



# The Shepherd's Voice

DECEMBER

2010

## **IN OUR PRAYERS...**

Your prayers are asked for Matthew, Jim, Andy, Donna, Norma, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Harriet, Madeline, Tom, Maria, Kathleen, Jennifer, Carol, Dan, Mike, Margaret, Debbie, Phil, Mary Lou, Donald, Jackie, Janice, Andy, Sonya, Angel and Shamyra; and the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania; we pray for an end to all war and armed conflict and for our service men and women on active duty. Your prayers are asked for Kristen for safety in childbirth. We give thanks for the safe return of William and Tanya from Afghanistan and Iraq

## **COMING EVENTS...**

The Christmas Bazaar will be on December 11-12, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM . . . Senior Fellowship Lunch will be at Noon, on Tuesday, December 21 . . . On Sunday, December 19, The Reverend William Beers will offer a presentation on Food for the Poor, a charity organization for Latin America . . . On Christmas Eve, December 24, Sung Holy Eucharist (Family service with child care) will be celebrated at 5:00 PM; the Christmas Concert will be offered at 10:30 PM; Sung Holy Eucharist (Midnight Mass) will be celebrated at 11:00 PM . . . On Christmas Day Sung Holy Eucharist will be offered at 10:00 AM . . . On New Year's Day, Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, Holy Eucharist with Hymns will be at 10:00 AM, followed by an Open House at the Rectory . . . The Christmas Pageant and 12<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration will be on Saturday, January 8 at 6:00 PM.



## **FROM THE RECTOR: ADVENT (The Season before Christmas!)**

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

I am a huge fan of Advent! Advent leads to Christmas. Advent begins a new year in the Church calendar. Advent has some of the greatest hymns that have ever been written. And did I mention that Advent leads to Christmas!

The liturgical year of the church begins on the First Sunday of Advent. Throughout the church year there are two major cycles that determine when the Seasons and Major Holy Days of the year are observed: the first cycle revolves around the movable date of Easter Sunday (in 2010 Easter was April 4, in 2011 Easter is April 24), the second cycle revolves around the fixed date of Christmas Day (Christmas is always December 25). The date of Easter determines when the church observes or celebrates Ash Wednesday and the Season of Lent; Holy Week including Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday; Eastertide including

## WHY I LOVE GOOD SHEPHERD

*This article is the second in a series presented by the 2011 Stewardship Committee. If you are interested in submitting an article for the series, please contact Father Matt, we'd love to print your submission! This month we continue the series with a note from Cindy Rubino:*

When asked why I love Good Shepherd, my immediate answer is "Because of the people, of course." But I'm guessing that Father Matt is looking for a slightly more elaborate answer to the question for purposes of this article, so let me elaborate.

My family has a long history within this church. My parents were married here and even had their reception in the church hall. My sister and I were both baptized here, attended Sunday school and got all the pins, attended Youth Group and were confirmed here. We were both married here and all our kids were baptized here as well. Now I watch as my children go through Sunday school and I realize how life does indeed come full circle. And as I sit here and reflect on all these celebrations that have taken place in the church, I remember all of the warm, loving, familiar faces that we were surrounded by—our fellow parishioners. To be a part of the "flock" at Good Shepherd is like having a huge extended family. And for anyone who is new to the Church, or just visiting even, this is so evident at that moment on Sunday when we greet each other with the Peace.

At some point, most likely around my college years, my mom and Grandmother migrated to the 8:00 service, and I followed suit. I attended 8:00 for many years, and it wasn't until Melody was ready to start Sunday school that I went back to the 10:00 service. Having been a regular at both services, I can say I love them each equally. I miss seeing the folks at 8:00, and I do try to attend that service when Sunday school is not in session—it's so wonderful to see how those folks love to see my kids and see how they've grown. When we began attending 10:00 again, I was so happy to see so many familiar faces. While there were many folks who have known me most of my life, there were just as many that I didn't know. And I can honestly say that all of those people

