

# Holy Apostles Messenger

*Early Winter (Dec 2018-Jan 2019)*



A Parish Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church  
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## From The Rector's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christina Rosetti wrote in a Hymn that is often sung at Christmas, *“Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; Love was born at Christmas: stars and angels gave the sign”* (Hymnal 84). In Advent we are reminded that we are people looking to welcome that love that makes us more loving. In Advent we are preparing for God to renew and refresh the manger of our lives, where it has become cold, broken and rotten. This welcome of the Emanuel as the God of Love is teamed with images of power and judgement. Advent is often both a season of hope and of fear. When it should be a time when we prepare for love to fill our hopes and cast away our fears.

In are reading from Austin Ferrar's *“Said or Sung”* he reminds us that *“the misuse of power has the sad effect that power no matter how lovingly used is hated”*. The words of the Second Coming which greet us on Advent I and the words of John the Baptist's call to repentance can easily unsettle us; we look for the time when the power of God will be made known. But we then miss something about how God's power is revealed. Austin Ferrar goes on to remind us of how God's power is revealed in the nativity for which we prepare:

*Mary holds her finger out, and a divine hand closes in on it. The maker of the world is born a begging child; he begs for milk, and does not know that it is for milk that he begs. We will not lift our hands to pull the love of God down to us, but he lifts his hands to pull human compassion down upon his cradle. So the weakness of God proves stronger than men, and the folly of God proves wiser than men. Love is the strongest instrument of omnipotence, for accomplishing those tasks he cares most dearly to preform; and this is how he brings his love to bear on human pride; by weakness not through strength, by need and not by bounty.*



In the coming Advent let us look for the love that reaches out to us and let our compassion encounter the hands that call to us from the cradle.

*Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine  
Love to God and neighbor, love for plea and gift and sign*

(Hymn 84, vs 3)

Yours in Christ,



Canon Art

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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

*Information about activities and events from neighboring parishes,  
the Trenton Convocation, Diocesan Events and ecumenical partners*

- November 28 Trenton Convocation- Holy Apostles'
- December 1 Combating the Opioid Crises 9:30am – 2:00pm All Saints', Princeton
- December 4 Advent Clergy Day
- December 14-15 Youth Lock in at Cathedral
- January 19 Ordination of Vocational Deacons, Cathedral
- January 21 Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service at Cathedral
- February Acolyte Festival- Cathedral
- February 10 Absalom Jones Service of Witness to Black Ministry- Cathedral
- March 2-3 Convention of the Diocese- Cherry Hill

- ❖ Information on most events and registration information may be found in The Ministry Institute booklet located in the parish information area or from the clergy, Church School, or Rite 13 staff. Information is also available online. Please visit <http://www.dioceseofnj.org/mi>.



# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



Holy Apostles' Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
9:30 AM Holy Communion/Mass

The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM and be integrated into the Liturgy of the day. Lunch will be served and entertainment arranged for the children of the parish.

Please Note: There will be NO SERVICE at 8:00 AM on that day.

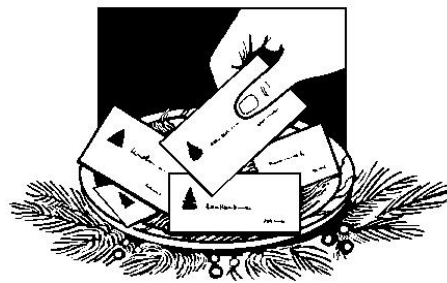
## Annual Meeting Notes:

- ❖ Your presence is essential to the running of the parish and the business of the Congregation. Please make every effort to attend!
- ❖ Annual Meeting Booklets will be available on January 19/20 at all services. Please pick up a copy and review it for the meeting the following Sunday. We hope that you will remember to bring your copy with you.
- ❖ The "Qualifications for Voters" has been printed in the bulletins and will also be printed at the beginning of the annual meeting booklets.



## Christmas Memorial Flowers Envelopes

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A Christmas memorial flowers envelope is enclosed. A copy of the 2017 list will be posted for your convenience. Please return by Advent III (December 16). Checks should be made to Holy Apostles' Flower Fund. Please contact Kim Midgett or the office with any questions.



# Christian Formation for Children and Youth

News about Christian Education programs, youth activities, Communion Instruction, and other educational events



Each week a children's bulletin with coloring pages and activities related to the lessons for the day is provided for use by children during the Liturgy.

Please look for those materials when you pick up your weekly bulletin.

