

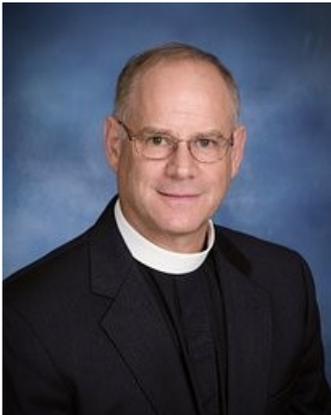


# † ST. FRANCIS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH COMMUNIQUE

November 2019

The Newsletter for St. Francis, Dunellen

## A Letter from Fr. Jack Zamboni, Rector



Fr. Jack Zamboni

Dear Friends,

*Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.*

This verse from the New Testament *Letter to the Hebrews* came to mind

as I was reflecting on a trend that I and members of the Vestry (at least) have been aware: worship attendance at St. Francis this fall has been noticeably lower than in the past. Attendance always drops in the summer, but usually returns to prior levels in the fall. This year, not so much. On a larger scale, our average Sunday attendance (ASA) has shown a gradual decline over the past several years.

These trends are part of a larger pattern. Nationally, attendance in almost [all churches](#), including the Episcopal Church, has been in decline for decades, especially among younger people. Religious institutions no longer have the unquestioned, central place in the larger culture we once did. It's not merely that there are many other Sunday morning options for people to engage with (from shopping to sports to travel) than in the past, though that's true. For a whole host of deeper reasons, religion is simply not as important to many people as it once was, and that reality shapes the choices people make. Among those who do go to church, attendance patterns have also changed. When people say they attend worship "regularly," it used to mean at least 3 out of 4 Sundays a month; now it often means just one or two.

Some reasons are more specific to St. Francis at present. Some people have moved out of the area and others have died. Health issues are keeping some at home and others have gotten busier with activities that conflict with Sunday worship. Still others may have decided that St. Francis is no longer the congregation that best meets their spiritual needs. Perhaps, too, we've not always been as good at staying connected with one another as we could. In a small congregation, such changes among a relatively small number of people can make a notable difference in attendance.

If I said this didn't concern me, that wouldn't be true. But as [blogger Linzi Stahlecker](#) rightly notes, focus on attendance as *the* metric by which to judge a congregation's life is misplaced. "We are repeatedly told that attendance is of vital importance for the survival of the church," she writes. "I argue to the contrary that in fact, it is our being sent out into the world to 'love and serve God' is what is truly of vital importance for the survival of the church."

She goes on to say that "the Church is the body of Christ in the world, and within the Episcopal tradition we are formed for this task by the daily/weekly/seasonal rhythm of our prayer life." And that, I'd say, is where participation in worship does matter – not as a metric of institutional survival, but as one of the key moments for our formation as a community of Christian people who are better able to 'love and serve God' in the world precisely for having been together in the presence of God. In the words of Hebrews we come together in part *to provoke one another to love and good deeds and to [encourage] one another*. That is why, the author says, we should not *[neglect] to meet together, as is the habit of some*.

The writer of Hebrews names two other practices we should embrace, not neglect, which are tied to the first: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Linzi Stahlecker would agree: “The institutional church must take seriously its role in the formation of Christians to do Christ’s work in the world, with its health assessed in ways that... capture how well members take care of society’s most vulnerable and each other, their relationship to wealth and material possessions, and how effective their efforts to bring about the restoration of justice. By such standards, failure to welcome the stranger [an experience she had in a very full church] would be one clear marker of a parish that’s failing – no matter how large its ASA or how full its offering plate.”

Communal worship and fellowship are not the only way that formation for faithful Christian living happens. Daily prayer and spiritual conversation in our homes is essential, which is why I’ve started sending the weekly *Faith @ Home* emails which have wonderful resources for that. The Consecration Sunday Stewardship program is about our formation in a more faithful relationship to wealth and material possessions. The Contemplative Confirmation/Reception program we’ve just begun is another formation opportunity; so, too, our annual Lenten programs and our Sunday School. The actual *doing* of ministry to those in need – Grace’s Kitchen and Fish Hospitality – also forms us in Christ.