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Ascension Day, the fortieth day of Eastertide, and Pentecost the fiftieth and final day of Eastertide; and the Sundays of the Season after Pentecost, including Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. The rest of the church year is determined by the fixed date of Christmas. The four Sundays before Christmas Day are always the four Sundays of Advent – in fact, Christmas Eve can be celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmastide is twelve days and includes several Biblical Holy Days. The Holy Name of Jesus, commemorating the Biblical naming of Jesus on the eighth day after his birth, is celebrated on New Year's Day every year. The Epiphany, commemorating the revelation to the Magi as the King of Kings, the first of many ways that Jesus is revealed to the world, is always celebrated twelve days after Christmas on January 6. There are a few other Holy Days that are also determined by Christmas Day. The Presentation (commonly called Candlemas), commemorating the presentation of Jesus in the temple forty days after his birth, is celebrated each year on February 2. The Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel announces that the Virgin Mary will conceive and bear a child by the power of the Holy Spirit, is always celebrated on March 25, exactly nine months before Christmas Day. The birth of John the Baptist (who we are told must decrease, while Jesus increases) is celebrated on June 24, six months before Christmas Day: the dark winter days begin to get longer around

Christmas, the long summer days begin to get shorter after the Summer solstice at the end of June. All of that starts with Christmas and Easter, the great celebrations of “God with us” and the celebration of the resurrection of the Son of God from the dead. There is a fascinating history behind how these two great Holy Days are chosen, and I invite you to delve into the history and meaning of the liturgical year. One of my favorite books on that subject is *The Liturgical Year* by Adolph Adam. It’s a wonderful resource to own, and it will answer many of the questions you might have about why the church does what it does during the year.

The liturgical year begins with Advent. Advent is the season of preparation for Christmas, a time of waiting, watching and preparing, but also a time for great joy and celebration. Sometimes, I think, Advent gets confused with Lent, the season of penitence and preparation before Eastertide. Both Advent and Lent share the same liturgical color, both seasons drop “Glory to God in the highest” as the opening Song of Praise, and there is a long history of penance and fasting attached in parts of the church to both seasons. But the similarities really end there. Alleluia is still sung in Advent, and a constant theme of joy peppers the entire season. The hymns of Advent, in particular, stand in sharp contrast to the hymns of Lent. Throughout Advent we will sing the most well known favorite “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” There are eight

## WHY I LOVE GOOD SHEPHERD *Continued...*

at one point or another came up to us and offered us the warmest welcome. Since then we’ve gotten to know many of the people who were new to me a couple years back, and I have to say you guys are some of the nicest people I’ve ever met. Even though I’ve been a lifelong member of the church, I do know how anybody who is new to the church feels that first Sunday they attend—right at home.

Over the course of the past several years the church has gone through a lot. We’ve had numerous priests—we were married by Father Tom, Mel was baptized by Father Richard, John by Father Troy, Bobby by Father Patrick and Matthew by Father Matt—who I know will be here for a long time! But through all the transition and turnover there has remained one constant—the fabulous people that make up the church. Father Dresser was the priest here through most of my youth, and I have many fond memories of him. I remember one Sunday he held the service outside on the front lawn of the church because as he put it, “You don’t need walls to have a church—it’s the people and their Faith that make a church.” I’m sure there are a number of you that may remember that, and I’ll just finish by saying he is right—we have a wonderful church that I love because of the great people that make it what it is.



# Spectacular CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Hand-Made Ornaments  
& Gift Items

Fresh-Baked  
Goods

Gift Baskets –  
Something for  
Everyone

Baby Gifts

Kids Make &  
Take Crafts

Candy & Gifts  
from the  
Kitchen



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## Stewardship Campaign

The 2011 Stewardship Campaign is off to a fantastic start, and we are already above our total for 2010 and are quickly nearing our goal. In 2010 we raised nearly \$105,000 from 52 pledges. That was an all time high by about \$25,000! So far this year we have raised \$110,782 from 56 pledges! We are only \$15,000 away from our goal of \$125,000 – the amount that will allow us to balance our budget and pay our salaries and bills each month. Every pledge gets us closer to our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider making one. If we all make that same leap of faith in the Mission of church together, we can easily make our goal! This Christmas, give Good Shepherd the gift of a pledge!