- Parents are asked to let staff know if youth need to leave early.
- We would like to ask the parents and youth to let us know if they can help with the 6:00pm Family Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. Younger children are invited to process the crèche figures in. Older youth are asked to help with the Prayers of the People. We would like to have a plan before 5:45pm this year
- . Please speak to a teacher or clergy person if your child is able to help.
- The annual Epiphany Cake will be distributed on The Feast of the Epiphany, Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We would like to thank Claudia Sutton for again preparing the cakes for this year.
- Please note that on the Sunday of the annual meeting of Holy Apostles', January 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a film and activities for the children present for the meeting.

**SNACK SCHEDULE: January— parish**

**February—Rite 13**

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTION



Instruction for those in second grade and above who have not completed communion instruction continue to be held on THURSDAY AFTERNOONS at 4:15 PM.

NOTE: On Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> the members of the class will arrive at 4:15 PM. Families will arrive for the annual Communion Class Dinner at 6:00 PM. A basket will be passed to cover the cost of the meal and parents will be needed to assist with clean up.

Please note the following schedule:

|      |                          |                      |
|------|--------------------------|----------------------|
|      | November 29 Class*       | December 6 Class     |
|      | December 13 Class        | December 20 NO CLASS |
|      | December 27 NO CLASS     |                      |
| 2018 | January 3 NO CLASS       | January 10 Class     |
|      | January 17 Class         | January 24 Class     |
|      | January 31 Class- Dinner | February 7 Class     |

\* November 29<sup>th</sup> members of the class will need to bring a Bible.



# *Christian Formation (cont'd)*

## **JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD PROGRAM**

### **From the Diocese:**

- ❁ **LOCK IN:** The Annual Lock In at Trinity Cathedral to support the “Stop Hunger Now” Program will be held on Friday December 14 and into December 15. The cost for the program, snack and dinner is \$36. Please let you mentors know if you are going to participate.
- ❁ **Dr. Martin Luther King DAY:** On January 21<sup>st</sup> the Youth of the Diocese are asked to join in a day of prayer, witness and service at the Cathedral. Look for details as they become available.

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE:** During the month of January the class will be collecting clothing for cold weather. Gathered items will be taken for distribution through TASK, on Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Rite 13 class will be assisting in the Gleanings on a Tuesday night in February. Please check with mentors in January, once the date has been set.

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## **2018 Gift Card Ordering Program**

**\*\*\*FINAL DATE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY DECEMBER 9\*\*\*\*\***

We placed the third order in November and are looking forward to even more activity this month up to our final ordering date on Sunday December 9.

It is indeed a great way to support our parish while saving time by doing your shopping through the Gift Card Program!

A listing of participating retailers will be in the narthex. Also, you can go online to [www.glscip.com](http://www.glscip.com) and search for the Retailers List both alphabetically and by category.

Orders can be given to the coordinators or dropped off on Joyce’s desk at any time.

**4<sup>th</sup> and FINAL order will be submitted on Monday morning December 10, 2018**

*For more information*  
*contact Beth Reading: 609-738-3014, [blr55@aol.com](mailto:blr55@aol.com) or*  
*Kim Midgett: 609-758-567, [kjmidge@comcast.net](mailto:kjmidge@comcast.net)*



# ADVENT 2018

**ADVENT BRUNCH:** The sign-up sheet for the Advent Brunch is available at the Coffee Hour Station. Please sign up to let us know the number attending and what you would like to bring to share. The brunch will again be on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the First Sunday of Advent following the 9:30 AM Celebration. No 8:00 AM service will be held that morning.

**BRUNCH ACTIVITY – What do Apples have to do with Christmas trees? We will be preparing Advent Apple Ornaments for a tree which will be in church opposite the Jesse Tree**

Why you might ask: The Apple is believed to be the oldest item to adorn the tree. In the middle ages, December 24<sup>th</sup> was the Feast of Adam and Eve (a day before the birth of the “new Adam.” On that day Mystery plays or Paradise plays were preformed including an evergreen decorated with apples. During the reformation the Paradise tree was transferred to use in the home. Later unconsecrated Eucharistic hosts (the earliest Christmas balls) candles and sweets were added to the tree. So this year we will have a Jesse Tree and a Paradise Tree!

## ADVENT MATERIALS AVAILABLE

**Envelopes/Coin Folders:** Advent Envelopes were included in the November 2018 newsletter mailing. The coin folders are available at the Advent table in the narthex for those who prefer to continue that tradition.

**Devotional Materials:** A selection of materials for personal and/or family use at home has been provided again this year. In addition, books for Advent reading are available on the table.

**Forward Day by Day:** Please remember that the Forward Movement booklets are available from the tract Rack for you use. These can make a short but meaningful addition to your day, especially in the Advent and Lenten seasons.

