

COMMUNIQUE

WINTER 2011-2012 EDITION

Advent

Yes, Advent. Advent, not Christmas, at least, not yet. From Thanksgiving, followed by Black Friday and on (sometimes sooner!) the commercial calendar of our culture gets focused on the winter holidays – Hanukah, Kwanza, New Year's and, of course, Christmas. Lost, way too often, even for observant Christians, is the Season of Advent we are now entering.

Advent means coming, and when something or someone is coming, we wait. In Advent, we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus. We wait for his coming not just as the Christ Child (who has, in fact, already come), but his Coming in the fullness of his Reign at the end of time. The vision and hope for that holy Reign for which we wait is what most often gets lost in the cultural clamor of the "Holiday Season" – yet is that Reign that our broken world most needs.

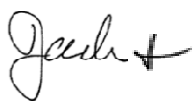
Of that Reign, Isaiah writes, "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf, the lion, and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, the weaned child shall put his hand in the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." (*Isaiah 11: 6-9*). In a world torn by war, violence, and hatred; in a world of hunger, poverty and injustice Advent teaches us to wait, to hope, to long for the coming of the Reign of God.

Advent is a season of longing, a season of desire for that Reign in which all the hurts of the world and all the pains of our lives will be overcome; and in which all that we have made of joy and love with God and each other will be restored for our eternal joy. At this dark time of year, we wait for the coming light. At this hectic time of year, we wait for the coming of God's peace. At this often lonely time of year, we wait for the coming of our lasting home in God.

For Christians waiting and desire always mean prayer. We wait in prayer for God's coming, and as we wait we are invited to give voice to that desire for God's Reign of love that lies somewhere, burning or smoldering in our hearts.

*O come, O come Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Peace,





Christmas Season

Service Schedule


Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

- 4:30 PM – *Family Christmas Service*
- 10:30 PM – *Musical Interlude with
the St. Francis' Choir*
- 11:00 PM – *Christmas Midnight Mass*

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM – *Holy Eucharist*

Sunday, January 1, 2012, New Year's Day

- 8:00 AM – *Holy Eucharist*
- 10:00 AM – *Choral Eucharist with Sunday School
and Nursery*
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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Happy Birthday to:

Rebeca Alcantara – 12/2
 Clinton O’Sullivan – 12/2
 Tyler Morris – 12/3
 Leslie Oliver – 12/3
 Kelsey Pelliccia – 12/6
 David Dunham – 12/8
 Kashawn Geter – 12/9
 Daren Mayer – 12/10
 Mae DeRogatris – 12/10
 Kaitlyn Meyer – 12/10
 Mark Torzewski – 12/11
 Beth Rojewski – 12/13
 Corilyn Dessino – 12/17
 Edith Phelps – 12/19
 Mary Pfeiffer – 12/21
 Pam Maiolo 12/24
 Dominique Sinckler – 12/24

Lauren Telesco – 12/24
 Johnnie White – 12/25
 Tom D’Alessandro – 12/29
 Timothy Tereman – 12/29
 Angela Chernichowski – 12/31

Anniversary of Baptism

Beth Chernichowski – 12/1
 Sheila Connolly – 12/1
 John Doesburgh – 12/1
 Maryann Doesburgh – 12/1
 Brian Morris – 12/7
 Marc Manganaro – 12/16

Anniversary of Confirmation

Tom D’Alessandro – 12/1
 Richard Trotman – 12/3
 Norma Tucker – 12/12

PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY DATES ABOVE, OR IF THEY ARE INCORRECT.

