

## **November:**

### **Dates to Note on Your Calendar**

- 11/2** Bible Study 7 pm
- 11/5** Dist 9 Conf, Rcv'd, Reaffirm etc at St.Paul's
- 11/19** Adventures into Advent – Fellowship
- 11/20** United Thank Offering
- 12/4** Youth Sunday

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## **Sunday Scripture in November**

11/6 = Proper 27 – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

11/13 = Proper 28 – Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

11/20 = Last Sunday after Pentecost [Christ the King] – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

11/27 = Advent 1 – Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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## **Parishioners' Milestones**

**Birthdays:** Caroline Burmaster 11/1, Susan Dziemian 11/6, Hannah Garcia-Cannizaro 11/7, Rahul Dass 11/9, Susan Demay 11/14, Christina Gwynne 11/26, Joseph Bellitto 11/30, Lillian Kouletsis 11/30

**Baptisms:** Patricia Seitz 11/3, Damian Tumulty 11/5, Marilyn Youakim 11/14

### **Confirmations:**

**Anniversaries:** David and Adela Wekselblatt 11/5

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## **Wednesday Service at 11am**

11/2 = All Soul's Day – Praying for the Faithful Departed

11/9 = Martin of Tours – Bishop and Theologian [397]

11/16 = Hilda of Whitby – Abbess and Peacemaker [680]

11/23 = Isaac Watts – Hymn-Writer [1748]

11/30 = Andrew – Apostle and Patron Saint of Scotland

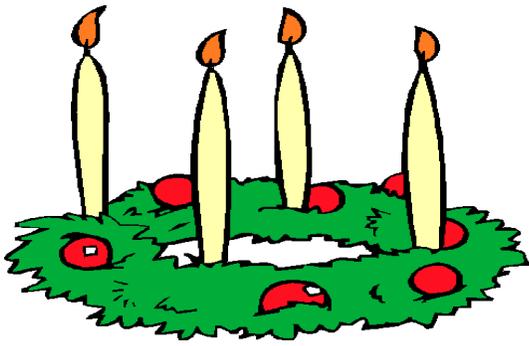
Holy Communion with Healing and focus on a memorable figure from the Church calendar who can inform our faith and inspire our journey with Jesus will be offered almost every Wednesday as long as Archie is interim minister. True, this time isn't convenient for working people. But, if you're free on a Wednesday morning, consider this an opportunity for spiritual refreshment.

You may have noticed the names of the "focus people" in Sunday bulletins. Archie has printed out brief biographical information about these individuals, which you may have simply by asking for them. You can do your own research in Wikipedia or an Anglican web site that introduces you to a thumbnail sketch = [justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bio/)

The service begins with Scripture – two readings, one from the Gospels, followed by a discussion of the individual[s], theme for the day, or special occasion. You then have an opportunity for anointing and/or the laying on of hands and prayer for healing or whatever you request. We then move to a "Rite 3" or informal and brief Eucharist. At best, it should take less than an hour.

Next year, we'll add in Morning Prayer and Communion with Healing – led in part by lay attendees and led entirely by lay leaders when Archie cannot be present. He's prepared a booklet carefully designed for lay people to use with ease. Here's a way to stretch your spiritual leadership abilities.

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## Adventures in Advent

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**Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** is the first Sunday in Advent. The first Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the Church year. During the Advent season we are invited to spiritually prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ child. This year to prepare our hearts and look for a true meaning of the Christmas season we are hosting Adventures in Advent. We will kick start the season with advent wreath making for the family on **Saturday November 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 in the parish hall.** We will provide all the supplies and candles to make your family advent wreath and also provide soup, salad, bread and refreshments. A registration form can be found below and must be handed in before **November 6<sup>th</sup>** so we can order the correct amount of supplies.

**On the first week of Advent November 27<sup>th</sup>** we will have a giving tree where we adopt a family. We ask every member of the church to pick an item to buy for this family.

**On the second week of Advent December 4<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Youth Sunday and we ask every family in the church to donate a toy for a local charity.

**On the third week of Advent December 11<sup>th</sup>** we ask for all giving tree presents to be brought to the church so we can have them blessed before we send them off.