**GREENING PARTY:** On the Third Sunday of Advent we will begin greening the Church. Pizza will be available again this year for those able to stay. The date is December 16<sup>th</sup> this year, due to Advent IV being the day before Christmas Eve; so we will be greening the Church early this year. We will have the week but we can use all hands with getting stuff from the attic and placing the wreaths and roping.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:** The Christmas Memorial Flowers envelopes are included in this mailing. A copy of the 2017 list will be posted for your convenience. Please return by Advent III (December 16). Checks should be made to Holy Apostles’ Flower Fund. Please contact Kim Midgett or the office with any questions.



## #AdventWord

You may also want to observe Advent by meditating on the word of the day from the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist. They invite you to:

- ✝ Pray through Advent
- ✝ Use your phone camera

**#AdventWord 2018**

2 Dec #Journey	14 Dec #Prune
3 Dec #Watch	15 Dec #Prepare
4 Dec #Focus	16 Dec #Rejoice
5 Dec #Night	17 Dec #Sing
6 Dec #Light	18 Dec #Ancestor
7 Dec #Sprout	19 Dec #Wash
8 Dec #Alert	20 Dec #Ablaze
9 Dec #Wild	21 Dec #Sign
10 Dec #Cry	22 Dec #Expect
11 Dec #Grow	23 Dec #Persist
12 Dec #Rough	24 Dec #Peace
13 Dec #Smooth	25 Dec #Celebrate

[www.AdventWord.org](http://www.AdventWord.org)   

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Set up a basket or box at home, and add a non-perishable food item to it each day. You might want to say a prayer for the hungry while you are at it. On December 30 (Christmas I), bring it to church. We'll make sure it gets to the Allentown Food Pantry.



# PARISH NOTES

**New Members and Address changes:** Please let the office know of any corrections changes or additions, including email information during January. A revised directory will be available in early spring. Recent updates are listed below:

**Judith & Bob LeMassena**  
127 Hopewell-Wertsville Rd.  
Hopewell, NJ 08525

**Kenneth Miller & Janet Wasserman**  
P.O. Box 33127  
Trenton, NJ 08629

**Baptism:** Breanna Elizabeth Dickson Age 7 on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018-All Saints Sunday.

## **REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD**

Since the last newsletter the following souls have passed from death to life eternal.

**Doreen Bencivengo 10/29/2018**

**June Swick Nugent 11/18/2018**

**Vestry Notes:** The vestry will meet on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the final regular meeting of the seated vestry. The 2019 Preliminary Budget will be presented and plans for the coming year will be discussed. The official 2019 Budget will need to be adopted after final adjustments are applied. We will review it electronically and set a time for the vote before Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> so that financial reports for the annual meeting booklet can be prepared.

Vestry members are reminded of the following:

- ⊕ The Annual Meeting will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>
- ⊕ Annual Reports are due to the office by January 11<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the booklet
- ⊕ The February vestry meeting will be a reorganizational meeting and will be held on Tuesday January 29<sup>th</sup> for January and February
- ⊕ Vestry members should check online for important information – we are asking all reports to go out ahead of the meeting on email

**THANKS** to all those who assisted with our community life this past month:

- All those who made this year's Boutique such a great success
- All those who brought in Candy for the Pinata
- The many of you who provided Thanksgiving Food
  
- Ernie Hafer, Chris Sutton and all those who cleaned up the Labyrinth or brought Scones for the Celtic Compline.



This is only a short, highlighted list. Thanks goes to all of you for supporting our life together.

## **LENTEN MATERIALS:**

The Lenten Newsletter will be arriving just before Lent. It will include details about our Lenten program for 2019.



# HOLY APOSTLES' PARISH CELEBRATION

## ADVENT I

### Parish Service and Brunch

Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

9:30 AM Holy Communion/Mass



Followed by:

- ✿ Covered Dish Brunch
- ✿ Making Paradise Tree Apple Ornaments

≈ Join in our First Sunday of the New Church Year

≈ A time of fun and fellowship

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS GREAT DAY!  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!**



**Gift Card Program:** A special thank you to everyone who participated in the Gift Card Fundraiser. We hope this program saved you time in that you were able to purchase cards from many sources in one easy order. We would especially like to thank Beth Reading and Kim Midgett for coordinating this event again this year. Thank you again for your support!



## 2018 Annual Contribution Statements

Your sealed 2019 Annual Contribution Statements will be available in early February. See 2019 bulletins for more information. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.



## **GLEANINGS:**

### **Merry Christmas From Gleanings**

The Gleanings Christmas party is on December 11, 2018. The festivities begin with dinner around 5 p.m.

Come help make it extra-special for our guests by serving or visiting. We could also use home-baked desserts, especially Christmas cookies.



