



CHRIST CHURCH RIDGEWOOD

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 A.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 A.M. Adult Education
- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 A.M. Joy! Worship
- 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. Coffee Hour
- 11:15 A.M. Jubilation Choir Rehearsal
- 2:00 P.M. Nursing Home: Ridgewood
- 5:00 P.M. Celtic 'Quiet Christmas' Service
- 6:00 P.M. Youth 'Ugly Sweater' Christmas Party

CHRISTMAS THANKSGIVING & 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
Tuesday, December, 18.

Prayer Intentions

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

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

Parish Birthdays this Week:

Dec 17- Kent Seidler ; Dec 18- Keith Duane ; Dec 20- James Morgan
Dec 21- Marge Singer ; Dec 22- Evan Pillow

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: Lynda Alessi, Mike Bender, Silvana Botta, Marion Goetz, Bill Kirk, Andrew Landis, Don Rogers, Tom Savage, Patty Steen, Laurie Werling.

We remember all who have died.

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 at:

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ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT 8 A.M.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

LEM: Callie Campbell

First Reading/Psalmist: Don Steen

Second Reading: Callie Campbell

Intercessor: Dorothy Meyers

Ushers: Cackie Scott & Brian Vesley

Altar Guild: Dorothy Meyers, Patty Smith, Linhua Sun, Pam Canali

Perennials: Elaina Richardi

Nursing Homes: Ridgewood—Monahan

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP AT 10 A.M.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Thomas E. Mathews Jr.

Organist: William K. Trafka

LEMs: Barbara Monahan & Lara Ziccardi

First Reading: John Varoscak

Second Reading: Tyler Stahl

Intercessor: Frank Ducoat

Verger: Al Portela

Choir: Tim Berry, Susan Eggers, Bill Eggers, Troy Eggers, Chris Elliot, Barbara Hemink, Toni Pasqualicchio, Elaina Richardi, Paris Simms, Kelly Sullivan, Melinda Weber, Marlene Whittemore

Acolytes: Matthew Harris, Cameron Blair, Hayden Blair, Aidan Smith, Ryan Auriemma, Carson Halpert

Ushers: Frank Ducoat, Lyle Hatch, Rick Hampson, Jeremy Meserole

R.B.A.R.I



'Tis the season to celebrate all of God's creatures. We are asking for your generosity to help Ramapo-Bergen Animal Refuge, Inc. (RBARI), a no-kill shelter. Please visit the poster board in the Cloister and choose a post-it note. Then return your donation to the church by **December 23**.

Monetary donations are also encouraged.

See or contact Judy DeAngelis Sheffield with any questions: judydeangel@gmail.com

FAMILY PROMISE—A WEEK OF CHANGES

If you're homeless, you learn what uncertainty feels like. And we at Christ Church got just a bit of that feeling during the week beginning Sunday Dec. 2, when we hosted two families from the Family Promise program for homeless working families with kids.

Over the course of three days we were told to prepare for two families, then three, then two, and finally, on the last two nights, we had one family. On one hand, this made it hard to plan how much food to prepare each night, and how to avoid having food go to waste. On the other, it gave us insight into, and a feel for, the ups and downs and ins and outs the homeless themselves face every day.

So we were grateful, as always, for the experience, and for the chance to serve these parents and children. Thanks to all of you who cooked, served, shopped, hung out, cleaned up, set up and stayed overnight. This is truly Christ's work ~ particularly at this time of the year.

YOUTH GROUP 'UGLY SWEATER' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tonight (December 16) the Youth Group will hold an Ugly Sweater Christmas party in the youth room downstairs in "The Zone".

Everyone should bring a wrapped grab bag gift- \$10 in value and a snack to share. RSVP to Kristen Lee and Donna Harris to let them know you'll be joining us and what you are bringing. Prize for "ugliest sweater" will be awarded!

CONFIRMATION CLASS AND YOUTH GROUP FAITH SHARING EVENING & LOCK-IN

On Saturday, January 5th, at 7:00 P.M. the confirmation class and youth group will be having a Faith Sharing Evening. Confirmands, parents or sponsor will attend the Faith Sharing experience together from 7:00 -8:00 P.M. Youth Group, grades 7-12 are invited to attend our Lock-In starting at 8:00 P.M. Please bring sleeping bags, pillows, snacks to share etc. We will conclude our Lock-In Sunday morning, January 6th in time for Sunday school. Of course we need adult Chaperones to attend, so if you are interested in sharing in the fun and assisting Kristen, please email Kristen at klee@christchurchridgewood.org.