verses (each originally assigned for the 8 days before Christmas) and they divide up nicely for the four Sunday of Advent (two verses each week). Recall the refrain at the end of each verse: “Rejoice! rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!” Not particularly penitential, is it? Other hymns in Advent, such as “Sleeper’s wake, a voice is sounding” and “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending” contain the phrases: “Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King, forever let our praises ring.” and “Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign!” These are songs of joy! And the music for the hymns of Advent reflects this theme of joy. Advent hymns are either downright beautiful or they are upbeat barnburners that blow the doors of the church. Compare Advent hymns to those of Lent, and you will quickly discover that Lent is dominated by deep penitence and somberness, in word and music.

As we move toward Christmas the Advent hymns become more and more overtly about the birth of Jesus, and the lines blur between Advent and Christmas more and more. I admit that I am writing this note in my office with Christmas Carols (sung by two other kings, Benny King and Elvis Presley) blaring. If my back weren’t bothering me (long story – threw it out a month ago and it’s slowly improving), I’d probably be outside putting up Christmas lights in front of my house so the church can start keeping up with the neighbors who

are really beginning to amp up their celebration of the Christmas with more and more decorations. I'm looking forward to putting up our Christmas Tree *before* Christmas Eve; I want to setup my electric trains; I want to have a proper eggnog. The fact is that it will take me a few weeks to get all of those things done, and as each day moves us closer to Christmas, the more prepared for Christmas I will be.

I hope that everyone has a fantastic and joyful Advent. The church offers a great variety of ways to prepare for Christmas in a festive and joyful way. The Sundays of Advent have great hymns and, let's be honest, purple vestments are wild! The always fun and quite delicious annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on December 11 and 12. There is time to decorate your house, time to buy gifts and stocking stuffers, and most importantly there is time to figure out which family members, friends or co-workers, you hope to bring to Good Shepherd for Christmas. The Christmas Eve Family Service (with Child Care) is at 5PM. The Christmas Concert begins at 10:30PM and is followed by the Midnight Mass at 11PM. Christmas Day Sung Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 10AM (different hymns and carols from Christmas Eve).

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# Christmas Schedule



## Christmas Eve

Family Holy Eucharist (with Childcare) - 5:00 PM  
Christmas Concert 10:30 PM  
Midnight Holy Eucharist - 11:00 PM  
*Cookies and Cocoa after each service!*

## Christmas Day

Sung Holy Eucharist - 10:00 AM  
*A glass of champagne after the service!*

## Holy Name

January 1, 2011 - Holy Eucharist - 10:00 AM  
*Open House at the Rectory following the service.*

## Epiphany

January 6, 2011 - Holy Eucharist - 6:00 PM

## Pageant & Twelfth Night

Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 6:00 PM



## Memorial Garden

The structural element of the Memorial Garden was completed in October, 2010. The Garden was dedicated and consecrated on All Saints' Sunday, November 7, 2010. Work on the woodland pathway and other elements of the Garden will continue in 2011.

*On November 29, 2010, ashes of Harry Stebbins and Cindy Sotter were interred in the Garden.  
Please keep the Stebbins and Sotter families in your prayers.*



## Sunday School Pageant & 12th Night Celebration

Please mark your calendars for Saturday evening, January 8, 2011. On that night, beginning at 6:00 PM, the Sunday School will present its annual **Christmas Pageant** in the church, telling the story of the birth of Jesus in an informative and entertaining way.

Pageant roles have been assigned, rehearsals have started and the children are very excited. We look

forward to presenting it to the congregation and hopefully you will enjoy it! Thanks in advance to the parents for your anticipated cooperation in bringing the children early to church: we will start at **9:45 AM** every Sunday beginning December 5 to allow enough time for costume changes and run-throughs.

The pageant will be followed by our fifth annual **12<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration** in the Parish Hall. It will be a potluck supper and a sign-up sheet will be posted. Three "magi" will be selected to arrive with a gift for each attendee. We ask that everyone attending bring a wrapped gift valued at approximately \$5 and tagged for a boy, girl, teen or adult (male-female). The evening will conclude with a very short and informal worship service. It's always a festive, family-oriented night. More details on this event will be announced soon in a letter to all parishioners.

