



News from Christ Church September 22, 2021

Dear all,

We will celebrate St. Francis day this weekend at our 5:00 p.m Sunday service. He's a special saint to me -- not just because Melissa and I are dog people, but because I was ordained as a priest on his feast day.

Though perhaps best remembered for blessing the animals, Francis was one of the greatest reformers the church has ever seen. You wouldn't have guessed it from his early character, perhaps. The son of a merchant, Francis grew up well-off, a dreamy and jubilant soul given to the merriest medieval activities you can imagine: dressing in fine cloth, carousing with his friends, and wooing the maidens.

So how did this pampered prince become known for his life's pursuit to live out those great monastic vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Come on out to hear Francis' story this Sunday. Bring a beloved animal (or a picture of one who tends to attack other beloved animals) to be blessed and receive for yourself the double blessing of a multi-Eucharist day.

faithfully,

Amber

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Altar flowers and aumbry candles

If you would like to donate the weekly altar flowers or aumbry candles in memory or in honor of a person or occasion, fill out a blue envelope in the narthex or by the bulletin board by the restrooms. We will notate your donation in the bulletin that week. It's a great way to enhance the beauty of the church while recognizing a significant moment in your life.

Book club

Fourth Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

Our next gathering will be on October 27th, when we will discuss Marilynne Robinson's novel *Gilead*. Bring your own beverage and snack.

Evening prayer on Zoom

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us this evening. [Click here for link](#). If you are interested in leading the service or reading the lessons, please [email Charlotte Trott](#).

Community Breakfast

Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Christ Church continues to serve a free breakfast to anyone who wants or needs it. If you are interested in learning more, or in helping to prepare or serve, [contact Liz Houlton](#).

getting ready for sweater weather

THRIFT SHOP
open Saturdays
9:30am to noon for
shopping & donations



Feed your family and support your church

You can purchase ShopRite or Price Chopper gift cards every Sunday immediately following worship, or stop by the parish office during business hours Monday through Friday. At no cost to you, Christ Church earns a percentage that goes to supporting church programs.

Sunday service guidelines

Communion is served in one kind, bread only. As always, receiving communion is optional to the person. Masks are recommended for all. Distance is at one's own discretion, but do continue to be mindful of your neighbor's needs. The 9:00 a.m. service is live-streamed to the parish hall for those who would like to remain masked and distanced; alert an usher to have the priest bring communion to the room.

Vestry: Matthew Mumford, Senior Warden; Bill O'Keefe, Junior Warden

Elena Chavez Carey, Billie Gallo, Linda Garcia, Judy Girod, Sharon Kelly, Steve Laico, Chris Loftus,

Charlotte Trott, Diana Van Fossen, Louise Schultz (Treasurer)

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Sundays at Christ Church

9:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person and
livestreamed to Vimeo and the Parish Hall



10:00 a.m. - Coffee hour in the Parish Hall
and on the lawn

10:10 a.m. - Sunday school for kids & youth

11:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, in-person

5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist on the lawn

**Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!**