



Saint John's

SENTINEL

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Where We've Been - Where We Are - Where We're Going

As one calendar year ends and another begins, it is natural to look around, peer back, and attempt a forward glimpse. We do this in our lives as we make resolutions for the New Year, and it seems appropriate for us to do that as a community at Saint John's.

When we look at the past year, we no doubt see that where we were at the beginning was a very sad, uncertain, and maybe even a frightening place. We were coping with, first, the sickness and then the death of our rector. We were questioning on many levels. Why did this happen? How could this happen? Will the cohesion of this community survive?

I know that for me there were two pillars that helped guide me through that time. The first was the overwhelming presence of God. And the second was the overwhelming care that this community provided one another.

Saint John's was a human example of what The Rev. Sean Cavanaugh spoke of in a sermon the day after Meg's funeral, "The strength of the great sequoias is not found in the individual strength of each mighty tree, lone and sturdy, but rather in the way that a network of roots below the surface of the ground enables each tree to support and lift up its neighbor." That was us. That was where we were. And God was with us.

Today, we are at a place that I would best describe as "poised." As we embrace each other through difficult times, we are moving forward, engaging in new endeavors, building new relationships as a united and Spirit-led community of faith. Thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Powell, Christine Deeley-Wood, Ann La Porta, Jamie Hoops, and a host of others, our Sunday School, still in its infancy, offers programs for all of our young people.

Parish Action Committees foster community growth and active lay involvement in all aspects of parish life. Our Stewardship Campaign, thanks to James Warren, Joan Bristol, and the generosity of our parishioners is breaking records. Adult Forums are more widely attended than I can remember. Attendance at Sunday liturgies is excellent, and the thirst for more venues to explore our spirituality is apparent. In January, a Book and Brunch Group will begin meeting on Sunday afternoons. Our
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w: Emmanuel. And so this Advent – looking at past, present, and future –
pray: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!



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Worship and Church Family



Lay Servers

Ministers of the Word

Should you need to reschedule, please call **Dustin Cole** at 202-338-2360 to give the name of your replacement.

	<u>9:00</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Dec 3	Charlie Moore	Martha Wilson
Dec 10	Ted Bristol	Andrea Webber
Dec 17	ONE SERVICE (TBA)	
Dec 24	ONE SERVICE (TBA)	
Dec 25	ONE SERVICE (TBA)	
Dec 31	ONE SERVICE – Jocelyn Dyer	
Jan 7	Suzon Cameron	Cheryl Mitchell
Jan 14	Rob Johnston	Joan Maxwell
Jan 21	Al LaPorta	Jenny Corbin
Jan 28	Sara Sussman	Jane deWeerd
Feb 4	Laura Scanlon	Ron Ivey

Acolytes/Crucifiers

Dec 3	E Deeley-Wood	John Wise
Dec 10	Hannah Bristol	John Dussault
Dec 17	ONE SERVICE – C Duffy, G Warren	
Dec 24	ONE SERVICE – C Deeley-Wood	
Dec 25	ONE SERVICE – (TBA)	
Dec 31	ONE SERVICE – Antonia Kristinus	
Jan 7	Christine Osborne	C Deeley-Wood
Jan 14	Edward Powell	Sara Sussman
Jan 21	Qwan Smith	John van Wagoner
Jan 28	Merle Thorpe	Jane Volkema
Feb 4	William Powell	John Wise

Greeters & Ushers

Dec 3	M & C Applin	Cameron, M Lewis
Dec 10	Cameron & Cooke	T & MJ Bennett
Dec 17	ONE SERVICE – L & A Jones	
Dec 24	ONE SERVICE (TBA)	
Dec 25	ONE SERVICE (TBA)	
Dec 31	ONE SERVICE – D Martin & Sussman	
Jan 7	J & B Moorman	R & L Ivey
Jan 14	Morgan, Youngert	T & MJ Bennett
Jan 21	O'Kane & Allen	Cameron & Sanders
Jan 28	Tabor & Thornber	J & S Warren
Feb 4	Wright, Geisler	M Lewis; Henninger

Sunday Adult Forum

Sunday Adult Forum takes place between September and May at 10am in the Chapel of the Carpenter.

