



GRACE CHURCH
IN NEWARK

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Prelude – Improvised Variations on a “Noël”
Wolff von Roos

Introit – Populus Sion Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

The Cantor sings the Antiphon. The Priest kisses and censes the altar with frankincense and myrrh, the gifts of the Magi at Jesus’s birth, in honor of Christ’s sacrifice, and presence among us in the Blessed Sacrament.

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. *Ps.* Give ear, O you who rule Israel, you who lead the flock of Joseph. *Isaiah 30 & Psalm 80*

Kyrie – Mass of the Emmanuel James McGregor (1930-2022)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Kyrie.

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. The second staff is also divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. The third staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. The time signature changes from 3/8 to 2/8 and back to 3/8 throughout the piece.

Collect of the Day

Please sing ‘Amen’ on a monotone throughout the service unless otherwise indicated. This prayer sets the theme for the day, reflected in the Gregorian Chant, as well as the readings and post-communion prayer.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Baruch 5: 1-9

Please be seated for the Readings and the Psalm.

Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Baruch.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual – Psalm 126

Ivor Algernon Atkins (1869-1953)

The Cantor sings the Gradual alone.

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 1-11

Reader A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until

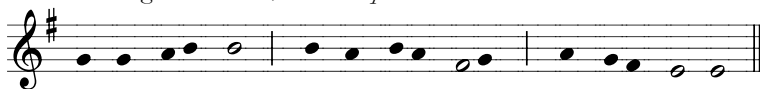
now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

The Cantor sings the Alleluia, then all repeat.



Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le- lu- ia, Al- le- lu- ia.

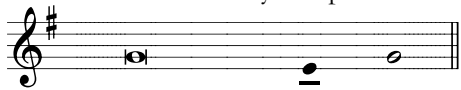
Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *All repeat Alleluia*

Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Please remain standing for the Gospel, which is censed with frankincense and myrrh as a way of giving honor to the ancient account of the life, death, and resurrection of Our Lord. It is customary to make three small signs of the cross with one's thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart, asking God for the Gospel to be in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

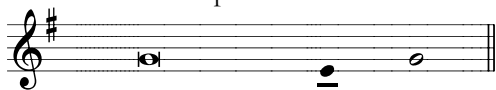
Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.



People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Father J. Brent Bates, Rector

Please be seated when the homilist says ‘✠ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’

Nicene Creed

Please stand and join in reciting the Creed in unison.

Priest We believe in one God

✠ *People* the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠ and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer Biddings

Please remain standing for the Prayers of the People. The Priest makes special prayer biddings.

✠ **The Church:** Pray for *Justin Welby*, Archbishop of Canterbury, *Sean Rowe* our Primate, *Carlye Hughes* our Bishop, and *Bartholomew* and *Francis*, primates of the other branches of the One

Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. Pray for the growth and sustainability of our parish and for our ministries: The food pantry, coffee hour, choir, choristers, acolytes, ushers and readers, altar guild, virtual grace and bible study, 20s/30s, the ministry fellowship, those who worship online, and our leadership, the Members of Vestry, *Darriea* and *Andre*, our Wardens, *Egan* our Ministry Fellow, *Wolff* our Director of Music, *Eleanor* our Postulant for the Priesthood in seminary, and *Brent* our Rector.

- ✎ **The Nation & World:** Pray for *Joseph* our President and *Kamala* our Vice President, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, *Phil* our Governor, and *Ras* our Mayor. Pray for the people of the nations of the world, especially Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana, Liberia, Haiti, Ukraine, and Russia. Pray for peace and justice in the Middle East, for those who are suffering, and all who have been killed.
- ✎ **Parish Prayer List:** Pray for our parishioners, *Ethelyn Washington*, *Alman Clarke*, *Dolores Carter-Brown*, *Beverly Brathwaite*, and *The Elisée Family*; and our family and friends, *Beverley Callender*, sister-in-law of Beverley Brathwaite, *Trisha Ferguson*, cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards, *Orlan Springer*, friend of Keith Beckles, *Clarence Barnes*, brother of Willa Barnes, *Damion H. Arthur*, son of Pat Arthur, *Brandon Bates*, brother of Fr. Bates, *Geraldine Clarke*, wife of Alman, *Andrew Svekla*, brother-in-law of Allie Ulrich, and his wife and children, *Joanne Murray*, mother of Andre Murray, and *Robert Alexander*, brother of Judith Alexander-Edwards.
- ✎ **Birthdays:** Give thanks for those whose birthdays are this week, especially *Egan Pemberton* (12/8), and last week, and *Brandon Bates* (12/5) and *Joan Knowles* (12/4).
- ✎ **Departed:** Pray for the recently departed, especially *Vernon Kearney* (11/16/24), brother of Tony Kearney, *Pat Anthony Vargas* (November 2024), cousin of Judith Alexander-Edwards, and those departed in years past, *Gilbert Beck* (12/12/19), husband of Judy Beck, and *Herbet Brown* (12/12/70), priest and former Rector of Grace Church in Newark.