**On the fourth week of Advent December 17<sup>th</sup>** (a day shy) we will host a Church Christmas potluck with caroling and good cheer. This event will start at 5:00 in the parish hall. We ask every family to bring in a main dish, side item or dessert and as always BYOB.

## Advent Wreath Workshop

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Wreaths: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 =

(\$15.00 per wreath to help defray the cost of the materials)

Ministry to Shut-Ins

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to purchase, make and deliver a wreath for a shut-in

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to purchase and make a wreath for a shut-in for the church to deliver.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to cover the cost of a wreath for a shut-in.

Please Return Completed Form to the Parish Office.

## Bible Study – Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Starting on November 2nd at 7 pm and every Wednesday thereafter until 8:45 or 9 at the latest, as David Hertel has been advertising and button-holing folk, you are invited to get to know our primary "source book," the Bible.

At that first session, Archie will provide an overview and those participating can select where to focus. Options include one of the Gospels or an Epistle, themes like the names of Jesus, how our worship developed, Jesus' parables or teachings or miracles, Old Testament figures or great stories, an examination of favorite Psalms. The possibilities are fascinating and can be feed your own spiritual growth and walk with the Lord.

## Episcopal Church Women

United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering -  
Sunday, November 20, 2011 The UTO is not a fund raiser. It is a life giver.

The United Thank Offering is a way to give thanks for the many blessings in our everyday lives. The "blue boxes" have traditionally been used to receive the offerings of our thanks. Daily prayer of thanksgiving joined with the act of a tangible offering helps us develop our relationship with God. The method is

simple, each time we acknowledge a blessing from God we say thank you and place a coin in the Blue Box. For those of us who do not have a daily routine of acknowledging our thankfulness, having a Blue Box in sight helps us to get into this habit as part of our spiritual life. Our coins of thankfulness, joined with thousands of others, can reach those in need throughout the world. It is a way to teach us and our children to look outside of ourselves when we are thankful for what we receive.

The Annunciation Ingathering will be included with the diocesan ingathering at the convention in Parsippany on Friday, January 27, 2012. UTO envelopes and Blue Boxes will be available at the Center St. entrance before the Nov. 20th date.

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## Worship Committee

Brian Eslinger has sent two emails, inviting you to volunteer to serve on a Worship Committee. He's discouraged to have received only two responses.

Perhaps meetings are not in vogue. Or hassling about what happens or doesn't happen during our prime time together and dealing with extremely strong feelings make you leery of "getting involved."

But, if no one steps up and takes responsibility, everyone is disadvantaged: there's no appropriate forum for making desires or discontent known. You know that Archie wants input = suggestions, things about worship or procedures that matter to you, even your expressing high dudgeon about any number of "changes" or emphases he's introduced. Perhaps an option is to have "virtual meetings." Or to leave notes – signed [preferably] or unsigned – in the locked box outside the church office. Possibly sending Brian or Archie an email. Have no fear, neither is not out to "get" anyone or to embarrass you. So, unless you "pass the word" – via committee, personal communication, with someone else along for moral support, how's Archie to know or try to make things better for you and others who feel the way you do. He's not here to make you miserable or to offend you. You know that he respects you and wants to hear from you. The Worship Committee is just one way. Think it over. Give Brian a boost. Tell him or email him your thoughts and druthers – or Archie – or both. You'll feel good about the response you get and everyone at Annunciation will benefit.

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## District 9 Confirmation/Received/Reaffirmation Baptismal of Promises

Time: 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Pot Luck Dinner: 6:30PM to 7:30PM

Youth Confirmation Ages 14-18

Adult Confirmation / Received / Reaffirmation of Baptismal Promises

Baby-sitting services available for children 4-10

Saturday, November 5, 2011

St. Paul's Church

113 Engle Street

Englewood, NJ 07631

Rev. Robert Shearer [rshearer@stpaulsenglewood.org](mailto:rshearer@stpaulsenglewood.org)

Saturday, December 3, 2011

Grace Church

9 Harrington Avenue

Westwood, NJ 07675

Rev. Robert Rhodes [rector@gracwestwood.org](mailto:rector@gracwestwood.org)

