

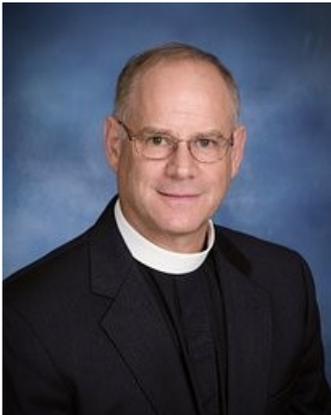


† ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNIQUE

Winter

The Newsletter for St. Francis, Dunellen

A Letter from Fr. Jack Zamboni, Rector



Fr. Jack Zamboni

Dear Friends,

***And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among
us...on Route 287***

I have been thinking recently about what difference these famous words from John's Gospel might make to our ordinary lives. What difference does it make on a daily basis to know that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us? These words summarize the central Christian claim which we celebrate at Christmas – that in Jesus Christ, the Divine Word who from the beginning was with God and who from the beginning is God came to live among us as a human being. From the Incarnation of God in Jesus flows everything else in Christian life – Jesus' teaching, life, death and resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit; our life in Christ; the Sacraments that connect us to Christ, our hope for resurrected life in Christ, and so much more. Still, we may wonder, how does that make any difference when, say, we're driving somewhere on Route 287?

Well, for starters, consider what flows from the Incarnation: that the God who has come to dwell among us is present everywhere in this created world, and that having become flesh can be known in the created realities among which we live every day. St. Francis saw God's presence everywhere in Creation. In this 3 minute [video](#), Franciscan Richard Rohr sums up this invitation by saying, *To be a Christian is to see Christ in every thing.*

I believe we actually all know this in our experience. I believe we've all had experiences when some part of the physical world has made us aware of the Divine presence. In sky, ocean, prairie, mountain or tree; in another human being, a relationship or community; in childbirth, self-sacrifice, or death; in some such place or other, we believe we have seen, heard, felt, been touched by God in and through the concrete realities of life.

For most of us, however, these experiences don't happen too often, at least in their more intense forms. We receive them gratefully, but as moments of revelation – out of the ordinary events in special times and places. My guess is that they don't happen on Route 287 very often. But if the Word became flesh and dwells among us; if Christ is always and everywhere present, shouldn't we be able to know this on Route 287, too?

I think we can – though the heart-stopping feeling of being in God's presence will likely not come with great intensity very often. Rather, it is a matter of learning to pay attention to what we already know to be true; an awareness that helps us look for and see God's presence in places we might not imagine.

One way do this is to start with what we do know about God's presence and build from there. For instance... The Word become flesh and dwelt among us. God comes to dwell among us as a human being. Though God is present in Jesus in a unique way, that might still suggest that God is present in other human beings, too. Genesis tell us that all human beings are made in the image of God, after all, and that through Jesus' Incarnation God gave human beings the capacity to become children of God. So whenever we encounter another human being, we are seeing one in whom God is present.

Most of the time, we don't live in great awareness of that truth. We may find the people around us wonderful, annoying, interesting, boring and many other

things. But seldom, I suspect, do we do attend to the truth that God dwells in each person we meet – including ourselves!

What might happen to our sense of God's presence in our lives if we began to be attentive to this truth that flows from the Incarnation? What would happen, say, when driving on Route 287, if we began to see that every car on the crowded road carried at least on unique instance of the image of God, one small reflection of the Word made flesh? What if we saw each car as an altar in which the Holy was being carried? That just might make us more aware of the worth of our fellow creatures – and of the nearness of God.

We can extend our awareness of God from the places we are already aware of to those we are not yet aware in other ways, too. Most of us have had experiences of God in the beauties of creation. What if we were to recognize that the God whose presence we sense when looking at the ocean is also present in the water of our kitchen sinks, bath tubs and the glass of water we drink throughout the day?

Here's a suggestion for prayer to help you engage this most:

Find a quiet place where you won't be disturbed for a while. Asking God's help, look back in memory to those moments/places/things/events/people when you were aware of the God's Presence. Savor them in your memory, recalling what touched you at the time.

