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December 31st, 2023

**1ST SUNDAY  
AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

8am, Rite I

# Christmas Flower Dedications

In Loving Memory of  
Charles H & Elizabeth Baxter  
Mr and Mrs Michael Petroski Sr  
Mike Petroski Jr  
and Joseph Petroski Jr  
from  
Charles & Diane Baxter

With Thanksgiving for  
Franklin F Wheeler  
from  
Marc Cheban

In Loving Memory of  
Grier & Hammond  
family loved ones  
from  
Jo-Ann & George Grier

With Thanksgiving for  
our wonderful faith family  
from  
The Hartman Family

In Loving Memory of  
Margaret & Winthrop Reed  
and Tippy & Caleb Holyoke  
from  
Caleb W and Martha AR

With Thanksgiving  
for family & friends  
from  
Madeline & Greg Johnson

With Thanksgiving  
for family  
from  
Beryl King

With Thanksgiving  
from  
Jack and Marge O'Donnell

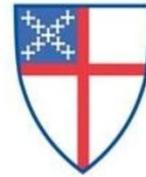
With Thanksgiving for  
Michael, David, & Michelle  
from  
Carol Palermo

In Loving Memory of  
Raymond & Helen Boddington Gast  
Wilmer E & M. Pauline Sharpe  
Garlin S Smith, Jr  
from  
Deacon Sheila & Richard Sharpe

With Thanksgiving for  
47 years of marriage to Stan  
and Stan's 68th birthday on Dec 31st  
from  
Helen Spence

In Loving Memory of  
Nick Witmer  
and With Thanksgiving for  
Meagan, Angie, Finley,  
& Spencer Prime  
and Chad Whitmer  
from  
Marilyn Prime & Roy Whitmer

# God loves you. No exceptions.



**The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.**

Welcome! It is wonderful have you with us. Everybody you see here was a newcomer at one time, and we've all had questions—possibly like some that you may have today.

The faith community of St. Thomas's Parish believes that everyone has been invited to follow the Way of Jesus, who commands us to love God and to love our neighbors. Therefore, we are committed to embrace and respect people of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; people who live with all mental and physical abilities, in all socio-economic conditions, in all household compositions, and with every citizenship status, including immigrant and refugee; people who hold diverse political and theological backgrounds, beliefs, and questions. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, as God's beloved, you are worthy and welcome here!

## Today's Service

We are worshipping both in-person and via live-stream on YouTube. Full-text bulletins are distributed at all services and posted on our parish website. At the in-person service, "busy bags" for children and a dedicated sensory-friendly "soft space" can be found at the back of the sanctuary. We follow directions from our diocese for in-person pandemic precautions; masking is currently optional.

We commit ourselves to ensuring that our place of worship is a safe place where all can feel comfortable and know that they are accepted and loved. In the Episcopal church, everybody doesn't always do things in the same way. But **when you're worshipping God, you can't get it wrong!** If you would like help, ask anyone in the pews around you or speak with Fr. Howie.

## Learn More about St. Thomas's

At the end of this booklet, as well as on our website, you will find information about our weekly worship services and about opportunities to learn and grow in the faith through our Christian education programs for all ages. There also you can explore opportunities to join us in service to the Newark community through the Episcopal Campus Ministry and "Blue Hen Bounty" food pantry, through our work in support of the Newark Empowerment Center, through refugee resettlement and other programs of community service.

Thank you for joining us today. Your presence is a blessing to us. Fill out a visitor card in your pew and leave it with a clergy person or an usher if you would like to be contacted. We hope to see you again soon!