Serving The Church During December

Sunday, Dec. 4th

8 AM Lector - Ilia Scriven
 Usher - Carroll Wilson
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany’s Schedule*
 Chalice - Princess Thomas, Norma Tucker
 Lectors - Lisa Webb, Nancy Dunham
 Greeter - Leslie Oliver
 Ushers - Arthur McConney, Pam Maiolo
 Counters - Pam Maiolo, Paul Sinckler
 Altar Guild - Audrey Johansen, Sharon Benjamin, Nathalie Edwards

Sunday, Dec. 11th

8 AM Lector - Paul Sinckler
 Usher - Ilia Scriven
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany’s Schedule*
 Chalice - Amy Cornell, Lisa Webb
 Lectors - Princess Thomas, Leslie Oliver
 Greeter - Audrey Johansen
 Ushers - Leslie Oliver, Norma Tucker
 Counters - Amy Myzie, Audrey McConney
 Altar Guild - Norma Trimmer, Muriel Wilson, Norma O’Sullivan

Sunday, Dec. 18th

8 AM Lector - Amy Myzie
 Usher - Ed Myzie
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany’s Schedule*
 Chalice - Tiffany O’Sullivan
 Lectors - Amy Cornell, Elaine Patania
 Greeter - Norma Tucker
 Ushers - Tom Patania, Arthur McConney
 Counters - Edith Phelps, Nancy Dunham
 Altar Guild - Leslie Oliver, Pam Maiolo, Cordell Trotman, Mary Pfeiffer

Saturday, Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve

4 PM Acolytes - *See Tiffany’s Schedule*
 Chalice - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
 Lectors -
 Greeter -
 Ushers -
 11 PM Acolytes - *See Tiffany’s Schedule*
 Chalice - Norma Tucker, Amy Cornell
 Lectors - Norma Tucker, Pam Maiolo
 Greeter - Norma Trimmer & All Parishioners
 Ushers - Geri Peters, Karen Williams

Sunday, Dec. 25th – Christmas Day

10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany’s Schedule*
 Chalice - **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
 Lectors -
 Greeter -
 Ushers -

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Altar Guild - Geri Peters, Karen Williams, Barbara Dalto
 Counters - Geri Peters, Waring Webb



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN JANUARY

Happy Birthday to:

Cecil Baker – 1/5
Christine Morris – 1/7
Percy Crowther – 1/12
Jason Pfeiffer – 1/12
Calvin King – 1/14
Jonathan Meyer – 1/14
Liana Boucek – 1/16
Norma Trimmer – 1/17
Anton Sinckler – 1/19

Patrick Ward – 1/26
Edith Peters – 1/27

Anniversary of Baptism

Michael Connolly – 1/1
Francis Thomas – 1/1
Angela Chernichowski – 1/5
Susan D'Alessandro – 1/5
Coral Brown – 1/5
Briana DeCandia – 1/11

Mary Pfeiffer – 1/13

Anniversary of Confirmation

Allison York-Autin – 1/9
Nicholas Waskeil – 1/10
Mary Pfeiffer – 1/13

Wedding Anniversary

Benjamin & Lauren Avery – 1/5

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Serving The Church During January

Sunday, Jan. 1st

8 AM Lector - Amy Myzie
Usher - Ed Myzie
10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
Chalice - Amy Cornell, Lisa Webb
Lectors - Lisa Webb, Nancy Dunham
Greeter - Leslie Oliver
Ushers - Pam Maiolo, Elaine Patania
Counters - Leslie Oliver, Ilia Scriven
Altar Guild - Audrey Johansen, Sharon Benjamin, Nathalie Edwards

Sunday, Jan. 8th

8 AM Lector - Ilia Scriven
Usher - Carroll Wilson
10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
Chalice - Elaine Patania, Norma Tucker
Lectors - Rilette Hammond, Leslie Oliver
Greeter - Norma Tucker
Ushers - Geri Peters, Karen Williams
Counters - Audrey McConney, Amy Myzie
Altar Guild - Leslie Oliver, Pam Maiolo, Cordell Trotman, Mary Pfeiffer

Sunday, Jan. 15th

8 AM Lector - Paul Sinckler
Usher - Ilia Scriven
10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
Chalice - Tiffany O'Sullivan, Princess Thomas
Lectors - Elaine Patania, Nancy Dunham
Greeter - Leslie Oliver
Ushers - Pam Maiolo, Leslie Oliver
Counters - Waring Webb, Edith Phelps
Altar Guild - Geri Peters, Karen Williams, Barbara Dalto