But all that said, worship is at the heart of our life as the Body of Christ. It matters not as a matter of institutional statistics, but to the deepening of our common life in God with each other. When we gather to hear Scripture, offer prayer and share in the Eucharist, God’s Spirit knits us together and empowers us in a unique way to become more fully a community of faithful Christians equipped to love and serve God in the world in which we live. And despite all the pressures that impact our lives, we still do have a choice about whether or not we make worship and fellowship with our sisters and brothers in Christ a priority in our lives. So, my friends, *let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.*

One, knowing our incapacity to know, has come to us in the person of Jesus; the Divine Mystery present in a human face, body, and life. Of course, this doesn’t negate the mystery; if anything it increases it. How can *Absolute Mystery* become human? Theologians wrestled with that impossible question in the first centuries of the Christian era, and eventually came up with some agreed-upon language to talk about it (we call them creeds). But like all human language about God, the creeds are no more than fingers pointing towards the moon.

How then might we access the *Absolute Mystery* in whom, unexplainably, we live and move and have our being? We could do much worse than to follow Sonja’s expeditions into the devotion of wonder, of which the medieval mystic Meister Eckhart also wrote:

*God is not what you think  
or even what you believe,  
because God is a word unspoken,  
a thought unthought,  
a belief unbelieved.  
So if you wish to know this God,  
practice wonder,  
do what is good, and  
cultivate silence.  
The rest will follow.*

Peace,



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Hebrews 10:24-25  
Hebrews 13:2  
Hebrews 13:16



ATTN: Ladies of St. Francis

# Save the date!!!

Women's Christmas Party is Tuesday December 3, 2019

Time: **6:30 PM**

Location: **St. Francis' Milbank Hall**

**400 New Market Rd, Dunellen, N.J.**

Dinner: **Potluck**

Game: **To participate please bring a gift of a minimum value of \$20.00 (per person)**

Contest: **Ugly Sweater! (Get creative)**

BYOB: **Share and Share alike**

This is a great time to invite all of your coworkers, loved ones, and neighbors to share in such great Fellowship, and a little healthy competition :o)

## St. Francis' Consecration Sunday Raffle Tickets are now here!!

Tickets are now available in the Narthex to win one of our great prizes:

- 50" Flat Screen Element TV
- \$250 Visa Gift Certificate
- \$150 Value – NY Giants Football Package (Shirt, Hat, and More)

The drawing will be held at St. Francis Church on Consecration Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 12:30pm. [Winners need not be present.](#)

The tickets are \$5 each or the bargain price of 3 for \$10.

Please consider taking two books of tickets to sell to your friends and family!

For more information please contact:

Larry Quirk, (908) 255-2526, [Qman56@comcast.net](mailto:Qman56@comcast.net)

or Elaine Patania, (732) 752-8258





*It's not our normal practice to include personal ads in The Communique, but in this case I've asked the editors to make an exception. Karl Manger is a member of Christ Church, New Brunswick and has become a friend as I'm part of the network of people who assist him with daily living tasks he needs because of his ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Most often, I cook and share a meal with him once a month; others do that and much more. In addition to that rich network, however, Karl needs the help of a paid homemaker on a daily basis (details below) to enable him to survive and, hopefully, thrive as best he can. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in the position, you can contact Karl directly or speak with me.*

*Fr. Jack*

### **Homemaker and Personal Care Aide Sought**

*Homemaker and personal care aide* needed to assist a 65 year old man with a neuro-muscular disease known as *ALS* or *Lou Gehrig's Disease*. This job is a part time position located in Somerset close to New Brunswick (off Easton Avenue) five to six days a week (Monday to Friday/Saturday) in the late morning: 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Fifteen hours a week at \$15.00 an hour but some weeks could be a few more hours, as needed. The hours can be somewhat flexible. You will provide your own transportation. Must be punctual and reliable.

Some more about Karl: I have no difficulty speaking or communicating and have no mental impairment. I am able to walk, to participate in my own care and to speak/communicate fully.

Personal daily care includes assistance with showering and dressing. I need no medical care. Daily homemaking responsibilities typically would include preparing a light breakfast each morning (e.g., coffee, cereal, fruit, etc.), emptying and filling the dishwasher, making the bed and general home tasks. Providing food and water to a friendly dog (3 years old) who exercises in a fenced yard and does not need to be walked.

If you would like to help me maintain as normal a lifestyle for as long as possible, please contact me at: [karl.g.manger@gmail.com](mailto:karl.g.manger@gmail.com).

# Stewardship

## Consecration Sunday – November 10<sup>th</sup> (One Service- 10:00 AM)

Thank you to our great 2019 Stewardship Team. Team members include Kathleen Balenson, Hilary Cox, Cynthia Pelliccia, Pam Maiolo, Kia Phua, Fausto Ramos, Ilia Scriven, Amy Myzie, Larry Quirk, Elaine Pateria, Father Jack, Rev. David Snyder, and the St. Francis Vestry.