At 6:30 p.m. we'll have a Christmas carol sing-along, followed by a bell concert at 7. All are welcome!

Please note that we will not be serving a dinner on Tuesday, December 25 or Tuesday, January 1. The Trenton Area Soup Kitchen main site, located at 72½ Escher Street in Trenton, will be open, but TASK will not be sending meals to any of the satellite sites (like us) on those days.

If you would like to help out with serving on a different Tuesday, please speak with Deacon Trisha.

Thanks to all who supported our runners and to Canon Art, Lyn Powell, Deacon Denise, the Byrnes Family and Kelly Fusco for participating in the race.

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## **Gleanings Christmas Party!**

**Tuesday, December 11, 2018**

**Dinner: 5-6:30 PM**

**Carol singalong at 6:30 PM  
followed by a bell concert**

**Please join us!**



# J2A CLOTHING DRIVE

The members of the J2A Program- Rite 13 Class will again be receiving coats, gloves, sweaters and other warm clothing during the month of January. Those items will be distributed through TASK.

Look for the BIG BASKET and help us fill it!



**AND  
SOUPS!**

**BAKERY – BOOKS – and BUYS!  
Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Sale**

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
9 AM – 2PM**

Needed: books of all types, videos, DVDs, CDs, puzzles

Home-baked goodies are needed for the bake table: things like cookies, brownies, cookie bars, cupcakes, small breads, etc. are best for this sale – individual or smaller items – you know – snacks!!!

DO NOT FORGET we are again having a Soup Sale as a part of this event. Beth Reading has containers and will be glad to take your name and the selection of soup you would like to prepare.

Please leave a note on Joyce's desk in the office if you can help organize books, and/or if you can help out on the day of the sale.

**Most importantly, invite your family and friends!!!**



# *Community Life at Holy Apostles'*

## **Fellowship Hour**

We are looking for volunteers to take on bringing the snacks, making coffee and cleaning up on one Sunday morning, so we can spread out the responsibility for this important time of community life. Please speak to Evelin LeMassena if you would like to help. Your assistance with this important part of community life is greatly appreciated. The time gathered at the back of the nave is an extension of the meal we celebrate together at the Altar.

## **Outreach Ministries:**

It has been our tradition to "**Adopt-a-Family**" for Christmas. This year we will continue to spread the wealth of our generosity by adopting one family. The family consists of a mom, girl age 10 1/2, boy age 6, girl age older 5, and girl age younger 5. The wish lists will be posted in the narthex on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. When you sign up for a gift/gifts please indicate what you plan to purchase. This will give others an idea of what gifts are still needed. There will be gift tags for the family in the narthex. For ease in delivery to the appropriate recipient, please indicate on the tag who the gift is for. Gifts for the mom may be wrapped and labeled. Gifts for the children should be labeled but not wrapped (allowing the mom the opportunity to wrap her children's gifts.) When considering gift cards for the family you may place an order through the Gift Card Fundraiser by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Your labeled gifts may be placed under the Jesse Tree. All donations should be at the parish center by Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Womanspace, Inc.** is a non-profit organization providing comprehensive educational, counseling, legal, housing, and emergency services to women in crisis. A Wish List will be posted in the narthex. Donations for Womanspace should be labeled with a blue tag and placed under the Jesse Tree. For a timely delivery, all donations for Womanspace should be at the parish center by Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Did you recently receive a new cell phone? If so, your old cell phone and wall charger may be placed on Deacon Denise's desk. The cell phones will be programmed to reach 911 and then distributed to women at risk who seek assistance from **Womanspace**.

Non-perishable food items placed in the **Wicker Basket** located near the altar during December will be used to supplement the Christmas Food Baskets the Communion Class will put together as part of their study program. A food basket will be given to our adopted family. We will find homes for the remaining food baskets. Perishable items placed in bins found in the freezer or the refrigerator will be brought to the Allentown Food Pantry as usual.

**Holiday Card Recycling** - New Life from Love Notes. Hate throwing away your holiday cards at the end of the season? Give them new life by recycling them for St. Jude's Ranch for Children, where the children make them into new cards for next season. Drop any type card (holiday, thank you, birthday, etc.) in the donation box located in the narthex through Wednesday January 9<sup>th</sup>. **Please note:** St. Jude's cannot use cards Hallmark, American Greeting, or Disney cards so do not tear off the back of the card.

The youth in the Rite 13 class will sponsor a collection of gently used coats, sweaters, and **warm clothing** for men, women, and children in January. The clothing will be delivered to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Clothing may be placed in the BIG basket in the narthex during the month of January.