Dec 3	– Advent Wreath Making
Dec 10	– Intergenerational Advent Program
Dec 17	– Intergenerational Advent Program
Dec 24 and Dec. 31	– No Programs – Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve
Jan 7	– <i>End of Life Issues: A Christian Medical Perspective.</i> Dr. Nancy Cummings
Jan 14	– <i>End of Life Issues: A Christian Medical Perspective.</i> Dr. Nancy Cummings
Jan 21	– <i>End of Life Issues: A Christian Legal Perspective.</i> Dr. Nancy Cummings
Jan 28	– <i>Diocesan Convention Update.</i> Clergy and Wardens
Feb 4	– <i>Writing your own Apostles' Creed.</i> The Rev. Dr. Ronald P. Connor

Church Family Events

We rejoice in the baptism of:

Grace Annabelle Zia
daughter of Karim Zia and Leila Bremer

We bless the weddings of:

Annie Kwok & Tony Jiang
Eleanor Lewis & Walker Lambert
Georgia Emery & Robert Gray

We give thanks for the life of:

Olive Foley
Lois Howell

Worship and Education



Behold a Child Is Born

Advent and Christmas at St. John's

December 10, 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 & 11:00am – Worship & Holy Eucharist

10:00am – Intergenerational Program: Christmas stories for all ages

December 17, 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00am – One Service only at 10 o'clock

Lessons and Carols

3:00pm – Rectory Christmas Party

December 24, 4th Sunday in Advent and

Christmas Eve

10:00am – Worship & Holy Eucharist

4:00pm – Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist

10:30pm – Christmas Choral Prelude

11:00pm – Festival Holy Eucharist

Reception in Blake Hall

December 25, Christmas Day

10:00am – Worship and Holy Eucharist with

Christmas Carols

December 31, First Sunday after Christmas

10:00am – One service only; worship and HE

Christmas Concerts

The Cathedral Choral Society will present a series of three Christmas Concerts at the Washington National Cathedral: Friday, Dec. 15 at 7:30pm; Saturday, Dec. 16, 4pm; Sunday, Dec. 17, 4pm. Several members of St. John's sing in this chorus. Call 202-537-5527 for tickets.

All Members of St. John's

Family

Are cordially invited

To a Christmas Reception

At the Rectory

3238 O Street, NW

Sunday, December 17

From 3 until 5pm

RSVP 202-338-2360

Adopt a Family for Christmas

St. John's has adopted three families this

Christmas through a program sponsored by Pediatric AIDS/HIV Care, Inc. These families have limited resources and are struggling to cope with the life challenges of family members infected with HIV/AIDS.

There will be cards with a wish list for the 24 members of the families and a sign-up sheet in Blake Hall. **Gifts need to be brought to St. John's by December 10.** Contact Ted Bristol at twbristo@bakerd.com if you have any questions.

Pastoral Care Committee Formed

A Pastoral Care Committee has been formed to assist the clergy in visiting parishioners and delivering the Holy Eucharist to those who are in hospital, who are unable to leave their homes, or who are otherwise in need of special attention. It is an adjunct to, but does not replace, clergy visits.

Those on the committee are **Mike Applin, Martha Lewis, Sarah Michels and Eliza Lowe.** If you are interested in this important aspect of volunteering please contact **Father Albert Scariato** at fatheralbert@hotmail.com

Crucifer, Chalice Bearer Training

It is our hope that there will soon be enough people in the Lay Ministry to allow us to bring back the torches and the Gospel book to our procession at the 11am Service.

To that end, a training session for all current and new lay ministers serving as Crucifers and Chalice Bearers will take place mid-January.

We will review the basics as well as learn some new roles. This training will satisfy the Diocesan requirement to be a licensed Lay Eucharistic Minister. However, there is no need to wait until January to join. On-the-job training is also offered. Speak to **Father Albert Scariato** or call **Jane Volkema** at 202-965-6114 to learn more or to sign up.



