:00 am on Thursday so the answer will be revealed in the weekly email. I will keep track of the answers. The person with the most correct answers will get a little prize!

While contemplating your 2025 pledge, remember all that the church does for you and for the community at large. We can't keep up with our programs (or our bills) without the financial support of our members. Please prayerfully consider increasing your 2025 pledge, any increase is a plus. I am confident that we will surpass last year's goal. Your completed pledge statement can be placed in the offering plate or mailed it to the church. Thank you.

*~Peggy James, Stewardship*

### TWELFTH NIGHT FESTIVAL



**All Ye Lords and Ladies, Princes and Princesses  
– Twelfth Night Is Here!**

are experiencing homelessness. Many of those they help are 18-22 years old. Please consider donating a gift card to Target, Starbucks, Dunkin, Visa, or anywhere else that may provide relief in their difficult time.

Our first ever Twelfth Night Celebration is being planned! The date is January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6PM. This is a fun event for the church and the wider community. To make it happen – we need your help! Here is what we need; prayerfully consider how you will step in and help us make this event a success.

- Decorators: the day before and the morning of the event
- Six people to make a 9x13 pan of Shepherd's Pie (recipe will be provided)
- Four people to make 9x13 cakes (recipe will be provided). Contact Tia LaPiana if you can help.
- Donations of sparkling cider, soda, soft drinks, coleslaw, roasted vegetables, vegetable soup, large loaves of artisanal breads
- Kitchen chairperson
- Kitchen waitstaff / servers
- Ticket takers at the door
- Clean up crew

Costumes are encouraged but not necessary. Judi Buncher. is providing many costumes and they can be viewed and borrowed from this week until the event. Sue Napoletano is coordinating the games: do check with her if you would like to help.

As this is a first-time endeavor for the parish, we need all hands on deck. It's truly a fitting finale to the Christmas Season. For more information, please contact Brother Richard at 914-584-0953 or [rtb303@verizon.net](mailto:rtb303@verizon.net) or any other person named here.

**Let the Festivities Commence! January 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2025 6PM.**



## IT TAKES A VILLAGE”

*\*Phoenix and Julien Canoy are Philippine students Christ Church supplies a scholarship for college.*

**“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed”  
- Proverbs 11:25**

I'm Phoenix Canoy and I hope this message finds you in great health and high spirits.

To all the people who have helped me and my sister, enabling us to pursue our dreams; we really value your support.

Here is what I have been doing in school: The past few months I encountered many laboratory activities such as making soap and wine. And from the results of my mid-term exam, I was included in the top 4 highest scores. We are currently shooting a movie for a project which connects to our topic. Recently we had our Physical Education Day, and I also attended the recollection at the chapel of my school. This was required so that I could get a certificate of confirmation, one of the requirements of our school. Our Final Examination is quickly approaching - and after that our Second Semester will start.

Time flies so fast and soon it will be Christmas Day. I want to greet everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance! And to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and support for us throughout this year. With your support I have been able to focus on my studies and make meaningful progress toward achieving my goals in life. These opportunities have been afforded to me through your kindness will continue to shape my future. You have not only lightened my financial burden but also encourage and inspired me to study even harder. I hope to make you all proud by continuing to strive for excellence.

Again, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas filled with joy, love and warmth. Furthermore, as we step into the new year, I hope 2025 brings you all endless opportunities, good health and success in all that you do. Thank you so much for being a wonderful part of my life and for all the kindness you've shown to us.

*~Phoenix Canoy*

Greetings to everyone in the Christmas Church family,  
especially to Mother Lisa.

Hello, it's me again: Julien. Christmas is being celebrated every 25th of December but as for me, every day is Christmas Day because I can feel the existence of Jesus Christ every time I wake up. Every morning, I thank God for his love. And I hope everyone also feels that love, too. And because of that love – and your help - I am able to go to school every day.