Thank you to all of you who will be attending our Consecration Brunch and Celebration. Your attendance and giving will enable the good work of St. Francis' to continue. Stewardship teaches us that all that we have and all that we are comes as a gift from God. We are, therefore, stewards of God's gifts. Discerning and carrying out God's work is the primary purpose of our love. The gifts that we have been given; time, talent, and money are to be used for that purpose.

At St. Francis, we will continue to see friendship and support for each other grow through the ECW lunch/visitation group, Sunday school, altar guild, ECW, and choir, as well as, other activities. We will also continue to share the love of God within our community and the world with our support of Grace's Kitchen, FISH, COME, ERD, UTO, and all the other outreach programs we support as members of the Jubilee Ministry.

As we share the Sunday Eucharist, our church family feels gratitude to God and enables us to develop a spiritual relationship with God.

If you are unable to attend, we know you will want to participate in the financial support of your church during the coming year. Please complete an *Estimate of Giving Card* which you will find in the narthex. Remember that you may change your *Estimate of Giving* at any time when needed.



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## November Healthy Bits by Chris Colwell



As we welcome November many of us feel stressed, looking forward to the preparations associated with the upcoming holiday season. We push ourselves to make the 'perfect' holiday, which leads to stress and disappointment. Perhaps thinking in a simpler way can help us de-stress and focus on what really counts. Here are some ideas:

- **Don't take the holidays so seriously.** Realistically a lot can go wrong during the holidays. Instead of getting distressed and being disappointed, keep a sense of perspective and humor.
- **Focus on what's truly important.** Sometimes we get wrapped up in the superficial parts of the holiday like gift shopping. The deeper meaning lies in our relationships. Rather than stressing on which gifts to buy, try using the holidays to strengthen relationships with others. Also, focus on holiday perks like time off from work and principles like gratitude, generosity, and the religious and spiritual aspects of the holidays.
- **Simplify gift giving.** It's the simple things, not extravagant gifts that help you deepen your connections with others. Perhaps consider giving loved ones more personal, homemade gifts – their favorite cookie or pie, photos of times you've shared with each other – reminders of how important they are to you.

- **Have potluck dinners.** Not only do these events provide the opportunity to connect and make memories, but also because everyone is pitching in, you only need to make one or two dishes – a great way to trim your to-do list!
- **Commit to less.** The fewer commitments you make, the simpler the holidays will be – especially when you consider that you’re piling on activities and tasks to what’s likely an already full plate. Don’t worry about disappointing others if you can’t make a certain event or prepare a special dish. Overextending yourself just leaves you more stressed, and a lot less fun to be around!
- **Volunteer.** Giving to others and building a community strengthens your feelings of connection and your sense of happiness. It’s a simple way to make a difference.
- **Ease your obligations.** Each year many of us feel obligated to take on tasks like mailing greeting cards and getting the perfect holiday photos. If these activities stress you out, do what feels better. Give yourself permission to NOT do something if it feels like a major drain on you. If you want to do it, find solutions to make it less stressful.
- **Focus on simple pleasures.** Look for the simple pleasures of the season like making a snowman or sitting around a fire. The holidays are a great time to slow down and focus on the little joys in life. You might enjoy reading with your family, listening to music together, looking at holiday decorations around town, baking cookies and playing outside. What a great time of year to renew our family ties and enjoy each other.

Being a huge fan of the TV show *MASH*, I fondly remember an episode where Colonel Potter and his MASH unit are spending another Christmas in Korea, not happy about that at all. Hawkeye, Hunicutt, Winchester and Hotlips are feeling very sad they are stuck in Korea rather than spending the holidays with their families. They are reminiscing about the wonderful holiday gatherings they are missing, all feeling sorry for themselves. Colonel Potter tells them he has celebrated many holidays away from his beloved Mrs. Potter. He says it used to get him feeling very sad until he realized he wouldn’t survive mentally if he let this depressed feeling continue. So he realized he needed to be in the present – make a holiday tradition with whomever he was with – his fellow comrades were his ‘family’ and he encouraged all his officers to do the same. He tells them to go into the mess tent and enjoy the holiday decorations, share a glass of eggnog with the other officers who are also stuck in Korea. Make the best of the situation and truly enjoy the company you’re with – they too are sad to be away from family, so make your present company your family. The episode ends with them all singing a lovely hymn about sharing peace.

That episode always brings me to tears. Holidays bring to mind the loved ones who are no longer with us, but I remember Colonel Potter’s words and strive to make new traditions. They aren’t elaborate – just heart-felt and shared with the family that surrounds me.