ST. JOHN'S GREENS SALE

Saturday, Dec. 9th - 10 am to 2 pm

Holiday Roping and Loose Greens

Candy Wreaths - Hand Decorated

Baked Goods

Doggie Bone Wreaths

Hand Knit Scarves, Hats, Tree Skirts

Tree Ornaments

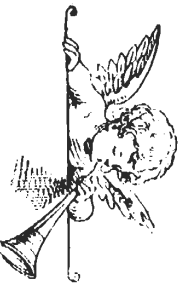
Holiday Centerpieces

Plant Arrangements

Small Decorated Trees

St. John's Traditional Hand Decorated Wreaths

Preschool Activities - glass Christmas tree balls for sale;
collage materials for playtime



LUNCH 11:30 to 1:30 - \$10 includes wine, cider

BOOK TABLE with Authors' BOOK SIGNINGS

Art Buchwald - "Too Soon to Say Goodbye."

Helen Thomas - "Watchdogs of Democracy?"

Karen DeYoung - "Soldier: the Life of Colin Powell."

George Pelecanos - "The Night Gardener."

Carol Parkhurst - "Lost and Found."

Cookbook Authors - Michel Richard, "Happy in the Kitchen." And Nancy Baggett

James Cannon - "Apostle Paul: A Novel of the Man."

Joy Billington Doty - "Tales From the Typewriter."

Frida Burling - "Finally Frida."

CHILDRENS' AUTHORS

Laura Melmed Roz Schanzer Susan Stockdale Mary Quattlebaum



Saint John's Financial Times

FUND RAISING FOR CHURCH OPERATIONS

Pledging Up from Last Year

On All Saints Sunday, parishioners began receiving their 2007 Stewardship Pledge Packets. At the November Vestry meeting, a budget was adopted for the next fiscal year. Revenue at St. John's derives from three major sources: a draw from the endowment (this year 4 1/2% of the three year average of the value); fundraisers (Greens Sale, Preschool-Parish Auction, and The House Tour) and pledges.

To date, we have had an outstanding response to our appeal. One hundred and seven pledges have come in, of which 15% were from new pledgers. A staggering 50% of all pledges have been increased, by anywhere from 4% to 400%. To all who have pledged, the clergy and Vestry thank you with all our hearts.

We now enter a period when we will try to achieve our stated goal of 100% pledging by the people of Saint John's. Over the next several weeks, those who have not yet pledged will be contacted by mail or phone and asked to consider making a financial commitment to Saint John's. On page 6 in this issue, the Honor Roll lists all who had pledged by November 28. We will publish a full, complete Honor Roll list in the February issue of all who contribute as we close Phase I of our Stewardship Campaign.

Beginning in January and arriving every other month, your Vestry liaisons for Stewardship and Planned Giving have arranged for envelopes to be delivered to our homes. These are meant to serve as a reminder and to facilitate payment of our pledges. The envelopes are for the collection plate. There is also a mail-in envelope addressed to the church for sending your pledge in.

I know most of us would rather not read about money. I would rather be writing a sermon or preparing a Bible Study. Money, however, is not only what keeps us operational at Saint John's, it occupies a lot of what Jesus preached about in the New Testament:

Where your treasure is there your heart will be.
Go sell all you have and give to the poor...

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a

needle than for a rich person to get into the kingdom of heaven...

From those who have much, much will be demanded...

When did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or naked, or in prison....

There are many such examples. So maybe this article is a Bible Study after all. A church budget is more than numbers on paper. It is a theological statement about the degree of importance we place on God and where our heart truly is.

Albert +

One Parishioner's Pledge

What pledging means to Jane Volkema, excerpted from her talk to parishioners at 11 o'clock on October 29.

I volunteered to talk to you today, which is interesting since I have a long history of NOT doing a very good job of supporting the church financially.

Whether it be not getting my pledge card in on time or not fulfilling my pledge altogether, there always seems to be something that causes a hiccup in my cash flow. Be it an auto repair or an emergency trip to the vet, I never know what might come along and blow my budget out of whack.

I am so blessed with a comfortable place to live, food in my refrigerator and my job at St. Alban's, although I am convinced the person who penned the saying "Poor as a church mouse" must have been a church employee.

But for what I don't have in my wallet, I am more-than-rich in the blessing of my life, especially the blessings I receive from this parish, from every one of you.