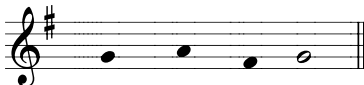
Prayers of the People

The Cantor leads the Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Here and after every petition, the people respond



People Lord, have mer- cy.

For all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who live and work in this community we pray to you, O Lord.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

Please respond



People To you, O Lord our God.

The Priest adds a concluding Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel or bow profoundly for the Confession and say

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest proclaims God's absolution of sin saying

Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.



Priest The peace of the Lord be al- ways with you. *People* And al- so with you.

Announcements

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the preparation of the Altar, stand for the hymn, then stand or kneel for the Eucharistic Prayer. All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament; Speak to the priest to discuss baptism. Please receive the bread on the tongue or folded hands with palms up. Wine may be sipped, but dipping bread is not allowed. If you need the Blessed Sacrament brought to your pew, please signal an usher.

Offertory Antiphon – Deus, tu convertens

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

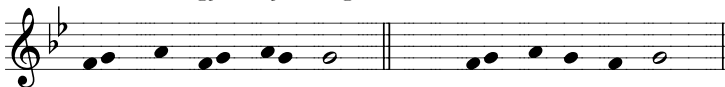
The Offertory Antiphon is sung by the Cantor.

Will you not, O God, give us life; and shall not your people rejoice in you? Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. *Ps.* You have blessed, O Lord, your land; you have brought back the captives of Jacob. You have forgiven the guilt of your people; you have covered all their sins. *Psalms 85*

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sanctus – Robert Powell (b. 1937)

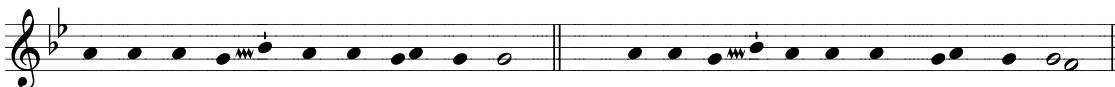
Please remain standing for the following.



Priest The Lord be with you. *People* And al- so with you.



Priest Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.



Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death,

and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life;

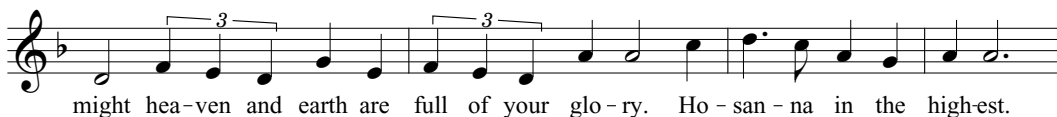
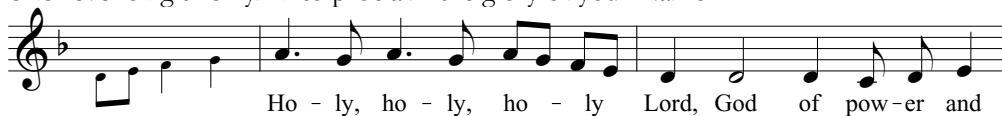
that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world,

we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven,

who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Please kneel or remain standing as the Priest continues.

We give thanks to you, O God,

for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation;

in the calling of Israel to be your people;

in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,

out of sin into righteousness,

out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;

and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts

that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ,

and bring us to that heavenly country where,

with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints,

we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit

all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Please affirm the consecration of the Bread & Wine as the Body & Blood of Christ by exclaiming the Great Amen.



People A- MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest begins



And now as our Sa- vior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Please continue



Our Fa- ther, who art in hea- ven, hal- low- ed be thy Name,



thy king- dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in

hea- ven. Give us this day our dai- ly bread, and for- give us our tres-
 pass-es, as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us. And lead us
 not in- to temp- ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil. For thine is the
 king- dom and the pow'r and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men

The Fraction

The Priest breaks the bread.

Priest Christ our Pass-o- ver is sac- ri- ficed for us.

People There- fore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei – Mass of the Emmanuel

James McGregor (1930-2022)

Please join the Cantor in singing the Agnus Dei.