The **2018 - 2019 Poor Box Ministry Project** is in support of an Agricultural project through Episcopal Relief & Development. We are raising money to purchase "Fruit Trees." Lemon, mango, avocado and banana trees enrich a family's food supply and farmland. Fruit trees provide a long-term sustainable source of nutrition and income. Fruit trees planted on hillsides are also used for erosion control, helping farmers maintain their land. To date we have raised \$614 towards our goal of \$1,000.

On Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> Canon Art blessed: 67 hat & scarf sets; 72 scarves; 1 large blanket; and 4 lap blankets for a total of 211 handmade items through our Purl & Pray knitters and crocheters. A delivery of 171 items was made to the Seamen's Church Institute in Philadelphia for the Ditty Bags they prepare as part of SCI Christmas-at-Sea program. Remaining items will be distributed to members of our Adopted Family, Womanspace and guests who come to our Gleanings dinners as needed. Thank you to those who quietly participate in this ministry.

The large wicker basket in the narthex as well as the entire area around the basket was filled to overflowing with non-perishable food items for at least 30 baskets collected to support Trinity Cathedral's **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**. The Cathedral staff is most grateful for our generosity. Thank you for sharing your abundance with those in need.

## **THANK YOU for the many ways you love and serve the Lord!**

**Freezer Program:** Holy Apostles' has a full size freezer enabling us to keep on hand a supply of home cooked frozen meals for the Freezer Program. These meals are used to express our concern as a parish family for those among us in their times of joy, sadness, or recovery. We would like to thank all those who assisted with restocking the freezer after it defrosted at Thanksgiving.



# *Worship Ministries at Holy Apostles'*

## **Music Department:**

We are pretty well through the fall and about to enter the season of Advent. Both bell choirs have begun working on selections for Advent as well as Christmas. Since we have a long season of Epiphany ahead of us, (Ash Wednesday isn't until March 6<sup>th</sup>), both bell choirs will begin working on anthems for this long season right after the holiday break. Rehearsals for all choirs are extra-important throughout December as we work to prepare extra holiday music. Please remember that if you need to miss anything to text or email Lyn ASAP.

**The Adult Choir** has welcomed 2 volunteers back to the seasonal choir -- Jane Hafer and Eli Byrnes. Thank you for your assistance; your time is much appreciated.

The choir recently sang "Let All Things Now Living", a familiar Welsh melody, accompanied by Jennifer Clark on flute. Thanks Jenn, well done.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with several anthems coming up. 3 percussionists are needed for a piece scheduled for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, and 2 are needed for 6pm Christmas Eve. We also need 2 percussionists for Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with Lyn ASAP if you are willing and able to help out.

Rehearsals in December and January are as follows:

Dec. 6, 13, 20 (none during Christmas week)

**\*a brief rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 23rd following the service before bell choir practice**

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

The choir is reminded that they sing at the 6pm Christmas Eve service, and that they need to arrive no later than 5:30pm.

**The Bells of St. James (BSJ)** recently played [This is My Father's World](#) and did a lovely job. This was a challenging piece for the choir as it changed key twice and had to be performed with much sensitivity. If you did not hear it, it should be on the website soon, and it is on the parish Facebook page.

On All Saints' Sunday, Mike Guynn joined forces with Lyn Powell to play a duet arrangement of [When the Saints Go Marching In](#). This was Mike's first duet, and it went great. It was fun to play, too. Mike and Lyn will be playing a couple more duets this spring.

The choir will be playing on Advent I (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>) as well as 6pm Christmas Eve. The rehearsal schedule for December & January is as follows:

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 (none on 12/30)

Jan. 6, 13, 27 (none on 1/20 as Lyn will be taking the rest of her vacation time and will be away)



**The Grace Notes** are currently working on music for Advent I (Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>). They will also be playing a trio at the 4pm Christmas Eve service. Several members will be assisting BSJ with the chime accompaniment to "Silent Night" at 6pm.

Many thanks to Alyson Setzer, Evelin LeMassena and Amy Sapio who have been helping out with BSJ this fall.

The rehearsal schedule through January is:

Dec. 6, 13, 20 (none during Christmas week)

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

**The Outreach Choir** has recently chosen a name for themselves -- **The Holiday Clappers** -- in response to information requested from our venues. The term "clappers" refers to the moving part of the bell which strikes the inside of the casting and makes the tone.