Last October we took our first semester final examination. It was a hectic month because we had a lot of activities in school. We've been helping with our school pageants, participating in physical education activities, and making a film. I even acted in the film! It's a historical film in which it played the role of the wife. At first, I kept laughing, but later I managed myself and got serious 😊. I'm so happy that I able to do those things and that I have understanding classmates and friends. This November we had a week-long break because of the celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Day and an intramural event. Now we are back to normal school days. This month we are starting to build our Christmas tree in our school. I wouldn't be able to experience all these things if weren't because of your help. Thank you very much.

*~Julien Canoy*

Christ Church Shrewsbury's Annual



# Holiday



# Bazaar

## Baskets & Baked Goods

Date: Saturday, December 7

Time: 9 am - 3:00 pm

380 Sycamore Ave (corner of Broad)

Beautiful baskets and 50/50 raffle

Enjoy treats from our Bake Shop. Visit the Curiosity Shop for Winter-themed home goods and decorations.

Basket drawings start at 2 pm,

50/50 raffle at 3 pm

Need not be present to win

Coffee, tea and hot  
cocoa available for purchase

**FREE ADMISSION**



# **BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY**

**Christ Church, Shrewsbury is Pleased to Announce  
a Three-Part Event with**

## **The Honorable John D'Amico, Jr.**

**Wednesdays: January 8th, 15th, and 22nd at 7:00pm  
in the Christ Church Parish Hall  
*Come to one, two, or all three***

**Each evening will include a brief lecture  
followed by a period for Questions and Answers**

*Light refreshments will be offered*

**John D'Amico is a Harvard educated attorney who served as a New Jersey Superior Court Judge and well as in the New Jersey State Senate. A native to Monmouth County, he held many positions here including County Commissioner, the Office of Recycling, member of the New Jersey State Parole Board and led important reforms in the Department of Transportation. He initiated Monmouth County's "greenbelt" program to preserve open space and protect drinking water.**

**John is also the author of *Murder, Media, and Metamorphosis: A Memoir and Guidebook to Save Democracy and the Planet.***



**RSVP at [ChristChurchShrewsbury@verizon.net](mailto:ChristChurchShrewsbury@verizon.net)**

**380 Sycamore Avenue**

All Ye Lords and Ladies, Princes and Princesses –

# Twelfth Night Is Here!

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 6PM

Dinner, Dessert, and Drinks:

Adults \$20 Children and Youth \$7.50

Games for Children and Adults (and prizes for the winners!)

The “Groaning Board”:

Shepherd’s Pie (vegan available), Soup, Coleslaw, Roasted Vegetables, and Bread  
Sparkling Cider and Soft Drinks

Dessert Fit for a King! And Queen! Prince or Princess!

The culmination of the evening is the crowning of the  
King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

Costumes are encouraged but not necessary.

Come visit Judi in our vast “costume department”  
to borrow one for the occasion.

Tickets are available in the Church Office or Contact Brother Richard at  
914-584-0953 - [rtb303@verizon.net](mailto:rtb303@verizon.net)

## Let the Festivities Commence!

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## THOSE WHO SERVE- DECEMBER

### **December 1**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: 10:15am - Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: 8am - Judi Buncher, Denzel Donaldson  
10:15am - Jonathan Badal, Josie Borden, Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: 8am - Dianne Regiec 10:15am - Laura Stroebel, Dash Cassidy  
Ushers: 8am - Carl Alfano 10:15am - Elaine Feyereisen, George Edwards  
Organist: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster  
Coffee Hour: GFS

### **December 8 - St Nicholas Sunday**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: 10:15am - Reverend William Balmer  
Chalice: Denzel Donaldson  
Acolytes: 8am - Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson  
10:15am - Joshua & Matthew Dunford, Tia LaPiana (Chalice Bearer), Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: 8am - Peggy James 10:15am - Kodi Craven, Tara Dunford  
Ushers: 8am - John Callaghan 10:15am - Larry Nibbling, Connie Goddard  
Organist: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Judi Buncher, Tia LaPiana  
Coffee Hour: \*Host needed

