

SERVING TODAY

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:00 a.m. Catherine Rosen
 10:00 a.m. Anne Stevens, Peter Novello

Prayer Ministers: Michael Marcinelli

Acolytes:

8:00 a.m. Catherine Rosen
 10:00 a.m. Daniel Scherwatzky, Peter Novello
 Charlotte Hannum, Bailey O'Neal

Lectors:

8:00 a.m. Jan Burkholder
 10:00 a.m. Jeanne Bourland, Robert Stevens

Prayers of the People:

8:00 a.m. Jan Burkholder
 10:00 a.m. Jeanne Bourland

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. Janice Parent
 10:00 a.m. Mary Cuticchia, Clarkson Williams,
 Scott Richardson, Norman Scarpulla



THE SUNDAY PROPHET

The Parish of Christ Church
 Andover, Massachusetts

December 6, 2009

It is the Vision of Christ Church to be an open, welcoming Episcopal congregation living the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek to nurture our spiritual growth through worship and prayer, learning and teaching, support and service. We aspire to put God's love into action within our own lives, in our congregation and in our world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome visitors and newcomers! Please visit our Welcome table in the Narthex Lobby and join us in the Parish Hall following the service for refreshments and fellowship. And if you fill out a red card in the pew, we will be in touch to welcome you in a more personal way.

Thank you for participating in the annual pledge drive, *The Grace of Giving* - So far, we have received 175 pledges totaling \$413,555 toward our goal of \$546,000. That's 76% of the goal so far. We appreciate your pledge! If you have not already done so, please send in your pledge. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the Narthex and Bell Tower - they're bright yellow, you can't miss them! Everything we do at Christ Church depends upon the generosity of each one of us!

Advent Goodies and Greens - Christ Church parishioners have ALWAYS enjoyed homemade treats from our annual Christmas fair. (Let's face it; we LOVE to eat delicious things!) SO, even though we are not having a fair this year, do not despair. We will have an "Advent Goodies and Greens" sale in the Parish Hall after the services on Sun., Dec. 13. It will also be the perfect time to pick up holiday plants such as poinsettia and cyclamen for giving or decorating your home, especially if you missed the pre-orders. Come and enjoy what your fellow parishioners have for you!

Calling all Christ Church bakers! We know that there will be too many disappointed parishioners if they cannot buy your homemade jams, candy, breads or cakes, so...Fire up your ovens and get to work, because on Sunday, December 13, we will have an "Advent Goodies and Greens" sale after both services. You may drop off your packaged donation any time between 9-11 a.m. Saturday morning, Dec. 12, so we can price them and set up the table to be ready to go after the 8 a.m. service the next day. Please contact Nancy Haak at haakn@aol.com or 978-475-7407, or Louise Valleau at lvalleau@verizon.net or 978-470-8065 if you have questions.

Gifts for Needy Children - Please remember to return your wrapped gift

OUR STAFF

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for needy children by December 13. Wrapped gifts may be dropped off at the Glebe House during the week from Tuesday, December 8th until Friday, December 11th, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. A few additional names are available in the stockings this morning if you did not already get one.

The hymnal supplement, "Wonder, Love and Praise", will soon be found in our pews!! If you would like to order a copy "in loving memory of" or "in thanksgiving for" a loved one, order forms are available during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. The hymnals are \$15 each.

Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsal! — Rehearsals resume today. Speakers should have their lines memorized. Animals will practice their entrance. Next week the angels will practice their dance with speakers. Please contact Karen Vigurs-Stack at 978-409-2024 or kvigurstack@comcast.net if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

J2A Babysitting - The J2A youth group is having a "babysitting for the holidays" fundraiser on December 12th & 19th and there is still space available to sign your children up. If you need one hour or five we can help. There will be information and registration forms available in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. service. Don't let your kids miss out on this fun, activity-filled day! For more information, contact Emily Ishihara at ehishihara@gmail.com or Kathleen Bates at kathleenb@isotope.com (cell 508-243-1624).

Book Discussion Group - At 11:30 today and for the next two Sundays, the discussion group will continue on Henri Nouwen's book, *The Life of the Beloved*. Please bring your coffee and feel free to join us in the Parlor.

St. Nicholas Gala — Thank you to all who attended, donated auction items, bought auction items, sang and entertained us, and to all who worked so hard to make our annual St. Nicholas Gala event such a success last night! Special thanks to our Junior Warden, Alison Novello, and all the members of the vestry for their effort in organizing this year's event.

Children's Chapel in the "Adult Church" - Next Sunday, December 13th, we'll continue to offer our second Sunday of the month Children's Chapel, held in lieu of regular church school. But this month, it will be held in the "adult church" during the 10 a.m. service, as opposed to being in the North Chapel, in order to better familiarize the whole parish with this very successful program. The hope behind this service is to better form our children in the faith and liturgy of the Episcopal Church.

Children participate in this service as greeters, junior acolytes, and readers. We already have enough children who are signed up for December, but if your child is interested in serving in one of these roles in a future service in the North Chapel, please contact Carol Carmichael at carolcarmichael@verizon.net.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 6, 2009 *2nd Sunday in Advent*

Rite 13 Youth Group at Common Cathedral in Boston

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM Coffee with the Rector
- 9:45AM Church School/Childcare
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:15 AM Pageant Rehearsal
- 11:30 AM Youth Groups
- 11:30 AM Book Discussion Group/Parlor

Monday, December 7, 2009 - Glebe House Office Closed

- 9:00 AM Christ Church Children's Center/Kitchen
- 7:20 PM Andover Choral Society/Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

- 7:00 AM Bible Study/Meeting Room
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting/Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Bible Study/Parlor
- 3:30 PM Angel Choir
- 4:30 PM St. Cecilia Choristers

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

- 7:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Healing/North Chapel
- 10:00 AM Shawl Knitting Ministry/Parlor
- 10:30 AM AA/Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM Al Anon/Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM Christ Church Children's Center/Meeting Room

Thursday, December 10, 2009

- 6:15 PM Bell Choir
- 7:30 PM Parish Choir

Friday, December 11, 2009

Saturday, December 12, 2009

- 10 AM - 2 PM Thrift Shop Open, 10 Park Street, Andover
- 12 - 5 PM J2A Babysitting *Pre-registration required*

Sunday, December 13, 2009 *3rd Sunday in Advent*

Goodies & Greens Fair after both services

- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 AM Coffee with the Rector
- 9:45AM Childcare
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist & Children's Chapel in church
- 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
- 11:15 AM Pageant Rehearsal
- 11:30 AM Youth Groups
- 11:30 AM Book Discussion Group/Parlor