You've heard the phrase "Give 'til it hurts". My heart aches when I can't afford to give. My heart aches when I open my quarterly statement and see I am once again behind in my pledge. My heart aches with the desire to give more. Knowing of the inevitable heartaches, why do I pledge? I pledge because nothing needs my money more than my need to give it. Pledging is not my gift to God but my gift from God.

So give 'til it hurts. I know from experience, not giving hurts more.

Honor Roll of 2007 Pledgers

St. John's Church of Georgetown gratefully recognizes parishioners who have pledged to its mission and ministries for 2007. This present list includes pledges received through November 28. The entire honor roll will be published next month, to include those who have committed subsequent to November 28. To obtain forms for making a pledge, please contact Dustin Cole, Parish Administrator, at 202-338-2360, dustincole.stjohns@verizon.net

ADAMS-CHOATE, Sandra Sue
ALLIN, Evelyn
APPLIN, Mike & Cathy
BABINGTON, Wally
BANKOFF, James & Diane
BARCLAY, Stratton
BARKER, Dorothy
BENNETT, Tim & Mary Jane
BIRD, Mary
BIRNEY, Alison & Arthur
BOTHWELL, Stephanie /WARREN, James
BOYLE, Nicholas /KELLY, Mary Louise
BRECKINRIDGE, Margaret
BRENNAN, Emma
BRISTOL, Joan
BRISTOL, Ted & Nelly
BROWN, Shirley F.
BURLING, Frida
CAMERON, Carol & John
CAMERON, Allen & Suzon
CARTWRIGHT, James & Kristina
COOKE, Tom & Julie
COOPER, Mr. & Mrs. W. Kent
CORBIN, Dan & IMM, Jenny
DAWSON, Carol & William
DEELEY-WOOD, Christine
DEVENNEY, Margaret
DEWEERD, Jane
DOTY, Joy Billington
DUNCAN, Nancy
DYER, Jocelyn /FLANAGAN, Michael
ELGIN, Virginia & Stephen
FANNING, Flora
FLOWERREE, Ann D.
GAY, Mae Joyce
GILLESPIE, Antonia V.
GRAHAM, William
GRISKY, Vincent /KNIGHT, Cameron
HART, Pembroke J.
HENNINGER, Mildred
HILL, Jane, Tom & Maggie
HOOPS, Jamie
HOWELL, Lois
HUCKABY, Margaret
IVEY, Laura & Ron
JACKSON, Doris
JOHNSTON III, W. Robert & Susan
JONES, Landis & Armita
KING, Susanna /SUTHERLAND, Bruce
KOSTOROWSKI, Susan & Steve
KRISTINUS, Andreas & Kirstin
LAPORTA, Mr. & Mrs. A. F.
LEMARIE, Pauline
LEWIS, Martha Strecher
LI, Bernard /MCDONALD, Lynn
LIDE, Frances
LOWE, Eliza Hetherington
MAK, Mr. & Mrs. Dayton
MARKHAM, Charles & Colleen
MAXWELL, Joan & David
MEGINLEY, Phyllis & Dan
MEETER, Stephen H.
MEYER, Mary & Henry
MICHELS, Sarah Ann
MODDERSHEAD, Jennifer
MOORE, Charles & Susan
MORGAN, Tom /YOUNGERT, Ken
MORICI, Peter & Angela
MOROSCAK, Richard & Marla
OERTEL, Evelyn
O'KANE, Joan /ALLEN, Joanthan
OSBORNE, Theodore & Deborah
OSTAD, Sarah G.
PARSON, Patricia
PEACOCK, Mary Eyre
PERRY, Anne & Carroll
POWELL, Elizabeth
PRYOR, Daniel & Shannon
RAINEY, Jean

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Preschool/Parish Auction 2007

Recently you received a message from Father Albert regarding the combined Parish/Preschool Auction which is to take place on March 10, 2007. As many of you who have attended in the past will agree, this major fundraising event for the whole St John's community promises to be lots of fun.

