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Announcements

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MUSIC AT EPIPHANY IN THE WEEKS AND SEASONS TO COME: Through the month of November, we will be without an organist. During this time, we'll explore ways to worship joyfully through spoken liturgy and silence, through the use of our sound system for prelude and postlude music of various types, by singing acapella hymns, by asking our children to lead us in singing songs they have been learning in Godly Play, and by other creative means that we have not yet identified. Approaching worship with curiosity, expectation and a playful desire to participate in new ways of being a worshipping congregation will no doubt bear good fruit!

On October 29th, the choirs met to discuss the importance of matching singers' and ringers' ability to commit to rehearse music (hymns, anthems, & special handbell pieces) planned for particular dates. Beth+ shared that the singing choir's primary liturgical responsibility is the singing support of congregational hymns and service music. Anthems are also a priority; they will be planned and rehearsed as desire, ability and time permit. It was decided that the bell choir will rehearse on 1st Sundays of the month and on Thursdays from 6:30 to 7:30 as upcoming hand bell pieces are scheduled and rehearsals are needed.

A BIG THANK YOU TO MARTI WILSON AND HOLLY CROSS FOR TAKING ON INNUMERABLE TASKS IN SUPPORT OF THE CHOIRS DURING THIS INTERIM TIME!!!!

On Advent 1, December 3rd, we will welcome Elizabeth Francisco, a pianist / occasional organist / choral director who will support our worship throughout Advent and Christmas and perhaps into Epiphany. Elizabeth rehearsed with the choir on Thursday. We're very excited to be working with her and look forward to her leadership as we worship.

We will continue to advertise for and interview applicants for the Epiphany music ministry position of keyboardist/choir master. If you are aware of musicians who might be qualified and interested in a permanent music ministry position, please speak to Beth+.

ADVENT QUIET DAY at Christ Church, Pottstown: On Saturday, December 2, 2017 8:30AM—3:00PM, the Daughters of the King (Annie Engel Chapter) will be holding an Advent Quiet Day. Participants will be making Wreath of Life prayer bracelets and experiencing prayer stations based on the beads in the prayer bracelet. A \$10 donation includes all materials, continental breakfast and soup luncheon. All women and men welcome!! Register by calling 610-323-2895

CHRISTMAS COOKIE CAVALCADE: reopens again on Saturday, December 9, from 11:00am to 2:00 PM (or as long as the cookies last) we will once again open our undercroft to the parish and our community so they can buy your delicious cookies. So, we need COOKIES! In years past, lines have formed outside waiting for us to open up. What a beautiful face we present to Royersford. Please plan to contribute to this festive fundraiser.

Gift certificates will be available for \$12 a box. We will be playing seasonal music and we will join together as a parish to celebrate the season, the community and the deliciousness of the parish. Those who are baking... please include a small sign (index card, tent card, card stock, etc.) that describes the cookie and if it has nuts. This really helps our shoppers. My cousin Jim has already pledged to bake several batches of his pressed Christmas cookies. Last year we sold over 100 boxes. Can we top that? Sure we can. If you have any questions, see, call, email Bill Wilson

ALL-PARISH WORK SESSION: To make Epiphany Sparkle and Shine for Advent and Christmas We will be polishing the silver and brass on Saturday, November 18th from 11:00-1:00. Please come, for many hands make light work. Polish Tip: "Did you know that you can burn over 200 calories per hour cleaning your church? That's good for your heart and your soul! ."

"Give strength for the daily task, and help us to see each duty, however small, as a service done for Thee." Speak to Julie Dattilo, if you have any questions.

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE - Seafarers are an essential part of the global system that brings us 90% of all our goods. Many of them are here at the Port of Philadelphia, far from home and family during the holidays. Help us show them our appreciation this upcoming holiday season.

We will be collecting items on the wish list for the seafarers. Please deposit your items in the box provided in the narthex **by November 19th**. This year's ingathering is being headed by Helen Warner; please see her with questions.

