

## Prayer Intentions

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, our diocesan Bishop; and Tom and Bill, our priests.

We pray for Donald, our President; Chris, our Governor; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

Parish Birthdays this Week: Dec. 8-Elyse Mathews.

**For those serving in the armed forces in harm's way overseas,** and for all who suffer from violence in war-torn areas of the world.

**For those among us whose hearts are troubled or are ill and infirm:**

Dave Albahary, Louis Anderson, Catherine, Russ & Mary Burnside, Katherine Chatfield, Marge Christie, Cohen & Levy families, Linda Dicanio, John & Alice Dummler, Nicole Farquhar, Donna, Sofia, Shannon Flandrau, Joan Fraiser, Andrew Greco, Heather, Jean Haslinger, Ian Henry, Harry Jarvis, Jackie, Althea King, Lenny, Madalyn Lindsay, Carrie Lindsay, Letty Llamas, Joseph Locus, Michael B., Kevin Martin, Maria Martino, Mary B., Elizabeth Mahoney, Liz Mongiello, Patricia Montague, Al Morel, Brent, Lindsey Moynihan, Mike Patterson, Donald Rogers, Roseanne, Suzi and Elliott, Jeff, Susan Raucci, Sean, Marge Singer, Ellen Steensma, Cathy Tonjes, Carol Traynor, Todd, Mike Villegas, Matthew Weatherbee, Shay Wexler, Sally Whittemore, Gina Wilkens, Marcia Wilson, Joni Wilters, Roy Zabriskie, Charles.

**We remember all who have died, especially Richard Grimley.**

Our **Prayer Chain Ministry** offers prayers for healing, hope and comfort; for joy and thanksgiving; for God's presence on the journey. *The Christ Church Prayer Chain* is a quiet and confidential ministry. All requests are considered strictly confidential. If you, or someone you know, needs or wants our prayers, contact Father Tom (201) 652-2350 or Linda Larson (201-248-4080).

### **Upcoming Meetings, Programs & Events!**

**December 17-**"Blue Christmas" Celtic Worship @ 5 PM  
**December 24-** Christmas Eve Family Eucharist & Pageant at 4pm; Christmas Eve Midnight Mass with Musical Prelude @ 10pm.

**December 25-**Christmas Day Eucharist & Carols at 10am

**December 31-**1st Sunday After Christmas: Lessons & Carols

**January 7-**The Sunday After the Epiphany

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CHRIST CHURCH  
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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST:  
By Encountering God, Equipping God's People, and  
Extending God's Kingdom

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:15 a.m. Joy! Eucharist
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery Care (ends at 11:30 a.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 a.m. Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 3:00 p.m. Nursing Home: Ridgewood



### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING IN PATERSON**

All youth in grades 4-12 are invited to attend our annual gift wrapping at St. Paul's Paterson on **Saturday, December 9th from 10am-12noon**. Come join us to help spread Christmas Cheer. We will meet at the Christ Church parking lot at 9:15am and return by 12:15pm. Please let Kristen Lee know if you need a ride or if you will be meeting us at St. Paul's.

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### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT 8

*Preacher & Celebrant:* The Rev. Thomas E. Mathews Jr. |  
*LEMs:* | *First Reading/Psalmist:* | *Second Reading:* |  
*Intercessor:* | *Ushers:* Brian Vesley, Cackie Scott | *Altar Guild:*  
Pat Kortjohn, Callie Campbell, Linda Larson | *Perennials:*  
Ginny Bryan, Dorothy Meyers | *Nursing Home:* Ridgewood-  
Dorothy Meyers

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE  
GLORY OF GOD & IN MEMORY OF JEFF BENDER  
GIVEN BY MARIE BENDER**

### ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT 10

*Preacher & Celebrant:* The Rev. Thomas E. Mathews Jr. |  
*Organist:* Larry Arnold | *LEMs:* | *First Reading:* | *Second  
Reading:* | *Intercessor:* | *Verger:* Al Portela | *Choir:* Tim Berry,  
Cathy Dash, Elaina Richardi, Doris Singlevich, Kelly  
Sullivan, Melinda Weber, Marlene Whittmore | *Acolytes:*  
Lara Ziccardi, Ted Loquet, Cole & Read Hamon, Collin &  
Emma Williams, Cecile Malo, Matthew Harris, Carson  
Halpert | *Ushers:* | *Greeters:* Lyle Hatch, Frank Ducoat

### SHARE SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Please try to remember to bring some food for the St. Paul's Food Pantry to church that morning - or, if you prefer, cash and check (made out to Christ Church with St. Paul's in the memo line) contributions will also be collected at the end of the 8:00 and 10:00 services. The overwhelming generosity of our parishioners at Thanksgiving was a great start to the season of giving. Let's maintain that positive momentum by keeping the Pantry shelves stocked during the cold months ahead. Besides staples (rice, pasta, canned veggies and fruits, cereal, soup, peanut butter, jelly, tunafish), why not consider adding some seasonal goodies to your contribution? Some hot chocolate, candy canes, or Christmas cookies would be very much welcomed by our neighbors who do not have to money to indulge in such treats. God bless all of you for your continued participation in this essential outreach.

### ADVENT ALLEY—RBARI

'Tis the season to celebrate all of God's creatures. We are asking for your generosity to help RBARI. Please visit the poster board in Advent Alley and choose a post-it note, then return your donation to the church by December 17th. See Donna Harris with any questions.



### “BLUE CHRISTMAS” CELTIC SERVICE

For the 12th consecutive year, Christ Church will hold a “Blue Christmas” service, acknowledging personal losses and focusing on God’s compassion and the hope the Christmas story offers. All are welcome on Sunday evening, **December 17** at 5 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS



Forms are now available to submit names for the Christmas season to honor your loved ones with flowers and greens on the altar. Extra forms are located in the Cloister and are due back by **December, 19**.

### USED MAGAZINES NEEDED

We are still looking to add to our collection of magazines for projects in Sunday school. If you are able to donate your used magazines at any time, please feel free to drop them off in the church office to Kristen Lee. Thanks so much!



### CHRISTINGLES FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's almost advent and that means it's Christingle time! We have a very special project planned for **Sunday, December 17th** and supplies need to be purchased. All Sunday school children and youth will have the opportunity to make a Christingle in their Sunday school class. Please RSVP to Kristen Lee that you will be joining us so that we are sure to have enough supplies. If you have never made a Christingle, you don't want to miss this wonderful opportunity!



### YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas party for grades 6-12 will be held on **Sunday, December 17th** at 6pm in the Youth Room, following Celtic Worship. All are invited to attend. Please bring a \$10 grab bag gift and pot luck dish to share. Drinks and games will be provided. Please RSVP to [klee@christchurchridgewood.org](mailto:klee@christchurchridgewood.org) to let Kristen know that you will be joining us. Youth home from college are welcome to attend.

### WOMEN AT THE WELL

The **second Saturday of the month ; September - May**. We start our meetings with centering, contemplative or meditative prayer then move to creative art activities. **Babysitting provided**, please let us know in advance so we can make arrangements.

#### **Meeting dates:**

2017: December 9

2018: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8

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