I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

*Chris Colwell*





# OUTREACH

Outreach coordinator: Pam Maiolo

**Good News Home for Women** — located in Flemington, this is a faith-based nonprofit drug and alcohol residential treatment center licensed by the state of New Jersey. For over 30 years, The Good News Home has been in the ministry of rehabilitating women who have life-destroying problems associated with substance abuse. We have made an outreach donation of \$300 to their 300/300 Partnership campaign. The \$300 donation will fund transformational healing of residents through spiritual development, life skills, relapse prevention strategies & family support.

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**Grace's Kitchen** — Our next date to serve at this local soup kitchen is December 30th. We do not serve in November.

During the month of November, we will be collecting new clean athletic type socks for men & women. The socks will be donated to the guests at Grace's Kitchen & other area homeless shelters. When it rains socks get wet. Often times the disadvantaged don't have multiple pairs of socks for daily changing. Please give this simple clothing item to help those in need in our community.

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**FISH, Inc.** — There is no designated food giving for November. All non-perishable food items are accepted at any time.

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**Eyeglass Collection** — This ongoing outreach program collects all types of eyeglasses (adult, children, prescription, sunglasses, & readers). Glasses are donated to the local Lions Club. There is a bucket on the narthex table.

## FISH Donations



Serving Middlesex, Union, and Somerset

Donation suggestion for this month:

November: any non-perishable food item

All donations are welcome! Please check expiration dates.

The collections basket is located in the Narthex.

# Suggested Monthly Donation 2019/2020

<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>
Juice	Cereal Cold/Hot	Peanut Butter/ Jelly
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>
(St. Hubert's) Canned/Dry Dog/Cat Food	(Grace's Kitchen) Men's & Women's Socks Warm - Athletic	Milk Powdered or Parmalat box
<b><u>JANUARY</u></b>	<b><u>FEBRUARY</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH</u></b>
Rice & Beans	Canned Vegetables	Pasta/Sauce
<b><u>APRIL</u></b>	<b><u>MAY</u></b>	<b><u>JUNE</u></b>
FISH Hospitality Donation (TBA)	Canned Tuna/ Meats	Canned/Jarred Fruit

- The suggestions for each month are just suggestions for donation. You may give any food or personal product at any time.
- Please remember to check expiration dates on the food that you donate. All products with expired dates will be discarded.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!

# STEWARDSHIP GET INVOLVED!



## Sharing our time, treasure, and talent with others.

*Stewardship is sharing the gifts  
God has given us.*

### **EVENSONG**

**November 2 @ 4:30PM**

Refer to pages 12-13 for more info.

### **WATCHUNG CONVO- CATION**

**November 6 @ 7PM**

Refer to page 14 for more info.

### **CONSECRATION SUN- DAY**

**November 10th—10AM**

One service this Sunday! Join us for this important day of ministry. Contact Elaine Patania for more information.

### **FIRST ANNUAL SAB- BATIONAL FUND CELE- BRATION DINNER**

**November 16 @ 5PM**

Refer to page 12 for more info.

### **WOMEN'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**December 3 @ 6:30PM**

Attention, ladies of St. Francis! Join us in Milbank Hall for a pot-luck dinner, ugly sweater contest, and gifting game. Please bring a gift of a minimum value of \$20. Bring your friends!

### **CATHEDRAL DAY**

**December 7 @ 3PM**

Refer to pages 14-15 for more info.



### **HOST COFFEE HOUR**

**Sundays after 10AM service  
2nd Sunday after 8AM**

Fellowship after Sunday services is a time-honored tradition, and a great way to connect with your fellow parishioners and new comers. Volunteers are needed to provide beverages and light refreshments. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. To learn more, see Cynthia Pelliccia.

### **f FACEBOOK GROUP**

**Ongoing**

Join our closed group on Facebook for information pertaining to our parish "St. Francis Dunellen Members".

### **AMAZON SMILE**

**Ongoing**

Remember to use smile. Amazon.com when shopping on Amazon, 0.5% of your purchase will be donated to St. Francis. Follow the link on our homepage at [www.stfrancisdunellen.org](http://www.stfrancisdunellen.org) for more information.



**Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist** Wednesday, November 27th. We'll gather to offer thanks by making Eucharist (which is Greek for "Thanksgiving") together in a participatory, joyful service in which we can share our gratitude for God's many blessings to us. There will not be a service at 11:30 on Wednesday.

