



December, 2014

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8:00am Eucharist

10:00am Eucharist with music

9:45am Nursery and Church School

Mid-week Services

Wednesdays at 12:15pm

(no service on December 31)

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm: Holy Eucharist and
Setting up the Crèche

10:00 pm: Holy Eucharist and
Blessing of the Crèche

December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist & carols

First Sunday after Christmas – Dec 28

Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am

Lessons & Carols at 5:00 pm

Office Hours

Please call the office to arrange for a home visit or to make an appointment.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

To worship, to nurture, to serve, together in Christ

From the Rector:

ADVENT 2014

There was a poll recently on Facebook about when Christmas music should start to be played in public places, in stores and media. Some answered “anytime,” others, “after Halloween,” still others “after Thanksgiving – when the Rockettes dance and Santa arrives in Herald Square at the end of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.” My answer? “After the fourth Sunday of Advent.” It’s not that I’m anti-Christmas – on the contrary, I love Christmas. But I also love the music, prayers and message of Advent. Over the years, I have found that Advent offers me a time to simplify and prepare in ways that help me appreciate Christmas all the more – sometimes in new and unexpected ways.

The collects, or gathering prayers, for each week (see page 2) form the basis of my prayer through the week. Each offers a slightly different perspective and window into what it is to be a disciple of Jesus, loved by and loving God. Various resources in the form of advent calendars or books help, and lighting the candles in the advent wreath, each in its turn, provide simple rites which slow me down and help me pay attention. Resources for all of these can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

When I am too busy for calendars and candles, I find many resources and opportunities on the Internet. Here are a few that I have found helpful:

Youtube.com has videos of music for advent from various sources both here and abroad (type in ‘music for advent’).

On Facebook there is a group called Occupy Advent that posts online and is available on twitter [@occupyadvent](https://twitter.com/occupyadvent). Their motto: ‘Reclaiming the holy season of waiting and watching for the Lord: Simplify and slow down.’

Another resource is found at <http://www.ssje.org/adventword>, or on twitter [#adventword](https://twitter.com/adventword). These come from the Society of St John the Evangelist (also known as the Cowley Fathers/brothers) in Boston. Their daily reflections offer ‘Advent-with a twist.’

However you choose to mark the season, may this Advent be a time when you can simplify and slow down and experience the gifts prayerful reflection and quiet joy.

Peace and blessing,
Carol+

See Collects for Advent on page 2.

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COLLECTS FOR ADVENT

Advent 1

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Advent 2

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Advent 3

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Advent 4

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Flemington Area Food Pantry



The Holiday Season is upon us!

Upcoming needs at the Flemington Food Pantry include:

Flour Sugar Baking Powder Baking Soda
Biscuit Mix Evaporated Milk Spices

Always needed are the following food and personal care items:

Pancake Mix & Syrup Oatmeal Canned Meat (chicken, corned beef, tuna, etc.)

Laundry Detergent Toothpaste Shampoo & Conditioner

Bar Soap Disposable Razors & Shaving Cream Toilet Paper & Tissues

Feminine Care Products Diapers (infant thru adult sizes)

Your donations make a difference!

For an updated list of Pantry needs, visit <http://flemingtonfoodpantry.org/what-we-need/>

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Advent means *to come*. During the four Sundays before Christmas, the church prepares for the coming of Christ, both as the child in a manger of the first coming, and judge of the world at the second coming. This is an active waiting, a time of preparation and prayer, and special devotion.

An **Advent wreath** can be a center of worship for both church and home. The wreath is a circle of evergreen branches, a sign of everlasting life. Four purple or blue candles, one for each Sunday in Advent, are set in a circle. Some traditions use a rose candle for the third week in Advent to represent joy. Purple is the traditional color for Advent because it represents both penitence and royalty. Blue, sometimes used during Advent, represents hope.