The choir has been working hard these past weeks, putting together a 30-minute program to take to several assisted living facilities in the area. The schedule for 2018 is:

Sun., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> -- Care One, Mercerville @3pm

Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> -- Rose Hill, Robbinsville @2pm

Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> -- The Gleanings Christmas Party -- Carol sing along @6:30pm, bell concert @7pm

**\*\* ANY MUSICIAN INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE CONCERTS SHOULD SPEAK WITH LYN ASAP. EACH VENUE HAS A PIANO AVAILABLE FOR SOLO PLAYING OR ACCOMPANYING. MUSICIANS NEED TO BE AT AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OR BETTER. YOUTH & ADULTS WELCOME. YOU MAY JOIN US FOR 1, 2, OR ALL 3 CONCERTS.**

**Acolytes:** Acolytes are reminded that they should get a substitute if they are unable to serve. A roster of acolytes has been prepared and is available from Mr. Perry.

Acolyte assistance is needed on March 6 for Ash Wednesday services-- 5:30 PM and 7:30 PM. In addition, crucifers will be needed to assist with Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent.



**Altar Guild Christmas Party:** In December the Altar Guild will welcome retired members for the annual Christmas Party. We hope that all members will be able to join us for the covered dish celebration at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Altar Guild December meeting will take place on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Upcoming events and services will be discussed at that time.

**Lectors and Sub-deacons:** The December, January and February schedules are in this newsletter(see Who's On ...When on pages 19 -21). We will attempt to create the regular Jan/Feb 2019 paper schedule before Christmas. Please check the narthex around the end of December for this information. In addition, the schedules will be on our website at [www.holyapostlesnj.com/resources/schedules/](http://www.holyapostlesnj.com/resources/schedules/).





# A MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION!

Sunday, March 3rd

At the Parish Center

***PLEASE NOTE: THIS YEAR MARDI GRAS WILL BE  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LITURGY***

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FUN!

Celebrate the last days before Lent!

Find new things to do with pancakes!

Games      Prizes      Races      Food

The Crowning of the Epiphany Monarchs

Brown Bag Auction

Barn Treasure Hunt

*And More!*

\*\* This event is open to the community so please invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun!

Note: Please check Sunday bulletins for more details  
Help will be needed with set up on Friday or Saturday.





# Signs & Seasons

*Information on worship opportunities, schedule changes, & upcoming Holy Days*

## **Weekend Schedule**

Saturdays 5:00 PM Holy Communion/Mass  
Sundays 8:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass  
9:30 AM Holy Communion/Mass  
Christian Formation

## **Weekday Schedule- In ADVENT**

Monday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
Tuesday 7:00 AM Mass  
8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
Wednesday 8:00 AM Morning Prayer  
11:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass  
Thursday 7:00 AM Mass  
8:00 AM Morning Prayer

**NOTE: Beginning December 13<sup>th</sup> Canon Art is scheduled for Grand Jury which will meet on Wednesdays. Unless he is excused from service Midweek Mass will be on Tuesday not Wednesday**

## **Holy Days & Celebrations**

December 9 (Sunday) Service of Remembrance and Bell Concert  
Allentown Methodist Church at 2:30PM

December 16 (Sunday) **ADVENT III**  
8:00AM- Holy Communion/Mass  
9:30AM- Holy Communion/Mass- Greening and Pizza follows

December 23 (Sunday) **ADVENT IV**  
Regular Schedule

December 24 (Monday) **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00 PM Choral Mass with reception following  
6:00 PM Festal Family Mass with reception following  
10:00 PM Mass with Hymns

December 25 (Tuesday) **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00 AM Mass of the Nativity- no music

January 6 (Sunday) **THE EPIPHANY**  
Full Schedule of Services

January 13 (Sunday) **BAPTISM OF JESUS**  
Regular Service Schedule

March 3(Sunday) **LAST EPIPHANY**  
Regular Weekend Schedule  
Community Mardi Gras

