



St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley

The Beacon

*"In thy light shall we see light."
Psalm 36:9*

November 2009



*By the Grace of God
The Rt. Rev. James J. Shand
Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Easton
will ordain*

The Reverend Paul DeWitt Reid
*to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church
on Saturday, December 12, 2009
at eleven o'clock in the morning.
St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley
2475 St. Peter's Road, Malvern, Pennsylvania 19355*

*A reception will follow the service.
Your prayers & presence are requested and
you are invited to wear something red
as a symbol of the indwelling Holy Spirit.
Clergy please wear red stoles.*

FROM THE RECTOR . . .

In November even the secular world focuses on thanksgiving. Perhaps that is why this holiday (derived from "holy day") of Thanksgiving is so close to my heart. It is primarily a day of *thanks-giving* for family, friends, and the big bird or vegetarian dishes roasting to perfection in the oven. Yes, it is also a day filled with football (married as I am to the son of a football coach, I get that), but thankfully, hours of absorption in football are often the prelude to a late afternoon walk that aids digestion and conversation.

Thanksgiving Day also heightens our awareness of all we have received and moves us to share with others. The fourteenth-century mystic Meister Eckhart said it best, "If the only prayer you ever say is 'Thank you,' it will be enough." This refutes, it seems to me, the distinction between secular and sacred. We are to be thankful in all things, in all times and in all places—thankful for the good, the bad and the ugly. Thankful for the One who holds us in all times and circumstances.

I am full of thanks to be here on this holy hill with you. I am thankful that we will gather for a service on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30 in the historic church; this is truly the best way to observe a holy day. I promise you can tuck that turkey in the oven and get to church on time! I am thankful that we are all invited to participate, here at St. Peter's, in the December 12th ordination of Paul Reid to the sacred order of priests. On that day—just as, in one way or another, on all our days—our prayers, our presence and our thanksgivings are requested. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,
Anne +

Tuesday Noon Organ Series This Month

Four Delaware Valley organists will present half-hour organ recitals at noon every Tuesday in November. Come hear both favorite organ works and some new tunes, and enjoy the serenity and beauty of St. Peter's at midday in autumn. This series also offers you a grand opportunity to introduce your friends St. Peter's and its wonderful organ. Each recital will be followed by a reception with light noontime refreshments.

- On **November 3**, Andrew Heller, Director of Music at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Ardmore since 1997, will be the featured organist. He has a degree in music education and organ from Temple University and has served churches in the Philadelphia area since 1972. At St. Paul's he directs the adult, youth and children's choirs, handbells and a brass ensemble.
- On **November 10**, Vernon Williams returns to St. Peter's. A familiar face here, he has played in previous Tuesday Noon recitals and often sings with the Chamber Choir. Vernon is organist and choir-master at Trinity Church in Moorestown, NJ, where he directs five vocal choirs and a handbell ensemble; previously he served at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia's Frankford area, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Mobile, AL, and Princeton Theological Seminary in NJ. His choral compositions have been performed in the United States, Canada, and Europe.
- On **November 17**, St. Peter's own Dr. Martha Johnson will perform works by Herbert Howells and J. S. Bach, along with some American music for small organs. Martha, who performs on both organ and harpsichord, has degrees from the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and Indiana University. She has conducted the Chamber Choir of St. Peter's for numerous national events and taught at St. Lawrence University (where she was the university organist) and DePauw University before coming to St. Peter's.
- On **November 24**, William Gatens, organist at both the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont and Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Elkins Park, will perform. In addition to a B.A. from Swarthmore College, he has a B.A., M.A., and D.Phil. from Oxford University; in 1986 Cambridge University Press published his book, *Victorian Cathedral Music in Theory and Practice*. He was an announcer for Philadelphia's classical music station WFLN-FM for eleven years until its 1997 demise, and has appeared in recital at Longwood Gardens, Penn, Drexel, Beaumont at Bryn Mawr, and many area churches.



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The Philadelphia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists is co-sponsoring this series of concerts with St. Peter's.