This year, the introduction of an online auction in addition to the centerpiece live auction and seated dinner in Blake Hall will increase participation by reaching friends and family who live far away. For those who require assistance online, help will be available so that everyone can participate. A "buddy system" will provide assistance while further promoting a sense of community.

The privacy of online donors will be ensured through limiting access to the auction's website to those who register, and donors' ability to place restrictions on their donations and the information disclosed. A "donors' fair" will be organized soon to answer donors' questions.

The auction, as it has for many years, will support the same worthy causes; the Preschool's Tuition Assistance Fund and the ministries of St John's Parish. Proceeds from the auction will be shared equally.

Co-chairs **Jane Hill** and **Sophie Siraîne**, with a committee of volunteers, are working very hard to ensure this event is a huge success. Vendors in and around the Georgetown neighborhood, parents of preschoolers, and parish members have already been approached for donations of items to auction.

Please take a minute to consider whether there is anything in your business, your household or your community which would be suitable to donate. Remember that the **deadline** to offer your donations – **December 8** – is approaching. If you have questions about donations, please call co-chair **Jane Hill** at 202-337-3621, janehill@comcast.net.

Finally, don't forget to enter into the spirit of

this event by planning to attend the live auction

dinner party and bidding. It is guaranteed to be a truly great night – bringing the whole community together socially at the same time raising funds for a very worthy cause.

Remember, if you can't make the dinner, the online auction will be up and running a few days before to give you a chance to obtain a priceless piece of artwork by one of the preschool teachers, a night on the town, a gym membership, or tickets to a major sporting event. Let the fun begin!

– Sophie Siraîne, Auction Co-chair



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REVVIS, Sara
RODMAN, Richard & Laura
RYAN, John & Judy
SANDLER, Rebecca
SANT, Chrissie & Lex
SCANLON, Patrick & Laura
SCARLIATO, Albert /ZIOBRO, Stephen
SHERR, Patricia
SHIRO, Eugene L.
SMITH, Jean
SMITH, Pamela
SMITH, Wayne & SCHIMANSKI, Don
STAIGH, Laura /RUEDI, Philip
STEVENSON, Frances K
SUPANC, Patrick /JEREZ, Sandra
TABOR, Kate
TALBOT, Elizabeth & Craig
TRAVAGLINI, Constance
VAN STEENWYK, Julie
VAN WAGONER, John & Daniel
VOLKEMA, Jane
WAGNER, Libby
WAGNER, John & Marilyn
WEADON, Don & Suzanne
WEBB, Martha
WEBBER, Andrea & Mark
WILKINSON, Frances P.
WILSON, Martha
WISE, John
WRIGHT Sr., Wilbur
ZIA, Karim /BREMER, Leila



Church Mouse Chit Chat....

(This is a regular feature in The Sentinel, highlighting happenings we shared the previous month and noting ones yet to come.)

Honor for Margaret

Senior Warden **Margaret Huckaby**, Principal of Heritage High School in Loudoun County, was honored twice in November for her work.

She was the recipient of the Loudoun County 2006 Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, an award conferred on Loudoun County's Principal of the Year. As a colleague said, "Ms. Huckaby lives and breathes Heritage High School."

The second award was from the "Washington Post" who honored Margaret as one of 18 area Principals of Excellence in the Annual Distinguished Educational Leadership Awards.

Bibles Before 1000

On November 11, twenty-three parishioners enjoyed a private guided tour of the new exhibit "In the Beginning: Bibles Before the Year 1000," at the Sackler Gallery.

The display of rare early Scriptures is drawing record crowds. This exhibit will not travel and will be on view until January 7.

Book Club Formed

"Books and Brunch" is a new parish group which will meet on Sundays after the 11 o'clock service for a light brunch and a book discussion.

The first meeting will be **January 14 in the Addison Room**, when members will discuss the new book, "The Gospel of Judas". Future meetings will be held at other venues.

The book is available through Amazon for \$15 and will also be for sale during coffee hours in December and early January.

Call **Tierney Viteri at 202-364-9697** or tierney@viteri.net for further information.

Palestinian Question

A panel of three who traveled to Palestine and Israel last July passionately discussed the issues during an Issues Dinner organized by parishioner **John Van Wagoner** on November 29.

