

The Weekly Messenger for SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

News and Announcements for the week of November 22, 2020

2021 Pledge Campaign

We are asking every member of Saint Anne's to make a financial pledge to support the church in 2021. A financial pledge is a promise and a sign of our commitment to the church. Because of financial strains resulting from COVID-19, Saint Anne's is all the more dependent on the generous financial pledges of church members. To submit your pledge: please complete a 2021 Pledge Card (which you should have received in the mail) and return it to the church in the self-addressed stamped envelope included with the pledge card, or email your pledge to Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org. All pledges are kept strictly confidential. *Please return your financial pledge as soon as possible so that our Vestry may begin planning for 2021.*

If you have questions about pledging or about the church, please email the Rector at Rector@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org. Thank you for your commitment to and support of Saint Anne's, our Christian home.

Please Adopt-a-Family this Christmas

Saint Anne's Church is partnering with the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, in collaboration with CHILD, Inc., to provide Christmas presents for 31 families connected with the Domestic Violence—Community Health Worker Project (DV-CHW). To adopt a family, please contact [Sue Norfleet](mailto:suenorfleet@gmail.com) by phone at 302-376-5034 or by email at suenorfleet@gmail.com and tell her the size family that you want to adopt (2 to 6 members). Sue will reply with an email that includes each family member's age, gender, and a shortlist of 'needs' and 'wants' that family members have requested. Please purchase one or two items from both the 'needs' and 'wants' lists. If you have questions about adopting a family, contact Sue. If you have questions about the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence, contact [Erin Ridout](mailto:eridout@dcadv.org) at eridout@dcadv.org. Please bring the gifts to Saint Anne's no later than Monday, December 14th, and please do not wrap the gifts, although you may include a roll of wrapping paper. Thank you for supporting our neighbors during this Christmas season.

The Season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29

During Advent, faithful Christians meditate on Christ's promise to return as judge at death and the end of the world, and they prepare through prayer and self-reflection to celebrate Christmas, the anniversary of the Lord's coming into the world as the incarnate God of love. Saint Anne's Advent worship will include Advent Hymns and new service music. For Holy Eucharist and Evening Prayer, we will use Rite I. An important part of our Anglican/ Episcopal tradition, Rite I reflects the language and piety of the Elizabethan era and the first Book of Common Prayer (1549).

Join us for our annual Advent Wreath Making Virtually!



Saint Anne's Episcopal Church is holding our
Advent wreath making virtually this year.
All are welcome to participate.

Each family will be given 1 metal wreath frame, a set of
advent candles and an information packet for D.I.Y wreath
making.

If your family has a wreath ring, we are encouraging you to
reuse it and help us save the planet. You will receive a set of
candles and the information packet!

Kits will be put together and pick up/drop off will be arranged.

Please RSVP to Jodi Stark-Thorpe jodistarkthorpe@verizon.net

By 11/24/2020, with the following information

1. Family name _____
 2. Need a wreath frame Yes or No
 3. Just need candles and Packet Yes or No
 4. Email or Phone number to contact you
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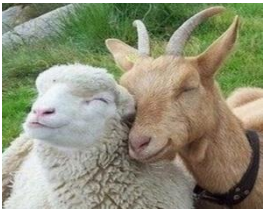
Christmas Cheer for Residents of Broadmeadow

Saint Anne's Church has worshipped monthly for several years with the residents of Broadmeadow, an assisted living facility in Middletown. Saint Anne's has been invited to bring joy to the residents through donations of gifts. Suggested items include toiletries, slip-resistant footies, liquid body wash, picture frames, stationery, simple art & craft kits, fleece blankets, calendars, jigsaw puzzles, greeting cards, puzzle books, hat & glove sets, or designed COVID-19 masks. Please drop off unwrapped items to the Church Office by Thursday, December 10 during office hours.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost November 22, 2020 *The Feast of Christ the King*



Over the past two Sundays we have heard eschatological (end-time) parables from the Gospel of Matthew: the Parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids (Matthew 25:1-13) and the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30). This Sunday marks the *grand finale* of this challenging triad: The Parable of Final Judgment: Separation of the Sheep and Goats by the Shepherd-King Jesus (Matthew 25:31-46).



