St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Parish Chimes

An Ancient Faith for a Modern World

December 2019



From the Rector

Dear Friends,

I love the season of Advent, don't you? It has that New Year sort of feeling, fresh start and all of that. We have the beautiful somber blues for our Advent church altar hangings and vestments. We have the Advent candles and we begin the slow count-down until Christmas. It really is a great way to begin another Christian year. Unlike our society's new year which is a one night's party and then back to life as usual; we get to ease into our new year slowly. As the season progresses we have the time to consider our lives, what we want out of the rest of our life, who we think we are, and where we want to go, spiritually, this year. We even have the time to consider this past year. How did we do? Was there an event that really changed my life and how will that affect my life this coming year?

As many of you know, the term 'Advent' means coming and it actually refers to the second coming of Jesus not Christmas at all. This is why we have the somber colors because if we think Jesus is about to arrive, then our immediate thought is, "Am I ready?" Am I ready to actually see Jesus alive and in the flesh? What will he say to me? How will he react to how I have spent my life so far? These are the questions that come to mind when we consider seeing Jesus for the first time. And these are sobering questions. They are actually the same type of questions that we ought to ask ourselves as we ease into a new year. I encourage you to do just that. This Advent season, enjoy it and savor it like a great cup of hot coffee on a cold

morning. Spend time considering the important questions of life. Write down your thoughts and save them for review in six months or next year at this time.

The month of December is a busy one for most folks. At church we are looking forward to Bishop Howe visiting us on December 15th for the 10:30 service. In that service we are planning to receive around 30 people into the church and one baptism. It will be a great time of celebration! I am afraid we will lose our sober Advent atmosphere that weekend which is appropriate because that is Rose Sunday! (Rose Sunday is the day we begin to turn from looking for Christ's return to remembering his first coming, hence the rose color of joy.) Then on December 24 we have our two Christmas Eve services, each one preceded by 30 minutes of Christmas carols! On Christmas Day we have our Rite One Christmas service. It will be glorious! All through the month we will continue our regular Bible studies, youth group meetings, Sunday School classes, Adult Formation, the Belles still meet and the men's group has their meetings. The Thrift Shop is still open and the backpack and food pantry are still going to hand out food to the needy.

It will be a busy time here at church and no doubt busy for you as well. Still, find some time to be quiet and enjoy this season of Advent!

Warmly in Christ,

Fr. Lance

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The Deacon's Bench

Deacon Ludwig Wallner ST. THOMAS



Most of us know about Thomas and the encounter he had with Jesus after Jesus rises from the dead. Thomas does not believe that Jesus has risen and states so in telling the disciple's that unless he places his fingers in the place of the nails and his hand in Jesus' side he will not believe. Most of us know the rest of the story about Jesus appearing to Thomas and the rest of the disciples and telling Thomas to place his fingers in the mark of the nails. From this encounter Thomas has earned the title "Doubting Thomas", but what else do we know about Thomas?

Thomas is also known as Didymas which means twin. But we do not know anything about his twin brother or sister. He was a native of Galilee and probably a fisherman by trade. Thomas is referred to in detail in the Gospel of John, and that he is one of the twelve apostles is recorded in Matt 10:3, Mark 3:18, Luke 6:15 and finally Acts 1:13.

According to all accounts Thomas was an interesting man. He had great courage, he was the disciple who when Jesus was going to go to Jerusalem said, "Let us go with him that we may die with him." Yet he was a man so practical he could not believe anyone even Jesus could come back from the dead. After his encounter with the risen Jesus, he is said to possess a perpetual faith with a sincere and deep love for Jesus.

Thomas is said to have established the first Christian church in ancient Babylon and then he travelled to India. Thomas traversed the subcontinent of India preaching the good news and baptizing hundreds of new believers. He established churches for the new believers and ordained clergy to minister to the people. According to tradition, Thomas is credited with the conversion of six kings and three emperors of India.

Tradition says Thomas died a martyr's death, and there are two widely held versions of his death. One version is that he was praying on a mountain and was slain by a lance. The mountain is now called Mt. Thomas in Mylopur a suburb of Madras. The second version is that he was preaching the Good News and at the instigation of the Brahmins he was stoned by some of the people in the crowd. As he was stoned he fell down and as he laid there a Brahmin struck him with a lance

Some scholars believe that some of St. Thomas bones were transported to Edessa. During the crusades the bones were carried away to the island of Chios. From there Manfred, Prince of Taranto placed them on a ship bound for Ortona in Italy where they were placed in the cathedral.