Sunday, Jan. 22nd – Annual Meeting

8 AM Lectors - Amy Myzie
Ushers - Ed Myzie
10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
Chalice - Lisa Webb, Amy Cornell
Lectors - Princess Thomas, Pam Maiolo
Greeter - Norma Tucker
Ushers - Norma Tucker, Arthur McConney
Counters - Geri Peters, Nancy Dunham
Altar Guild - Audrey Johansen, Sharon Benjamin, Nathalie Edwards

Sunday, Jan. 29th

8 AM Lector - Carroll Wilson
Usher - Paul Sinckler
10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
Chalice - Norma Tucker, Elaine Patania
Lectors - Norma Tucker, Amy Cornell
Greeter - Audrey Johansen
Ushers - Geri Peters, Karen Williams
Counters - Elaine Patania, Leslie Oliver
Altar Guild - Norma Trimmer, Muriel Wilson, Norma O'Sullivan



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES IN FEBRUARY

Happy Birthday to:

Catherine Pfeiffer - 2/1
 Joanna Torzewski – 2/3
 Matthew Toke – 2/5
 Daryl DeRogatis – 2/5
 Andrew Boucek - 2/11
 Joshua Doesburgh - 2/14
 Joy King – 2/16
 Jack Zamboni – 2/16
 Marlene Placzek – 2/16
 Jarrel Cudjoe – 2/21
 Anthony DeRogatis – 2/21

Richard Trotman, Jr. – 2/21
 Tiffany Cudjoe – 2/21
 Doris McElvery – 2/26
 Samuela Crowther – 2/26

Anniversary of Baptism

Leslie Oliver – 2/1
 Geri Peters – 2/13
 Casey Torzewski – 2/13
 Kashawn Geter – 2/16
 Kaitlyn Meyer – 2/16

Anniversary of Confirmation

Kim Myers – 2/1
 Linda Arico – 2/24
 Althea Heirholzer – 2/27

Wedding Anniversary

Paul & Carlene Sinckler – 2/2
 Don & Cathy Hirsch – 2/6
 Pete & Lauren Telesco – 2/16
 James & Barbara Jaeger – 2/28

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Serving The Church During February

Sunday, Feb. 5th

8 AM Lector - Ilia Scriven
 Usher - Carroll Wilson
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
 Chalice - Tiffany O'Sullivan, Princess Thomas
 Lectors - Paul Lisa Webb, Elaine Patania
 Greeter - Norma Tucker
 Ushers - Tom Patania, Elaine Patania
 Counters - Ilia Scriven, Mary Pfeiffer
 Altar Guild - Leslie Oliver, Pam Maiolo, Cordell Trotman, Mary Pfeiffer

Sunday, Feb. 12th

8 AM Lector - Paul Sinckler
 Usher - Ilia Scriven
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
 Chalice - Amy Cornell, Lisa Webb
 Lectors - Rillette Hammond, Nancy Dunham
 Greeter - Leslie Oliver
 Ushers - Leslie Oliver, Arthur McConney
 Counters - Pam Maiolo, Paul Sinckler
 Altar Guild - Geri Peters, Karen Williams, Barbara Dalto

Sunday, Feb. 19th

8 AM Lector - Amy Myzie
 Usher - Ed Myzie
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
 Chalice - Norma Tucker, Elaine Patania
 Lectors - Leslie Oliver, Pam Maiolo
 Greeter - Norma Tucker
 Ushers - Pam Maiolo, Geri Peters
 Counters - Amy Myzie, Audrey McConney
 Altar Guild - Audrey Johansen, Sharon Benjamin, Nathalie Edwards

Sunday, Feb. 26th

8 AM Lectors - Ilia Scriven
 Ushers - Carroll Wilson
 10 AM Acolytes - *See Tiffany's Schedule*
 Chalice - Tiffany O'Sullivan, Princess Thomas
 Lectors - Princess Thomas, Norma Tucker
 Greeter - Audrey Johansen
 Ushers - Tom Patania, Arthur McConney
 Counters - Edith Phelps, Nancy Dunham
 Altar Guild - Norma Trimmer, Muriel Wilson, Norma O'Sullivan



Nominating Committee Seeks Nominations for Parish offices

According to St. Francis' Bylaws, the Nominating Committee consists of the vestry members whose terms are coming to an end. This year, those are Pam Maiolo (currently Senior Warden), Paul Sinckler (Junior Warden), Mary Pfeiffer, Cynthia Pelliccia and Leslie Oliver. They are seeking nominees to fill parish offices for election at the Annual Parish Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012.