## *Who's on -- When at Holy Apostles*

Dec. 1	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	ADVENT I - ADVENT BRUNCH
Dec. 2	<b>8:00 AM</b>		<b>NO SERVICE</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-16
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Kevin Rittenberry & Cheryl Mendicino	1Thessalonians 3:9-13
		Sub-deacons:	Roger Perry & Kevin Rittenberry	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elizabeth Mendicino, Anthony Mendicino &	
		Oblations:	The Reading Family	Jason Ferguson
		Ushers:	Al Zara, Chris Nieroda	
		Altar Guild:	Lynn Perry, Kim Midgett, Jennifer Clark	
Dec. 8	5:00 PM	Lector:	Bettee Farmer	ADVENT II - Yr. C
Dec. 9	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lynda Dickson	Baruch 5:1-9
<i>Youth Sunday</i>	9:30 AM	Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	Philippians 1:3-11
		Lectors:	Haley Nieroda & Evelin LeMassena	
		Sub-deacons:	Nancy Schukraft & Garrett Nieroda	
		Acolytes:	Elijah Byrnes, Savannah White, Robert Meier & Al Zara	
		Oblations:	Youth Sunday	
		Ushers:	Youth Sunday	
		Altar Guild:	Sue Closson, Donna Nieroda	
Dec. 15	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	ADVENT III - Yr. C
Dec. 16	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	Zephaniah 3:14-20
	9:30 AM	Sub-deacon:	Kevin Rittenberry	Philippians 4:4-7
		Lectors:	Sue Closson & Alyson Setzer	
		Sub-deacons:	Sue Closson & Bette Noble	
		Acolytes:	Kayla White, Haley Nieroda, Alessia Mendicino	
		Oblations:	The Mendicino Family	
		Ushers:	Al Zara & Chris Nieroda	
		Altar Guild:	Beth Reading, Bette Noble, Carol Murray	
Dec. 22	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	ADVENT IV - Yr. C
Dec. 23	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lee Gerhauser	Micah 5:2-5a
	9:30 AM	Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	Hebrews 10:5-10
		Lectors:	Jennifer Clark & Curt Byrnes	
		Sub-deacon:	Jane Hafer	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elizabeth Mendicino, Anthony Mendicino &	
		Oblations:	The Nieroda Family	Jason Ferguson
		Ushers:	Curt Byrnes & Dave Hansell	
		Altar Guild:	Nancy Schukraft, Mary Jo Haluska	
Mon., Dec.24	4:00 PM	Lector:	Bettee Farmer	CHRISTMAS EVE
<i>Christmas Eve</i>		Sub-deacons:	Sue Closson & Roger Perry	Isaiah 9:2-7
		Acolytes:	TBD	Titus 2:11-14
	6:00 PM	Lectors:	Bette Noble & Youth Reader	
		Sub-deacons:	Bette Noble & Jennifer Ferguson	
		Acolytes:	TBD	
		Thurifer:	TBD	
	10:00 PM	Lector:	Volunteer	Isaiah 62:6-12
		Sub-deacon:	Al Zara	Titus 3:4-7
		Acolytes:	Volunteers	
Dec. 25	10:00 AM	Lector:	Lee Gerhauser & Lynda Dickson	CHRISTMAS DAY
<i>Christmas Day</i>		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	Isaiah 52:7-10
		Acolytes:	Volunteers	Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Jane & Ernie Hafer	

Sat., Dec. 29	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	CHRISTMAS I
Sun., Dec. 30	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lee Gerhauser	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Curt Byrnes & Kris Byrnes	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
		Sub-deacons:	Bette Noble & Jason Ferguson	
		Acolytes:	Elijah Byrnes, Savannah White, Robert Meier & Al Zara	
		Oblations:	The Noble Family	
		Ushers:	John Meier & Curt Byrnes	
		Altar Guild:	Dot Smith, Nancy Brasko	
Sat., Jan. 5	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	THE EPIPHANY
Sun., Jan. 6	8:00 AM	Lector:	Kevin Rittenberry	Isaiah 60:1-6
		Sub-deacon:	Kevin Rittenberry	Ephesians 3:1-12
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	John Meier & Cheryl Mendicino	
		Sub-deacons:	Nancy Schukraft & Roger Perry	
		Acolytes:	Kayla White, Haley Nieroda, Alessia Mendicino	
		Oblations:	The Simpson Family	
		Ushers:	Bob Fusco & Chris Nieroda	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Jan. 12	5:00 PM	Lector:	Bettee Farmer	EPIPHANY I – YR. C
Sun., Jan. 13	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	Isaiah 43:1-7
<i>Youth Sunday</i>		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	Acts 8:14-17
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Robert Meier & Alyson Setzer	
		Sub-deacons:	Garrett Nieroda & Jennifer Ferguson	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elizabeth Mendicino, Anthony Mendicino & Jason Ferguson	
		Oblations:	Youth Sunday	
		Ushers:	Youth Sunday	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Jan. 19	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	EPIPHANY II
Sun., Jan. 20	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lynda Dickson	Isaiah 62:1-5
		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	I Corinthians 12:1-11
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Sue Closson & Kris Byrnes	
		Sub-deacons:	Sue Closson & Al Zara	
		Acolytes:	Elijah Byrnes, Savannah White, Robert Meier & Al Zara	
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Volunteers	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Jan. 26	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	EPIPHANY III
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>NO SERVICE-</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Sun., Jan. 27	9:30 AM	Lector:	Luis Alvarez (one lesson)	I Corinthians: 12:12-31a
<i>Annual Meeting</i>		Sub-deacons:	Jane Hafer & Jason Ferguson	
		Acolytes:	Kayla White, Haley Nieroda, Alessia Mendicino	
		Oblations:	Bette Noble & Nancy Brasko	
		Ushers:	Kris & Curt Byrnes	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Feb. 2	5:00 PM	Lector:	Bettee Farmer	EPIPHANY IV
Sun., Feb. 3	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	Jeremiah 1:4-10
		Subdeacon:	Kevin Rittenberry	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Evelin LeMassena & Cheryl Mendicino	
		Sub-deacons:	Roger Perry & Al Zara	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elizabeth Mendicino, Anthony Mendicino & Jason Ferguson	
		Oblations:	The Byrnes Family	
		Ushers:	Dot Smith & Nancy Brasko	
		Altar Guild:		