Asking God's help again, make a list of moments/places/things/events/people you encounter on daily basis that are similar to or connect with those special moments. Ask God to help you notice those places as you go through your day, and to know that God is present in them, too.

May this help you come to know more fully *the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us* – even when driving on Route 287.

Peace,



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

We had a great crowd and excellent response during our *Consecration Sunday* in November!

Thank you to all who were able to participate and present their *Estimate of Giving* cards. As of this writing we have 46 pledges totaling \$122,700. Your giving will enable the good work of St. Francis' to continue. Stewardship teaches us that all that we have and all that we are comes as a gift from God. We are therefore, stewards of God's gifts. Discerning and carrying out God's work is the primary purpose of our love. The gifts that we have been given; time, talent and money are to be used for that purpose.

At St. Francis, we will continue to see friendship and support for each other grow through the ECW lunch/visitation group, Sunday school, Altar Guild, ECW, and Choir, as well as, other activities. We will also continue to share the love of God within our community and the world with our support of Grace's Kitchen, FISH, COME, ERD, UTO, and all the other outreach programs we support as members of the Jubilee Ministry.

As we share the Sunday Eucharist, our church family feels gratitude to God and enables us to develop a spiritual relationship with God.

If you were unable to be with us, we know you will want to participate in the financial support of your church during the coming year. Please look for your *Estimate of Giving Card* in the Narthex and complete the campaign by returning the card to church. Please remember that your pledge may be changed at any time during the year as your circumstances change.

One again we would like to thank our Stewardship Team and Vestry for their presentations, support and attendance leading up to Consecration Sunday. Please consider being on the team next year!

Thanks for your help in bringing this fine spiritual experience to a good conclusion.

Resources for Advent



It's not the "Christmas Season" until, well, Christmas. Advent is the season of preparation, when we as a church and as Christ's people prepare for the coming of the Messiah. It is a time of family devotion and prayer.

The Diocese of New Jersey has put together a number of resources to help you in your devotions this Advent. Our Lifelong Christian Formation team has prepared a series of videos to help you get started. We also provide a number of links to online Advent resources. Find them all at www.dioceseofnj.org/advent/

Global Online Advent Calendar

For the sixth year in a row, #AdventWord will gather prayers via a global, online advent calendar. Virginia Theological Seminary is offering 24 meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, 1 December. Images and meditations can be experienced via the #AdventWord website and direct daily emails, as well as on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and ASL videos via YouTube. This year, meditations will also be available in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole via email and on www.adventword.org.

Pulpit/Altar Exchange in Advent

In fall Clericus meetings, the clergy of the Convocation agreed to do a Convocation-wide pulpit/altar exchange. Most churches and clergy did that on November 10th in a round-robin format. Since that was our Consecration Sunday, that date didn't work for us, so Father Jack arranged with Mother Kristin Foley of St. Paul's, Bound Brook (who also had a conflict for 11/10) that we would do a bilateral exchange on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 8th. Please give Mother Kristin a warm St. Francis welcome on that Sunday.



ATTN: Ladies of St. Francis

Get Ready!

Women's Christmas Party is Tuesday December 3, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

**Location: St. Francis' Milbank Hall
400 New Market Rd, Dunellen, N.J.**

Dinner: Potluck

**Game: To participate please bring a gift of a minimum
value of \$20.00 (per person)**

Contest: Ugly Sweater! (Get creative)

BYOB: Share and Share alike

**This is a great time to invite all of your coworkers, loved ones,
and neighbors to share in such great Fellowship, and a little
healthy competition :o)**



The Diocese of New Jersey

CATHEDRAL DAY 2019
Celebrate Your Cathedral
Saturday, December 7 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral 801 W State St, Trenton, NJ 08618



The 6th Annual Cathedral Day will be held on Saturday December 7, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM, a gathering of parishioners from across the diocese to celebrate Trinity Cathedral. This year Bishop Stokes and Dean enthusiastically invite you to a very special event, featuring a seasonal choral concert by the extraordinary Princeton Girl and Boy Choirs. Immediately afterward, the Friends of Trinity Cathedral and “Tea For All” will host a lite, delicious, reception. There will be a scavenger hunt for the kids, historical tours of the Cathedral, and special exhibits on the many and remarkable ministries of our Cathedral. The Cathedral Shop will be open too.