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St. Peter's Fine Crafts Fair

Saturday, November 14, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Sunday, November 15, throughout the morning

*Hand-knit sweaters and socks,
photography, note cards, jewelry,
ceramics, lemon curd, and more*

Benefits St. Peter's women's ministries
Information: 484-319-6323

This Advent, Prepare Him Room

Advent, which begins on November 29, marks the beginning of the church year, and among the many gifts the Advent season offers is the reminder to slow down and allow ourselves space and time to prepare for the coming of Christ. As part of our intentional preparation, on **Sunday, November 29**, we invite everyone, young and old alike, to gather at 10:15 in the lower level of the barn for an Intergenerational Advent Event.

Please save the date, the time, and the space to “prepare Him room.” Join us for really good food, Advent wreath-making for ourselves and others, . . . and lots more!

P.S. *Inter*-generational means just that! We really do need all generations present. So if you usually worship at 11, come an hour early, or plan to stay for the event if you usually worship earlier.

AN EVENING WITH LUKE **Wednesday, December 2** **6 to 8:30 P.M.**

Join us as we begin the holy season of Advent
by gathering to read the Gospel of Luke
in one evening!

Why?

Because the church’s new year begins
on the first Sunday of Advent
and with this much loved gospel.
So this year ~ give yourself a gift!

Leave the shopping frenzy behind
and gather at St. Peter’s
for a chili supper
and an incredible evening like no other.

Please R.S.V.P.
by calling the parish office (610-644-2261)
or sending an email to rector@stpetersgv.org



A Visit from St. Nick—Saturday, December 5

To honor St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, all children and grandchildren of the parish are invited to come to the parish hall on **December 5**, to enjoy homemade cookies, hot chocolate, and a visit from St. Nick himself!

Bring friends and, since St. Nicholas is also the patron saint of sailors, **a pair of men’s socks** (new) for the Seaman’s Church Institute. The festivities begin at 10 o’clock that morning.

FROM THE TRANSITIONAL DEACON . . .

A Deacon's Heart and Mind

by the Rev. Paul DeWitt Reid

Last month I was blessed with the opportunity to give the invocation at The Clinic's annual celebration dinner. I invited the attendees to remember the blessings and gifts that they had been given by God's abundance and then reminded them of the many in the world whose needs can only be met by those attending the dinner. This is the work of a deacon—to bring the needs of the world to the attention of the gathered body of Christ and to be first of all a servant to those needs.

The Episcopal Church and all Anglican churches (those that trace their roots to the Church of England) place great importance on the fact that we are all set aside for ministry by the Holy Spirit. We believe that all of us are called by God to minister to each other and to the world, according to the gifts given us by God's abundance. We trust that as people of God, we can discern each other's call to ministry when we open ourselves prayerfully to the Holy Spirit; that is why ordination announcements frequently begin, "God willing and the people agreeing . . ." But all ministry, lay or ordained, can only be accomplished as God wills and the people agree.

Being set aside for ministry by God is the same as saying, "How we live our lives matters." There is nothing greater in God's eyes than being called to ministry, and no calling is greater than any other. Whether called to tend to the altar, to serve as an acolyte, to do outreach, to make a joyful noise in worship, to heal, to feed, or to manage the worldly needs of our parish, we are all equally ministers and priests of the body of Christ.

Because the church is in the world, we are tempted to see ministry hierarchically, in the way of the world. We too easily see ordained ministers as "higher" than lay ministers and bishops as "higher" than ordained priests and deacons. But this is the world's way, not God's. God simply sees all of us as "set aside" for ministry according to the abundant gifts each of us has received.

We traditionally set aside certain parts of the worship service for deacons to perform, like reading the Gospel, assisting at the Holy Table, and giving the dismissal. But the ministry for which deacons are truly set aside is to bring the needs of the world to the attention of the gathered body of Christ and to be a servant to those needs. Ordained deacons in our church are not "less than" priests. In fact, all ordained priests and bishops are still deacons and perform the role of a deacon in a parish and at worship when none is present.

In the Episcopal Church, we have two kinds of deacons. Ordained vocational deacons are called by God specifically to a lifetime of servant ministry, and they usually serve while maintaining their secular careers; we depend on them to keep our eyes open to the needs of the world. Ordained priests are set aside for other tasks in the body of Christ; I will write about this next month as I near my own ordination to the priesthood.

