



Weekly Update - December 20, 2017

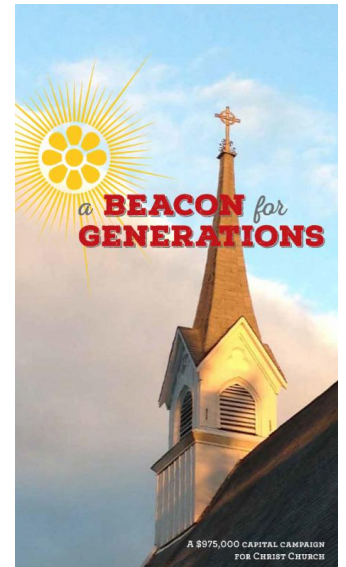
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been full of nostalgia this week. I am thinking back to my first Christmas as an ordained priest. My parents, my children Sydney and Trippe and my brother and niece came to spend that first Christmas in Connecticut. What an awe inspiring and humbling experience it was to celebrate the Eucharist at that time surrounded by my family.

Each year, I have that same awe inspiring and humbling feeling as I approach this season. God has decided that each of us matters to Him so much that he is willing to send his only Son so that we will have eternal life. Think about that for a moment. You and I mean so much to our Creator that He would give us the gift of Jesus. That is awe inspiring and humbling.

I pray for the best of everything for you this Christmas season; family, friends, health and more. But most of all I pray that we each have the realization of how precious we are to God and what he has done for us in Jesus.

Blessings of the season, 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 24th's Lessons](#)

Upcoming Events

12/21 7:00 PM
The Longest Night

12/24 Christmas Eve
10:00 AM
5:00 PM Family
9:00 PM Traditional

12/25 Christmas Day
10:00 AM

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 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.



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. Dennis, Beth, Mikaella.

December 24 & 25,

2017 Ministers

Dec 24: Preacher

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

Dec 25: Preacher and Celebrant Mother Deborah Lee.

Lector:

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

Christmas Day

10:00 - TBD

Chalicer:

10:00 - Colleen Biavati
5:00 - Alice Meade
9:00 - George Opper

Christmas Day

10:00 - Paul Graf

Acolytes:

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

Christmas Day

10:00 - TBD

Ushers:

10:00 - Vanessa Mann and

Advent and Christmas Worship



Longest Night Service

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Christmas Eve
Sunday December 24, 2017
10:00 AM
5:00 PM Family
9:00 PM Traditional

Christmas Day
Monday December 25 at 10:00 AM

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

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

Christmas Day
10:00 - Cathy Gubar and
Gail Graf

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

Christmas Day
10:00 - Gail Graf

Altar Guild: All Teams

Coffee Hour Hosts:
No Coffee our on Christmas

December 31, 2017

Ministers

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

Lector:
9:00 - David Sadler
11:00 - TBD

Chalicer:
9:00 - George Opper
11:00 - Paul Graf

Acolytes:
9:00 - Dawson, Corbett and
Ellie
11:00 - Alek

Ushers:
9:00 - Ed Wiley and
Judy Girod
11:00 - Ann Moore

Healing Hands Ministers:
9:00 - Liz Houlton
11:00 - Father Jim

Altar Guild: Joanne
O'Keefe's Team: Joan
Putnam, Nikki Grzegorzewski

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Volunteers Needed

Read Sunday
December 31st's
Lessons

*"It is Christ
Himself, not the
Bible, who is the
true word of God.*



This 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

The Bible read in the right spirit and with the guidance of good teachers, will bring us to Him. We must not use the Bible as a sort of encyclopedia out of which texts can be taken for use as weapons".

~ C.S. Lewis

2017 Parish Directory

The Parish Directory is now available for you to view, save and/or print. Please click [HERE](#) to view it. (Password: fatherjim)

If you see any errors in your family's listing or you wish to be removed from the directory, please contact the [Church Office](#).

If you cannot open this file, a few paper copies are available in the office.

This directory is to be strictly used for church purposes only!

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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.
Thank you very much. Send your comments to office@christchurch.org.

Thank you all who participated
in the Church Greening on
Sunday December 17



**Women of Christ Church
Christmas Gathering
Friday January 5, 2018
6:00 PM - *Save the Date***

**Louise Schultz's Home
19 Stony Brook Court
Warwick, NY 10990**

**Bring a dish to share or your
favorite beverage.**

**Contact Cathy Placido (845) 986-3912 or
Gail Graf (917) 972-4180**



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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, Michael Tooley, Polly Vander Kruiik