Sixty parishioners and friends were treated to a travelogue and three hours of personal reflections on their journey. A lively discussion followed.

Jason Moves on

December 17 is the last Sunday for Jason Cox. St. John's Seminarian for the last 18 months. Do thank him for all the good work he has done.

Election Eve Party

About 50 parishioners and friends celebrated or commiserated at an Election Night Party November 7 at the Rectory, hosted by Bill Graham.

Acolyte Excels in Tennis

Caroline Duffy, St. John's acolyte and junior at Holton-Arms School, was chosen to be a part of the "All-Gazette Tennis Team" by the Montgomery County Gazette, the local area newspaper.

Caroline was chosen for the doubles team with her partner, Katie Cunningham.



The Young Adults Group *(above)* had a great time bowling on Nov 16. Pictured from left are **Michael and Melanie Kozakowski, Rebecca Sandler and Jason Cox.**

Events over the next few months are likely to include ice skating on the National Mall, a **Friday night happy hour** and more **bowling**. Contact Rebecca at rebecca.sandler@gmail.com

Saint John's Notes & Reports



Vacancies for 2007 Vestry

At the Vestry meeting on Monday, Nov. 27, a Vestry Nominating Committee was named. The committee will consist of: **Landis Jones**, former Senior Warden; **James Warren**, **Elizabeth Powell**, and **Jamie Cartwright** – the last three all outgoing Vestry members.

This committee is charged with choosing parishioners who would like to run for Vestry positions at the Annual Parish Meeting in March of 2007. This year we hope to have a list of candidates consisting of six to nine people to be considered for three open Vestry positions.

The candidates who are willing to run will be expected to fill specific Vestry vacancies:

- ★ Christian Youth Formation,
- ★ Stewardship and Planned Giving, and
- ★ Parish Life.

If any parishioner would like to be considered for these posts, please notify our Parish Administrator, **Dustin Cole** at dustincole.stjohns@verizon.net and submit a 100 word statement as to why you feel qualified to fill such a position.

The Vestry is the central governing body of the parish; it determines the mission and ministry of the parish. Much hard work is demanded of the Vestry.

It is, however, very rewarding work as we all work together to forge a consensus as we build on our past and look to future goals and objectives.

I have always said that an Episcopal Parish is as strong as its faith in God and the dedication of its Vestry. If you would like to participate in this great work, now is the time to step forward.

Vestry Notes for October 23

At the Vestry Meeting held October 23, the Vestry: 1) Discussed a Space Use Committee to evaluate possible uses and reconfigurations for Parish property space; 2) Established a Blake Hall committee to devise marketing and business plans for the renovated Hall, 3) Presented a draft budget for discussion at November's meeting.

Dates to Remember...

Saturday, December 16

The December social trip will be to the beautiful crêche exhibit at the **Washington National Cathedral**. The Exhibit, "Come and Behold Him," features 80 crêches from dozens of countries displayed in the Rare Book Library on the first floor of the cathedral. For a glimpse of these crêche figures, visit the Diocesan web site www.edow.org and click Advent Calendar.

We will meet at the front door of the Cathedral at 10am Sat. Dec. 16. Lunch will be at a neighborhood restaurant. Let **Father Albert Scariato** know you are coming by phone: 202-338-3294 or e-mail: fatheralbert@hotmail.com

Sunday, December 31 – January 14

Each year, St. John's and other Georgetown churches host a small group of homeless guests for a time during the winter months. The Shelter is organized by the Georgetown



Frída Buring (second from right) with daughter Belinda at GMC Gala honoring her many years of support for Georgetown shelter program.

Ministry Center. These guests will be at St. John's from **Sunday, December 31 through January 14**, and for two weeks in mid-March.

Volunteers will be recruited to cook dinners and serve and there will be various Parish activities designed around the Shelter. Call **Mike Applin** at 703-276-1129 for more information.

