

# THE GOOD NEWS!



**St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church**  
**157 Montague Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201**

November 20, 2011

## Services at St. Ann's

- Sundays  
Children's Church,  
10:00AM
- Choral Eucharist,  
11:00AM
- Sunday School,  
11:00AM
- Children's Choir,  
12:45-1:15PM  
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- Midweek Eucharists
- Tuesdays  
12:30PM
- Thursdays  
6:00PM
- Church open 12:00-  
2:00 every weekday  
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- Wednesdays  
Organ Recital,  
1:10PM

## ADVENT AT ST. ANN'S

SUNDAYS NOVEMBER 27, DECEMBER 4 & 11

Choral Eucharist, 11:00AM *(See back page for details)*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Choral Eucharist & Christmas Pageant, 11:00AM  
Greening of the Church follows

## CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANN'S

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Carol-Sing & Reception, 1:10PM

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Community Carol-Sing, 9:30PM

Choral Eucharist, 10:00PM

*(with String Quartet, Choir & Organ)*

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Lessons & Carols with Eucharist, 11:00AM

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### Prayers for the Season ~ Collects for Advent

Creator God,  
We praise you for your love in coming to us,  
unworthy though we are.  
Give us grace to accept the Christ who comes in your name,  
and the courage to be Christ for others.

*And again*

Give us courage, God our strength,  
to see your Christ in all who suffer,  
to be hands to the helpless,  
food for the hungry,  
and rescue for the oppressed.

*Hear these prayers for your love's sake. Amen.*

*from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

*From the Priest-in-Charge*

## Occupy Gratitude

"What are you grateful for?" was the slogan of a popular restaurant in Berkeley, California, where I ate several years ago. The cuisine and the concept really worked for me. So, before I left Café Gratitude (what else?), I bought myself a bumper sticker. Rather than put it on my car, I affixed the souvenir to my refrigerator door alongside a collection of magnets and other ephemera from my life and travels so I might be reminded of the question daily.

A spirit of gratitude takes hold in this season perhaps more than in any other. Our impulse to commit resources of money and time in response to the parish stewardship campaign, as well as to do some form of community service and gather at table with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day stems principally from an awareness of our many blessings.

Yet while all this is true, we remain conscious of the painful facts of modern life. We keep hearing that these are hard times – and they are. And our awareness of a world of need right outside our door and virtually everywhere is impossible to ignore.

Our ability to manage this tension has something, if not everything to do with our willingness to live with and into mystery. For us church folk, the season of gratitude ushers in a season of expectation and wonder as Advent and Christmas bring to light the promise of a love that is so deep and high and wide it cannot be fully grasped or contained. And while the fullest meaning of the gift of the incarnation of the Christ child remains beyond our comprehension, it is clear that by it God seeks to ignite in us a desire to restore justice and peace upon the earth.

I am convinced that more of the mystery of who God is will be revealed if we meet it with the same thankfulness with which we kick off this season, letting the question "What are you thankful for?" live in us, allowing ourselves to, in effect, *occupy gratitude*. For surely carrying our gratitude into and through the seasons now unfolding is a means of incarnating the hope of establishing God's reign here.

I am happy that we will experience these blessed days together and want you to know that among the things I am most grateful for is you!

The Rev. John E. Denaro

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*From the Stewardship Committee*

## God's Generosity . . . and Ours

Once more as Thanksgiving approaches, it's time to consider how grateful we are for how much God provides for us. A very concrete way to show how much God means to each of us is to make a financial commitment to support our church. The church is God's House here on earth; it has just the same kind of bills and responsibilities as your home or mine. If we are God's children, then we should be faithful stewards and give generously to pay salaries, and bills, including bills for utilities, insurance and building maintenance.