Nominations are being sought for the following offices and a member of the Nominating Committee may well ask you to consider serving! A brief description of each of office follows:

1 Sr. Warden (1 year term)

Along with the Junior Warden, the Senior Warden serves as a senior lay official of the parish. The Wardens act as a council of advice to the Vicar on matters of parish life and ministry, serve as leaders of the congregation, oversee the physical plant, and may call and lead Vestry meetings in the Vicar's absence when necessary.

1 Jr. Warden (2 year term)

Along with the Junior Warden, the Senior Warden serves as a senior lay official of the parish. The Wardens act as a council of advice to the Vicar on matters of parish life and ministry, serve as leaders of the congregation, oversee the physical plant, and may call and lead Vestry meetings in the Vicar's absence when necessary.

3 Vestry members (3 year Term)

The Vestry, made up of 9 Vestry members, the two Wardens and the Vicar, who is the Chair, serves as the board of trustees of the congregation. The Vestry as a body has legal responsibility for financial and physical affairs of the parish, but is also a community of spiritual leaders. While Episcopal canon law gives final authority over some matters of parish life to the Vicar alone (for instance, worship and education), the Vestry serves an important role of shared leadership with the Vicar for the overall life and ministry of the parish. Vestry members often take responsibility for or assist in one area of the parish's operations. Vestry members show leadership by example and participation in the worship and ongoing life of the parish, and in their stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Communication is another important function of the Vestry.

3 Delegates and 3 Alternates to Diocesan Convention (1 year term)

Three Delegates along with clergy from each congregation attend the Annual Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey every year (Alternates replace Delegates if they are unable to attend.) At Convention, Delegates vote in elections for offices such as Diocesan Council and Standing Committee (which, between them, exercise responsibilities for the Diocese similar to those of a Vestry in a congregation); Deputies to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church; Treasurer of the Diocese, and other offices. Convention also approves the diocesan Budget and votes on resolutions about the life and ministry of our Diocese. To prepare for the business of Convention, Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to read reports made available in advance of Convention on-line, and to attend one of several pre-Convention meetings held in different regions of the Diocese. Convention is also a time to share fellowship with others from around the Diocese of New Jersey, and visit exhibit booths In 2012, the Convention will be a two-day event, Friday-Saturday, March 2-2 in Cherry Hill.

6 Delegates to Watchung Convocation (1 year term)

The Diocese of New Jersey is sub-divided into eight geographical Convocations. St. Francis' belongs to the Watchung Convocation, made up of congregations in southern Hunterdon County, northern Somerset County and western portions of Middlesex and Union Counties. Clergy and delegates gather for a Sunday afternoon or weekday evening meeting once each Spring and Fall at a date and place TBA.

Convocation delegates elect a Dean for the Convocation (currently, the Dean of Watchung Convocation is the Very Rev. Ron Pollack, Rector of St. John's, Somerville); as well as one clergy and lay member of the diocesan Nominating Committee and the Board of Missions (Debbie Santucci of St. Francis' is currently the lay representative from the Watchung Convocation to the Board of Missions). Convocation meetings are also an occasion to make connections with the wider Church of which we are part. Bishop Cancell usually attends the fall meeting of each Convocation.