### **December 15**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: 10:15am - Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: 8am - Judi Buncher, Denzel Donaldson  
10:15am - Dexter, Kodi & Abe Craven, Cassandra Murphy, Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: 8am - Dianne Regiec 10:15am - Robert Maber, Bob Van Valkenburgh  
Ushers: 8am - Carl Alfano 10:15am - Bramley Maber, Christine Maber  
Organist: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Halina Nibbling  
Coffee Hour: \*Host needed

### **December 22**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: 10:15am - Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: 8am - Edgar John, Denzel Donaldson  
10:15am - Cassandra Murphy, Josie Barden, Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: 8am - Peggy James 10:15am - Joise Borden, Larry Nibbling  
Ushers: 8am - Judi Buncher 10:15am - Elaine Feyereisen, George Edwards  
Organist: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Colleen & Mark Roth  
Coffee Hour: \*Host needed



**December 24 - Christmas Eve 4:00pm**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: Reverend William Balmer  
Chalice: Denzel Donaldson  
Acolytes: Dexter, Kodi & Abe Craven, Edgar John  
Lectors: Dash Cassidy  
Ushers: Elaine Feyereisen, Carl Alfano  
Organist: Fiona Smith Sutherland  
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster, Judi Buncher, Halina Nibbling, Colleen & Mark Roth, Tia LaPiana

**December 25 - Christmas Day 10:00am**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Acolytes: Stacy Reagan, Cassie Reagan, Judi Buncher  
Lector: Denzel Donaldson  
Ushers: Walter Dein  
Organist: Brother Richard  
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster, Judi Buncher, Halina Nibbling, Colleen & Mark Roth, Tia LaPiana  
Reception in Church following!

**December 29**

Celebrant: Reverend Lisa Mitchell  
Deacon: 10:15am - Reverend William Balmer  
Acolytes: 8am - Judi Buncher, Denzel Donaldson  
10:15am Joshua & Matthew Dunford, Tia LaPiana (Chalice Bearer), Denzel Donaldson  
Lectors: 8am - Dianne Regiec 10:15am - Elaine Feyereisen, Bob Honecker  
Ushers: 8am - John Callaghan 10:15am - Larry Nibbling, Connie Goddard  
Altar Guild: Cindy Webster  
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# DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p><u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p> <p><u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Church School</p> <p>Decorate &amp; Set up for Bazaar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p> <p><u>7 pm</u> GFS Zoom</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p><u>9:30 - 11:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p> <p><u>9 - 3 pm</u> Christmas Bazaar</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p><u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p> <p><u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist St. Nicholas Visit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p><u>9:30 - 11:15am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>12</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>13</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p><u>8:30 am - 10 am</u> Men's Breakfast</p> <p><u>10 am</u> Blessing of the Stockings</p> <p><u>11 am</u> Wreaths Across America</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p><u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p> <p><u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Church School</p> <p><u>1pm</u> GFs Goes to the Nutcracker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p> <p><u>7pm</u> Vestry Meeting</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p><u>9:30 - 11:15am</u> Holy Eucharist Peak in the Week</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>19</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>20</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p> <p><u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p> <p><u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist Church School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p> <p>Christmas Day</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>26</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>27</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p> <p><u>8 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p> <p><u>10:15 am</u> Holy Eucharist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p> <p><u>Holiday Hours*</u></p> <p>New Year's Eve</p>				<p><u>Office Hours:</u> <i>Tue. – Fri.</i> <i>10am – 2pm</i></p> <p><b>*Please call ahead to make sure someone is in the office</b></p>

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The Reverend William Balmer, Deacon  
Denzel Donaldson, Seminarian  
Fiona Sutherland, Organist/Choirmaster  
Brother Richard Biernacki, Children's Choir  
Francesca Parker, Office Administrator  
Halina Nibbling, Sexton

## **VESTRY 2024**

Peggy James - Senior Warden, Stewardship  
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Carl Alfano - Fundraising  
Madna Aubry - Stewardship, GFS Representative  
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Sue Napoletano - Church School  
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Dianne Regiec - Food Insecurity  
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