The question is: How much do we value our church and how seriously do we take our com-

mitment? When I first started to pledge, it was not easy to begin to put aside money each payday. Year by year, though, God has given back to me sufficient resources to make increases in my pledge. God is generous and the rewards for our own generosity can be truly astounding. We want to give thanks for all that we have and for the strength and guidance God provides in the daily trials that we all experience. This should motivate us to support our church with open hands and big hearts. During the last few Sunday services, other adults and even two of our children have shared

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*Words from the Wardens***Annual Meeting, December 4**

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity will be held following the Eucharist on Sunday, December 4, 2011, in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity for all parishioners and friends to become familiar with the way in which we govern and operate our parish corporation. Two items are prominent in the agenda:

- election of three Vestry members and one Warden in the annual cycle of rotating leadership
- presentation of the 2012 budget as recently approved by the Vestry

There will also be presentations by our clergy and others and, of course, a delicious luncheon to which all are invited to contribute (we welcome your "special dish", your financial help and/or your physical "pitching-in" with set-up, serving and clean-up). There is abundant informal time when we can greet each other and chat.

A slate of candidates for Vestry and Warden has been presented to the Vestry by the nominating committee. Nominations can also be made from

the floor. All Baptized Christians, 18 years of age or older, are eligible to be nominated as a Vestry member. Eligibility for nomination as a Warden includes, as well, being a confirmed Episcopalian.

All who have been in attendance at St. Ann's for at least one year, who are known to the clergy and/or leadership and who have contributed to the upkeep and support of the parish are eligible to vote in the election. ALL are welcome to attend. The Religious Corporations Law of the State of New York requires polls to remain open for one hour; the meeting does not last much longer than that. Please know that you are welcome.

We offer our grateful best wishes to Sara Asmusen, who has notified us that she cannot continue on the Vestry due to personal and professional obligations. Sara has been a valued Vestry member, assisting us with clarity and wisdom in our contemplations and decisions. We wish her well.

Syd Farley & Frank Kain, Wardens

*From Our Seminarian***Instinctually a Community**

Last Thanksgiving, I found myself at table with a group of people who only a month before had been perfect strangers. United by our common bond of "foreigner-ness," we had scrounged around every grocery for a turkey, paid the high prices for cans of pumpkin and added a few international treats to the spread. The whole affair happened instinctually: Thanksgiving somehow meant we needed to come together and spend the evening eating American food and watching bootleg American DVDs. Around the table, we just enjoyed the company – no talk of what we were thankful for or even talk of home. We came together as a strange and motley community, grateful for the camaraderie more than anything else.

There is something instinctual about our need and enjoyment of community. Maybe we find it at work or school, with the ones we love or with an

organization or team. While moving disrupts community and presents the challenge of forming a new community, I was lucky enough to stumble through the doors of St. Ann's earlier this fall. I now look forward to coming to children's church, to learning from the Altar Guild, to sharing the Eucharist, to chatting over coffee, that is, to being part of the community here. This community expanded to include me and stretches itself to be a welcoming place to anyone sitting in a pew on Sunday. Our community here extends beyond a fellowship of shared activities: it is founded on our weekly coming around a table, sharing bread and wine as the community of Christ, where all are welcomed and embraced. Community often seems elusive, a fact Thanksgiving can highlight, but I hope St. Ann's is a place of community that embraces you.

Melinda Hall

## Notes from the Console

Advent begins on November 27. This marks the beginning of the Christian year, as we begin once more the annual commemoration of the foundation of our faith. This month, I thought that a look at how hymns and scripture propel us into our new liturgical year and through the story of our faith might be timely.

"Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us. . . 'Awake, Jerusalem, arise!'"  
- Philipp Nicolai (Hymn 61, *The Hymnal 1982*)

We begin the year with a warning to watch for the coming of the Savior, the Messiah. This is both a memory of the first advent of Christ, and a warning to watch for the second advent, yet to occur.

"O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel."  
- Latin, ca. 9<sup>th</sup> Century (Hymn 56, *The Hymnal 1982*)

As we get close to the end of the four-week period of waiting for Christmas, we sing of *why* we want Jesus to come among us: to free us from the captivity of sin, and provide the ransom that we are unable to give for ourselves.

"And suddenly, there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!*"  
- Luke 2:13

And so the story begins; we begin the liturgical year with Advent, and are soon celebrating the birth of our Lord. We join together with the angels in singing the praises of God, and adoring the Christ child.

"Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die, the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry. . ."  
- Richard Wilbur (Hymn 104, *The Hymnal 1982*)

This Christmas hymn points the way to the *reason* we celebrate the birth of Christ each year: Emmanuel *did* come, and *did* ransom us from our captivity to sin by his self-sacrifice on the cross. Our songs of praise will continue as we travel the yearly faith journey through the Epiphany, the recounting of Jesus' ministry over seven Sundays, Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. The choir and I look forward to joining voices with the congregation, our visitors and other seekers as we remember the salvation brought by God incarnate in Jesus. May this yearly remembrance of God's saving care for us be even more meaningful for you as we travel from birth to resurrection to the coming of the Holy Spirit.

"But now as at the ending the low is lifted high: The stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry. And every stone shall cry, in praises of the Child By whose descent among us The worlds are reconciled."  
- Richard Wilbur (Hymn 104, *The Hymnal 1982*)

Gregory Eaton  
Director of Music

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## Visiting Preachers

### Episcopal Church Foundation President Coming December 11

On Sunday, December 11, the President of the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF), Donald Romanik, will visit St. Ann's and preach at the 11:00AM Eucharist. In its mission statement, ECF says it seeks to support "healthy, vital, and vibrant congregations in service to God's mission." Mr. Romanik, a lay person, explained to Fr. Denaro that he sees our parish as a laboratory for utilizing strategies ECF has adopted to embolden and empower Episcopal institutions to stay relevant while continuing to proclaim the Gospel. His visit is sure to challenge and engage us.

Please join us on the Third Sunday of Advent to welcome our special guest!

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### South African Priest's Work Fosters Healing from Heartrending Harm

We were privileged at the Eucharist on October 30 to have Fr. Michael Lapsley visit as guest preacher. Fr. Lapsley, a New Zealand native, now lives in Cape Town, South Africa, and has been in the United States for a month-long mission visit.

Fr. Lapsley moved to South Africa in 1973 and began community organizing against the Apartheid movement; he was exiled in 1976 by the South African government. In 1990, while living in Zimbabwe, he was sent a letter bomb. In the explosion, he lost both hands and partial sight in one eye and suffered some hearing loss. Following this

horror, and in the early days of the post-Apartheid era in South Africa, he and associates came to understand the need people have to process such traumatic events in their lives; they needed to find a way to come to terms with the past in order to move forward, even in the new freer political environment. So Fr. Lapsley spearheaded the formation of the Institute for Healing of Memories. It conducts workshops and provides speakers and other resources to facilitate these efforts. The organization has representation in this country, and while it works mainly with cases of political oppression, he is supportive of other similar needs.

In his sermon to us, Fr. Lapsley discouraged using the term "forgive and forget" and suggested that Christianity, with Judaism and Islam, is one of the great remembering traditions. "If anyone tells you to forget the past, tell them they are talking junk," he insisted. Bad, destructive memories require that we first acknowledge them so we can begin to heal. Forgiveness, he said, is painful and difficult and requires a connection between the one who wronged and the one wronged, who seeks reconciliation and "restorative justice", rather than punishment.

We enjoyed our time with Fr. Lapsley. It would be easy, one thinks, to come out of such experience embittered and raw. But his own healing is evident and he is jovial and pleasant to chat with. Here is the website of the organization. We took a second collection that Sunday for its benefit, and we urge your support as well: <http://www.healing-memories.org>.

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### From the Stewardship Committee

their thankfulness in presentations to the congregation. Many thanks for those contributions.

If it is not within your vision to give more than a nominal financial contribution, gifts of time or skill are also very welcome. If you have not been able to commit to a pledge by Stewardship Sun-

day, November 20, there is still time. It's not at all too late, but please aim to have your pledge sheet ready to hand in before the end of the year to help the Finance committee with budgeting for 2012.

Joyce Pickering, Chair  
with Barbara Gonzo

## Diocesan Convention

*The 145<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Long Island took place November 11 and 12 at the Marriott Hotel in Melville, Long Island, in western Suffolk County. St. Ann's was represented by Fr. Denaro, Mo. Archer, our Delegate Bridgett Dickinson and Alternate Peter Farley III. Dr. Cheryl Branche also attended as a representative of the diocesan Parish Health Ministries in the exhibit hall; see her article on page 7. Bridgett reports on her experience here.*

My younger daughter Talia asked what the Convention is. I said, "You remember I was on the Vestry and went to the Vestry meetings?" She said, "Yes." "The Convention is like a giant Vestry meeting." Indeed, it is "giant", with some 600 people in attendance, but all those I encountered were very friendly.