# CELEBRATIONS

## November 2019

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Crowther	11/01
Althea Heirholzer	11/01
Richard Burns	11/02
Dawn Doll	11/02
Brenda Scolnick	11/02
Adam Scolnick	11/04
Steve Toke	11/06
Debra Jaeger	11/06
Marc Manganaro	11/08
Fausto Ramos	11/09
Eleanor Gold	11/10
Bill Idenden	11/11
Nancy Dunham	11/14
Jonathan Zamboni	11/16
Sarah Crowther	11/16
Audrey Johansen	11/18
Jay Villa-Chauvin	11/19
Kaitlyn Phua	11/21
Justin Gold	11/23
James Parmelee	11/27
Thomas Patania	11/27

### NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Barbara Jordan	11/01
Vanessa Phua	11/01
Nicholas Gruber	11/02
Audrey Johansen	11/06
Mathew Kurian	11/06
Arielle Baker	11/07
Cecil Baker, Jr.	11/07
Jeremiah Wiley	11/07
Nicole Mc Elvery	11/11
Rebecca Wiley	11/13
Virginia Meeker	11/17
Kayla DeCandia	11/20
Sam Mathew	11/25
Rillette Hammond	11/26

### NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Tracie & Steve Toke	11/05
Blessy & Sam Mathew	11/20
Nancy & David Magee	11/22
Karen & Doug Meyer	11/24

### NOVEMBER CONFIRMATIONS

Amy Myzie	11/01
Nicole Mc Elvery	11/01
Susan Angelicola	11/27
Tracie Toke	11/29

## First Annual Sabbatical Fund Celebration Dinner

SF parishioners are cordially invited to join Fr. Jack and Fr. Frank at the First Annual **Sabbatical Fund Celebration Dinner** at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton on **Saturday, November 16**. Doors open at 5 pm; dinner at 6 pm; dismissal at 8 pm. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online (or donations made) by using the link below.

This new diocesan ministry provides grants for priests of our diocese who have never before been on sabbatical, especially those whose churches have never experienced a sabbatical. The first grant recipient, who will be honored that night, will be Fr. Pedro Guzman, who has served San Andres, Camden for 21 years. Bishop Stokes is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. Fr. Frank is Chair of the Fund Committee. The Fund is supported exclusively by targeted donations with no diocesan budgeted or endowed funds supporting it. Funds raised from donations and ticket sales will support 2020 grants for 2021 sabbaticals.

<https://tinyurl.com/Sabbatical20191116>

Faithfully yours,  
Fr. Frank Hubbard



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## Evensong

Next Saturday, November 2nd at 4:30 PM, the choirs of St. Francis and the Church of the Holy Cross will lead a Joint Evensong Service at Holy Cross, 40 Mercer Ave. North Plainfield. We will offer this contemplative service of music and prayer in observance of the Commemoration of all Faithful Departed. You are invited to bring pictures of beloved departed which will be surrounded by candlelight as we sing and pray. A reception will follow and you are invited to bring finger foods to share. See the flyer on the next page for more details.

I'm pleased by the growing relationship with our sisters and brothers at Holy Cross. As some will remember, Mother Stephanie Shockley, Priest-in-Charge at Holy Cross, and members of that parish joined us for the Easter Vigil earlier this year and will do so again in 2020. St. Francis will also host a joint Evensong of the two parishes in the Spring.

I hope to see you at Holy Cross next Saturday!  
Fr. Jack



# *Evensong*

*on the Feast of All Souls'*

*Saturday, November 2nd*

*4:30 PM*

at the Church of the Holy Cross  
40 Mercer Ave, North Plainfield

*Evensong is a contemplative service of music and prayer.*

*You are invited to bring a framed photo of  
a departed loved one  
to display during the service*

Sung by the combined choirs of  
the Church of the Holy Cross  
&  
St. Francis Episcopal Church,  
Dunellen

*for more information  
contact  
908-756-2438  
holycrossnp@gmail.com  
www.holycrossnp.org*

## Fall Convocation Meetings Seek Your Vision for the Future



The diocese is divided geographically into eight regions—or "convocations"—across the state. Convocation meetings are a chance for news and concerns to be shared on a local level.

This fall, it's also a chance for local areas to participate in workshops to help determine the diocese's direction for the future. We're trying to live into the notion of each parish in the diocese becoming one of 141 schools of discipleship.

But how do we make that happen? What do we need to do locally, regionally, and diocese-wide to become centers of growth in following Jesus Christ, both inside and outside our walls? Through a guided workshop format, diocesan leadership will help mine the ideas and expertise of local leadership. Please be sure to attend your convocation's meeting to make sure your voice is heard.