The **Advent Candles** are traditionally purple or blue, with one rose candle. They may be tall and slender, or stout pillar candles, or even votive candles. One candle is lit on the first Sunday in Advent with an additional candle lit each Sunday (or other weekday that works better for your family). Brief worship can accompany the lighting of the candles. In many traditions, the four purple candles are said to represent hope, peace, joy and love because these words reflect the coming of Christ to rule, to judge and to save. The candles may also represent light, faith, truth and grace; or the prophets, Mary and Joseph, and the shepherds who prepared the way or told others of Jesus' birth.

In the Northern Hemisphere, Advent and Christmas come when the days are shortest. In ancient times, especially, lighting candles symbolized hope both for the return of sunlight and the joy of Jesus' coming to bring God's light to the world.



Resources available for Advent

In the Parish Hall are:

- 2 different Advent calendars, and one poster, with an accompanying booklet – each helps mark the days with scripture and suggestions for living a more Spirit-filled life.
- 2015 Calendars that have all the colors of the liturgical seasons, saints' days, lists of readings, and some other helpful information. \$2.50 each.
- Purple and pink candles for your advent wreath – suggested donation: \$.50 per candle
- 2 books on display, with information about ordering:
 - *Unplug the Christmas Machine: A Complete Guide to putting Love and Joy Back Into the Season* by Jo Robinson and Jean Coppock Staeheli
 - *The Season of the Nativity: Confessions and Practices of an Advent, Christmas & Epiphany Extremist* by Sybil McBeth
- Copies of *Forward Day By Day* are available in the gallery.

May this Advent Season be a time of hopeful waiting and joyful anticipation.

Greening of the Church Sunday, December 21 following the 10:00 service

Christmas Worship

Christmas Eve, December 24 will be at 4:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day, December 25 will be at 10:00 am (with carols!)

First Sunday after Christmas, December 28, Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
(*one service that morning*); then

Also on Sunday, December 28 -- Lessons and Carols at 5:00 pm

Youth Group Update

Our Youth Group meeting this month was another success! We read and discussed Luke 15: 1-7 -- The Story of the Lost Sheep. We have such a great group of youth and their insight about this story is impressive. We followed this reading up with a couple of rounds of our own lost and found game of Manhunt. The campfire was blazing and the night was absolutely perfect! S'mores and hot chocolate finished off the evening! Thank you to Mrs. Walsh & Mrs. Wagner for being our adult volunteers and thank you to everyone who brought our s'more supplies.

Our next youth group meeting will be on Sunday, December 14 from 7-8:30 pm and will be our Christmas party. Bring your favorite cookies to share!

*Christmas: In your heart it's either about presents
– or about the presence of God. YOU choose.*

More dates to put into your 2015 calendar are:

- January 11** Tubing or Skiing at Blue Mountain
- January 31-February 1** Hoagie Sale Lock-In
- February 17** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- February 16 or 22** Feed the Need @ South Ridge Church

Epiphany Pageant



One of the wonderful events at St Thomas is the Epiphany Pageant. This year the pageant will be on Sunday, January 4. We will have practices at our regular Church School class time of 9:45 am on Sunday, December 28 and on Sunday, January 4. All performers with speaking parts should try to be at both practices. We will have one run-through with costumes prior to show time so please have all performers arrive at 4 pm on January 4. The Epiphany Pageant will begin at 5 pm, and followed by a celebration dinner of pizza and desserts. We ask families to bring a dessert or drink to share.

We are always looking for adult volunteers to help with this event. We had a wonderful cast last year and look forward to another extraordinary show! Sign-ups will be out in the gallery on November 30 – the first Sunday of Advent. SIGN UP!