Last year, the Convention had the theme, One Mission, One Diocese; this theme was continued this year with the question: "What is Mission?"

Every convention begins with a Eucharist, and the sermon is the Bishop's Address, his main policy statement, outlining the work he envisions will carry out the theme.

Friday, November 11, along with being Veterans' Day, was also the feast day of St. Martin of Tours. St. Martin was a particular champion of the poor; he also tried to be a unifier, promoting living into faith versus fighting what is "other" and building up instead of tearing down.

One example for us in our day: Mission versus advocacy. Someone may come to us and tell about a situation with hungry children; this is advocacy. Advocacy is also writing letters and maybe donating money. Mission, in contrast, is feeding the children and working to remove the cause of the hunger. Mission is doing, showing up, not simply talking and planning.

The Bishop, who has been in office two years now, also spoke, in the spirit of St. Martin, of reorganizing the structure of the Diocese so that it helps bring the parishes and people together instead of

tending to keep us apart. This includes updating the Canons – the "laws" of the Diocese – so they will enhance mission response of the individual parishes and the Diocese as a whole and improve transparency. A commission will be created to work over a three-year period to propose these structural reforms.

Bishop Provenzano spoke of moving away from segregated efforts toward working together among parishes; we tend now to work in isolation—in silos, which store and guard, while our job as followers of Jesus, is not to store, but to feed, and not to guard, but to share.

He reminded us that the staff of the Diocese is here to serve the parishes, not the other way around. In keeping, ministry development should occur at the local level, not in response to Diocesan directives. He is redirecting the work of the Archdeacons away from administration, toward mission. Greater focus will come to Deaneries, the neighborhood-based groups of parishes, which obviously are much closer to home than the larger divisions. Deacons, traditionally assigned to individual parishes, will now be assigned to an entire Deanery.

In conducting our mission work, the Bishop explained, our goal should be to have the heart and mind of Christ, to see Jesus on the face of our brothers and sisters (remembering that "brothers and sisters" means everyone, not just those we like) The prayer of St. Martin of Tours encompasses the Bishop's message: "Lord, if your people need me, I will not refuse to work. Your will be done."

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Father Denaro, attending his first convention in the Diocese of Long Island, also commented on the friendly atmosphere and congeniality he encountered. He highlighted two groups of resolutions enacted by the Convention, one from the youth of the Diocese urging work in the schools

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## Parish Health Ministries Receives Grant from Episcopal Charities

As we enter the third year, the parish health ministry is again taking stock of its mission: To promote health ministry in St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church to reclaim the gospel mission of health and wholeness. We continue to grow our information-based ministry, the prescription assistance program and community outreach.

We welcome Debbie Mumm, Barbara Gonzo and Faith George as the newest members of the parish health ministry and are grateful for their support as well as that of the congregation as we progress. We cannot do it without you.

We attended one caregiver's conference this year sponsored by the New York City Caregiver Coalition. We sent cards to four parishioners and members of our community.

The prescription assistance program is in its fourth year. Through it we are helping clients apply for and obtain free medications through major pharmaceutical companies and obtain discounted medications through drug services. Since its formation in June 2008, we have seen more than 130 clients. We currently offer sessions at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 6:00PM, at the Bedford library branch on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00PM, the Eastern Parkway library branch on Saturdays from 1:00 to 3:00PM and the Pacific library branch on Fridays from 1:00-3:00PM. (The Pacific branch is closed until November 28 for renovations.) We are available to speak to hospitals, vestries and congregations upon request.

We recently received a grant from Episcopal

Charities of Long Island for the purchase of two laptop computers and two portable printers. This will reduce the time that it takes for clients to receive and complete applications in the prescription assistance program. Rather than requiring four steps as we do now from meeting with the client to sending the applications to the drug company, we will be able to enroll the client, provide the applications, and help the client with the application at the point of service. The client can then obtain the supporting documents and send the documents to the drug company once they leave the site.