### Watchung Convocation

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00 PM

St. John's Church, 158 West High Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

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## Cathedral Day 2019

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Cathedral Day will be held on Saturday December 7, 2019 from 3:00 – 5:30 PM, a gathering of parishioners from across the diocese to celebrate Trinity Cathedral (see flyer on next page). This year Bishop Stokes and Dean enthusiastically invite you to a very special event, featuring a seasonal choral concert by the extraordinary Princeton Girl and Boy Choirs. Immediately afterward, the Friends of Trinity Cathedral and "Tea For All" will host a lite, delicious reception. There will be a scavenger hunt for the kids, historical tours of the Cathedral, and special exhibits on the many and remarkable ministries of our Cathedral. The Cathedral Shop will be open too.

This free event, with welcoming remarks from Dean John and a seasonal message from Bishop Stokes, highlights Trinity Cathedral as the second home of worship and fellowship for all parishioners in the Diocese (young and old alike) and offers a unique opportunity for families to introduce children and grandchildren to **their** Cathedral in a fun and festive way.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William H. Stokes".

The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, D.D.  
12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Jersey



# The Diocese of New Jersey

## CATHEDRAL DAY 2019

Celebrate Your Cathedral

**Saturday, December 7**

**3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral**

**801 W State St, Trenton, NJ 08618**



Princeton Girlchoir

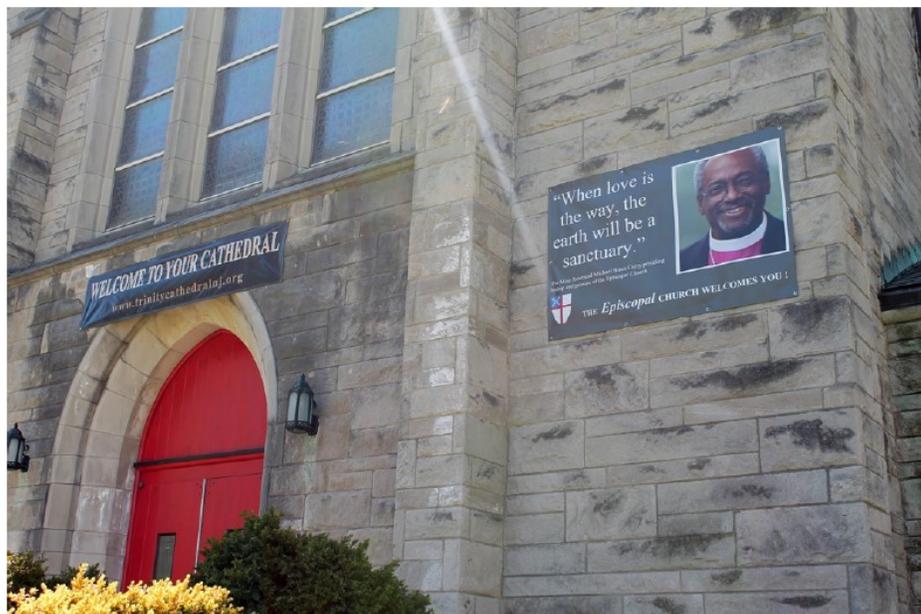


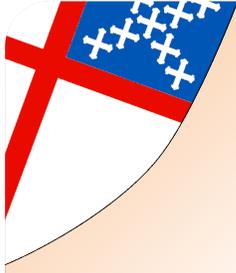
Princeton Boychoir

- Seasonal Choral Concert from Princeton Girlchoir and Princeton Boychoir
- Refreshments
- Scavenger hunt for kids
- Tours of the historic Cathedral
- Pick up unique Christmas gifts at the Cathedral Shop

All parishioners across the diocese are invited to the 6th Annual Cathedral Day celebrating your second church, Trinity Cathedral.

This free event, with welcoming remarks from Dean John and a seasonal message from Bishop Stokes, highlights Trinity Cathedral as the second home of worship and fellowship for all parishioners in the Diocese (young and old alike) and offers a unique opportunity for families to introduce children and grandchildren to their Cathedral in a fun and festive way. We hope you will tell everyone in your congregation and make plans now to ensure that your church is part of this celebration.