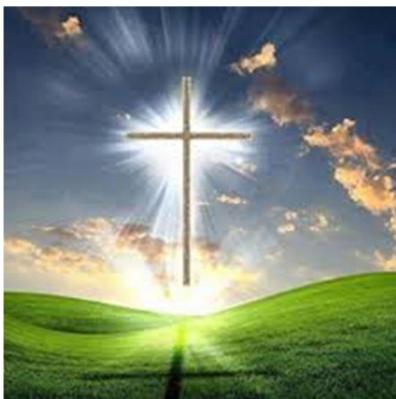
The **Cathedral Lock In** will be held on **December 12-13**

CATHEDRAL LOCK IN



from 8 pm-7 am, at the Cathedral in Trenton. The all-night mix of games, movies and free time begins with the Holy Eucharist, and includes a concert by Sloan River Project, part of STOP HUNGER NOW, which creates meals for the needy. At last year's event, over 20 thousand meals were packed to be shipped to El Salvador. Cost is \$33/person.

Youth in grades 6-12 who are interested in attending – please contact Mrs. Wagner as soon as possible.



The Faith-Webs

Family Friendly, Faith Based Websites

The Faith-Webs is a monthly review of positive and family friendly websites. This month's pic is www.godtube.com. What is it? It's a collection of faith-based videos ranging from music, to comedy to real life inspirational stories. Here are some great examples from the site:

- An *a cappella* version "[Mary Did You Know](#)" that will give you chills.
- A comedian on "[Why Older People Shouldn't Bungee Jump](#)" that will have you laughing out loud!
- [A twelve year old piano prodigy](#) that will make you say, WOW!
- [An adorable video of a baby's first crawl and the dog's reaction](#) that will make you say AWE.

Spend some time exploring this site.

It's filled with positive, inspirational and funny videos that are great for sharing on social media!

On Stewardship

by Fred Lowe

THE KING SPEAKS

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of this glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

This is the famous passage in Matthew (Chapter 25:31-36) that goes on to say “for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” This is the Gospel reading this year for the Feast of Christ the King -- in the future as I write this; in the past by the time you read it.

In the Gospel, the righteous sheep, on the right, protest that they never saw Jesus in any of these states -- sick, naked, and so on. The unrighteous goats, on the left, make the same protest.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” This is the message that the sheep get as they are ushered into Paradise. But the goats, who have done none of these things, hear “You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”

This is Jesus speaking in his Kingship at the Second Coming, but it is good to remember that Jesus’ Kingship is already accomplished; it is now.

But more than that, what strikes me in the passage is that Jesus gives us imperatives that have no qualifiers. He does not say, for example, “You gave me clothing when I was naked because I lost all of mine in a fire.” He does not say “You visited me in prison when there was that little misunderstanding about how I used some of the corporate funds.” He does not say “You cared for me when I was sick with a socially acceptable disease that I had no part in bringing upon myself.” He does not say “You welcomed me when I was a stranger dressed like you and clearly your social equal.”

No, the message is straight up: **hungry**, feed; **thirsty**, give drink; **naked**, clothe; **sick**, take care of; **locked up**, visit; **new in town**, welcome. The reasons why people are in distress, perhaps even dire straits, do not matter.

This is the uncomfortable Jesus; not the one in the stained glass windows or church school picture books who is carrying a lamb in his arms or welcoming toddlers to climb up in his lap. “You that are accursed depart from me into the eternal fire...” This is the Jesus we try not to think about, whom we try to explain away, even make excuses for. Whether or not there really is eternal fire is beside the point.

As several medieval tales tell us, you have to kiss a bunch of lepers *and mean it* to enter Christ’s Kingdom.



St Thomas Has A New Roof!

St Thomas’ new roof was finished on November 7. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with this project. I especially want to thank all who gave financial support for the roof, including the family who so generously provided the matching donation. I also want to thank Pete Cichonski and Kevin Kapples, who were on the committee and who provided valuable council on key decisions during the planning phase and during the installation. Thanks to Rev. Carol Horton, who provided much appreciated moral support at critical points during the whole process. Also to Roman Chiminec, who managed the donations and made sure money was in the checking account when bills needed to be paid. A general “Thank You!” is due all St Thomas parishioners who supported the roof project by sharing their opinions and advice, as well as their experiences with local roofers.