Other scholars believe that the bones of St. Thomas are in Goa and Mylopur, India. And there is also another tradition that some of St. Thomas bones are in the Church of Santa Croce in Gerusalemmne in Rome, Italy.

In the church of Mylopur there is a stone cross which is said the mark St. Thomas' burial site where his body was buried until it was taken to Edessa in the fourth century.

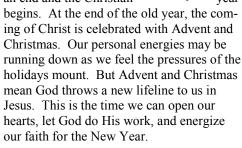
However wild many of the stories are told about St. Thomas the names of India's two most powerful and ancient rulers, Gundaphor and Gad, mentioned in some of the Thomas traditions have recently been shown to have existed and may have indeed encountered St. Thomas.

It is evident that St. Thomas was a disciple who was both courageous and still struggled with doubt and yet became a vigorous missionary. Based upon much research his missionary work to Babylon, Persia and India must be accepted as probable. One of the things that comes to us through history, is that Thomas was a fearless evangelist and a great builder of churches.

Sr. Warden's Remarks

Craig Gates, Sr. Warden

December is the month when the secular year comes an end and the Christian



May you continue to be blessed with God's presence in your life during Advent and Christmas and may we all continue to let God do His work in and through us. I pray you will have a safe and faith-filled holiday season.

Ministry News

Altar Guild

Glee Gates, Coordinator



As we approach the holidays, the sales have started, the Christmas trees are up, we're trying to write meaningful messages in all our Christmas cards and people are standing in lines to be first to reach that highly sought-after toy of the year. The stress begins to mount and you begin to wish it was over. Does any of this sound familiar? I'm sure all of us have experienced this in some degree or another at some point in our lives. But God put us here for a greater purpose than satisfying these worldly needs.

As we near the holidays, remember our purpose, remember God's love for us in giving us His son, remember the teachings of Jesus and the power of prayer and love for one another. I urge you to give freely of yourself, volunteer your time and talents during one our many holiday activities and services, carry out unselfish acts, and openly express love for one another. Only then will we discover God's true purpose for us.

As we enter Advent, the Altar Guild will adorn the altar with the Advent Wreath, the Altar colors will be changed to indigo symbolic of penitence and expectation and other indications will appear around the church representing the coming of our Lord and Savior.

May the grace of God and His son Jesus wrap you in love during this holy season and in the year ahead.

Pastoral Care Ministry

Janet Crisfield Facilitator



The Pastoral Care Team wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. 2020 already!

The Pastoral Care Ministry is dedicated to bringing the presence of Christ to parishioners that are unable to come to regular services either on a temporary or on-going basis. Many of our members are licensed Lay Eucharistic visitors and bring communion. Some of our members also belong to the Order of Saint Luke and pray and anoint for healing. However, it is not necessary to be or do either. Our goal is to bring the presence of Christ and the caring of our congregation to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Many of the visits can consist of a short friendly visit bringing bulletins, newsletters, cards and small gifts, prayer and or reading Bible passages if the parishioner is unable to do so

Training and screening is required of anyone wishing to join this rewarding and important ministry. If you are interested in learning more please call Janet Crisfield at 352-796-9389 or Father Lance at the church 352-683-2010.

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday January 22, 2020** at noon in Krysher Hall.

Reminder: we cannot visit you or your loved one if we do not know you need a visit. The laws and guidelines are very strict and facilities cannot let us know if you are there or not. You or a family member or friend must call the office and let us know. The office staff is very conscientious about letting Father Lance and me know.

If you need or know of a fellow parishioner that could benefit from this ministry please call the church at 352-683-2010.



Sunday School

Miss Susan, Miss Colleen & Miss Jeanie



With the Pharisees and the tax collector, we discovered that when you brag about yourself, you may be humbled and when you humbled yourself, you may be exalted.

We learned that Zacchaeus was not good man but he certainly wanted to see Jesus so he climbed a tree to do so. Jesus called him by name to say that he was going to Zacchaeus' house for dinner. Zacchaeus quickly atoned for his sins to save himself when he met with Jesus.