This free event, with welcoming remarks from Dean John and a seasonal message from Bishop Stokes, highlights Trinity Cathedral as the second home of worship and fellowship for all parishioners in the Diocese (young and old alike) and offers a unique opportunity for families to introduce children and grandchildren to **their** Cathedral in a fun and festive way.

Princeton Girls & Boys Choirs

Faithfully yours,

The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, D.D.
12th Bishop of New Jersey





Christmas Season Worship

Sunday, December 22nd

The 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM – Choral Eucharist

Church Decoration for Christmas to follow

Tuesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

4:30 PM – Family Christmas Service

10:30 PM – Music for the Coming of Christ

with the St. Francis' Choir

11:00 PM – Christmas Midnight Mass

Sunday, December 29th

The 1st Sunday after Christmas

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM – Choral Eucharist

Sunday, January 5th

The 2nd Sunday after Christmas:

Observance of the Epiphany

8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

10:00 AM – Choral Eucharist,

Holy Baptism, Sunday School and Nursery

STEWARDSHIP GET INVOLVED!



Sharing our time, treasure, and talent with others.

*Stewardship is sharing the gifts
God has given us.*

DECORATE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS & HELP WRAP GIFTS FOR OUR ADOPT-A-FAMILY

December 22nd after 10AM
Service.

WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 3 @ 6:30PM

Attention, ladies of St. Francis!
Join us in Milbank Hall for a pot-
luck dinner, ugly sweater contest,
and gifting game. Please bring a
gift of a minimum value of \$20.
Bring your friends!

CATHEDRAL DAY

December 7 @ 3PM

Refer to page 5 for more info.



HOST COFFEE HOUR

Sundays after 10AM service
2nd Sunday after 8AM

Fellowship after Sunday services
is a time-honored tradition, and a
great way to connect with your
fellow parishioners and new
comers. Volunteers are needed
to provide beverages and light
refreshments. Sign up sheets
are in the narthex. To learn
more, see Cynthia Pelliccia.



FACEBOOK GROUP

Ongoing

Join our closed group on Face-
book for information pertaining to
our parish "St. Francis Dunellen
Members".

AMAZON SMILE

Ongoing

Remember to use smile. Ama-
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be donated to St. Francis. Fol-
low the link on our homepage at
www.stfrancisdunellen.org for
more information.

**Support
St. Francis Episcopal
Church.**

When you shop at smile.amazon.com,
Amazon donates a portion to us.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

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THANK YOU!!!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS WHO BOUGHT TICKETS FOR OUR
CONSECRATION SUNDAY RAFFLE AND SOLD TICKETS TO THEIR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND
EVEN TO TOTAL STRANGERS

THE RAFFLE RAISED JUST OVER \$1,500 FOR OUR CHURCH

LARRY WOULD LIKE TO THANK
ELAINE PATANIA AND CYNTHIA PELLICIA FOR MAKING THE RAFFLE WORK SO WELL

SPECIAL THANKS TO LARRY QUIRK FOR ALL HIS WORK!



OUTREACH

Outreach coordinator: Pam Maiolo

Advent Outreach Collection this year will be designated to The Good News Home for Women. Located in Flemington, NJ the GNHW is a residential treatment center for women desiring to break the bonds of alcohol/chemical addiction & co-occurring disorders. During Advent you will receive information about the work the GNHW provides to their clients. There will be envelopes for special giving or you can designate The Good News Home on your regular weekly envelope *special offering section*. You are also asked to take time to pray for all persons affected by the disease of addiction. Donations will be accepted until Dec. 29th.