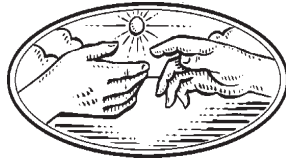
Each ordained priest or bishop is to be the servant of all, and thus never stops being a deacon. That is why our church retains the transitional deacon. All priests (and therefore all bishops) are first ordained as transitional deacons to remind them that servanthood is the call of Christ; they are set aside to serve in that role for a time before ordination to the priesthood. My call to become an ordained priest is therefore also a call from God to remain a deacon in my heart and mind forever.

An Invitation from Bishop Michel

On Thursday, November 19, Ambassador Warren Clark will speak on "What Churches Can Do for Middle East Peace" at St. Asaph's Church, Bala Cynwyd, at 7:30 P.M. An Episcopalian with theological training, Clark is the Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace, which works to advance the prospects for a comprehensive peace in the Holy Land. Bishop Michel invites everyone to attend this talk sponsored by our diocesan Middle East Study Group, and reminds us that "we all pray for peace in the Middle East and this will be an opportunity to put our prayers into action."



Daylight-Saving Time Ends
Sun., Nov. 1



Alternative Christmas

Give a gift of hope this Christmas! Christmas season is approaching, and soon you will be hard-pressed to find the perfect gift for a loved one or friend, facing the eternal question of what to give to people who already

Give a Gift



that Gives

ready have everything they need. This Christmas, give a different sort of gift—instead of buying another unwanted and unneeded sweater or book for a relative or friend, honor that person by giving

a gift of hope in his or her name.

This year at St. Peter’s, the Outreach Commission encourages you to participate in an Alternative Christmas and makes it easy for you to do so. At coffee hour after Sunday worship on December 6, 13 and 20, commission members will be available in the gathering spaces for you to share the joy of Christ this Christmas by making donations in the name of loved ones to our focus outreach ministries:

The Clinic

Medical care for those in need

Good Works

Repair of substandard housing

Home of the Sparrow

Housing for homeless mothers and children

Seamen’s Church Institute

Ministering to mariners serving Philadelphia

Chester Children’s Chorus

Offering talented children opportunity

Aerie House Orphanage

Loving care for Ethiopian orphans

Give the Gift of Life

On **Sunday, November 22**, the Red Cross blood-mobile will return to St. Peter’s in the Great Valley, ready to accept your life-giving gift between 8 A.M and 2 P.M. Last year’s fall blood drive was very successful, as St. Peter’s set a Chester County record of 40 first-time donors! Let’s break that record at this year’s drive!



Please sign up early, since preregistration ensures that adequate staffing and supplies will be available. You can register online, at www.pleasegiveblood.org/donate; our sponsor code is 13912. Be sure to eat a hearty breakfast before coming to church on November 22, so that you’ll be ready to give the gift that *keeps on giving!*

Gesundheit!

“God Bless You” Kits for The Clinic

The Clinic needs “home care kits” for patients during the flu season. These “carry-out” kits will serve a offer relief from cold and flu symptoms. Their portability is especially important since the overcrowded conditions at The Clinic don’t allow for isolation areas for patients; these take-home kits will help fill this need.

Look for these bags in the gathering space in the barn and the church common room, and please take one, fill it with the items listed below, and return it to church the following week. You will help us say, “*Gesundheit!*”

Throat lozenges

Tea bags

Tissues

Chicken soup

Hand sanitizer

Chapstick

Disposable thermometers

The Gifting Tree: Holiday Outreach to the Community

What better way to “Celebrate God’s Abundance” than by supporting local children and adults through St. Peter’s annual Gifting Tree? Names and gift suggestions will be available before Thanksgiving in both the barn and church, and the ingathering will take place in early December.

Watch for additional details in your weekly St. Peter’s e-blast KEYNOTES and Sunday leaflets during November.



A Six-Week Study Series

At 7 P.M. on **Monday, November 2**, a six-week book study group led by the Rev. Paul Reid will have its inaugural meeting. The book under discussion during this series that runs through December 7 will be *Tokens of Trust* by Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Williams' beautifully written and illustrated 160-page primer is based on talks he gave at Canterbury Cathedral during Holy Week in 2005 and is an ideal read for anyone interested in the timely questions it raises: What does it mean to believe in God today? Can God be almighty amidst so much evil and disaster? What is the purpose of the church in today's world? What does it mean to follow Christ in our fragmented, contemporary world?