The Parish Health Ministry of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church is represented at the diocesan level through the Parish Health Ministry Group of the Diocese of Long Island and Episcopal Community Services; these groups had a presence at the Diocesan Convention last weekend [See the article on the Convention on page 6].

The members of the parish health ministry are: Robert Buck, Denise Keppel-Buck, Joyce Pickering, Robert Hecht, Elsie Barre, Debbie Mumm, Barbara Gonzo, Faith George and Dr. Cheryl Branche, chairperson. Please feel free to speak with me or other members of the committee if you have any questions or concerns or wish to identify issues you would like us to address. We welcome your input and inquiries.

From the parish health ministry of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church: We wish you happy, warm and safe holiday seasons.

Cheryl L. Branche, M.D.

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to counter bullying and to encourage parishes to have youth representation on Vestries. The other is a statement of strong support for the intentions of the Occupy Wall Street movement. That resolution has already been posted to the Diocesan

website. To read it and other Convention news, go to the website: <http://www.dioceseli.org/>; links from homepage lead to a video of the Bishop's Address, along with a "report" on the address and this latter resolution.

## Why I Volunteered To Help with Sunday School

I'll never forget the Sunday I first brought my daughter Caroline to Sunday School. I dropped her off in the Parish Hall with Debbie, the teacher of the littlest kids. Tiny little Caroline had never gone to nursery school or daycare, and I had left her with friends or family only a handful of times. For various reasons I had never used a baby sitter, and my husband and I had been her only caregivers for her entire short life. "Here goes nothing", I thought as I walked away through the cavernous Parish Hall. Would I be called back by wails and screams? Mother and child were reunited three quarters of the way through the service when Debbie shepherded the little ones back to their waiting parents in the congregation. Joyfully running down the aisle Caroline showed me the Sunday School lesson she had colored. No tears or trauma.

This happy reunion was repeated many times through the years as Caroline and then my younger daughter Margaret attended St. Ann's Sunday School from pre-K through senior high. They have graduated and are in college now. The memories of my girls in their Sunday-best attending Sunday School with their teachers Debbie, Syd and Winni are precious to me. Always gentle, concerned and encouraging, my fellow congregants

who took on the responsibility of being Sunday School teachers exemplified Christian values of stability, caring, education and devotion. The benefits to my children are clear and lasting. They are conversant with the basics of the Bible, prayer and worship. They have discussed how to put these values to work in everyday life. And they had extra support from a community of concerned adults – important to any child growing up.

This year, when Mother Nell asked for volunteers to help with some new initiatives she is working on for Children's Church and Sunday School, I signed up, partly to give back for all my family has received from St. Ann's Sunday School and partly because I take an interest in religious education and the kids we have here now. When we did our bulb-planting in the garden recently, I took a swing at connecting environmentalism to their Sunday School learning. I am hoping to contribute more along those lines in the future. I have enjoyed my foray into Sunday School teaching so far and hope to improve my teaching skills. Watching a new generation of kids grow and develop is lots of fun.

Suzan Frazier Kwateng

### Christmas Greens & Music

The Church traditionally looks and feels and sounds marvelous during the season of the year coming up. The lovely decoration and beautiful Christmas Eve music – a string quartet and extra voices in the Choir – are ours because you give them to us. The memorials and thanksgivings you contribute help provide these extra wonders for our special times together.

Please be generous. Mark your check and submit a note with your prayer intention; put these in the Sunday collection or send them to the parish office by December 19.

Thank you, and all the blessings of the season be with you!

### Book-of-the-Month Club

First Thursdays  
after 6:00PM Eucharist

December 1 selection:  
*A Month in the Country*  
by J. L. Carr.

Available at Brooklyn Public Library's Central Library and through [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [BarnesandNoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com).

These sessions are full of lively conversation. About 12 people attended in November. Do join us!