## *Who's on -- When at Holy Apostles (cont'd)*

Sat., Feb. 9	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	EPIPHANY V
Sun., Feb. 10	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lynda Dickson	Isaiah 6:1-8, [9-13]
Youth Sunday		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Kayla White & Bette Noble	
		Sub-deacons:	Garrett Nieroda & Bette Noble	
		Acolytes:	Elijah Byrnes, Savanah White, Robert Meier & Al Zara	
		Oblations:	Youth Sunday	
		Ushers:	Youth Sunday	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Feb. 16	5:00 PM	Lector:	Susan Coyne	EPIPHANY VI
Sun., Feb. 17	8:00 AM	Lector:	Kevin Rittenberry	Jeremiah 17:5-10
		Sub-deacon:	Kevin Rittenberry	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Bette Noble & Lee Gerhauser	
		Sub-deacons:	Jennifer Ferguson & Jane Hafer	
		Acolytes:	Kayla White, Haley Nieroda, Alessia Mendicino	
		Oblations:	The Hansell Family	
		Ushers:	Al Zara & Roger Perry	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Feb. 23	5:00 PM	Lector:	Bettee Farmer	EPIPHANY VII
Sun., Feb. 24	8:00 AM	Lector:	Lynda Dickson	Genesis 45:3-11, 15
		Sub-deacon:	Lynda Dickson	1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Cheryl Mendicino & John Meier	
		Sub-deacons:	Nancy Schukraft & Jason Ferguson	
		Acolytes:	Garrett Nieroda, Elizabeth Mendicino, Anthony Mendicino & Jason Ferguson	
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Volunteers	
		Altar Guild:		
Sat., Mar. 2	5:00 PM	Lector:	Joann Peate	LAST EPIPHANY
Sun., Mar. 3	8:00 AM	Lector:	Keith Rothstein	Exodus 34:29-35
		Subdeacon:		2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
	9:30 AM	Lectors:	Bette Noble & Evelyn LeMassena	
		Sub-deacons:		
		Acolytes:	Elijah Byrnes, Savanah White, Robert Meier & Al Zara	
		Oblations:	Volunteers	
		Ushers:	Volunteers	
		Altar Guild:		



## SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Service of Remembrance, or Blue Christmas Service continues to be led by the Greater Allentown Ministerial Association. The date is Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at the Methodist Church on Church Street in Allentown. Please note that the time has been changed to 2:30 PM.



When: SUNDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30PM

Where: Allentown Methodist Church, Church Street, Allentown

Purpose: A time to remember those who have entered eternity this past year, as we prepare for Christmas. It is a meaningful celebration for the Allentown Community each year, with a reception following.



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# STEWARDSHIP 2018-2019



*As you read this message - the pledge envelopes  
and turkeys have all been stuffed!*

*We are very, very thankful for your pledges so  
the budget can now be done.*

*Our apple baking context was so tasty and lots of fun....*

*With many different recipes of apple found in each and every one!*

*Please keep your eyes "peeled" to your apple tree of events,  
there are bushels of "apple peeling" things to come so.... We hope  
you will be part of our orchard of fun!*

*May warm apple cider be your choice for the  
wintery months to come.*

*We at Holy Apostles' are glad to see you come, may the upcoming  
holidays be filled with prayers, and family love!*



## Notes



# *Holy Apostles Ministry Leaders & Contacts*

**Clergy Staff:** The Rev. Canon Arthur Pierce Powell, Priest and Rector  
The Venerable Denise B. Cavaliere, Archdeacon for Pastoral Care  
The Rev. Trisha Thorme, Deacon

**Support Staff:** Joyce A. Bostic, Parish Administrator  
Lyn Powell, Music Director  
Lynn Perry, Sexton

**Wardens:** Bette Noble, Nancy Brasko

**Vestry:** **Class of 2019:** Lee Gerhauser, Janet McSloy, Claudia Sutton  
**Class of 2020:** Kristine Byrnes, Luis Alvarez, Jr., David Hansell  
**Class of 2021:** Marge Blair, Lynda Dickson, Al Zara, Jr.

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