Of course, St Thomas is much more than the building or its roof. Yet many of us have a deep emotional and spiritual connection to our beloved little church and the grounds surrounding it. We are just the most recent caretakers of this space and we join a long list of St Thomas parishioners who have cared for our church building and grounds since St Thomas was formed nearly 300 years ago. We can be proud of what we’ve accomplished with this project and what we’ve contributed to making it possible for St Thomas to continue its mission far into the future. — Greg Shutske

Confirmation Class

St Thomas will begin its next confirmation class in 2015. If you are interested in being confirmed, reaffirmed or received, please contact Michelle Wagner via email or phone -- wagners88@comcast.net or 908-735-4015. We try to arrange our classes around those who are planning to attend as well as our confirmation leader.

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a pastoral rite in The Episcopal Church, which means it is not a rite that notes some fuller initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ. A person is a full member of the Church through Baptism. Confirmation, as defined in The Book of Common Prayer is "a mature public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism." At Confirmation, an individual receives the laying on of hands by the bishop, thereby affirming their own faith and visibly connecting to the broader Body of Christ.

What is the difference between Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception?

Confirmation is "a mature and public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism" (BCP).

Reaffirmation means that you choose to re-state your commitment to Christ in The Episcopal Church, honoring your growth in faith throughout your spiritual journey. For many people, their path has wandered in and out of various denominations. Reaffirmation is a way to honor their journey and their previous public commitment as an adult while also making this definitive sacramental gesture. **Reception** is common for people who have been active throughout their lives in other denominations. Often, individuals who made a public profession of faith in a faith tradition such as the Baptist Church will choose to be Received into The Episcopal Church.



THE SILENT SERMON *(author unknown)*

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the minister decided to visit him. It was a chilly day. That evening, the minister found the man at home alone sitting by a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his minister's visit, the man welcomed him, and led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The minister made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the stone hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The minister glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more, with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the minister reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

Another Success! St Thomas' 5th Annual Tricky Tray Raises over \$10,000

The St. Thomas Tricky Tray has become St Thomas' premier fundraising event, raising over \$10,000 for the last two years. Highlights for 2014's event include:

- We collected almost 160 baskets
- We experienced the smoothest set up in five years of holding this event due to excellent pre-organization
- We were well prepared when a gaming license inspector arrived (first time, ever!) -- and gave us a "thumbs up"
- Sales were more efficient due to pre-ripped tickets, and because we had more people selling tickets
- Solid advertising in local papers, on TrickyTray.com and by word-of-mouth brought guests from near and far
- We had great electronics as our Gold & Platinum prizes, and a fabulous collection of Tory Burch items
- We raised \$140 selling hot dogs and soda
- We took in an additional \$740 in credit card ticket sales, a new service instituted this year
- The Youth Group once again did a great job delivering baskets to all the winners

Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee who worked tirelessly for 8-12 weeks prior to the event – and to all who helped by donating, soliciting and/or wrapping baskets, putting out signs, pursuing advertising and much more! Special thanks go to Denise and Buzz Buczek for wrapping a large number of baskets, and for supplementing them with peripheral items as needed. Also to Elisabeth Chiminec for her expert license handling, and to Fran Iuzzolino for arranging the new credit card ticket sales. Thanks too to all our ticket sellers and ticket callers, to those who donated, prepared or sold food, to the Youth Group and to all who “ran” the baskets to the winners.

PARISH REGISTER

Thank You...

To youth group, Sunday School members and all who helped rake leaves, pick up sticks, trim perennials, move benches and picnic tables, and prepare the gardens for winter.

Special thanks to: Roger Prince, Chris and Brooke Testa, Doug and Ethan Walker, Michelle Wagner, Roman Chiminec, Kevin Kapples and Greg Shutske;

To Lynn Logg, Maria Markovich and Carol Horton for cleaning work done in the church, parish hall, kitchen and gallery;

To all who have pledged their support of time, talent and treasure to St Thomas for 2015;

To all who support our outreach for ongoing Sandy Relief and help to those in need through the discretionary fund;

To Greg Shutske, Linda Ubry, Roman Chiminec, and members of the Finance Committee for their ongoing work;

To Gene and Heidi Budsock for refurbishing our Advent wreath;

To St Thomas Vestry for all they do;

To our Sunday School teachers and Youth Group advisors for program that is meaningful for all our children;

To the parents and other adults who serve as chaperones for youth events;

To those who took part in the Roof Project – by planning, executing, or providing financial or knowledge support;

To everyone who worked so tirelessly on the Tricky Tray; ...and to all who quietly do so much.