(Assistance is available for acquiring the books. See Fr. Denaro)

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## News from the Pews

When prayers of thanksgiving go around their holiday table this season, the Buck Family will have plenty of material to offer up. Little Granddaughter Aleigha, for whom we have prayed since her birth prematurely, is now up and cruising around the house, making age appropriate mischief and generally thriving. Now she has a little brother: the Buck's new grandchild Christian Alexander Buck, who was born October 10, 2011, at 7lbs 14 oz. And in close succession came another joyous occasion, the marriage of Robert James Buck Jr. and Audrey Xavier on October 21 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Malaysia. Yes, we said Malaysia – 24 hours just on the plane for Bob and Denise to make it to these global nuptials where they enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

In other news, on the sports front, on November 5, Margaret Kwateng's rugby team at Vassar beat Rutgers 20 to 19 in a hard-fought regional match, qualifying to go to nationals in the spring. These

young women have all winter to toughen up to play with the big girls at a vernal venue yet to be determined.

On All Saints Sunday, November 6, Gabriel Nathaniel Paul Fife-Francis was baptized by Fr. Denaro during the Eucharist. Gabriel's parents are Latoya Fife and Ashton Francis.

Perhaps you've noticed new readers at the lectern: Vince Ricciardi and Leon Willis have stepped up to do this fine work. Jenniffer Gaona and Kristin Ricciardi are new members of the Usher team. Welcome to all of you in your new roles and thank you for your service.

These "News from the Pews" items have been prepared by your editorial associate, Suzan Frazier Kwateng, in the stead of Debbie Mumm. As ever, please continue to email Debbie with news from your pew: [DebMumm@aol.com](mailto:DebMumm@aol.com).

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## Knitting for Seamen — and Praying Too — on December 10

In last month's issue of the Good News, Mother Archer wrote that she hoped our Sunday School children could learn to knit well enough to donate some items to the Christmas at Sea program run by the Seamen's Church Institute.

She may have been a bit optimistic about our youngsters' abilities – you can't really master a skill that fast – but the idea of individuals in our parish contributing some handmade comfort to mariners who spend months at sea is still a good one. Either as individuals or part of a parish-wide project, the people of St. Ann and the Holy Trinity Church could still make a stranger feel less alone, especially at Christmas.

During our recent Diocesan Convention Mother Archer met with the program manager of the Christmas at Sea program, Paige Sato. Ms. Sato has taught knitting classes, and she offered to share her expertise with our community, enabling us to expand our knitting circle to include folks

who don't yet know the joys of knitting, but want to learn. She is available December 10 to join us here at the church. She will provide in advance the patterns that SCI asks all its knitters to use. A number of parishioners have already offered to share some of their personal "stashes" of yarn and needles, and there will be an effort to round up donated yarn. There will be light refreshments.

The idea of making contributions to Christmas at Sea came from a lesson on 101 ways to pray that was being taught to our Sunday Schoolers, but kids aren't the only ones who could use a few new ways to think of prayer. For a number of years now Prayer Shawl groups and ministries have been formed around similar projects in houses of worship around the country and beyond. The act of making something to give away to another and actually completing the gift fills the process with good intentions and with prayers. Join us!

Syd Farley

The Rev. John E. Denaro  
*Priest-in-Charge*

The Rev. Nell B. Archer  
*Assistant Priest-in-Charge*

Melinda Hall  
*Seminarian*

Syd Farley  
& Frank Kain  
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### Upcoming Events!

Sunday, November 20 Last Pentecost: Christ the King

Stewardship Sunday & Brunch (*Page 2*)

Sunday, November 27 Advent I

Choral Eucharist, 11:00AM

Thursday, December 1

Book-of-the-Month-Club ~ follows 6:00PM Eucharist (*Page 8*)

Sunday, December 4 Advent II

Choral Eucharist, 11:00AM

Annual Parish Meeting\* ~ follows Eucharist (*Page 3*)

Saturday, December 10

Knitting Bee, 1:30PM – 4:30PM (*Page 9*)

Sunday, December 11 Advent III

Choral Eucharist, 11:00AM

Guest Preacher: Donald V. Romanik, President, Episcopal  
Church Foundation (*Page 5*)

Fellowship Brunch follows Coffee Hour

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through Christmas Day

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*\*A Vestry meeting will take place during December on a day and time decided by the members following the Annual Meeting elections.*

#### Mission Statement: Church of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity

The people of St. Ann & the Holy Trinity express gratitude for God's love by seeking to live as Jesus Christ teaches us: caring for our neighbors and ourselves, worshiping God with thanksgiving, and being good stewards of what is given to us. We welcome all who wish to join us on our spiritual journey.