Saturday, January 7, 2011

Church of the Holy Communion

66 Summit Street

Norwood, NJ 07648

Rev James Petroccione [frjimpetroccione@aol.com](mailto:frjimpetroccione@aol.com)

Saturday, February 4, 2011

Church of the Atonement

97 Highwood Avenue

Tenafly, NJ 07670

[Lynne.weber@verizon.net](mailto:Lynne.weber@verizon.net)

Saturday, March 3, 2011

St. Matthew's Church

167 Spring Street

Paramus, NJ 07652

Rev. Bruce Woodcock [bwoodcock@cpg.org](mailto:bwoodcock@cpg.org)

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## Save the Dates!

Thursday, December 1, 2011

Friends for Life World AIDS Day – Ecumenical Service and Reception

Saturday, December 17, 2011

North Pole Comes to the North Porch – Outreach / Fellowship

Saturday December 24, 2011

Christmas Eve Service at 5pm. Musicians and Vocals needed.

More details to follow and volunteers will be needed to make these events a success!

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## FRIENDS FOR LIFE AT THE CHURCH OF ANNUNCIATION

We are pleased to announce that Friends for Life will be restarting the night group once again. The group will meet every other Tuesday at the Church of Annunciation in Oradell, N.J. (Time to be determined) the group will be facilitated by Frank Hoehne who many of you may be familiar with. Follow this link for more information on Frank. [http://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/name/Frank\\_Hoehne\\_MA,MSW,CHt\\_Ridgewood\\_New+Jersey\\_61608](http://therapists.psychologytoday.com/rms/name/Frank_Hoehne_MA,MSW,CHt_Ridgewood_New+Jersey_61608)

The premise of the group is to deal with life surrounding being HIV positive. This peer group will take shape with the input of the attendees and is open to men and women.

If you know someone who can benefit from this group please pass the information along. For more information and to sign up please call Nelson Rivera at 201 982 3261 or leave a message at the office at 201 262 1150. You can also respond to this email as well.

### **More than Positive:**

"Ok, you have been dealing with an HIV+ diagnosis, maybe at times consumed with the emotional and physical turmoil, and you notice life goes on. There are still relationships, families, finances, work, goals, dreams and hopes that demand your attention. The demands of life can often be confusing, difficult and wondrous for everyone, but how has that changed for you? You and your life are more than just a positive diagnosis. For too long a positive diagnosis, has been a negative influence on your entire life. Is it time to see if there is a way, to put positive back in your life plan? Friends for Life is forming a group, meeting every other Tuesday evening, and the focus will be your life ...your positive life." Frank Hoehne

Thank you and be well.

**Bill Murray**  
**President of Friends for Life**

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## Sunday school Schedule

Thank you to Adela Wekselblatt for teaching Sunday school in October.

The balance of the schedule looks like this:  
October 16, 23 and 30 Adela Wekselblatt  
November 6, 13 and 20 Nancy Olsen  
December 11 and 18 Lynna Demay  
January 8, 22 and 29 Janet Corrado  
February 12 and 26 Adela Wekselblatt  
March 11, 18 and 25 Kathi Belitto  
April 15, 22 and 29 KathiAnn Krott  
May 6, 20 and June 3 Nancy Olsen

Anyone that would like to volunteer as an assistant for any of these days please let Nancy Olsen know.

## Youth Sunday

The Sunday school teachers have designated Youth Sundays for the remainder of the academic year. These are times that younger members of the congregation will worship with their families in church for the entire service rather than attend classes before joining the "folks upstairs." Archie plans to have two Readers each for the two Lessons. That means four children will be needed for reading the Scripture, plus five or six others to lead the Prayers of the People, act as Ushers, and serve as Acolytes and even as Crucifers. The more who volunteer, the more will experience the joy of being leaders. In addition, they will also gain poise and confidence in public speaking. He intends to help all of them prepare well in advance, so they will feel confident and make a real contribution to our services. He's prepared a new Acolyte Manual and wants to guide each Acolyte and Reader in their roles. He knows how valuable and enjoyable his experience was as a child and young adult, acolyting and reading in public worship. And he hopes that his excitement will rub off on the children of Annunciation.