Lamb of God you take a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
 God you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Receive the Blessed Sacrament

Please come forward immediately after the following invitation in order to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Please be seated after receiving the Blessed Sacrament.

✠ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The people may privately say the Prayer of Humble Access for preparation to receive the Blessed Sacrament

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for all who worship remotely or do not want to receive the Blessed Sacrament

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen.

Communion Antiphon – Jerusalem, surge

Adapted by Samuel F. Weber (b. 1947)

Please be seated as the Cantor sings the Communion Antiphon.

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God. *Ps.* Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, Praise your God, O Sion. He has strengthened the bars of your gates, and has blessed your children within you. *Baruch 5 & Psalm 147*

Postcommunion Prayer

After any remaining Sacrament has been consumed and the Altar has been cleared, the Priest says

Grant, O almighty and everlasting God, that we who have received these holy mysteries as spiritual food may have grace rightly to judge the worth of earthly things and evermore to hold fast to heavenly things, through Jesus Christ Lord. *Amen.*

Advent Blessing

The Priest offers a blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.



People A- men.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



People Thanks be to God.

Postlude – Improvisation on “Stuttgart”
Wolff von Roos

GRACE NOTES

DECEMBER 8, 2024

Welcome to our visitors this morning. We hope you will fill out a visitor’s card located in your pew. All are welcome to join us at Coffee Hour upstairs in the Parish House after Mass. We are very glad to have new families worshipping with us! An usher would be happy to show you our Kid’s Corner. Online giving for anyone is easy at <http://bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving>.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

The pledge campaign has ended, but it is not too late to turn in a pledge. Return the card that was mailed or do it online (<https://bit.ly/GraceChurchPledge2025>). We have so far received 47 pledges, a total of \$99,325. Thank you to the following people:



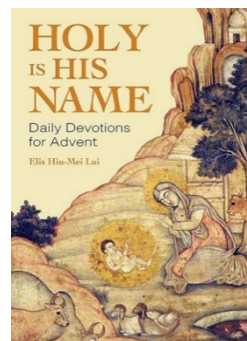
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The Moneme Family
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Tara Murphy
Scott & Susy Norris
Egan Pemberton
Darria Pigott
Luis Sanchez
Jason Scully
Rose Thompson-Quartey
Deborah Tillman Richardson
Jose Torres
Daphne Turner
Jeff & Allie Ulrich
Peter Woolley

ADVENT FORUM WITH THE RECTOR

There will be no forum today, Sunday, December 8, because of the broken boiler. But the Advent forum will continue next Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Join Father Bates in the Parish Parlor for a time of study, prayer, and discussion. We will read together from *Holy Is His Name*, a book of devotions for Advent, and reflect on the four canticles from the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke associated with Advent, beginning with the Song of Mary - the *Magnificat*. These devotions explore the hope, peace, and liberation promised to us all so that we too with Mary might proclaim “holy is his name.” Father Bates will order the books which will be available for a suggested donation of \$10. All are invited.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The poinsettias and wreaths that we use to decorate the church on Christmas have been ordered. Please consider submitting a donation this month to support the cost of these, with the memo “Christmas Flowers.” Thank you to all who have given:

Judith Alexander-Edwards

Mike Lindstrom
in memory of Marge

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
7:00 PM High Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
10:30 AM High Mass

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

NEW APPROACH FOR THE CHOIR

As Grace Church continues to move forward post-Covid, the Music Program will be trying a new approach to grow participation in the Parish Choir by making it more accessible, not requiring an every-week commitment. Instead of a weekly occurrence, the choirs will be singing on special occasions and feast days celebrated in our parish. We extend an invitation to anyone, either you or someone you know, who wants to give this a try, sharing their voice and participating in the music ministry of our parish. This is a fresh start to hopefully rebuild and continue Grace Church’s strong musical history. If our choir is able to grow in good numbers, we’ll have the opportunity to expand our repertoire and do some fun things down the road.

For more information or interest in giving this a try, please contact Director of Music & Organist, Wolff von Roos, at wvroos@gracechurchinnewark.org or 317-935-8180.

DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

There is no coffee hour after Mass today, however, coffee hour hosts are needed for December 22 and December 29. If you are not signed up, consider teaming up with a friend to bring a small dish.

Coffee Hour is a very important ministry of our church. It is a chance for us to get to know one another and to welcome newcomers. Signing up to host is also a great and easy way to get involved in a ministry if you are new to the parish! Thank you!

PRAYER LIST

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