The group will discuss one chapter on each of the six Monday evenings. Come to all or as many of the meetings you can! A few copies of the book are still available at church (\$12 each); it is also available from online and retail booksellers.



“Rock-a-Bye Baby”: A New Opportunity for Ministry

A new ministry has been born at St. Peter's—one that will welcome the very newest members of our parish families, babies! As part of the Pastoral Care Commission, the Cradle Guild Ministry will welcome, bless, and visit with these precious little ones . . . and their parents too!



Our initial goal is to visit the new family twice. The first will be a hospital visit by the clergy, to bless the newborn there; the second will be a home visit by a parishioner who will deliver a meal and a small gift for the baby from the St. Peter's family.

The commission is enthusiastic about this new ministry and invites everyone to share the excitement by serving as a visitor. To volunteer, please contact Mary Ann Tatum (maryanntatum5@gmail.com or 610-644-1549). Expectant parents should be sure to let Mary Ann Tatum know about the baby's "e.t.a." and to add the church office to their list of those getting a phone call or email announcement when the baby arrives.

Celebrating God's Abundance Celebration Sunday 2009

At Celebration Sunday on October 25, the Rev. John Fritschner, Rector of Holy Trinity, Auburn, Alabama, preached and then led a service of commitment during which parishioners brought forward their pledge commitment cards in an act of worship and celebration of God. Below we share with you the results of the worship and commitment on Celebration Sunday.

- ◆ A total of 84 giving units (couples or individuals) completed their 2010 pledge cards.
- ◆ A total of 24 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their 2009 amount.
- ◆ A total of 84 giving units committed the sum of \$275,378 on (or before) Celebration Sunday.
- ◆ Based on 2009 giving records, we can expect to receive \$304,137 during 2010 from people who have consistent giving patterns but were not present on October 25.
- ◆ We can expect to receive \$7000 during 2010 from loose offerings.
- ◆ Church income in 2010 from non-donor sources such as interest, rentals, and fees can be expected to be \$57,400.
- ◆ This gives us a grand total of \$643,915 anticipated income for 2010.
- ◆ The total income for our general operating budget during 2010 is expected to be \$631,710.
- ◆ For 2010, we can expect our operating budget income to increase by \$12,205.
- ◆ This is a 1.9% increase in total giving over last year.

The mission of St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley is, by the power of the Holy Spirit to nurture all people of all ages in the knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ, and to make Him known in the wider community.

Once More into the Breach

by Jamie McArdle

We are again entering the season of too much holiday cheer and too little time to enjoy it... In this month's preschool newsletter, I reiterated my annual "Save Advent" campaign, my effort to do everything possible to prepare for Christmas before the first Sunday of Advent, so that my family and I can observe Advent as a time of prayerful waiting. Sometimes it works; sometimes it doesn't, but the effort is worthwhile in itself, I've found.

Similarly, the added busyness and general confusion of moving Hop-a-Thon to the fall was indeed worthwhile, and everyone at the Preschool thanks you so much for your generous support! Between preschool and parish participation, the children's 2600+ hops raised over \$2000, which is a strong beginning for our fundraising year. As the one who sweats preschool fundraising all year long, let me add my *personal* thanks!

Why did the simplest fundraiser in the world add to the busyness and confusion of the autumn at the Preschool? Well, some of the *other* activities in October were two picture days, the first library and chapel programs and first "lunch bunches" of the school year, the first "healthy snack days" of the year (when parent volunteers prepare and bring a fruit or veggie snack for their children's class), a giant pumpkin that grew daily from magic seeds with assiduous watering in the younger children's classroom, the making of applesauce and myriad jack o' lanterns, a passel of birthdays, four Halloween parties, three parades and trick-or-treating in the offices. Through it all, Mrs. McArdle took pictures of all this for *St. Peter's Baazette*, our newest fundraiser.