December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27-1st Sunday of Advent 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Choral Eucharist, Sunday School & Nursery	28	29	30	1	2 7 PM - Country Dancing 	3
4-2nd Sunday of Advent 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Choral Eucharist, Sunday School & Nursery	5	6 Women's Christmas Party – 6:30-?? 	7 Noon – Book Group 7 PM - Ordination of Amy Cornell @ Trinity Church, Cranford 7:30 PM – A.A.	8	9 7 PM - Country Dancing	10
11-3rd Sunday of Advent 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Choral Eucharist, Sunday School & Nursery 4 PM – Watchung Convocation Election Meeting	12	13 7 PM – Vestry Meeting	14 Noon – Book Group 7:30 PM – A.A. 7:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal	15	16 7 PM - Country Dancing	17
18-4th Sunday of Advent 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Choral Eucharist, Sunday School & Nursery	19	20	21 Noon – Book Group 7:30 PM – A.A. 7:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24-Christmas Eve 9 AM – Altar Guild & others - Greening of the Church 4:30 PM – Family Service 10:30 PM – Christmas Music w/Choir 11 PM – Christmas Eve Eucharist
25 10 AM - Holy Eucharist	26	27	28 Noon – Book Group 7:30 PM – A.A.	29	30	31 – New Year's Eve

January 2012










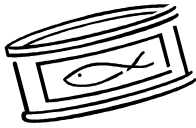
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-New Year's Day - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Choral Eucharist, Sunday School & Nursery	2	3	4 Noon – Book Group 7:30 PM – A.A. 7:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal	5	6 7 PM - Country Dancing	7
8 8 AM - Holy Eucharist 10 AM - Choral Eucharist, Sunday School & Nursery <i>Annual Reports Due</i>	9	10 7 PM – Vestry Meeting	11 Noon – Book Group 7:30 PM – A.A. 7:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal	12	13 7 PM - Country Dancing	14
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February 2012

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MONTHLY FISH DONATION

2011/2012

<p><u>JULY</u></p> <p>Peanut Butter/Jelly</p> 	<p><u>AUGUST</u></p> <p>Juice</p> 	<p><u>SEPTEMBER</u></p> <p>Cereal Cold/Hot</p> 
<p><u>OCTOBER</u></p> <p>Milk powdered or Parmalat box</p> 	<p><u>NOVEMBER</u></p> <p>Canned Vegetables</p> 	<p><u>DECEMBER</u></p> <p>Paper goods: Napkins/paper towels/ toilet paper</p> 
<p><u>JANUARY</u></p> <p>Pasta/sauce</p> 	<p><u>FEBRUARY</u></p> <p>baby food/supplies</p> 	<p><u>MARCH</u></p> <p>Rice & Beans</p> 
<p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>FISH Hospitality donation (TBD)</p>	<p><u>MAY</u></p> <p>Canned fish or meat</p> 	<p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>?</p> <p>Your choice</p> <p>?</p> <p>?</p>

- The suggestions for each month are just suggestions for donation. You may give any food or personal product at anytime.
- Please remember to check expiration dates on the food that you donate. All products with expired dates will be discarded.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!!

Stewardship 2012

Believe In Tomorrow

Thank you, thank you, thank you for making this year's Stewardship program a huge success. Although, as of this writing, we have not heard from everyone, I know that within the next few weeks everyone will have joined the St. Francis family by continuing to "Believe in Tomorrow" and by stating their stewardship intention. Remember, if your circumstances change, your pledge can be changed at any time throughout the year. Whether you have taken a forward step, a step of faith, tithe or remained the same, the giving intention you have provided is a thoughtful thing to do and a great help in the planning of the activities at St. Francis Church.

Now that our stewardship drive has concluded, we need to continue to look at "Stewardship". It includes our time, talents and treasures. As we witnessed in Church on Sundays during our stewardship drive, parishioners gave testimony to their faith in God and expressed the talents that they have to share. At this time, please consider what time you may be able to give or the talents that you have that will allow you to serve God at St. Francis. There are many opportunities that you might choose from here at St. Francis. Please volunteer freely when projects are presented or your time is needed. Perhaps you may have a new idea of time or talents that you can share with Father Zamboni or a vestry member. Here are some words from our scriptures to help you think about and consider your giving of time and talents:

Graciousness, Optimism, Courtesy, Respect, Appreciation, Encouragement, Thanksgiving

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

... 2 Corinthians 9-12

May God be with you and bless you in all that you do.