# EVENT CALENDAR and LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 All Saints Day	2  4:30PM Joint Evensong, Church of the Holy Cross, North Plainfield
<b>3 Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist 3PM Confirmation / Reception Program 5PM Consecration Sunday Leadership Dinner	4  7:30PM AA	5	6  11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7PM Watchung Convocation, St. John's, Somerville 7:30PM AA	7  7PM Choir rehearsal	8	9
<b>10 Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost</b>  10AM Holy Eucharist—Consecration Sunday	11  7:30PM AA	12	13  11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	14  7PM Choir rehearsal	15	16  6PM Clergy Sabbatical Dinner, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton
Fr. Jack at Clergy Conference						
<b>17 Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist 4PM Confirmation / Reception Program	18  7:30PM AA	19  7:00PM Vestry Meeting	20  11:30AM Mid-week Worship 7:30PM AA	21  7PM Choir rehearsal	22	23
<b>24 Last Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8AM Holy Eucharist 10AM Holy Eucharist	25  7:30PM AA	26	27  7PM Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:30PM AA	<b>28 Thanksgiving Day</b>	29	<b>30 St. Andrew the Apostle</b>

### Worship Schedule:

*Holy Eucharist*—Sundays, 8:00AM and 10:00AM

*Mid-week Service* – Wednesdays, 11:30am

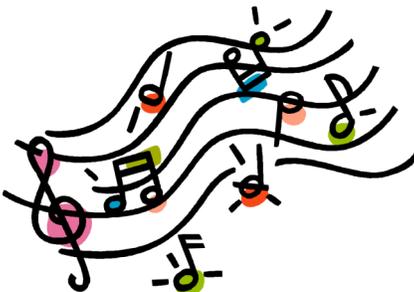
Visit [www.stfrancisunellen.org](http://www.stfrancisunellen.org), call 732-968-6781, or email [contactus@stfrancisunellen.org](mailto:contactus@stfrancisunellen.org) for more information.

# St. Francis Liturgical Schedule

## November 2019

DATE	ALTAR GUILD	LECTORS	CHALICERS	ACOLYTES	USHERS	GREETER	COUNTERS
<i>8:00 AM Service</i>							
11/3	*	Suzannah K.	*	Paul S.	Alan B. Sharon B.	COFFEE BREAK	*
11/10	*	<b>ONE</b>	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>	CONSECRATION SUNDAY	<b>CATERED BRUNCH</b>	*
11/17	*	Alan B. Sharon B.	*	Amy M.	Ilia S.	*	*
11/24	*	Carroll W.	*	Paul S.	Carroll W.	*	*
<i>10:00 AM Service</i>							
11/3	Pam W. Gail S.	Nancy D. Sam M.	Tiffany O. Princess T.	Robert P. Gabrielle P.	Cynthia P. Yuennadi M.	Barbara D.	Cynthia P. Karen B. Grace Mc.
11/10	Audrey J. Nathalie E. Sharon B.	Rillette H. Pam M.	Kia P. Elaine P.	Jayden Ph. Jaeden Pr. AJ K.	Sam M. Karen W. Paul S.	Ava P.	Pam M. Elaine P. (Monday 11/11)
11/17	Princess T. Karen W.	Elaine P. Nancy D.	Hilary C. Princess T.	Madelynn P. Catherine P.	Jabari H. Larry Q.	Heather N.	Larry Q. Anna T.
11/24	Pam M. Barbara D.	Sam M. Grace Mc.	Kia P. Tiffany O.	James P. Julia P. Jaeden Pr.	Elaine P. Tom P.	Audrey J.	Ava P. David Dunham Xiomara M.

### INTERESTED IN SINGING?



Choir has resumed at the 10:00 AM service and we are looking for new voices. This season we will rehearse at 7PM Thursday evenings. We are happy to have more people join the choir and to facilitate this our season will begin with accessible music. There is no need to try out, and it is not required that you read sheet music! There is no obligation to continue if you decide choir is not right for you. If you are interested in joining the choir, please send Albert an email at [atbelle820@gmail.com](mailto:atbelle820@gmail.com).

# *The Canticle of Creation by Saint Francis*



***Canticle of Creation* stained glass window,  
by SM Ann Therse Kelly**

*O Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,  
to you belong praise, glory,  
honour and all blessing.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation  
and especially for our Brother Sun,  
who brings us the day and the light;  
he is strong and shines magnificently.  
O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon,  
and for the stars  
which you have set shining and lovely  
in the heavens.*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
for our Brothers Wind and Air  
and every kind of weather  
by which you, Lord,  
uphold life in all your creatures.*