Sunday School continues to grow and thrive this year. With the addition of several new families, we have more than 30 students registered. We thank Suzanne Bracken and Fran DiBernardo for teaching the first session of six weeks, which concluded October 24 with our first family Sunday service, where the children assumed most duties at the 10:00 AM worship. We also thank Jan Corning, Sarah Corning, Emily Barber and Gretchen Hintze for coordinating the Halloween party and for teaching the past several weeks, leading up to pageant preparation.

Like the last few years, we are using a "lectionary-based" curriculum as the basis for our weekly classes. This means that the children will be learning about and discussing, at their level, the same lessons the adults are experiencing in the worship service. We have found that this continues to make for some great discussions between parents and children after church and at home during the week!

Post-pageant, we still need teachers for the remaining sessions of the 2010-2011 school year. Please talk to any member of the Sunday School Committee if you are interested. We hope you will sign up on the hallway board to teach a session this year. Each session lasts 5-6 weeks, and all materials and assistance from the committee are provided. With so many students divided into two groups, we ideally need 3-4 teachers for each session. The exception to committing to teaching a full session is

## Senior Fellowship Lunch

*On Tuesday, November 9, a group of 14 gathered for the inaugural Senior Fellowship Lunch! A topic of conversation was "My story of arriving at Good Shepherd". Much fun was had by all in attendance! The Group has decided that they will meet on the Third Tuesday of each month. In December, the Senior Fellowship Group will meet on Tuesday, December 21, at 12:00 PM. All are invited to the Senior Fellowship Lunch, please bring a bagged lunch!*

## Food for the Poor

*On Sunday, December 19, following the 10:00 AM Sung Holy Eucharist, the Reverend William Beers will offer a presentation on Food for the Poor, a charity group serving Latin America. Father Beers is travelling to the area for two days in the hopes that Good Shepherd might be interested in supporting Food for the Poor.*

## The Lord's Pantry

*Jan Corning will be collecting homemade cookies for the Lord's Pantry on Sunday, December 19. We need 150 "servings" individually wrapped – so if it is a large cookie, then one per bag, or smaller cookies – up to three or four. We have traditionally sealed them with colorful ribbons or small ornaments – but it can just be in a Ziploc bag. The cookies will be delivered to the kitchen in White Plains on December 22nd for distribution for the Christmas weekend. No one needs to bake a lot, and Jan is happy to host a "group bake" on Saturday, December 18th from 9 – 11 if people would like to come. The long and short of it is that if every family did three bags for The Lord's Pantry when they bake their own Christmas cookies, we would be MORE than covered.*

## **Sunday & Holy Day Attendance in December**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Oct. 31, 2010: 128

All Saints' Day; Monday, Nov. 1: 26

All Souls' Day, Tuesday, Nov. 2: 6

All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 7, 2010: 100

Covenant Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> after Pentecost), Nov. 14, 2010: 121

Christ the King (Last after Pentecost), Nov. 21, 2010: 106

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010: 24

First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 28, 2010: 130

**Total Weekday Attendance for 2010: 1639**

**Total Sunday Attendance for 2010: 4452**

**Average Sunday attendance for 2010: 93**

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### **Regular Service Schedule for the rest of 2010:**

*Due to the fact that the Rector has thrown his back out and continues to recover slowly, Morning Prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, will be cancelled in December 2010. All Sunday services will be offered as usual. Services on Holy Days are as announced in the Christmas Schedule. The Rector has a second MRI scheduled at the end of December to determine how much the "massively herniated disc" in his lower back has returned to its normal location and size.*

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## **Happy Birthday!!!**

*December 10: Dylan Jones*

*December 11: Suzanne Bracken*

*December 11: Richard Murphy*

*December 12: Emma Nygard*

*December 16: Abigail Vesperman*

*December 19: William Barlow*

*December 19: Claire Hintze*

*December 19: Kelsey Simpson*

*December 20: Michael Gannon*

*December 23: Christine Robbins*

the spring "Christian Living" session, after Easter, when you can sign up for just one week (or hopefully more!). Sunday School alumni are strongly encouraged to volunteer to assist!