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The **Adopt-a-family Christmas Tree** is in the narthex. Please pick a gift tag from the tree & write your name on the sign up sheet next to the tag number. Gifts will be given to a local Piscataway family. Christmas is a special time of year especially for children. Please help us remember the less fortunate in our area. Gifts should be brought to church on or before Dec. 22nd.

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Grace's Kitchen — serves a hot lunch the last five days of every month. St. Francis volunteers will assist with preparation and serving of meals on Dec. 30th & Jan. 27. Preparation begin at 10am & service concludes at 1pm. Grace's Kitchen is housed at Grace Church, Plainfield. Please join us in this important local ministry.

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FISH Hospitality guests will be in residence at St. Francis from December 22-29. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex. Help will be needed with meals, fellowship & overnights.

FISH Hospitality guests will be in residence in January at Christ United Methodist Church, Hoes La., Piscataway. On Wednesday, January 29th, St. Francis volunteers will provide dinner for the guests as we reach out in support of this ministry. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex.

FISH Food Room's suggested giving for *December* is powdered milk or shelf stable milk such as Parmalat. *January* suggestion is rice & beans (including baked beans) & *February* is canned or jarred vegetables (prefer low sodium). While you are food shopping please pick up an extra for the food room. All non perishables are always accepted. Help curb hunger in our local community.

FISH Clothing Room—Our winter coat & jacket collection has begun. Items should be placed in the box in the front entry way. Clean slightly used or new coats & jackets are needed, particularly children's coats & jackets.

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Eyeglass Collection — This ongoing outreach program collects all types of eyeglasses (adult, children, prescription, sunglasses, & readers). Glasses are donated to the local Lions Club Recycle for Sight Program. There is a bucket on the narthex table.

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Our **Sock collection** was a great success with over 100 pairs of socks collected and distributed to the guests at Grace's Kitchen. Thank you to all who donated. We will do this again next year.

FISH Donations



Serving Middlesex, Union, and Somerset

Donation suggestion for Winter months:

- DECEMBER—milk (powdered or Parmalat)
- JANUARY—Rice & Beans
- FEBRUARY—Canned Vegetables

All donations are welcome! Please check expiration dates.

Suggested Monthly Donation 2019/2020

<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>
Juice	Cereal Cold/Hot	Peanut Butter/ Jelly
<u>OCTOBER</u>	<u>NOVEMBER</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u>
(St. Hubert's) Canned/Dry Dog/Cat Food	(Grace's Kitchen) Men's & Women's Socks Warm - Athletic	Milk Powdered or Parmalat box
<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
Rice & Beans	Canned Vegetables	Pasta/Sauce
<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>
FISH Hospitality Donation (TBA)	Canned Tuna/ Meats	Canned/Jarred Fruit

- The suggestions for each month are just suggestions for donation. You may give any food or personal product at any time.
- 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!

Annual Parish Meeting!

Sunday, January 26th

Food (of course), Fellowship and Parish Business

Save the date!

Nominating Committee Seeks Nominations for Parish Offices

Nominations are being sought for the following offices and a member of the Nominating Committee may well ask you to consider serving! If you are interested in serving in any of these areas, you may also please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Cynthia, Pelliccia, Paul Sinckler, Carline Sinckler, Grace McDougall, Pam Maiolo or Fr. Jack. Elections are held at the Annual Parish Meeting, on Sunday, January 26th.

A brief description of each of office follows:

1 Jr. Warden (2 year term)

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

3 Vestry members (3 year Term), One Vestry Member (2 year term)

The Vestry, made up of 9 Vestry members, the two Wardens and the Rector, 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 Rector alone (for instance, worship and education), the Vestry serves an important role of shared leadership with the Rector 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 and Alternates 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 2020, the Convention will be on Saturday, March 7th, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cherry Hill. More information is at <http://dioceseofnj.org/diocesan-convention/>

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. Angelo Wildgoose, Rector of St. Mark's, Plainfield); as well as one clergy and lay member of the diocesan Nominating Committee and the Board of Missions. Convocation meetings are also an occasion to make connections with the wider Church of which we are part. The Bishop and members of Diocesan staff usually attend the fall meeting of each Convocation.

