



Weekly Update - December 13, 2017

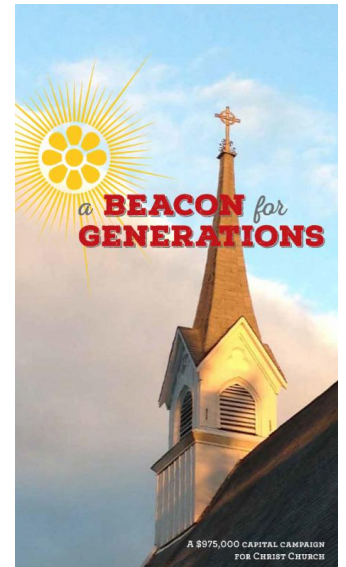
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The glorious Christmas hymn "Joy To The World" has the line "let every heart prepare him room". What a beautiful sentiment but have we ever taken time to ponder just what that means?

I believe it means to put aside my own heart's desire, the things that drive me, and listen to what Jesus is calling us to. In this Advent season, when so many competing messages scream for our attention, I invite you to slow down, pray and listen. Listen to the message that God is sending each of us by giving his only Son to be among us.

The example that Jesus gives is the opposite of so many other examples we see in the world. Jesus' example is unfailing love for the Creator and selfless care for others. I pray that this Advent we each will intentionally prepare room in our hearts for Jesus and live into the example he set for us.

Blessed Advent, Fr. Jim



[A Beacon for Generations](#)

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Our Vision:

We are a growing, welcoming and diverse community of believers striving to walk with Christ as we serve God by serving others.

[Read Sunday December 17th's Lessons](#)

Upcoming Events

12/17 10:00 AM
Coffee Hour
2nd Annual Cookie Swap

12/17 12:05 PM
Church Greening

12/21 7:00 PM
The Longest Night

2nd Annual Christ Church

Cookie Swap!

**Sunday December 17, 2017
10:00 AM Coffee Hour**

Please prepare 5 dozen of your favorite holiday cookies (bars and brownies are good too!) Swap your cookies with other cookie bakers! The sign up sheet is posted in the rear of the church or contact Sabrina Jennings at sdjennings@gmail.com or (845) 987-6702



Let's Bake and participate in this fun event!

**Church Christmas Greening
Sunday December 17
12:05 PM**

**12/24 Christmas Eve
10:00 AM
5:00 PM (Family) and
9:00 PM (Traditional)**

**12/25 Christmas Day
10:00 AM**

Prayer Requests

Parishioners:

Judy, Al, Ann, Dorothy, Bruce, Brendan, Carol and Brian, Ken Jr., Kim, Ashlee, Connor, Pat, David, Heather, Blanche, Gail, Carol, Rich, Joseph

Friends and Family:

Julia, Scott, David, Sarah, Deirdre, Kevin, AJ, Tom, Mary Fran, Jerry, Jeff, Alan, Antonio, Deborah, Annette, Janell, Michael, Ike, James, Holmes Family, Ramona, Joe, Anna, Chris, Penny, Veronica, Juan, Alex, Michelle, Jeannie, Ginger, Joanne, Lindsay, Diane, Billy, Sydney, Mel, Anthony, Michael, Thomas Greulich, Virginia and the Toscano Family.

December 17, 2017

Ministers

Preacher: Father Jim Erwin at 9:00 and 11:00 AM.
11:00 AM Mother Deborah Lee Celebrating.

Lector:

9:00 - Ed Wiley
11:00 - Ernie Vander Kruik

Chalicer:

9:00 - William Agosto
11:00 - Fred Widman

Acolytes:

9:00 - Dawson and Corbett
11:00 - TBD

Ushers:

9:00 - George Opper and Debbie Sattler
11:00 - Sally and Thom Woglom

Healing Hands Ministers:

9:00 - Laura Kling
11:00 - Martha Frame

Altar Guild:

Kathy McCutcheon's Team:
Abbie Opper, Linda Garcia

and Sally Woglom

Coffee Hour Hosts:
The Hargis Family

December 24, 2017

Ministers

Preacher:

Father Jim Erwin at 10:00 AM,
5:00 PM and 9:00 PM. Mother
Deborah Lee Celebrates at
5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

Lector:

10:00 - Kathy Garvey
5:00 - Linda Garcia
9:00 - Ernie Vander Kruijck

Chalicer:

10:00 - Colleen Biavati
5:00 - Alice Meade
9:00 - TBD

Acolytes:

10:00 - Emily and Ellie
5:00 - Alexavier, Cameron,
Matthew and Cricket
9:00 - Dawson, Corbett and
Aiden

Ushers:

10:00 - Vanessa Mann and
Cathy Gubar
5:00 - Susan Watson and
Ashley Chambers
9:00 - Les Ferguson

Healing Hands Ministers:

10:00 - Julie Mumford
5:00 - Diane Nicholson
9:00 - Father Jim

Altar Guild: All Teams

Read Sunday
December 24th's
Lessons

*"What I believe is
so magnificent, so
glorious, that it is
beyond finite
comprehension.
To believe that the
universe was
created by a
purposeful, benign
Creator is one
thing. To believe
that this creator
took on human*



**Come help decorate our church for
Christmas on Sunday December 17
after the 11 AM service. Lots of help
makes it fun and fast.
Sunday December 17, 2017
12:05 PM**

Get into the spirit of the season and participate in this
festive, fun holiday event!