We covered the term "Resurrection" and discussed life after death. We talked about the concept of work, i.e. what it means, who participates, and why it is important. We realized that even when you get tired, you must have accomplished something and that idleness is not acceptable.

The Belles of St. Andrew's

Connie Mehr

The Belles spent two Sundays after coffee hour decorating ornaments for our Christmas tree at the Nature Coast Botanical Gardens. We are decorating the tree on December 7. We hope that you will take time to visit the Botanical Gardens during the holidays to see our tree!



Gifts for the Angel Tree children must be returned by December 8. The wrapping party will be on December 16 at 9:30 am in Krysher Hall. **Everyone** is invited to help us wrap all the gifts to be taken to the school

that week. If you come to help, please bring scissors and tape. We **do not** need wrapping paper or gift bags.

The card game day has been rescheduled for January 18 at 2:00 pm in Krysher Hall. During the card playing, there will be various foods to taste (and perhaps some beverages).

For more information on these or other Belles events, please contact Connie Mehr (352) 593-4789.

Congregational Administrators



Hello and Happy Holidays!

Once again, we are calling on our volunteers to help with the Christmas services. Please contact Lisa in the office or one of your congregational administrators (Glee Gates 4:00pm, Sharon Dunham 8:00am, Mike Ludwell 10:30am). We need LEMS, readers, computer operators, greeters/ushers and security. Extra readers are always needed also for the lessons and carols services on the weekend after Christmas. As always, thank you for your help and service to St. Andrew's.

Glee Gates

Green Thumbs Wanted!!!

Memorial Gardens needs a gardener! Chris Robertson and her husband moved to Arizona last year and when she left we lost the ones who had adopted the Memorial Gardens and maintained it. She and her husband would lovingly weed the flower beds and trim the hedges and keep the plants in order. The gardens once more need someone to care for them. It takes some hours every week or every other week. The gardens need someone who is willing to weed and prune. The church will happily buy any flowers or fertilizer that is needed. Please see Fr. Lance if you are interested. Thanks!

VESTRY QUESTIONNAIRE: JANIE FRITZ

Why do you want to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

My church is my home away from home! I feel I can help keep St. Andrew's moving in the right direction and help other members realize it as their home as well. I would like to be a part of the decision-making for our church.

What are your qualifications for this position?

My devotion to St. Andrew's has intensified as the years have passed. My experience on the vestry in the past helps me understand what is involved in the workings of the vestry.

Tell us a little about yourself and your faith:

I am a cradle Episcopalian and have never strayed from my faith. My husband, Tom, and my three children share in this faith.

What do you love about our church?

I love the service and every aspect of it. I have enjoyed thoroughly the classes and conferences I have taken and the wonderful friendships made here. I am proud to be a member of St. Andrew's.

Are you able to be present for Vestry meetings on the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.? (this is our current schedule)

Yes

Are you able to be present for the Vestry Orientation Retreat the first weekend in February Friday evening and Saturday 9-3?

Yes

<u>VESTRY QUESTIONNAIRE:</u> SHERRI HAUN

Why do you want to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

I would like to build a stronger bridge between Vestry and the Thrift Store.

What are your qualifications for this position?

I'm good with people. I try to have an open mind. I have good organizational skills.

Tell us a little about yourself and your faith:

I grew up a Methodist as did my husband. After several years of marriage, we found the Episcopal Church. This was a very good fit because we grew in our faith. My journey in faith has continued to grow here at St. Andrew's.

What do you love about our church?

I like most off, the people. I feel comfortable with the clergy, which hasn't always been the case. I'm proud of and amazed at all our outreach programs.

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VESTRY QUESTIONNAIRE: MIKE LUDWELL

Why do you want to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

I believe I can offer hard work, dedication, and perhaps some creative suggestions to make our church even finer than the one we are proud of today.

What are your qualifications for this position?

I have served in numerous ministries at St. Andrew's. These include: the food pantry, greeting and ushering, school backpacks, congregational administrator of the 10:30 am service, counter for Sunday collections, and Heartline. I have also served as a grant writer, lay minister, and vestry member in previous Episcopal churches.