The rewards will be many. The children are wonderful. They enjoy singing and learning about crafts, hobbies and skills that our congregation members have shared with them. Please join us and give your gift of talent this year!

--Glenn Hintze, for the Sunday School Committee (Jan Corning, Suzanne Bracken, Arleen Flury, Leslie Fulton, Fran DiBernardo, Father Matt)

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## **234<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention**

*Amanda Slattery, Lay Delegate for the Church of the Good Shepherd*

On Saturday, November 13, 2010 I attended the 234<sup>th</sup> New York Diocesan Convention as the lay representative from Good Shepherd. The convention was held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in Manhattan and I attended alone, as Father Matt was suffering greatly with his back. Almost the first person I saw was the Reverend Debbie Dresser, wife of our former rector Bob Dresser. How wonderful to see a familiar face, especially since we hadn't seen each other for over 15 years.

The convention started with a Eucharist at the high altar. The entrance procession was a stirring sight. The Cathedral faces east, so the morning sun illuminated the stained glass window above the altar, which depicts Christ with open arms, a golden halo and wearing red robes. The red and gold were echoed in the three Bishops' vestments and the assisting priests were wearing white albs with red stoles. The whole effect was quite stunning. The sermon was given by Bishop Drew Smith, our new part-time Assistant Bishop (formerly Bishop of Connecticut).

At the conclusion of the service I felt a touch on my arm and turned around to see another old friend, this man a parishioner from St. Thomas, Fifth Avenue and one of the lay delegates from that church. So I wasn't quite so alone after all.

The job of a lay delegate is to cast votes on behalf of his/her church in the ballots for various clergy and lay positions within the diocese. Prior to the convention the diocese produces a Convention Calendar which includes descriptions of these positions and photos and biographies of the candidates. The New York Diocese is unique within the USA in organizing three pre-convention caucuses on successive Saturdays to allow each candidate to explain why one should vote for him/her. I had attended all three caucuses, in Dobbs Ferry, Poughkeepsie and Manhattan and was interested to note that some

## There has been a great deal of news around the Diocese of New York in November...

**Election of a Bishop:** At the most recent Diocesan Convention the Right Reverend Mark Sisk, the Bishop of New York, called for the election of a Bishop Coadjutor in October of 2011. The person elected Bishop Coadjutor will become the Bishop of New York when Bishop Sisk retires. Bishop Sisk has not yet announced a date for his retirement. The election of a Bishop Coadjutor allows for a smoother transition since both Bishop Sisk and the Bishop Coadjutor will be working together until Bishop Sisk retires.

**Retiring Suffragan Bishop:** Bishop Catherine Roskam, Suffragan Bishop of New York, announced her retirement in January 2012.

**New Assistant Bishop:** Bishop Sisk has appointed the Right Reverend Drew Smith, retired Bishop of Connecticut, as the new Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of New York. Bishop Smith will fill the vacancy left when Bishop E. Don Taylor retired last year.

**New Archdeacon for Mission:** In September, Bishop Sisk appointed the Reverend William Clay Parnell to be the new Archdeacon for Mission in the Diocese of New York. Archdeacon Parnell began in November. He fills the vacancy left when Archdeacon Michael Kendall retired last year.

**Committee to Elect a Bishop:** The Reverend Matthew Hoxsie Mead, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Granite Springs, was elected by Diocesan Council to serve on the Committee to Elect the Next Bishop Coadjutor. Nine people serve on this Committee: two elected by Diocesan Convention, two elected by Diocesan Council, two elected by the Standing Committee of the Diocese, two appointed by Bishop Sisk, and the Chancellor of the Diocese. The Committee functions as the Search Committee for the next Bishop.