**"Living with Expectant Hope"
One-Day Advent Retreat
at
Holy Cross Monastery**

Advent is a season of hope and preparation; we
prepare our hearts, families, and homes to celebrate
the coming of the Christ Child, our true hope. It's also
a season of waiting; we wait with hope and keep
watch, just like the disciples, for Christ's return. This

retreat is an invitation to take some time out for reflection as we prepare and wait; a time to make space for ourselves, to be renewed, to step outside of our usual daily routine and draw closer to God during this Advent season. This retreat will be led by Mother Deborah.

DATE: Tuesday December 19th

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

COST: Free-will offering

WHERE: Holy Cross Monastery

1615 US-9W

West Park, NY 12493

(845) 384-6660

We will begin our time together with Eucharist in the Monastery Chapel at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be provided.

Please email Charlotte Trott at chtrott@aol.com to register. The Deadline for registration is December 15th.

The Longest Night

A Service Of Remembrance and Hope

Join us for this special service on **Thursday December 21 at 7:00 PM**. The purpose of this service is to recognize that though we are surrounded by merriment during the holidays, we can find ourselves feeling out of sync with that. Sometimes this is due to loss in our lives, loss of our health, of a relationship, of a job or more often the feelings of loss due to the passing of a loved one. This service offers us an opportunity for

vesture, accepted death and mortality, was tempted, betrayed, broken, and all for love of us, defies reason. It is so wild that it terrifies some Christians who try to dogmatize their fear by lashing out at other Christians because tidy Christianity with all answers given is easier than one which reaches out to the wild wonder of God's love, a love we don't even have to earn."

~ Madeleine L'Engle

2017 Parish Directory

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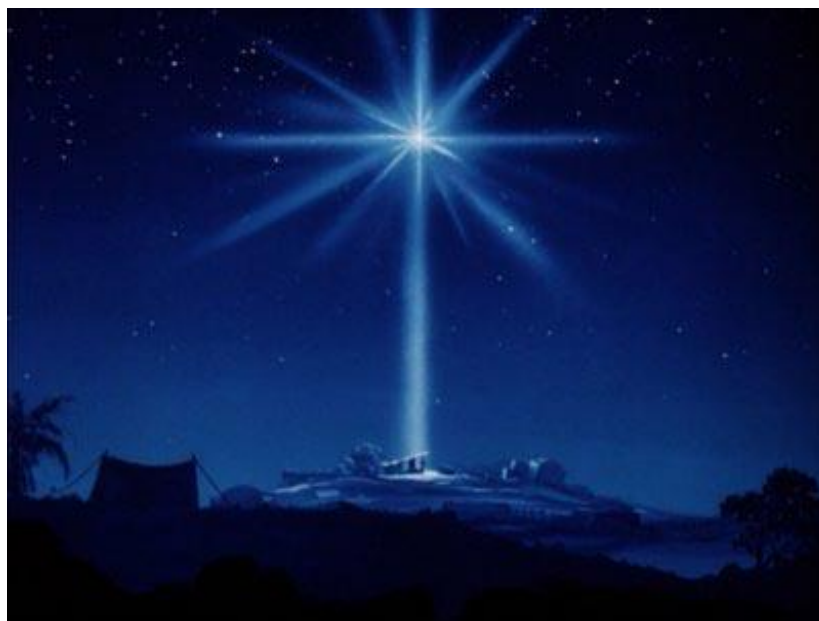
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reflection and a sense of honor for those things. Christ came to be a light in this broken world. On December 21 we will light candles, share in contemplative music, celebrate Eucharist and have remembrances for those people and things in our lives that have been lost.



Advent and Christmas Worship



Longest Night Service
Thursday December 21 at 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve
Sunday December 24
10:00 AM, 5:00 PM (Family)
9:00 PM (Traditional)

Christmas Day
Monday December 25 at 10:00 AM

Christmas Altar Flowers



You may purchase Christmas altar flowers in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, the ones you love. Envelopes to order flowers can be found in the church pews. Suggested donation: \$25.00

Let us "BEAR" Witness this
Advent Season
while Supporting our
Brothers and Sisters in Puerto Rico!



This Advent Season consider giving a gift of love to the people in Puerto Rico whose lives were devastated by Hurricane Maria. For a donation of \$25.00 you will receive a certificate for and an "OSO" adorable bear proudly dressed in the Puerto Rican flag. It's the perfect gift for all of those on your Christmas list! The money raised will be sent to Puerto Rico through The

Episcopal Relief and Development
Fund. Thank you "OSO" much!

New Christ Church Website

christchurch.org

We have rolled out the initial phase of our new and improved "user friendly" Christ Church Website. We welcome your input and opinions on what you think of our new website and what you might like to see on our new Christ Church Website.

Please feel free to makes suggestions of other items or categories you might want to see on our website. Thank you very much. Send your comments to office@christchurch.org.





First Snow at Christ Church

Christ Church
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www.ChristChurch.org [email](#) [Facebook](#)

All Are Welcome!

Worship Schedule: Sun 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
The Rev. James W. Erwin, Jr., Rector
The Rev. Deborah A. Lee, Assisting Priest

Vestry: George Billeci (Recording Secretary), Laura Carras, Lucia Crone, Brian Gens, Cathyann Gubar, Elizabeth Houlton, John Metzger (Treasurer), Brien Milbauer, George Mindos, Matthew Mumford, William O'Keefe, Tammy Prince,