Tell us a little about yourself and your faith:

I was raised Roman Catholic and went to Catholic schools through college. I am very grateful and fortunate for the foundation I received. At the same time, there was always something that seemed lacking. So, in 1982 I investigated and joined the Episcopal Church. I have never looked back and only forward. I feel very fortunate

As for my faith, it seems as though no matter how much you have, you always want more. I will only say that in good times and the dark, Jesus is my rock.

What do you love about our church?

In the few years Kathy and I have been attending St. Andrew's we have learned that it is much more than a church. It has become our family. Every one of us goes through life with our own trials and joys. The St. Andrew's family has always been there. What a Wonderful feeling!

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VESTRY QUESTIONNAIRE: BOB MEISSNER

Why do you want to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

I want to serve on the vestry because of my prior experience in various churches. The church besides being a spiritual entity is a business and I am familiar with the business of the church.

What are your qualifications for this position?

Since becoming an Episcopalian some 55 years ago, I have been active as a LEM, Sunday School teacher, chalice bearer, a member of the Order of Saint Luke, and Pastoral Care Visitor, bringing Holy Communion Holy Oil, and prayers to people. I am a member of the Men's Group and attend Bible Study regularly.

Tell us a little about yourself and your faith:

I am married to my wife Caroline for 55 years and have 3 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren on the way, all of whom live close by. I retired from the New York City Police Department as a Sergeant. I attended seminary for a short time and had to leave unfortunately because of my NYPD scheduling.

What do you love about our church?

The church is people, and I feel that we have a warm and welcoming congregation. I love Fr. Lance because he is a people person and certainly knows his Bible.

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VESTRY QUESTIONNAIRE: MAUREEN FOLLANSBEE

Why do you want to serve as a Vestry member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church?

I have been serving as a Vestry member and would like to continue to do so. This participation in the operation of St. Andrew Church gives me a feeling of a more complete belonging to our church community. I appreciate being able to be active in the church in this capacity, and not only be an attendee.

What are your qualifications for this position?

As mentioned I have been serving on the Vestry and am aware of the existing issues we are facing and our plans for the future. I attend services regularly. The qualifications doubtfully require it, but I am a college graduate.

Tell us a little about yourself and your faith:

I have a strong belief in the path of Christianity and I try to be a faithful follower of Christ's teachings. On the many occasions that I fall short, I ask God to give me the grace to improve.

The many blessings that I have had are a constant reminder of the thanks I owe to God for my life. Volunteer work takes a high priority for me and has since my days in high school. Giving back and reaching out are endeavors I have always built into my life.

What do you love about our church?

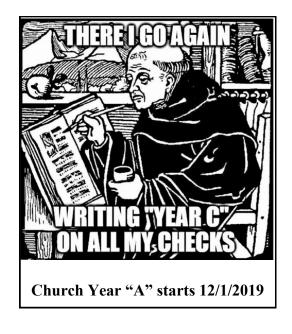
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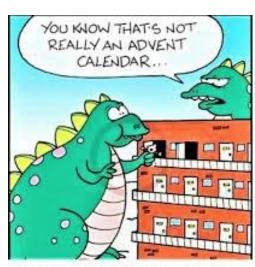
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Don't get greedy--only one door each day!

The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



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ACROSS

- 1. An infant or very young child
- The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
- A person who takes care of sheep
- 7. The city where Jesus was born

DOWN

- Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
- 3. The savior of the world
- 4. The earthly father of Jesus
- 5. The mother of Jesus

JOSEPH	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BABY
MARY	SHEPHERD	JESUS	MANGER



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EVENT KEY

AF = Adult Formation

 $\mathbf{BP} = \text{Back Packs}$

DOK = Daughters of the King

FOL = Friends of the Library
GS = Grief Share

HE = Holy Eucharist **JrI** = Junior Inquirers

OSL = Order of St. Luke **SS** = Sunday School

YI = Youth Inquirers $\mathbf{YM} =$ Youth Ministry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 am HE II 9:15 am AF (SC) 10:30 am HE II	2	3	4 9:15 am Preschool Reading 10 am HE II & Healing Prayers 4 pm Bible Study (SC) 6 pm Youth Group (KH)	5 9 am Backpacks 6 pm Choir	6 Office Closed 6 pm Thrift Shop Christmas Party (KH)	7 9 am Belles' ornament hanging (Botanical Gardens) 10 am DOK (KH) 1 pm Christmas Choir 4 pm HE I 5 pm AF (SC)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER EVENTS

Saturday, December 7 9:00 am Belles' Ornament Hanging

at Botanical Gardens.