The *Baazette* is a monthly, electronic, customized, picture-oriented subscription newsletter for our preschool families. Each issue features pictures of the subscribing family's child doing preschool stuff and includes a short write-up about what the child's class is doing and at least one digital scan of the child's artwork that month. The newsletter is emailed in PDF format (readable, just like the online *Beacon*, using Adobe Acrobat Reader), and families can do whatever they like with their child's issue; as an added convenience, we email the child's *Baazette* to up to ten additional recipients. (We will also offer subscribing families a bound book of their children's 2009-10 *Baazette* at just over production cost at the end of the year. Distant grandparents, rejoice!)

I'm thrilled about the *Baazette*. I think it exemplifies the fundraising philosophy of St. Peter's Preschool, *never* to ask families to sell anything, and to add, with each fundraising event or item, some kind of value for our families. Hop-a-Thon's added value is the cuteness factor; there's nothing cuter than seeing a child in midair, a look of determination (to hop at least twice as many times as her pledging parents expected!) on her face. The added value of the rummage sale is the opportunity to pass along items that have provided their owners with usefulness or pleasure, and to benefit from items that have served others well. And the *Baazette's* added value is the chance to give relatives and friends both an ongoing taste of a preschooler's days, and a lasting memory.

The challenge of a new and exciting fundraiser is to remember why we raise money during the year. We do it to keep our tuition affordable for the greatest number of area families possible, and to ensure that we can attract and keep dedicated, loving, experienced, well-trained teachers of the highest quality. We raise money so that we don't have to limit a child's coloring to one sheet of paper; so that the four children playing at the train table won't have too many sharing-related squabbles; so that we don't have to eke out three additional months from last year's muddied watercolor trays; and so that we can replace time-softened playground balls with bouncy new ones. We do fundraising for the children of St. Peter's Preschool, just as we do everything else here.

Calling All Would-be Angels and Shepherds in Grades 1- 4!



All youngsters between first and fourth grade who would like to be part of St. Peter's Christmas Pageant are invited to please call Bruce Glenny, associate organist/choirmaster, at the church office (610-644-2261). Participants in the pageant need not be members of the Children's Choir. There will be a rehearsal will be on Sat., Dec. 19, and the pageant will be performed during family Christmas Eve service at 4 PM on December 24.

The YOU in Fellowship!

A quick look at the following lists will give you an excellent indication of some ways to participate in the wonderful activities of our parish life. You will notice that they usually involve good food in addition to the opportunity to serve with other parishioners.

The Fellowship Commission is asking for two coordinators for each event. Please consider this list of dates and responsibilities, and let Pat Harvey know which activity you would like to help coordinate. Pat can be reached at pmharvey8@comcast.net or 610-917-3849.

Sunday, December 6, 4 P.M.—Crock-pot-luck supper following Advent Lessons and Carols
Coordinators assist with set-up and arrange for crockpot meals, beverages, and desserts.

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30 P.M.—La Posada
Coordinators help with Mexican-themed meal and room preparation.

Saturday, February 13—Game Night
Coordinators assist with beverage, appetizer, soup offerings and set-up.

Sunday, March 28, 4 P.M.—Reception following Evensong
Coordinators arrange for appetizers, beverages and set up.

Sunday, May 16, 4 P.M.—Chester Children's Chorus Concert
Coordinators assist with set-up of donated cookies.



**Fellowship
is YOU**

In addition, we are seeking two coordinators to arrange for and set up punch after these festive services:

December 24—Punch following the 7:30 and 11 P.M. Christmas Eve services

April 4—Punch following the 9 and 11 A.M. Easter Sunday services



VESTRY CORNER

Thanks and Appreciations

- To Steve and Lynn Hoyt for donating their tractor—it will be a great help in keeping our holy hill well groomed and beautiful.
- To Rusty Nash for raising the entryway to the shed so we could put the tractor away safely.
- To Bob Lytle, Adam Kulp, and Dixon Bridgers for mulching branches and grinding out stumps in the churchyard.
- To Bishop Shand of Maryland and Bishop Michel of Pennsylvania for their flexibility in allowing Paul Reid to serve here.
- And for the Bishops' agreement to allow Paul's ordination to be held at St. Peter's on Dec. 12.
- To *A Cappella* Pops for their wonderful Oct. 18 concert and gift to the capital campaign.
- To the Harveys' neighbors for donating their tent, which we have been borrowing for events.
- To the Rev. John Fritschner for celebrating and preaching on Celebration Sunday.