Metaphorically, who are the sheep? Who are the goats? Are there criteria for judgment? Take a few moments to read the parable; then ponder such questions and others the text might raise for you. It's helpful to note that this great parable resonates with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (chapter 5-7).

Blessed are the merciful,

for they will receive mercy

-- Matthew 5:7

Log on to our website or to Facebook for our spirited Christ the King celebration!
Invite others to join with our welcoming St. Anne's flock this Sunday, 9:30 AM.

The Sunday Sermon Forum is an opportunity to engage with the preacher and other church members about the sermon. This will be a conversation about the sermon, where you can ask questions and offer comments and not a teaching presented by the preacher about the sermon or Scripture texts. To join the Sunday Sermon Forum following the 9:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist, [Click Here to Join](#).

Sunday Children's Worship - Sundays at 8:45 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church Website, not on Facebook

Fr. Russ will have a worship service designed for our children. The service will include prayers, music, and age-appropriate sermons. View the service through the church website:

www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org.





Sunday School in a Box will be mailed weekly directly to your kids or grandkids. Pre-K — 2nd Grade: Ms. Charlie's fun lessons and crafts. 3rd — 6th Grade: Ms. Jodi's engaging lessons and activities geared toward older children. Instructions and all materials will be included in each week's box. To register your child, complete the registration on the next page and email it to Mandy Catalfamo: CYM@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org.

Everyone is invited to the
Thanksgiving: Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00 a.m.
Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook
And

21ST Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov. 26 - Noon to 3 p.m.

Due to COVID 19 this year's dinner will be TAKE OUT.

Drive up to Saint Anne's using the S. Cox Street and park. Someone will come to your car for your order, then deliver it to you. Please wear a mask and remain in your car. Invite your family, friends & neighbors. *Everyone is welcome to this home cooked Saint Anne's traditional dinner.*



Food Bag Ministry

Please drop off food at the Church Office -located at the side entrance on S. Cox Street - Monday through Thursday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Please purchase food to donate while you are shopping for yourself; please do not make a special trip to the store. Items most needed right now are canned protein, canned vegetables & canned fruit.

Parish Prayers

We pray for Sue Baker, Meta Barrow, AJ Bernieri, Roberta Carey, Beverley and Pete Connolly, Donald Davis, Sr., Amber Dean, Andy Dill, Christina and Jon Dorando, Marty Hipp, Velma Johnson, Gretchen Kessler, Amy Klein, Bill MacMillan, Jean McGinnis, Larry & Sue Osborn, Marjee Righeimer, Bob Smith, Christine Tschampel, Alan White, Mark Woodward, Bonnie, Christian D, Janet and Steve, Susan, and Tom. We pray for Ed Wright who has died.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools and all Clergy in the Episcopal Church in Delaware, active and retired.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of Bermuda.



Everyone on Facebook be sure to "like" our Saint Anne's Church page.
[Click Here to go to the Saint Anne's Facebook Page](#)

Live Broadcast and Zoom Offerings for the Week of November 22

www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org

<https://www.facebook.com/saintannes1705/>

Sunday, November 22

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church Website

Holy Eucharist for Last Sunday after Pentecost—9:30 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook

Saint Anne's Sunday Sermon Forum—10:30 AM

Broadcast Live through Zoom [Click Here to Join](#)

Tuesday, November 24

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Thursday, November 26

Holy Eucharist for Thanksgiving—10:00 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook

Sunday, November 29

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church Website

Holy Eucharist for First Sunday of Advent—9:30 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church Website and Facebook

Saint Anne's Sunday Sermon Forum—10:30 AM

Broadcast Live through Zoom

Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

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