



# HOLY APOSTLES MESSENGER

December 2021

A Parish Newsletter of Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church  
1040 Yardville-Allentown Rd., Yardville, NJ 08620

## SERVICES FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

### December 24 Christmas Eve

- 2:30 PM Manger Mass on the Lawn
- 4:00 PM Mass of the Nativity with Music  
Solemn Mass of the Nativity with Music
- 6:00 PM Music

### December 25 Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass  
No Service at 5 PM

### December 26 Christmas I

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass (Rite 1)
- 9:30 AM Holy Communion/Mass

### December 27 St. Stephen

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 10:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass

### December 28 St. John

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 10:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass

### December 29 The Holy Innocents

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass

### December 30 St. Thomas Becket

- 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

### January 1 Holy Name

No Saturday Service

### January 2 Christmas II

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion/Mass (Rite 1)
- 9:30 AM Holy Communion/Mass

We are pleased to announce that following the direction from the bishop, the following changes will begin on Advent IV – December 19



Please read the statement from Dr. Byrnes on behalf of the vestry regarding masking and social distancing:

“As we enter the winter season, local COVID cases have tripled in the last month, reaching case rates last seen prior to Easter. In addition, hospitalizations have doubled in the month, currently at levels seen in May 2021, and are expected to increase a further 33% by mid-January 2022. Now is the time to remain vigilant to keep yourself and our congregation safe. Always wear a mask when indoors in public places, maintain proper social distancing, and practice proper hand hygiene.”

— *Curtis Byrnes, D.O., Allentown Family Medicine*

**COMMUNION IN BOTH SPECIES:** Communion in both Species is now allowed. The vestry has endorsed the following guidelines:

1. Receiving in one form is fully receiving the Sacrament, and you should continue to consider this option.
2. You may choose to receive by drinking from the Chalice, and subdeacons will be scheduled to allow this option.
3. If you'd like to receive in both kinds but not drink from the common Chalice, you may do so by intinction. A separate Chalice with a small amount of wine will be at each communion station. You may instinct being careful not to dip your fingers into the wine. The subdeacon holding the Chalice will replace the Chalice should an accidental over dipping occur.

Beginning on Advent IV will be provided a trial run in case adjustments need to be made for Christmas Celebrations.

## UPCOMING SERVICES



**RECEPTION IN A BAG:** For the second year, we are replacing our traditional Christmas Receptions with the “Reception In A Bag”. We are again asking members of the parish to bake Christmas Cookies for the project. On Monday evening, December 20, we will gather at 5:30 PM to fill 100-125 cookie bags. Most of the bags will be given out after Christmas Services, but some will be reserved to be delivered to those who are visited at home over Christmastide. Pizza and salad will be provided for those filling the cookie bags. Cookies may be brought in the weekend of Advent IV or when you join us in preparation of “Reception In A Bag”.



**ANNUAL MEETING:** The Annual Meeting of Holy Apostles’ Episcopal Church, Yardville, County of Mercer will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is the election of one (1) warden for a two-year term, three (3) vestry persons for a three-year term, and delegates and alternates to the Convention and Convocation. At that time, we also receive reports of the state of the parish in things temporal and spiritual, and receive the Budget adopted by the Vestry. The meeting begins at 9:30 AM and is incorporated into the principle Eucharist of the day. The Annual Meeting Booklet will be available on Sunday, January 23, 2022.

**ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS:** A Reminder that all Annual Meeting reports must be turned in by no later than Tuesday, January 18, 2022 for incorporation of the Annual Meeting Booklet. A List of Reports will be posted.

**NOMINATIONS:** The Vestry continues gathering Nominations for the upcoming election at January’s Annual Meeting. Several members are rotating off, so prayerfully consider offering your services. The Nominating Committee members are Lynda Dickson, Lee Gerhauser, Michael McSloy and Claudia Sutton. The Parish plays a significant role of providing candidates for consideration to the Nominating Committee. These names are suggestions – not nominations. Please make sure that you have the suggested individual’s permissions before presenting to the Nominating Committee for consideration.

**OUTREACH THANK YOU:** Some wintertime thanks are in order:

- \* for donations to the Disaster Relief Fund
- \* for our Purl & Pray knitters and crocheters
- \* for donations of Thanksgiving Food
- \* to those who participated in the Adopt-A-Family Advent ministry
- \* for donations to Womanspace
- \* for food items placed in the Wicker Basket in support of the Allentown Food Pantry
- \* for those who make weekly deliveries to the Allentown Food Pantry
- \* for pre-packaged desserts for Gleanings
- \* for volunteers who serve at Gleanings
- \* for our Church School teachers
- \* for those who serve at our worship services

THANK YOU



**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE:** Are you looking to donate your winter coat after you received a new one for Christmas? Maybe you have some gloves or hats that are unused in your closet? Holy Apostles' continues to collect gently used warm clothing again this year. Please drop off your donations after Christmas, and place the items in the BIG basket in the narthex. Donations will be delivered to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK).

**POOR BOX MINISTRY PROJECT:** This project is in support of *Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey*. Donations as of December 7, 2021 total \$429. For those who continue to worship from home, you may support this ministry by sending a check to the church made payable to "Deacon's Discretionary Fund" with "Poor Box" on the memo line.

**JANUARY "THAW" SALE:** This winter fundraising event will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2022. We will be gathering books, and there will be a sign-up sheet for soup and baked goods. More details to follow soon!



**2022 STEWARDSHIP DRIVE:** We would like to thank all those who have returned their commitment form for next year. Your support is essential to the parish being able to serve God and God's world. With many still participating online only, we are behind in receiving commitments for 2022 resulting in some concern among parish leadership. You can ease that concern by returning a 2022 Commitment Pledge Form. These forms are available in the narthex, or please feel free to contact the office and the form will be mailed to you. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the ministries of Holy Apostles!

**E-GIVING:** In addition to making online payments through our website, Holy Apostles is excited to offer to its members the ability to support our ministries through online giving. You can now use the Give Plus+ app by Vanco Services – a free church app. Give Plus+ is simple to use. You can easily send one-time or recurring gifts through a bank account or credit card from your mobile and/or tablet device at your convenience.



We hope that this tool simplifies your gift giving, and easily streamlines any automatic contributions. Your payment information can be modified or cancelled at any time. Please visit the link below for instructions on how to download the app, and please feel free to contact the office with any questions or if you need assistance installing the Give Plus+ app.

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The Venerable Denise B., Cavaliere, Archdeacon for Pastoral Care  
The Rev. Trisha Thorme, Deacon

**Support Staff:** Joyce A. Bostic, Parish Administrator  
Christine Briegs, Parish Administrator (PT)  
Lyn Powell, Music Director  
Lynn Perry, Sexton

**Wardens:** Bette Noble, Lynda Dickson

**Vestry:** **Class of 2022:** Lee Gerhauser, Michael McSloy, Claudia Sutton  
**Class of 2023:** Curt Byrnes, Jane Hafer, David Hansell  
**Class of 2024:** Marge Blair, David Kirk, Al Zara, Jr.

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