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*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All** **Glory be to God on high,  
 and on earth peace, good will towards men.**

**We praise thee, we bless thee,  
 we worship thee,  
 we glorify thee,  
 we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
 O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sins of the world,  
 have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
 receive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
 have mercy upon us.**

**For thou only art holy;  
 thou only art the Lord;  
 thou only, O Christ,  
 with the Holy Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**          **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light o thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled I our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the sam Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, I the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

*seated*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,  
my whole being shall exult in my God;  
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,  
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise  
to spring up before all the nations.  
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.  
The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will give.  
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.  
**People**    **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Hallelujah!  
How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.
- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

**Epistle Lesson**

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

*seated at the preacher's invitation*

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the quick and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,  
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified;  
who spake by the Prophets.  
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kevin, our Bishop, Howell and Clay and Juan, our priests, and Sheila, our deacon, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph, our President, John, our Governor, and the Newark City Council, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Thomas, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

**All** **Almighty God,**  
**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**maker of all things, judge of all men:**  
**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins**  
**and wickedness,**  
**which we from time to time most grievously have committed,**  
**by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,**  
**provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**  
**We do earnestly repent,**  
**and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;**  
**the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,**  
**the burden of them is intolerable.**  
**Have mercy upon us,**  
**have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**  
**for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,**  
**forgive us all that is past;**  
**and grant that we may ever hereafter**  
**serve and please thee in newness of life,**  
**to the honor and glory of thy Name;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

*[The Celebrant inserts one of the Comfortable Words sentences.]*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**People** **And with thy spirit.**

## HOLY EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY

*Our offerings are an act of worship through which we respond with gratitude to God's grace, love, and mercy, putting our trust in the Lord into action. You may place your offering in the plate, or—you can give electronically through our website (QR code on the back of this booklet) and place an "online giving" card in the plate. With the bread and the wine, these donations are carried to the altar and offered to the Lord on our behalf.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

*standing*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.  
**People**          **And with thy spirit.**  
*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.  
**People**          **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
**People**          **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. [Proper Preface] Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues...*All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

*Celebrant*      And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
**grant us thy peace.**

**We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold Him who takes away the sins of the world;  
Happy are they who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

**O Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof,  
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.**

All are welcome to come forward up the center aisle to receive from the priest either the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free bread is available; you may request it from the priest when you come to the front of the line. Receiving the wine is optional. To take the wine, drink from it or intinct (carefully dip) the bread into the cup. Please use the side aisles to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

## THE COMMUNION

-silent prayer-

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## THE BLESSING

### **The Blessing**

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.

**Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel.

**Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

**People** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Please take this service booklet home with you**, and mark your calendar with upcoming events. These dates are also noted on our parish calendar, found in the emailed weekly newsletter "The Carpenter's Helper" as well as through on our website. If you choose to leave this service booklet, please know that it will be recycled as part of our commitment to care for creation.

### **Worship Opportunities:**

- Sundays at 8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, in-person and via YouTube
- Sundays at 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, in-person and via YouTube
- Wednesdays at noon - Intercessory Prayer with Holy Communion, in-person
- Thursdays at 7 pm - Compline Evening Prayer, live via Zoom

### **Growth and Fellowship:**

- Scheduled Sundays at 9:15 am- adult education in the great hall classroom
  - Check our parish calendar for a complete listing
- Sundays at 10:15 am - Children's Ministries in the Undercroft
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 9:15 am - Novel Theology in the parlor and via Zoom
- Last Sunday of the month - Family Church Sunday
- Last Sunday of the month - Coffee and Fellowship between services
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month- Hope Dining Room service
- Wednesdays at 10:30 am - Lectionary Bible Study

### **Upcoming Parish Events:**

- 1/6, Saturday at 6pm- Epiphany Compline and Potluck

If you have anything to add to the [Parish calendar](#) or the [Carpenter's Helper newsletter](#), please email the office at [StThomasOffice@googlegroups.com](mailto:StThomasOffice@googlegroups.com).