Tuesday, December 10 1:00 pm Belles' Discussion Group

Friday, December 13 9:00 am Men's Group Breakfast

Saturday, December 14 1:00 pm Vestry Meeting

2:30 pm Belles' Theatre Trip

Sunday, December 15 10:30 am Assistant Bishop Howe visits

Monday, December 16 9:30 am Wrapping Party for

Angel Tree Gifts

Thursday, December 19 6:15 pm MANDATORY Christmas

Choir rehearsal

Saturday, December 21 11:30 am Choir Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 24 5:30 pm Carolling

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Rite II

9:30 pm Carolling

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Rite II

Wednesday, December 25 10:00 am Christmas Day Rite I

Saturday, December 28 4:00 pm Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 29 8:00 & 10:30 pm Lessons & Carols

JANUARY EVENTS

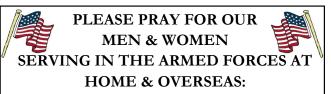
Sunday, January 5 12:00 pm Epiphany Potluck Luncheon

Saturday, January 18 2:00 pm Belles' Card Playing and

Tasting Party

Wednesday, January 22 12:00 pm Pastoral Care Mtg

Sunday, January 26 12:00 pm Annual Parish Meeting



Keith Barroncini, Julian Barry, Joseph Beatty, Martin
Clausen, Neil Crawn, Krista Crosetto, Jason Daniels,
Olivia Clair, Warren Fedoryk, Daniel Fitch,
Shawn Fitch, Howard Gidden, Sean Gilbert,
Donald Harris, Dwayne Hamblin, Roger Handy,
Doug Henderson, Joseph Kee, Amy Kelly, Artie Kelly,
Kristina Langley, Skip LaPointe, Rhett Roy,
Tracy Thomas, Courtney Foster McCorvey,
Peter Turner, & Mary Turner.

December Lectionary

December 1

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44

Psalm 122

December 8

Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-13 Matthew 3:1-12 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

December 15

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Canticle 15

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-25 Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

December 24

Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-20 Psalm 96

December 25

Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-12 John 1:1-14 Psalm 98

December 29

First Sunday after Christmas:

Lessons & Carols Genesis 3:1-15 Genesis 22:1-8 Luke 2:1-7 Luke 2:8-20 Matthew 2:1-2

John: 1:1-18

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Follansbee, Treasurer As of October 31, 2019

	This Month	Year to Date	2018 Budget	
Revenues				
Core Church	25,635.75	287,515.26	375,098.66	
Thrift Shop	3,723.02	37,025.83	55,400.00	
Total Revenues	29,358.74	324,541.09	430,498.66	
Expenses				
Core Church	33,469.38	333,697.50	404,886.36	
Thrift Shop	1,374.32	14,143.35	16,943.37	
Total Expenses	34,843.70	347,840.85	421,829.73	
Net Gain/Loss				
Core Church	(7,833.66)	(46,182.24)	(29,787.70)	
Thrift Shop	2,348.70	22,882.48	38,456.63	
Total	(5,484.96)	(23,299.76)	8,668.93	
Investments		Bank Accounts		
SSGA	107,982.53	Sun Trust		
Alliance Bernstein	36,389.65	Unrestricted	(26,171.77)	
			200,741.00	
		Discretionary	685.45	
Total	144,372.18	Total	175,254.68	

November Attendance					
Week Ending Sat./Sunday	* Other Services	Sat. 4 pm	Sunday 8 am	Sunday 10:30 am	Total
November 2/3	*81	58	50	105	294
November 9/10	*1	58	49	124	232
November 16/17		45	37	107	189
November 23/24		46	46	115	207
November 28	*40				
AVERAGE	122	207	182	451	962

Food Pantry Shopping List

This is our staples list, other items appreciated.