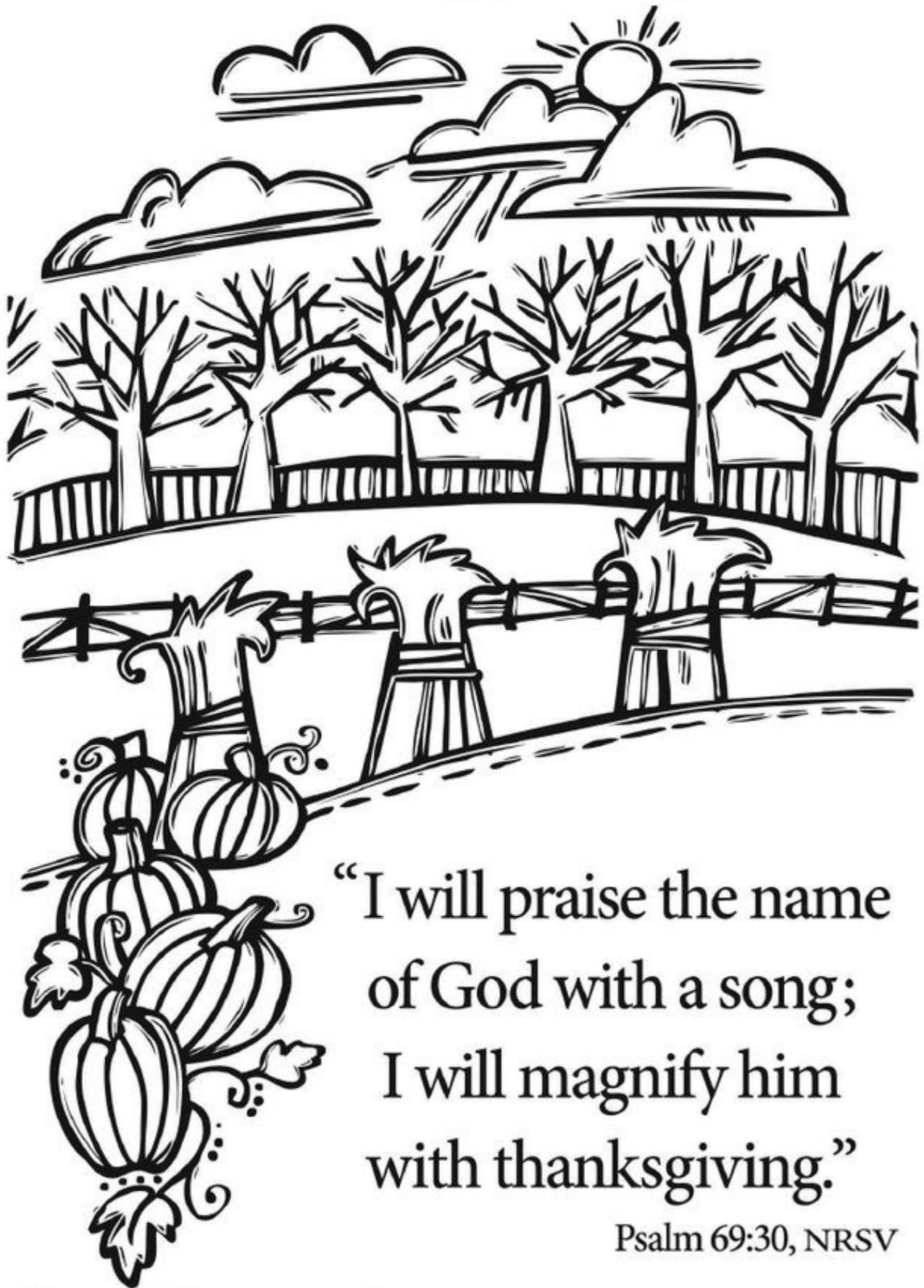
*Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water,  
who is very useful to us,  
and humble and precious and pure.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire,  
through whom you give us light in the darkness:  
he is bright and lively and strong.*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
for Sister Earth, our Mother,  
who nourishes us and sustains us,  
bringing forth  
fruits and vegetables of many kinds  
and flowers of many colours.*

*Be praised, my Lord,  
for those who forgive for love of you;  
and for those who bear sickness and weakness  
in peace and patience  
- you will grant them a crown.*

*Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death,  
whom we must all face.  
I praise and bless you, Lord,  
and I give thanks to you,  
and I will serve you in all humility.*



“I will praise the name  
of God with a song;  
I will magnify him  
with thanksgiving.”

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

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The Rev. Jack Zamboni

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Paul Sinckler—Jr. Warden, Finance, Buildings & Grounds

Kathy Balenson—Sunday School, Clerk, COME, ECW

David Doll—Buildings & Grounds Assistance

Xiomara Mitchell—Fellowship, Fish Hospitality Dinners (Outreach)

Pam Maiolo—Outreach, Finance, ECW, Buildings & Grounds, Rectory liaison w/current tenant

### Vestry (continued)

Elaine Patania—Finance, Stewardship and ECW Liaison.

Monique Phua—Facebook page, COME

Larry Quirk—Fundraising, Finance

Carline Sinckler—COME

Grace McDougall

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