To see a full listing of parish worship, events, or news, visit our website:  
[www.StThomasNewarkDE.church](http://www.StThomasNewarkDE.church)

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, 1/1 **Welcome 2024**

- (U) Private Meeting, 6-7:30pm
- (G) Scottish Dancing, 7-9:30pm

### Tuesday, 1/2

- (G) Private Meeting, 4:30-6:30pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm
- (U) Private Meeting, 6-8:30pm
- (U) AA group, 8-9:30pm

### Wednesday, 1/3

- (C) Lectionary Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am
- Service of Intercessory Prayer, 12-1pm

### Thursday, 1/4

- (U) private meeting, 6-9pm
- (Z) **Compline Evening Prayer, 7-7:30pm**

### Friday, 1/5

- (C) Blue Hen Bounty, 9am-12pm
- (P) Al-Anon, 11:30am-1:30pm
- (P) Women's AA Group, 6:30-7:30pm

### Saturday, 1/6

- **Epiphany Compline and Potluck,**
  - (G, K) 6-8pm
  - **ALL are Welcome**

### Sunday, 1/7

- Holy Eucharist, Rite I spoken, 8-8:45am
- Sunday School, 10:15am
- Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music, 10:30-11:45am
- (G) Private Meeting, 3-6pm
- (G) Ballroom Dancing, 6-10pm

### Location key:

- (C) Classroom off the Great Hall
- (G) Great Hall
- (Gr) Grove
- (K) Kitchen
- (M) Music Room
- (P) Parlor
- (S) Sanctuary
- (U) Undercroft
- (Z) Zoom

### **December Birthdays**

James Law	December 2
Christine Wilbur	December 2
Hanna Grabowski	December 3
Christopher Donnelly	December 11
Edwin Smith	December 14
Keith Flemming	December 15
Robert Tartala	December 16
Eleanor Williams	December 16
Natalie Flemming	December 17
Lucas Quinones	December 17
Tracy Branigan	December 18
Eloise Barrow	December 20
Jennifer Rockhold	December 21
Scott Ennis	December 22
Lucas McGough	December 24
James Wilkins	December 24
Steve McGough	December 27
Amy Wilbur	December 29
Stan Spence	December 31

### **December Anniversaries**

Rob & Cami Seward	December 3
Bob & Vicki Gilley	December 28
Stan & Helen Spence	December 28

## Parish Prayer List

Adele T	Chuck & Paula R	John D	Mullens family
Archer family	Claire L	Jonny K	Nancy G
Austin M & Krissy V	Connie L	Judy B	Pam D
Barry G	Court W	Julie	Pat & Emmett J
Bernice R	D Green	June G	Paula B
Betty H	Dana	Karen R	Richardson family
Blackman family	Daphne D	Kathryn D	Rick R
Bob M	Darren M	Kay	Ricky G
Bob P	Denise B	Kelly K	Sabhi
Bob S	Dennis R	Krista B	Shannan D
Bob T	Devon MD	Lane family	Shannon
Brendan S	Elaine W	Larry	Sharon O
Brighton P	Eley family	Liz R	Sondra B
Carew family	Elmer T	Lorraine CS	Sophie A
Carol G	Erin & family	Mara, Mike, & Martha K	South family
Carol M	Flora R	Marge C	Stephen M
Carolyn V	Frank W	Margy H	Stover B
Cecily SH	Fred & Lori	Maria P	Sue L
Charles B	Freddie B	Marian S & family	Susan & family
Charlie H	Geoff C	Marianne A	Terri B
Charlie M & Ellen S	George H	Mary T	Thomas M
Chaun	Gina H	Mary Ellen H	Tom H
Chris C	Giorgio & family	Maryanne & Bob	Tom P
Chris E	Harrison family	Matt S	Vicki G
Chris G	Janice F	Michael C	Walelgne
Christine & Erich	Jean & Richard P	Mike G	
Christine A & Francis	Jeanne M	Morgen and family	
Christine D	Jim T		

We pray for all who serve our country abroad, in the military,  
in embassies, and in non-governmental organizations, especially...

Adam	Christie J	Kate	Stacy
Annie R	Duncan P	Kathy	Stuart
Ben	Grace H	Kevin	Tina
Bob	James	Luke	Tyler
Bradley	Jeremy	Marvin	Victoria
Brett	Joe	Matthew	
Brian	Josh	Nate	
Charlie K	Kagen	Nicholas	

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Please include a last name initial, and let us know if your loved one would like to be  
contacted by our pastoral care ministry or have a visit from a priest.*



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