



News from Christ Church November 17, 2021

Dear friends,

Two important announcements for this week. Directly below, you'll see the information for **this Sunday's Thanksgiving celebration at 4:00 p.m.**, where we'll gather to give thanks for God's abundance and the closing of another stewardship season. I hope you'll join us there. Your pledges will be presented on the altar at the services that morning.

Secondly, **I'll be hosting a rector's forum during the coffee hour this Sunday at 10:10 a.m.** Last Saturday, I and two Christ Church delegates, vestry members Judy Girod and Diana Van Fossen, attended diocesan convention, the annual meeting of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. There was so much good and hard and concerning and hopeful news shared there that I wanted a chance to pass it on to you. I urge all of you to [watch Bishop Dietsche's address here.](#)

As Joe Chavez Carey beautifully pointed out in his stewardship chat this past Sunday, we're part of a larger body than just who we see in our pews. Thanks to the hard work of Ivy Tulin, we know better than most places the ones who have gone before us. Presently, we are tied by more than our creeds to our sisters and brothers who walk through the red doors of Episcopal churches in Dutchess County and Staten Island and even, believe it or not, Manhattan. And if we do our jobs right, we'll be the ones some future soul will give thanks for as they see the beacon at Christ Church still lighted in generations to come.

faithfully,
Amber

Submit your pledge cards!

It's easy. [Click here](#) and we'll make sure your pledge is sealed and presented on the altar this Sunday, November 21.

Thanksgiving celebration

Sunday, November 21, 4:00pm in the Parish Hall

This year, we will celebrate a successful stewardship season with a festive

cocktail hour. If you'd like to attend, please contribute a favorite homemade hors d'oeuvre. We'll have a sign-up poster board in the parish hall on the next two Sundays to indicate your family name and what you'd like to bring. Not a cook, or no time? Consider donating a jug of apple cider, a bottle of seltzer or soda, cocktail napkins. Kid-friendly treats are encouraged.

All are welcome! Please bring friends, neighbors, family members visiting from out of town. Questions? Please email Lisa Laico at laico@optonline.net.

Fall Cleanup - rescheduled

Saturday, December 3 at 9 AM - breakfast provided.

It's that time of year again. Let's get together to spruce up Christ Church grounds! Please bring your rakes, leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows. We will clean up the property and get those leaves picked up! All hands needed; all ages invited. If you are available to help, please let me know:

billjo@optonline.net

With thanks,
Bill O'Keefe

Gift card fundraiser

The holidays will soon be here! Please consider supporting Christ Church by ordering gift cards. These make perfect gifts for any occasion and can also be used for your everyday grocery, gasoline, dining, home improvement, and other shopping needs. Simply order cards in the desired denomination and pay for the total face value of the cards you order. The church will receive a percentage rebate for each gift card you order.

Orders must be placed by December 5, 2021 and will be delivered to the church in time for the Christmas season. [Click to order here.](#)

Book club

This evening at 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

We will be discussing *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor. Bring your own beverage and snack. Our next gathering will be Wednesday, December 15.

Grief group

We are potentially forming a grief support group here at Christ Church. If you or someone you know has experienced loss and are looking for this kind of support, [please let Amber know of your interest.](#)

Evening prayer on Zoom

Now on Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

[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](#).



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

**Check our weekly
sermons Podcast here!**