CELEBRATIONS

Winter 2019

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Clinton O'Sullivan	12/02
Leslie Oliver	12/03
Barbara Kolarick	12/05
Larry Quirk	12/05
Kelsey Pelliccia	12/06
David Dunham	12/08
Daren Mayer	12/10
Mae DeRogatis	12/10
Thomas Kolarick	12/10
Alexis Tirado	12/14
Mark Brown	12/15
Edith Phelps	12/19
Hilary Cox	12/21
Mary Pfeiffer	12/21
Laura Breck	12/23
Dominique Sinckler	12/24
Pamela Maiolo	12/24
Juan Tirado	12/25
Mathew Kurian	12/29
Timothy Tereman	12/29

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Beth Chernichowski	12/01
Larry Quirk	12/16
Laura Breck	12/31

DECEMBER CONFIRMATIONS

Margaret Forsythe	12/11
Norma Tucker	12/12

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Gerrienne & Laura Breck	12/13
Ann & Barbara North-Hellrigel	12/14
Elaine & Thomas Patania	12/16

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gail Slater	01/03
Cecil Baker, Jr.	01/05
Christy McGuire	01/08
Jason Pfeiffer	01/12
Percy Crowther	01/12
Kadine Maye-Senior	01/13
Calvin King	01/14
Kent Scriven	01/14
Kristi Scriven	01/14
Norma Trimmer	01/17
Anton Sinckler	01/19
Hannah Mathew	01/20
Kora Kokotajlo	01/24
Edith Peters	01/27

JANUARY BAPTISMS

Ashley Beam	01/01
Coral Brown	01/05
Davidson Doll	01/07
Anthony Klastava	01/09
Jabari Halls	01/09
Matthew Klastava	01/09
Brian Mayer	01/11
Briana DeCandia	01/11
Mary Pfeiffer	01/13
Tyler Klastava	01/13
Mae DeRogatis	01/15

JANUARY CONFIRMATIONS

Nicholas Waskiel	01/10
Mary Pfeiffer	01/13

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Catherine Pfeiffer	02/01
Errol Maye	02/01
Vanessa Phua	02/03
Matthew Toke	02/05
Benit Kurian	02/08
Daryl DeRogatis	02/09
Ilia Scriven	02/16
Jack Zamboni	02/16
Joy King	02/16
Chris Colwell	02/18
Merris Maye	02/20
Anthony DeRogatis, Sr	02/21
Xavier McConney	02/22
Trinity Kolarick	02/24
Sam Mathew	02/25
Doris Mc Elvery	02/26
Samuela Crowther	02/26

FEBRUARY BAPTISMS

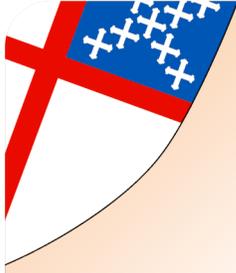
Leslie Oliver	02/01
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Christy McGuire	02/11
Juan Tirado	02/19
Sharon Benjamin	02/20

FEBRUARY CONFIRMATIONS

Christy McGuire	02/11
Althea Heirholzer	02/27

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Michelle & Jeff Klastava	02/01
Paul & Carlene Snickler	02/02
Cecil & Karen Baker	02/14



EVENT CALENDAR and LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	2 7:30PM AA	3 6:30PM Women's Christmas Party	4 7:30PM AA	5 7PM Choir Rehearsal	6	7 3PM-5PM Cathedral Day Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Trenton, NJ
8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	9 7:30PM AA	10	11 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	12 7PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	16 7:30PM AA	17 7:00PM VESTRY MTG	18 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	19 7PM Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:00AM Morning Prayer Church Decoration for Christmas to Follow	23 7:30PM AA	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 4:30pm Family Christmas Service 10:30pm Music for Coming of Christ 11:00pm Midnight Mass	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 7:30PM AA	26 7PM Choir Rehearsal	27	28
29 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	30 10:00AM Graces; Kitchen, Plainfield 7:30PM AA	31				