Elaine Patania

Alan Benjamin

Stewardship Co-Chairpersons

The Living Stewardship Program

Advent in Cape May

A new Christmas Cantata, "Winds of Bethlehem" will have its premiere on December 11 at 4 PM at Church of the Advent in Cape May. The composer is Jane Sbarra of Cape May. The text is an interpretation of the Christmas story by the Rev. Robert Reeder. The work will be performed by a chorus drawn from the choirs of Advent and the First Presbyterian Church of Cape May with local and invited soloists. The composer will conduct and Carol Obligado, organist at Church of the Advent will accompany on the Advent organ. A free will offering will be taken. After the performance there will be a reception in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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NEW JERSEY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

ISSUES & ACTION 2012 VIOLENCE IN OUR SOCIETY: THE CHURCH RESPONDS

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 9:00 - 2:00
Shiloh Baptist Church, 340 Calhoun Street, Trenton

Keynote Speaker: Bryan Miller, Executive Director, **Ceasefire New Jersey**

Workshops will include Bullying, Alternatives to Violence-Restorative Justice, Gang Violence, Violence in the Media, and Domestic Violence

\$12 in advance--\$15 at the door. Make check (includes lunch) payable to NJ Council of Churches and mail to: 176 W. State St., Trenton, NJ 08608. E-mail the Council at office@njcouncilofchurches.org or call the office at 609-396-9546 for more information



HANDEL

Messiah

PART I
EXCERPTS FROM PART III

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ROUTE 263 & SUGAN ROAD
SOLEBURY, PA 18963

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$15
CHILDREN 12 & UNDER \$5
FOR TICKETS CALL 215-297-8285 EXT. 226

SUNDAY
DECEMBER 4TH

4 O'CLOCK

ROCHELLE REED SOPRANO
NICHOLAS TAMAGNA, COUNTERTENOR
JACK ZAMBONI, TENOR
WILLIAM WALKER, BASS

TRINITY CHOIR

16 PIECE ORCHESTRA

TIMOTHY HARRELL
CONDUCTOR

Gospel Bracelets

Our crafters met on two Wednesday afternoons to make Chocolate clusters – peanut, raisin, peanut butter, peanut and pretzel. Taste tests prove they are really good if we do say so ourselves. These are to be offered for sale in the Narthex on the three Sundays before Christmas. Great stocking stuffers!



Gospel Bracelets (great Christmas gifts), continue to sell. We have made over \$3,000 so far, selling to parishioners, new and past customers, in person and on line, and at craft sales and flea markets in the area. We will sell them at the Diocesan Convention in March. We plan to have at least two workshops, perhaps more depending on future sales, dedicated to the creation of these pretty and meaningful bracelets in January and February. Watch the church bulletin for dates and times.

Many thanks to Edith Phelps, and all our crafters who have done so much to make this an ongoing and successful project. We also thank all those who turn out to give of their time and company on Saturdays to help with sales. We could not have come this far with our bracelets without the encouragement, support, and custom of our St. Francis parishioners.

Barbara Dalto

Thanks to:

- Audrey McConney & her team for making our Annual Fall Dinner another successful event.
- Fr. Jack, Amy Myzie & all the prospective confirmands (Ashley, Amanda, Alex, Vito & Cecil) for their input to a very successful retreat.
- Barbara Dalto, Edith Phelps & all the St. Francis "beaders" who have added more than \$3000 to our fundraiser budget.
- Vin Maiolo & Amy Myzie for their delicious pancakes on Celebration Sunday.
- To all who have made their pledge to *Believe in Tomorrow*.
- Leslie Oliver for her leadership with the altar guild, lector, usher & greeter trainings.
- Geri Peters for helping to keep our St. Francis facilities looking clean & shiny.
- To ALL who give of their time, talent & treasure to keep St. Francis moving forward.