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## Lay Eucharistic Ministry

### in Church and Beyond

There are two places you can serve as a LEM: administering Communion during Sunday services and taking Communion to parishioners in hospital, nursing homes, or shut-in at home. Sue Dziemian, Ginny Baird, and Elizabeth Craig have learned the value of this type of pastoral caring – to them and to those they visit. Archie wants more people involved in both capacities. He'd be happy to have two LEMs administer Communion, leaving him to enfold you in prayer while you receive. LEM training will include a healing dimension – the laying-on of hands and/or anointing, both with prayer. Healing ministry could then be offered during Communion, either in the Chapel or near the main door. Many congregations have found this to be an enriching addition to worship – both for the receiver and the LEM/Healing Minister.

Talk with Brian Eslinger and/or our current LEMs and/or Archie if you want to become a Lay Eucharistic Minister [LEM].

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## New Prayer List Procedure

Please help make our Sunday Prayer List - In Our Prayers – as printed in the bulletin and read aloud during the Prayers of the People both manageable and focused. You're always welcome to include in your personal devotions any or all the people you want held in public prayer at Annunciation. But the increasingly lengthy reading of names on Sundays who are known only to a few parishioners – sometimes only one - will be deferred until the midweek service on Wednesday. Starting Advent Sunday = November 27th – the beginning of the next Church Year - names for In Our Prayers on Sundays will remain on that list for only three Sundays. After that, you will need to contact Gayle to have any name continue in our Sunday parish prayer life for another three weeks. Of course, you can voice aloud any concern or person's name when invited to do so during the Prayers of the People. At our Wednesday Healing Services, we will pray for everyone on the entire Prayer List. The complete list will appear in The Annunciator each month. The full list will be reviewed and 'culled' by the Worship Committee on a quarterly basis. Out of respect for privacy, we will not print or voice aloud anyone's last name unless you have that person's permission and submit it to Gayle via email = administrator@annunciationoradell.org or a note in the confidential box outside the parish office door. Please call or email the Church Office to remove or

add names and help us by indicating "Wednesday-only list" or "Sunday and Wednesday."

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## Parish Communications

Did you know there is a Google Group for Annunciation parishioners?

If you are not a member and would like to join please send an email to administrator@annunciation.org

The monthly newsletter is available via the Google group. It is also available on the Annunciation website. There are hard copies available on the table in the hall.

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## Habitat for Humanity

Monday, November 14 at 7 P.M. at Bergen Catholic High School gymnasium, Bergen Habitat will unveil the architectural rendering of the four new Habitat homes to be built on the corner of Lake Avenue and Westervelt Place in Oradell. The homes are LEED certified with design emphasis on sustainability and energy efficiency.

All are welcome to come find out how Habitat does it and how you can become a part of the creation.

Greg Kouletsis

## North Porch

You are invited to our Annual Festive Tea Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 - 4:30 pm Episcopal House 31 Mulberry St., Newark. Please continue your support by bringing donations of the items most needed:

Similac Advance (blue label) 12 oz. powder or 32 oz. liquid, Diapers size 4 & 5, Pullups - 3T/4T, Baby cereal - rice - 8 oz size, Gift cards - Target - infant bibs.

Even if we cannot get to the tea, perhaps money donations, put together, could be used to purchase the more expensive items.

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## Recipe for Basic Prayer

If you're not in the habit of praying for more than a few minutes a day, I suggest trying the following thirty minute recipe for basic prayer.

1. Clearing
2. Focusing
3. Listening
4. Asking
5. Thanking

Like the "Basic Bread" recipe in "The Joy of Cooking", you can use this template to create seemingly infinite variations to suit your particular taste and style. Just try this approach until you get the hang of it, and gradually branch out if you feel the need. If it is helpful, play some soothing instrumental music during this time

By Eric Elnes, Adapted from his book "Asphalt Jesus".

### God Bless

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The monthly newsletter is a joint effort by all members of the congregation. It's a place to get updates and share things that are happening that are important to us.

If you have something you would like shared in a future edition please email me at:

[lynnademay@gmail.com](mailto:lynnademay@gmail.com)

Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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