Happy Birthday



Dec 2 Diane Groth
Dec 3 Jacob Searles
Dec 6 Madeleine Eichorn

Dec 8 Jeremy Burns
Dec 9 Marion James, Thibault Trubert
Dec 11 Nicole Wagner
Dec 12 Kate Wood
Dec 13 Laura Moskal, Annabelle Niebuhr, Scott Niemann
Dec 20 David Moskal

Dec 21 Chris Testa
Dec 22 Alan Bergstrom
Dec 23 Alex Ubry
Dec 24 Jordan Oldenburg
Dec 25 Gwyneth Parker
Dec 31 Peggy Furman, Michelle Williams

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec 11 Alan & Pamela Bergstrom
Dec 19 Jason & Marina Day
Dec 22 Suzanne Snyder & Alex Wolfson
Dec 27 Fred & Rene Molineux

WELCOME...

To Madison Joy Walker who received the sacrament of baptism on Sunday, November 16.

Madison is the daughter of Leigh Anne and Doug, and sister of Sophia, Ethan, Joselyn, Owen and Allana.

Special Opportunities for Advent and Christmas

Lessons and Carols For Christmas – Sunday, December 28 at 5:00 pm

We continue through the twelve days of Christmas with the traditional service of Lessons and Carols. This is always a favorite at St Thomas Church – a chance to hear our wonderful choir and organist, sing some carols, and enjoy the beauty and fellowship of the season. All are welcome!

If you would like to sing with the choir for this Christmas season, please contact Richard McIntyre by email (macwnj@yahoo.com) or at church on Sunday morning -- or just show up for rehearsal in the parish hall on Wednesdays at 7:15 pm. All singers high school age through adult are welcome!

Epiphany Pageant – Sunday, January 4 at 5:00 pm

The Epiphany Pageant is always a big hit. Look for more information in the Sunday bulletin and in the e-blast.

SEASONAL DATES

Nov 30	First Sunday of Advent – Year B of the lectionary readings begin
Dec 6	St Nicholas Day: Commit at least one random act of kindness and senseless beauty!
Dec 14	Youth Group meeting and Christmas party, 7-8:30 pm at St Thomas
Dec 15	January newsletter submissions due (newsletter is one week early)
Dec 18	Vestry meeting at 6:30 pm
Dec 21	Greening of the Church after the 10:00 am service
Dec 24	Christmas Eve: Holy Eucharist and Setting up the Crèche at 4:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Blessing of the Crèche at 10:00 pm
Dec 25	Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist with carols at 10:00 am
Dec 28	One service only at 10:00 am, and then at 5:00 pm – St Thomas' Lessons & Carols, followed by a reception
Jan 4	St Thomas Epiphany Pageant at 5:00 pm (two Sunday services today, as usual)
Jan 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ



*Victoria's present to Albert, 1843
~ she was 24*

Both Victoria's mother and her beloved Albert died in 1861, and Victoria longed to meet them in the future life. According to her diaries she suffered occasionally from doubts this would occur, but came to a firm belief that she would enjoy 'eternal reunion hereafter'. In later life she became a little concerned as to what Albert would have to say about their time apart - telling one of her granddaughters "Do you know, my dear, I sometimes feel that when I die I shall be just a little nervous about meeting Grandpapa, for I have taken to doing a good many things that he would not quite approve of".

Of course she expected to meet the monarchs and emperors of earlier times, and was said to have objected to the idea of being introduced to King David because of his "disgraceful treatment of Uriah the Hittite".