Mac 'n cheese Spaghetti Cereal Pancake Mix Pancake Syrup

Cans or jars:
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Pasta Sauce
Chicken Noodle soup
Tomato soup
Tuna
Corn
Green beans
Pork 'n beans
Canned peaches

Hot dogs

Thanks so much for helping our community families.

If you wish to make a monetary contribution, we will shop for you. We do most of our shopping at Save A Lot.

We are also collecting
canned hams for
Christmas
distribution again this year!

November 2019

Transfers in: 1 Transfers out: 0

Deaths: James Mullen 11/7/19

Funerals: Scott Baddeley 11/2/19
Peggy King 11/4/19
Richard Bardsley 11/6/19
James Mullen 11/21/19

Baptisms: 0 Weddings: 0

Anointings: 49



Bulletin Board

Meetings, Event News, etc.

If you would like more information about our ministries please pick up a copy of the Serving Opportunities

WEEKEND BLESSINGS (aka BACKPACK PROGRAM)

By Deacon Ludwig

Ten years ago, Saint Andrew's became involved in a pilot weekend program now called Weekend Blessings, for disadvantaged children at Spring Hill Elementary School. The program was sponsored by People Helping People and it consisted of filling backpacks with enough food for children to have something to eat over the weekend.

It progressed forward and with the help of several dedicated St. Andrew's parishioners, we began filling backpacks on Thursday mornings. The backpacks were then delivered to the school to be given to the identified children to take the food home for the weekend. The food was provided by People Helping People though gift cards to purchase food at Walmart and Winn Dixie. The foods purchased are based on a three-week rotating menu that is provided by People Helping People.

At present People Helping People has moved into a new location and they are able to supply the foods from that location which has removed the need to order and purchase foods from Winn Dixie. Our Youth Group supports this program with their very generous donation each year from the monies collected on "Souper Bowl Sunday". These funds are used to purchase additional foods and treats to supplement the prescribed menu.

As Carolyn and I prepare to continue our life's journey in a different part of the country, we are asking for someone to step forward and assume the leadership role necessary to continue this most rewarding ministry – that of feeding hungry children.

Each week we are assisted by many of the same dedicated parishioners who began the program with us 10 years ago.

The program started by feeding approximately 20+ children each week. This number has grown to approximately 100 children per week this year.

If you might be interested in assuming a leadership role in this rewarding ministry, please contact the office or call or e-mail us for further information, or better yet, stop in the parish hall any Thursday morning at 9:00 am to see the program in action and speak with the people involved in this very important ministry.



- 2 Shirley Coomes
- 2 Diane Wallace
- 4 Diane Casey
- 4 Danny Fernandez
- 6 Dave Hamilton
- 6 David Lightburn
- 6 Karen Walrath
- 7 John Follansbee
- 8 Bridie Klein
- 10 Aiden Lewis
- 11 Mark Lillpopp
- 13 Joyce Bartholomew
- 16 Gregory McDougal

- 18 Carol Drummond
- 18 Fr. Lance Wallace
- 19 Doris LaCombe
- 19 Zachery Meissner
- 20 John Sprecacenere
- 23 Margie Burton
- 23 Shirley Phillips
- 25 Elaine Sedlak
- 27 Mary Ann Arnold
- 27 Tommy Collins
- 28 Dave Newman
- 28 Carolyn Small



Honor a loved one or give thanks by purchasing a Christmas

Pointsettia. Envelopes with poinsettias on them can be found in each pew pocket. The cost is \$15 and the deadline for orders will be

December 22nd.



- 1 Rosamund & Maurice Stewart
- 9 Mervis & Fred Lewis
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- 19 Dcn. Ludwig & Carolyn Wallner
- 24 Donna & Charles DeCosa
- 24 Loa & Pete Jackson
- 27 Liz & Dave Hamilton
- 29 Barbara & Calvin Ingram

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Sunday Services

8 am Service (no music)
9:15 am Adult Formation Class
9:45 Jr. Inquirers
10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Service (music)

Saturday Services

4 pm Service (no music) 5 pm Adult Formation Class

Wednesday Services

I0 am Service
with prayers for healing
II am to I pm Food Pantry open
I:30 and 6 pm Adult Bible Study
6 pm Youth Ministry

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 am -2 pm (Closed Friday)

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