Sunday, January 21

The first Dinner for 7@7 in the New Year will be at **Martha Lewis' Bethesda** home on Sunday evening, Jan. 21. These dinners provide an opportunity for St. John's members and friends to share a meal in an informal setting. The host provides the "main" and others bring the "sides". **Carol Cameron** handles logistics.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

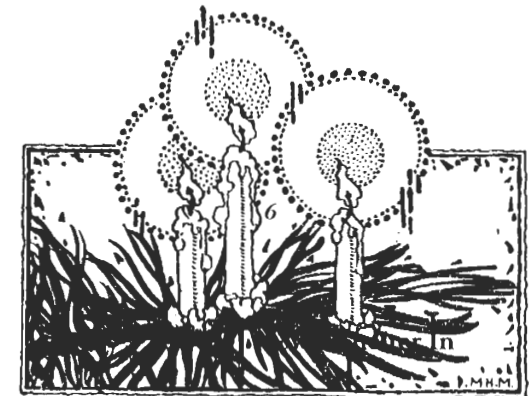
Thursday

Friday

Saturday

December

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					11:30-Senior Lunch	9 to 12 – Advent Quiet Day
					5:00 – Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 – Wedding
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 & 11 – Worship with Holy Eucharist 10-Intergenerational Advent Wreaths	11:30-Senior Lunch	7pm to 9pm – Wreath making for Greens Sale; Blake Hall	10am to 9pm – Wreath Making 11:30-Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek	10am to 9pm – Wreath Making; Blake Hall	10am to 6pm – Set up for Greens Sale in Blake Hall 11:30-Senior Lunch	– 10am to 2pm – GREENS SALE in Blake Hall
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 & 11 – Worship with Holy Eucharist 10 – Advent and Christmas stories; intergenerational	11:30-Senior Lunch 6:30-Grate Patrol		11:30-Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek		11:30-Senior Lunch	10:00 – Monthly Outing: International Crèche Display at National Cathedral followed by lunch.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SINGLE SERVICE 10 – Lessons & Carols 3:00 to 5:00 – Rectory Christmas Party	11:30-Senior Lunch	11 – Christmas Chapel, Preschool	11:30-Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek		11:30-Senior Lunch	6:30-Grate Patrol
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SINGLE SERVICE 10 – Holy Eucharist 4:00pm – Pageant 10:30pm- Christmas Concert Prelude 11:00pm-Festival HE	<i>Christmas Day</i> 10:00am – Holy Eucharist with Carols	Office Closed	11:30-Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek		Office Closed	
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SINGLE SERVICE 10:00am – Worship with Holy Eucharist 12:00 – GMC Shelter in to St. John’s						



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Saturday

January

<p>31 SINGLE SERVICE 10 – Worship with Holy Eucharist NEW YEAR'S EVE GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>1 OFFICE CLOSED GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>2 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>3 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>4 Preschool Resumes GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>5 11:30–Senior Lunch GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>6 GMC Shelter In</p>
<p>7 9 & 11 – Worship with Holy Eucharist 10 – Godly Play 10 – Adult Forum GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>8 11:30–Senior Lunch 6:30–Grate Patrol GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>9 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>10 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>11 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>12 11:30–Senior Lunch GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>13 GMC Shelter In</p>
<p>14 9 & 11 – Worship with Holy Eucharist 1:00 – “Books & Brunch,” Conf. Rm GMC Shelter Out</p>	<p>15 OFFICE CLOSED Martin Luther King Birthday 11:30–Senior Lunch</p>	<p>16 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>17 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek</p>	<p>18 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>19 11:30–Senior Lunch GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>20 GMC Shelter In</p>
<p>21 9 & 11 – Worship with Holy Eucharist 10– Adult Forum 10–Godly Play 7:00–Dinner 7@7</p>	<p>22 11:30–Senior Lunch</p>	<p>23 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>24 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek</p>	<p>25 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>26 11:30–Senior Lunch</p>	<p>27 6:30 – Grate Patrol</p>
<p>28 9–Worship with HE 10 – Youth Groups 10 – Adult Forum 11 – Morning Prayer</p>	<p>29 11:30–Senior Lunch</p>	<p>30 GMC Shelter In</p>	<p>31 11:30–Senior Lunch 5:30 – Centering Prayer with HE 6:00 – NT Greek</p>			

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Sunday Dec. 24—Christmas Pageant, 4:00pm,

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