# Server & Reader Schedule

## Sunday, December 5 – Advent 2 (with Baptism)

Chalice	Fran DiBernardo
Acolytes	Abbey Vesperman Emily Vesperman Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Fran DiBernardo
NT Reader	Marshall Kidder
Ushers	Sally Stevens Rick Vesperman

## Sunday, December 12 – Advent 3

Chalice	Gwen Greene
Acolytes	Kayleigh Kenny Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Fran DiBernardo
NT Reader	Gwen Greene
Prayers	Arleen Flury
Ushers	Bob Velzy Bernie Sotter

## Sunday, December 19 – Advent 4

Chalice	Phil Levy
Acolytes	Kayleigh Kenny Melody Rubino Liam Kenny
OT Reader	Fay Wright
NT Reader	Wilfried Haensch
Prayers	Bob Bubeck
Ushers	Mike Hiller Arleen Flury Bernie Sotter

***The Christmas Schedule is on the next page.***

***Please switch as needed for any services you cannot attend, and please let me know if and with whom you have switched. Thanks!***

***- Fr. Matt***

candidates did not attend any.

The deadline for the first ballots was shortly after the meeting was called to order, but I had my decisions made and swiftly completed the form. On handing this in, I was given a second ballot to be used in the event that there were insufficient clear winners in the first ballot. The convention secretary and treasurer were voted in with floor votes and then Bishop Sisk stood to make his address.

A number of proposed resolutions had been included in the Calendar of Business. Additional resolutions may only be discussed if the subject is introduced by the Bishop during his address. So one listens carefully. The first surprise of the day was his announcement of a budget for the committee to elect a bishop – and declaration that a Bishop Coadjutor will be elected on October 29, 2011. This position is that of Bishop-in-Waiting, the person who will replace Bishop Sisk. (Bishop Sisk can continue on as Bishop until he decides to retire, even after a Coadjutor is elected – he has not yet announced a date for his retirement).

A report on the Carpenter's Kids program was given by Ira Hart from St. Thomas, Mamaroneck and illustrated by photos of some of the children in the program. Our own Jan Corning was mentioned as a participant in this year's pilgrimage. Ira described the creation of the program by Bishop Roskam and mentioned that the effort was "a drop in the bucket in an ocean of opportunity."

The results of the first ballot were

announced just before noon and we learned that Father Matt had been re-elected to the Diocesan Council. The Noonday service was followed by lunch and a chance for me to chat with other friends from St. Thomas, Fifth Avenue, including Father Andrew Mead, our rector's father. During lunch I met the representatives from St. John's South Salem, the Rev. Lynn Harrington and the lay representative William Deickler. Rev. Harrington has announced her retirement so they will be forming a search committee and were happy to make contact with a neighboring parish with experience in this area!

The second ballot did not produce clear winners, so, to many groans, a third ballot was announced. Bishop Roskam stood to make her address and delivered the second surprise of the day – she will be retiring effective January 1, 2012. On January 15, 2011 Bishop Roskam will complete 15 years as Bishop Suffragan of New York and on May 14, 2011 there will be a celebration in her honor at the Cathedral.

The third ballot produced final results. The budget was passed. Resolutions were discussed and passed, newly-elected candidates were commissioned and the convention was adjourned at 4:00 PM. It was an interesting and exhausting day.

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## Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve EARLY SERVICE – 5PM

Chalices	Phil Levy Fran DiBernardo
Acolytes	Abbey Vesperman Emily Vesperman Melody Rubino Kayleigh Kenny Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Sunday School
NT Reader	Sunday School
Prayers	Gretchen Hintze
Ushers	Glenn Hintze Bob Velzy Rick Vesperman

## LATE SERVICE – 11PM

Chalices	Diane Buschel Gwen Greene
Acolytes	Sarah Corning Emily Barber Emily Barber
OT Reader	Julia Bacal
NT Reader	Jim Corning
Prayers	Bob Bubeck
Ushers	Sally Stevens Bernie Sotter Arleen Flury

## Saturday, December 25, Christmas Day

Chalice	Phil Levy
Acolytes	Abbey Vesperman Emily Vesperman
Ushers & Reader	Rick Vesperman Sally Stevens

## Sunday, December 26 – Christmas 1

Chalice	Gwen Greene
Acolytes	Kayleigh Kenny Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Fran DiBernardo
NT Reader	Gwen Greene
Prayers	Arleen Flury
Ushers	Bob Velzy Bernie Sotter

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