Book Group

November brought us to the completion of "Prayers for Sale" by Sandra Dallas. December brings our usual Christmas reading. We've chosen two O'Henry short stories to be read aloud, but found we could not include that old Christmas chestnut "The Gift of the Magi" as our reader can't make it through that one without dissolving into tears. In January we will read "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand", a first novel written by Helen Simonson, who grew up in Great Britain but has lived in the US for two decades. This book has been chosen above the others on our list because it has a male main character (we now have a man attending the group), the mature protagonist struggles with the changes circumstances bring to his ordered life (don't we all), and the dry, British humor is irresistible (laughter never hurts).

We continue to meet in Milbank Hall at noon each Wednesday until Lent, when we meet one hour later. All are welcome.

Barbara Dalto

Outreach

- **Advent Giving** - this year's recipient of our special Advent season collection will be Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD). A Hope Chest (mite box) for collection of your donation will be distributed on the 1st Sunday in Advent, Nov. 27. Along with the Hope Chest will be a special prayer card & an explanation sheet of the intent of our gift to ERD. This year the gift of community gardening has been chosen as the designated donation. A community garden will provide the tools & training for a family to grow a better future. The cost of one family share of a community garden is \$175. Our goal this Advent is to donate 3 family shares.
- **Adopt-A-Family**- In 2010 we supported 2 families from our local neighborhood with an abundance of gifts so that they could enjoy a blessed Christmas. This year we are again reaching out to help a local family- a single Mom & her 5 children (a high school boy, a 7th grade boy, a 4th grade boy, & 6th & 3rd grade girls). Please take a gift tag from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. All will have sizes & suggested items for purchase. Please do not wrap the gifts, but you may provide paper for wrapping. All gifts should be returned to the box in the Narthex by Dec. 18th. Any questions please contact Pam Maiolo Or Elaine Patania
- **Grace's Kitchen** -Our last date to serve in 2011 is Nov. 28. We will begin 2012 with dates of Jan. 30 & Feb 27. Continued support for this area soup kitchen at Grace Church, Plainfield is needed. Volunteers help prepare lunch & then serve to program clients. We begin prep at 10am & are finished by 1pm. Please contact Pam Maiolo if you need a ride to the site or have any questions.
- **FISH**- recommended donation for Nov. is canned vegetables & Dec. is paper goods (toilet paper, tissues, napkins, paper towels). In 2012 Jan. is pasta & sauce & Feb is Baby food/cereal & baby supplies (diapers, wipes, etc.). Remember that these are only recommendations & all non-perishables are accepted.
- **Eye-glass collection** - we continue to collect any type of eyeglasses & hearing aids. Children's, adults, single lens, bifocal & sunglasses are all accepted & passed on to the Lions Club Recycle for Sight program for refurbishing & donation to those in need.

Looking Ahead...

- **Gently Used Coats** - Collection of used outerwear will begin after Jan. 1 2012. All clothing will be given to the FISH clothing room. Please watch for the collection box in the Narthex.
- **Mittens, hats & scarves** - these donations will also be accepted after the first of the new year. Please place them in the designated place in the Narthex.

Sunday School

What a welcome problem we have! Our numbers have grown and the Nellie Reid Room is bursting at the seams. We are blessed with youngsters who cooperate and accomplish in spite of the tight squeeze, and teens who pitch in to assist without being asked. We're on it, though, and plan to reconfigure the layout of the room during the first week in December, to relieve the crowding. Future plans are in the works to make adjustments in our grouping.

During Advent our Sunday School Advent wreath, Christmas tree, stories and projects help us to prepare for Jesus' Birthday. We have reached out to the boys and girls in our companion diocese in Ecuador with beautiful Christmas cards we've made ourselves. A flurry of painting by all from ages three up provides a Christmas mural for the bulletin board in Milbank Hall. A Christmas pageant has been reintroduced to our December activities thanks to Mary Pfeiffer who has volunteered to take on this daunting task. We hope everyone will make a special effort to attend to applaud the children and Mary for their efforts.

We continue to introduce new projects while maintaining those which have become traditional to us, as we follow the church year and the wonderful stories and lessons the Gospels give us each Sunday. We thank Waring Webb, Edith Peters, Debbie Santucci, Rachel Nusser, Ava Parmelee, and all of you for your ongoing appreciation, support and love which help our young people know they are important and welcome members of our church family.

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