

e-News *from the Church of the Annunciation* **December 2011**

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December:

Dates to Note on Your Calendar

- 12/1** World Aids Day-Ecumenical Service
- 12/4** Youth Sunday – Toy donation
- 12/11** Giving Tree Presents Blessed
- 12/17** North Porch – Outreach/Fellowship
- 12/24** Christmas Eve Service at 5PM

Sunday Scripture in December

12/4 = Advent 2 – Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2nd Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

12/11 = Advent 3 – Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

12/18 = Advent 4 – 2nd Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38; Canticle 15

Parishioners' Milestones

Birthdays: James Gwynne 12/12, David Wekselblatt 12/13, Nancy Tyrell 12/15, George Fry 12/16, Marie Papp 12/25, Jean Pazoga 12/25

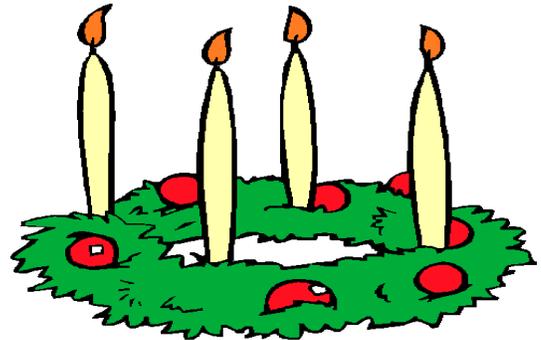
Baptisms: Daniel Oliff 12/2, Emily Sobeck 12/6, Susan Dziemian 12/9, Laura Munson 12/23, Disha Dass 12/25

Confirmations:

Anniversaries: Robert & Jane Sarnicki 12/6, Joseph & Kathleen Bellitto 12/16, Rahul & Jyoti Dass 12/26

Wednesday Service at 11am

12/7 Ambrose



Adventures in Advent

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On the second week of Advent December 4th 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 11th 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 17th (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.

Episcopal Church Women

The Seamen's Institute was given two bags of knitted items from the ECW and friends. Janet Corrado's mother crocheted 5 hat and scarf sets, 5 single scarves, and 4 single hats. Ann Graf knitted a mariner's scarf. Janet Perrault, Laura Munson's daughter, knitted 3 wool hats, and Ginny Baird knitted 2 hat and scarf sets. We are very lucky that someone at St. Matthew's in Paramus, works at Seamen's in Newark and delivered our handiwork for us, saving us postage.

The ECW is planning a Christmas luncheon at Lieto's, 203 Main St, New Milford on Monday, December 12 at noon. Guests are welcome \$18.00. Speak to Ginny Baird if interested.

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, December 3, 2011
Grace Church
9 Harrington Avenue
Westwood, NJ 07675
Rev. Robert Rhodes rector@gracwestwood.org

Saturday, January 7, 2011
Church of the Holy Communion
66 Summit Street
Norwood, NJ 07648
Rev James Petroccione frjimpetroccione@aol.com

Saturday, February 4, 2011
Church of the Atonement
97 Highwood Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
Lynne.weber@verizon.net

Saturday, March 3, 2011
St. Matthew's Church
167 Spring Street
Paramus, NJ 07652
Rev. Bruce Woodcock bwoodcock@cpg.org

FRIENDS FOR LIFE AT THE CHURCH OF ANNUNCIATION

The FRIENDS FOR LIFE peer support group had it's first meeting on November 8 at the Church of the Annunciation. This group will be formatted about life...your life. It will deal with life's issues like work, relationships, and the various issues that life unfolds for us every day.

The group will be molded by the people who attend and depending on that group's input will cover a variety of topics and issues.

The moderator will be Frank Hoehne who has been a great supporter of FFL for several years as well as a former staff member at Bergen Family Center.

If this sounds interesting to you, please come and join us and add your voice in helping others. If you know someone who would be interested in our group, please pass this information along to them.

We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please call Nelson at 551-574-2743.

Sunday school Schedule

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

The balance of the schedule looks like this:

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.

When:

Friday, December 9, 2011, 4:30pm

Once again our youth have the opportunity to continue to play major roles at our diocesan convention! Teens in grades 10-12 are enthusiastically encouraged to serve in the following roles:

- Lay Deputies (Deputies are able to vote on resolutions! Youth lay deputies are chosen by the Districts. Contact your District Convener.)
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lay Readers for Eucharist
- Lectors (including Prayers of the People in foreign languages)
- Pages (help count votes and assist other Convention leaders)
- Sacristan Artists (help design the altar hangings for the services)
- Youth Ministry Ambassadors (working at the Youth Ministry table and promoting our programs and events to other members of the Diocese)
- Singers and musicians
- Ushers and greeters

Registration Deadline for Youth Participation in Annual Convention

The 138th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Newark will be held January 27-28, 2012 at the Hilton Hotel in Parsippany, NJ.

Our youth will have fun with other young people from the diocese and learn more about the way it functions. The fee for this experience is only \$30. The registration deadline is **Friday, December 9, 2011**. Contact the vestry if interested.

"Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith and purity." -- 1 Timothy 4:12



Youth acolytes with Bishop Beckwith at Annual Convention 2011.

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."

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

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:

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Thank you

Lynna Demay.

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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.