Ditty Bag Wish List

Hats, scarves and gloves in dark colors, Razors & Shaving Cream, Toothbrush & toothpaste
Shampoo & Comb, Deodorant, Work socks & Work gloves, Mini sewing kit, Pens & Stationary
Nail Clippers

Thank you!

SCRIP: Scrip dates for November are Today and November 26th. It is a great time to begin thinking about Christmas and holiday giving. The scrip website (www.shopwithscrip.com) has listed a number of vendors which will have small denomination cards (\$5 and \$10) available for the holiday season. If you have any questions or would like to help with the program, please speak to Susan Garone.

LET'S READ THE WHOLE BIBLE TOGETHER THIS YEAR! This week's readings:

Nov 13 Day 316 – Amos 3, Psalm 109, Matthew 11

Nov 14 Day 317 – Amos 4, Psalm 110, Matthew 12

Nov 15 Day 318 – Amos 5, Psalm 111, Matthew 13

Nov 16 Day 319 – Amos 6, Psalm 112, Matthew 14

Nov 17 Day 320 – Amos 7, Psalm 113, Matthew 15

Nov 18 Day 321 – Amos 8, Psalm 114, Matthew 16

Sunday 11/19 Day 322 – Enjoy hearing the Scriptures read aloud in church

OR... go to www.epiphanystar.net and... Scroll down to Bishop's Bible Challenge, click day or week of your choice, find the red link: click & read

SAVE THE DATES

TODAY	after 10am serv.	Chili Pick Up
11/18	Sat 11-1	All Parish Work Session (Polishing Silver & Brass)
11/19	Sun	Seamen's Church Ingathering (Last Collection Day)
	after 10am serv.	Parish Life Meeting (Rector's Office)
12/2	Sat 8:30-3	Advent Quiet Day at Christ Church, Pottstown
12/9	Sat 11-3	Christmas Cookie Cavalcade (Undercroft)
12/15	Fri. 7:30	Coventry Community Chorus Christmas Concert
12/17	after 10am serv.	Greening of the Church
12/24	10 am	Advent 4 (No 8am service)
12/24	6:30 pm	Christmas Eve Service (One service only this year)
1/6	Sat. 2 pm	The Feast of the Epiphany (Deanery Service @ Epiphany)

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Tanya Millet
Lectors:	Julie Dattilo & Helen Warner
Acolyte:	William Hummer
Greeter:	Cathy Bailey
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Dattilo
Counters:	Vincent & Susan Garone
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
Godly Play Teacher	Marti Wilson
Godly Play Greeter	

OUR PARISH LIFE AND WORK THIS WEEK

Monday	7:15pm	Vestry (Office)
	7:30pm	N.A. (Undercroft)
Tuesday	8:00pm	A.A. (Undercroft)
Wednesday	10:15am	Holy Eucharist with Healing and Short Bible Study
	6:00pm	TBMP Weight Loss Program (Office)
	7:00pm	Daisy Troop 7390 (Undercroft)
	6:30pm	Bell Choir (Church)
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir (Undercroft)
Sunday 11/19	8:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken)
	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (Music)
		Church School Children process from the church nave to Education Building at 10 and return at the Peace
	11:15am	Parish Life Meeting (Rector's Office)

ASSISTING IN NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP (11/19)

	10am
Eucharistic Minister:	Tanya Millet
Lectors:	Tanya Millet & Ben Millet
Acolyte:	TBD
Greeter:	Cindy Lind
Usher:	Kathy Cobbs & Julie Datillo
Counters:	Bill and Marti Wilson
Altar Guild	Julie Dattilo, Joanne Arnold, Cathy Bailey, Tanya Millet
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WORSHIP SERVICES

SUNDAY

8AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SPOKEN)

10AM HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (MUSIC)

MIDWEEK HOLY EUCHARIST WITH HEALING LITANY

10:15AM WEDNESDAYS

PAUL EXLEY, PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

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