Worship Schedule:

Holy Eucharist—Sundays, 8:00AM and 10:00AM (**NOTE** changes for December 22nd & December 24th)

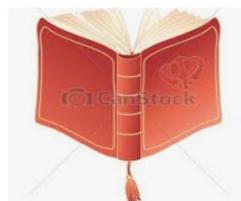
Mid-week Service – Wednesdays, 11:30am

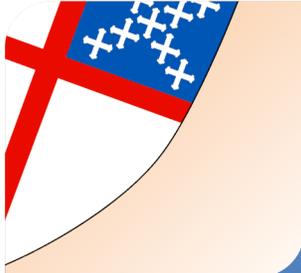
Visit www.stfrancisunellen.org, call 732-968-6781, or email contactus@stfrancisunellen.org for more information.

St. Francis Liturgical Schedule

December 2019

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LECTORS	CHALICERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETER	COUNTERS
8:00 AM Service							
12/1	*	Ilia S.	*	David Doll	Alan B. Sharon B.	*	*
12/8	*	Suzannah K.	*	Amy M.	Paul S.	COFFEE BREAK	*
12/15	*	Alan B. Sharon B.	*	Paul S.	Ilia S.	*	*
12/22	*	Amy M.	*	David Doll	Amy M.	*	*
12/29	*	Paul S.	*	Amy M.	Carroll W.	*	*
10:00 AM Service							
12/1	Pam W. Gail S.	Princess T. Sam M.	Hilary C. Princess T.	Jaeden P. Robert P-H. Gabrielle P-H.	Larry Q. Arthur M.	Barbara D.	Ava P. Xiomara M.
12/8	Audrey J. Nathalie E. Sharon B.	Rillette H. Grace M.	Kia Phua Princess T.	Jayden Phua Robert P-H. Gabrielle P-H.	Pam M Karen W.	Ava P.	Pam M. Monique P.
12/15	Princess T. Karen W.	Larry Q. Pam M.	Tiffany O. Princess T.	AJ K. James P. Julia P.	Larry Q. Arthur M.	Heather N.	Larry Q. Anna T.
12/22	Pam M. Barbara D.	Rillette H. Grace M.	Kia Phua Elaine P.	Jayden Phua Madelyn P Catherine P.	Jabari H. Tom P.	Audrey J.	Grace M. Carline S. Elaine P.
12/24 4:30PM Service	Pam W. Gail S.	Kathy B. Princess T.	Elaine P. Tiffany O.	Robert P-H. Gabrielle P-H.	Tom P. Pam M.	Barbara D.	*
12/24 11:00PM Service	Pam W. Gail S.	Hilary C. Suzannah K.	Paul S. Amy M.	TBD	Cynthia P. Yuennadi M.	Ava P.	Ava P. Xiomara M.
12/29	Audrey J. Nathalie E. Sharon B.	Sam M. Larry Q.	Hilary C. Princess T.	Everette P. James P. Julia P.	Larry Q. Arthur M.	Heather N.	Larry Q. Anna T.





EVENT CALENDAR and LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEARS DAY 7:30PM AA	2 7PM Choir Rehearsal	3	4
5 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Observance of the Epiphany 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism Sunday School and Nursery	6 THE EPIPHANY 7:30PM AA	7	8 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	9 7PM Choir Rehearsal	10	11
12 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	13 7:30PM AA	14	15 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	16 7PM Choir Rehearsal	17	18
19 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	20 7:30PM AA	21 7PM Vestry Meeting	22 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	23 7PM Choir Rehearsal	24	25
26 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	27 10:00AM Grace's Kitchen, Plainfield 7:30PM AA	28	29 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	30	31	

Worship Schedule:

Holy Eucharist—Sundays, 8:00AM and 10:00AM

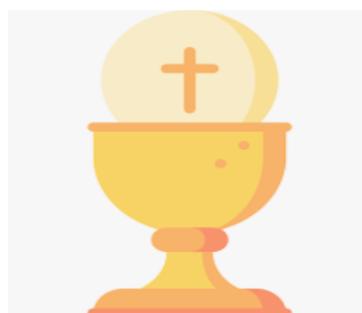
Mid-week Service – Wednesdays, 11:30am

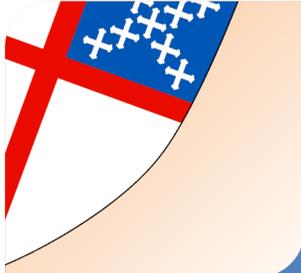
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St. Francis Liturgical Schedule

January 2020

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LECTORS	CHALICERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETER	COUNTERS
8:00 AM Service							
1/5	*	Ilia S.	*	Amy M.	Paul S.	*	*
1/12	*	Sharon B. Alan B.	*	Paul S.	Ilia S.	COFFEE BREAK	*
1/19	*	Suzannah K.	*	David Doll	Paul S.	*	*
1/26	*	Carrol W.	*	Amy M.	Sharon B. Alan B.	*	*
10:00 AM Service							
1/5	Pam W. Gail S.	Sam M. Pam M.	Hilary C. Tiffany O.	James P Julia P. Jaeden P.	Elaine P. Tom P.	Barbara D.	Ava P. Xiomara M.
1/12	Audrey J. Nathalie E. Sharon B.	Rillette H. Kate M.	Kia Phua Princess T.	Jayden Phua Robert P-H. Gabrielle P-H.	Cynthia P. Yuennadi M.	Ava P.	Pam M. Monique P.
1/19	Princess T. Karen W.	Princess T. Larry Q.	Elaine P. Hilary C.	Madelyn P. Catherine P. AJ K.	Larry Q. Arthur M.	Heather N.	Larry Q. Anna T.
1/26	Pam M. Barbara D.	Grace M. Elaine P.	Kia Phua Tiffany O.	Jayden Phua Robert P-H. Gabrielle P-H.	Pam M. Karen W.	Audrey J.	Grace M. Carline S. Elaine P.





EVENT CALENDAR and LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	3 7:30PM AA	4	5 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	6 7PM Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	10 7:30PM AA	11	12 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	13 7PM Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	17 7:30PM AA	18 7PM Vestry Meeting	19 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	20 7PM Choir Rehearsal	21	22
23 LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHIPANY 8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	24 7:30PM AA	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	27	28	29

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Holy Eucharist—Sundays, 8:00AM and 10:00AM

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8:00 AM Service							
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2/9	*	Carrol W.	*	David D.	Paul S.	COFFEE BREAK	*
2/16	*	Suzannah K.	*	Amy M.	Sharon B. Alan B.	*	*
2/23	*	Ilia S.	*	Paul S.	Carrol W.	*	*
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Winter Healthy Bits by Chris Colwell

With winter fast approaching and the holiday season upon us, it's time to think about safety and health. The Centers for Disease Control has some good advice as noted below:

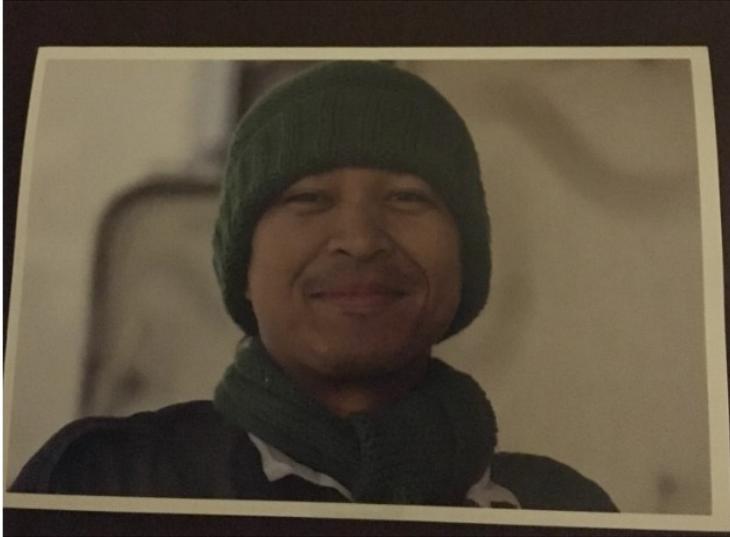
- 1. Wash your hands often.** Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and clean water are not available, use an alcohol-based product.
- 2. Stay warm.** Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers of loose-fitting, tightly woven clothing. Check on children, the elderly and pets regularly.
- 3. Travel safely.** Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to his/her height, weight, and age. Get vaccinations if traveling out of the country.
- 4. Get check-ups and vaccinations.** Exams and screenings can help find problems early or before they start. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for a yearly exam. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.
- 5. Watch the kids.** Children are at high risk for injuries. Keep a watchful eye on your kids. Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, choking hazards (like coins and hard candy), and other objects out of kids' reach. Learn how to provide early treatment for children who are choking. Develop and reinforce rules about acceptable and safe behaviors for all electronic media.
- 6. Prevent injuries.** Injuries from falls occur frequently in winter. Be mindful of black ice. Wear proper boots that will grip the ice rather than sliding. Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Keep candles away from children, pets, walkways, trees, and curtains. Never leave fireplaces, stoves, or candles unattended. Don't use generators, grills, or other gasoline- or charcoal-burning devices.
- 7. Eat healthy, and be active.** With balance and moderation, you can enjoy winter the healthy way. Choose more vegetables and fruits. Find fun ways to stay active, such as sledding, skiing or walking. Be active for at least two and a half hours a week. Help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.

By following these simple suggestions, we can stay healthy and enjoy the beautiful Jersey winter!!

Chris Colwell

Thank You from the Seamans Institute—St. Francis Sunday School children worked hard and sent Christmas Cards to sailors at the Seamans Institute. Below is the Thank You card that they received.

Nice work Anthony, Robert, Sebastian, Tyler and Xavier!!



November 9, 2019
Dear Anthony, Robert, Sebastian, Tyler,
and Xavier,
Thank you very much for your
beautiful Christmas cards.
I know the mariners who receive
them are going to be very happy.
Have a blessed Christmas.
With gratitude, Joanne

Lent is Coming: Save the Dates!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 25th, 2020, 5:30-7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Services

February 26th, 2020

Ashes to Go

Dunellen Train Station, 6:00- 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

St. Francis 12 Noon and 7:30 PM

Lent Adult Formation:

Begins Sunday, March 1st

Tentative Program: *Signs of Life: Why Church Matters*

Community Lenten Services

Begins Wednesday, March 4th, 12:15

@ Christ United Methodist Church

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Cynthia Pelliccia—Sr. Warden, Fellowship, Finance, Buildings & Grounds
Paul Sinckler—Jr. Warden, Finance, Buildings & Grounds
Kathy Balenson—Sunday School, Clerk, COME, ECW
David Doll—Buildings & Grounds Assistance
Xiomara Mitchell—Fellowship, Fish Hospitality Dinners (Outreach)
Pam Maiolo—Outreach, Finance, ECW, Buildings & Grounds, Rectory liaison w/current tenant

Vestry (continued)

Elaine Patania—Finance, Stewardship and ECW Liaison.
Monique Phua—Facebook page, COME
Larry Quirk—Fundraising, Finance
Carline Sinckler—COME
Grace McDougall

Non-Vestry

Ilia Scriven—Treasurer, Finance
Amy Myzie—Donation recording; electronic banking
Christy McGuire—Communication (Press releases)
Tom Patania, Yuennadi Moya—Buildings & Grounds
Nancy Dunham—Acolyte Scheduling
Laura Breck—Communique, Website Calendar, Liturgical Scheduling