It'll be a great deal warmer than the Cardboard City Sleep out!

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

"My name is Louise Rode, and I just recently joined Christ Episcopal Church as the new parish administrator. I have been working as an administrator/office manager for many years in New York City and now was the time to come back home. My husband and I live in Closter, NJ and we have a daughter who lives now in Westchester with a family of her own. I have two beautiful grandchildren who are 3 and 6 years old.

I am really excited to become a part of the Christ Episcopal Church family and want to thank everybody for such a warm welcoming."

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Please join us for the Christ Church Christmas Pageant on Monday December 24, 2018 at the 4:00 P.M. service. We would love to have your children participate in this special event.

Be a shepherd, angel or animal

• Arrive a few minutes before the 4pm service, select a costume from our costume bins in the back of the church (volunteers will be there to help you,) sit with your family and come up on the "stage" when prompted during the pageant

• There is no rehearsal or RSVP for this type of participation and all (even guests visiting for the holiday) are welcome to join the fun

Have a featured role in the pageant

• This requires participating in a rehearsal after church on 12/23 for about 30 minutes and then to arrive at church at 1:45 P.M. on 12/24 to select a costume (we have bins of costume options) and rehearse until show time.

• Need to be at least in the 1st grade (there are speaking and non-speaking options)

• Narrators need to be fluent readers

• Speaking roles - Lines do not need to be memorized, we will provide note cards with the lines if needed

o **Lead King, Lead Shepherd, and Lead Angel**

• Non-Speaking Roles

o **Joseph, 1 King**

Jubilation Choir

Children that are in the jubilation choir cannot be in the pageant except in very limited roles as they will be robed and singing throughout.

Musicians

If you or your child plays a musical instrument and would like to participate in this way please reach out to marlenewhit@gmail.com Please note that children cannot play an instrument and participate in the pageant itself.

Please RSVP to Julie Sebastian (kajulie53@gmail.com) **ASAP** with your child's name and whether they would like a speaking or non-speaking featured role and if they have a preferred role. Please note we won't be able to accommodate all requests but will do our best.

Finally, we need adults or older children to volunteer to assist with preparations, assist with costumes on the evening of the show and help during the performance.

YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP

WHEN: Friday, February 8th - Sunday, February 10th

WHERE: Lodging: Private Rental Home, Albrightsville, Poconos, PA

Snow Sports: Jack Frost - Ski or Board 2/9 ; Big Boulder - Tubing 2/10

LEAVING: 4:30 P.M. February 8th from Christ Church parking lot.

RETURNING: approximately 3:00 P.M. February 10th to Christ Church parking lot.

It would make a great Christmas Gift for the kids to be able to attend this trip! Extra registration forms are available in the Cloister.

Scholarships available (please speak with Mrs. Lee).

We won't know the final cost until we know how many people are going. \$50 deposit is due by January 6, 2019.

The total is due by February 3, 2019 along with the registration form and photocopy of insurance card.

SIP & PAINT: CHRIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Join us for an evening of painting and socializing at Pinot's Palette located in Ridgewood. This adults only event is \$35 per person which includes all supplies and snacks. It is also a BYOB.

When: January 27, 2019 from 5:30-8:00 P.M.

Get your tickets here:

<https://www.pinotpalette.com/ridgewood/event/285696> or call 201.389.8676

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to all those who returned pledge packets so far - your generosity is inspiring! If you returned a pledge packet, or submitted a pledge online, and have not received a thank you/confirmation letter in the mail, please let Deanna know.

You may also submit a pledge online by visiting:

<https://www.christchurchridgewood.org/>

If you did not receive a pledge packet or have any questions, please contact Deanna Najork at 610-462-6041 or deanna.najork@gmail.com.

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SAVE THE DATE!

December 16- Celtic 'Quiet Christmas' Service

- Youth Group Christmas Party at 6:00 P.M.

December 24- Christmas Eve Family Eucharist & Pageant at 4:00 P.M.

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist with Musical Prelude at 10:00 P.M.

December 25- Christmas Day Eucharist & Carols at 10:00 A.M.

February 8-10- Youth Group Ski Trip

March 30, 2019- Progressive Dinner at 5:00 P.M.