Fall Parish Meeting

Over seventy parishioners attended the fall parish meeting on October 4. Eric Lien spoke about St. Peter's mission as it relates to our current financial situation; Paige Infortuna presented the "functional budget" that had been mailed to everyone; Joe Herbst gave an update on the Upon This Rock capital campaign; and Lynn Mander discussed the 21st Century Fund, our endowment fund. Thank you to all who attended. If you were unable to attend and have questions, please feel free to contact any speaker or vestry member.

November

Weekly Programs this Month

Sundays, 6 P.M.: "Sharing Sacred Stories" (thru 11/22)

Mondays, 7 P.M.: *Tokens of Trust* study group

Tuesdays, NOON: Organ recitals on the Bigelow organ

November 7

Prayer shawl knitters

10 A.M.

Murder mystery book group

12:30 P.M.

November 8

Choral Evensong

4 P.M.

November 14

*Craft fair (p. 2)

10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Diocesan convention

November 15

*Craft fair (p. 2)

after all services

November 22

*Blood drive (p. 5)

8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

November 26

*Thanksgiving Day (p. 1)

Holy Eucharist at 10:30 A.M.

November 29

*Intergenerational Advent Event (p. 3)

10:10 A.M.

*(see related article)

Gathering of Women

The women of St. Peter's will gather at 7:15 in the parish hall on Wednesday evening, **November 11**, for a demonstration by our own Susy Baum of table and other decorations for Thanksgiving. Susy has won many awards for her flower-arranging artistry, and her gift frequently enhances the altar at Sunday worship. We will also share with one another our personal sense of being blessed and will lift up thankfulness as a wonder-full attribute of Christian women.

Bring a snack or a drink and join your St. Peter's friends for an evening of sharing and caring. If you have questions or need a ride, contact Bonnie Michael (bonnie.michael@westtown.edu) or Shannon Almquist (shannonalmquist@verizon.net).

Moms' Group

Fri., Nov. 13, 9:30 A.M.—Playgroup at Melissa Shaner's home. Please RSVP to Melissa (myshaner@verizon.net).

For more information about the Moms' Group, please contact Anne Caterino (da.caterino@verizon.net or 610-695-0932).

A Message from Nancy Stroud

*The Celebration of New Ministry at the Church of the Atonement will take place on **Thursday, November 12** at 7 P.M. I hope that you can attend the celebration! Please keep the wonderful people of Atonement in your prayers as our ministry here in Westfield, Massachusetts, goes forward.*

2009 Financial Results

	<i>Sept. 2009</i>	<i>Year to date thru Aug.</i>	<i>Year to date Budget</i>	<i>Budget 2009</i>	<i>Year-end Forecast</i>
Pledge Income	\$24,434	\$319,229	\$344,192	\$531,000	\$496,037
Total Income	33,139	398,119	427,813	668,162	631,710
Total Expense	47,940	488,954	499,046	674,165	650,505
Surplus/(deficit)	-14,831	-90,835	-71,233	-6,003	-18,795



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Kathleen Herbster, Parish Secretary
Jamie McArdle, Preschool Director
Donna Shreiner, Events Coordinator
Randy White, Sexton

Our Mission:

*by the power of the Holy Spirit,
to nurture people of all ages in the
knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ,
and to make Him known
in the wider community.*

The deadline for the
December *Beacon* is
November 18

Every Week at St. Peter's

Sunday

8 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite I*
9 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
10:10 A.M. Christian Formation**
11 A.M. Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

Wednesday

12 NOON Brown Bag Bible Study***

Thursday

10:30 A.M. Prayer Group***

Friday

7 A.M. Gathering of Men****

*Church
**Barn
***Parish Hall
****Parish House

November 1

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 8

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 15

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-14,(15-18),19-25
Mark 13:1-8

November 22

Christ the King
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37



This Month's Scripture Readings

November 26

Thanksgiving Day

Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

November 29

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-9
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36