She also insisted that she would have nothing to do with Abraham - he had urged his wife to sleep with both an Egyptian Pharaoh and King Abimelech.

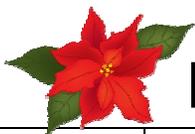
Harrumph!! ~ Roger Prince

Queen Victoria's views of the afterlife

Great Britain's Queen Victoria (1819-1901) is often thought of as a dour old widow in 'widows-weeds' – she dressed in mourning for 40 years (the photo below is from 1873 at age 54!). But she had a spirited earlier life, and quite a sense of English humor. She married her first cousin, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, in 1840, and they seem to have been very happy, despite the potential problem of Albert having to take a subservient role in the family business. She gave him this charming portrait in 1843 (at left), and they had nine children who married throughout the royal families of Europe. Victoria had 32 surviving grandchildren, earning herself the nickname 'the grandmother of Europe' - or at least of their royal families.



*Victoria in 1873 ~ she was 54.
No wonder people thought
of her as a dour old lady!*



December 2014 at-a-glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 30 <u>Advent 1</u> HE 8 & 10am Church School & Nursery 9:45am	1 <i>St Andrew, the Apostle</i>	2	3 Holy Eucharist 12:15 pm Choir practice 7:15 pm	4	5	6 <i>St Nicholas, Bishop of Myra</i> Commit at least one random act of kindness and senseless beauty!
7 <u>Advent 2</u> HE 8 & 10am Church School & Nursery 9:45am	8	9	10 Holy Eucharist 12:15 pm Choir practice 7:15 pm	11	12	13 <i>St Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse</i>
14 <u>Advent 3</u> HE 8 & 10am Church School & Nursery 9:45am Youth group mtg 7 - 8:30 pm	15 JANUARY Newsletter Submissions due	16	17 Holy Eucharist 12:15 pm Choir practice 7:15 pm	18 Vestry meeting 6:30 pm	19	20
21 <u>Advent 4</u> HE 8 & 10am Church School & Nursery 9:45am Greening the Church after 10am service	22 <i>St Thomas the Apostle</i>	23	24 Christmas Eve Carols, HE and setting up Crèche at 4:00 pm Carols, HE and blessing of Crèche at 10:00 pm	25 CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am	26 <i>St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr</i>	27 <i>St John the Evangelist</i>
28 <u>First Sunday after Christmas Day</u> HE at 10:00 am only Nursery 9:45am Lessons & Carols at 5:00 pm (reception after)	29	30	31 <u>No</u> midweek service or choir practice			

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON YOUR SCHEDULED DATES, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY THE OFFICE.

Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Acolyte	Usher	Nursery	Coffee Hour
Dec 7	8- 10-	8- 10- M. Thomas	10- S. Walker	8- 10- D. Eichorn	10- M. Nemeč	8- 10- Thomas
Dec 14	8- 10-	8- 10-	10- E. Nemeč, B. Testa	8- 10-	10- C. Eubank	8- 10-
Dec 21	8- 10-	8- 10- D. Buczek	10- M. Kapples	8- 10-	10- S. Mikuta	8- 10- Kapples
Dec 24	4P D. Buczek 10P	4P 10P M. Thomas	4P O. Buczek (+1) 10P (need 2)	4P E. Buczek 10P	4P 10P	4P 10P
Dec 25	10- T. Bergstrand	10- H. Budsock	10- (need 1)	10-	10-	10- <i>Special</i>
Dec 28	10-	10- M. Markovich	10- (need 1)	10-	10- D. Buczek	10-

FLOWERS

Dec 7 Advent
Dec 14 Advent
Dec 21 Advent
Dec 28 Christmas

ALTAR

P. Neil (L. Grieme)
L. Grieme, L. Zigich
H. Budsock (D. Buczek)
D. Buczek, M. Markovich

COUNTERS

D. Logg, A. Grieme
L. Santos, L. Ubry
D. Logg, D. Eichorn
A. DiRienz, A. Swider

CLEANING

Markovich/Shutske

SNOW