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In our City, and in the Stranger.

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3rd

Advent Candlelight Evensong
4:00 P.M. Town Church

Followed By Covered Dish Community Supper
(Bring Your Friends)

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH

8:00 A.M. Advent IV Readings And Worship



3:00 P.M. Christmas Pageant And Eucharist

6:00 P.M. Victorian Christmas

- ❖ What Was Is Like On Christmas Eve In 1872 When St. Anne's Was Built?
- ❖ Come And Worship, Hear Traditional Language And Join In The Singing Of Traditional Christmas Carols.

11:00 P.M. Candlelight Christmas Choral
Eucharist (Special Offering Of Music
Begins At 10:30 P.M.)

MONDAY DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 A.M. Christmas Day Eucharist Barr Chapel

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST CHRISTMAS I

8:00 A.M. Rite I

9:00 A.M. Christmas Lessons And
Carols, Congregational Sing Along

***There Is No 10:30 A.M. Service This
Day And No Christian Formation For
Children Or Adults***



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OSA means Old St. Anne's Church
WSA means Women of St. Anne's

HE means Holy Eucharist

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Where Do The Readings We Read In Church Come From?

Each Sunday we read the Scriptures in Church. Did you know that the readings are arranged in a three year cycle? They are taken from the Old Testament, The New Testament, and the Gospels. We also read the psalms from the Old Testament each week. The scriptures are arranged so that we can read thematically the story of God's salvation with his people. This year the General Convention of the Episcopal Church approved the recommendation from the committee on Liturgy to change our three year cycle from the one we have been using to the Revised Common Lectionary. What does this mean? It means that we join most of the mainline denominations in reading the same lessons still in a three year cycle. The main difference is that there is more narrative stories from the Old Testament and in Advent we have the flexibility of using some of the old canticles from morning prayer. There is more flexibility but rest assured the salvation story continues to be told. We will begin using the Revised Common Lectionary the first Sunday of Advent, which in the Church calendar is the beginning of the next yearly cycle of readings! See if you notice a difference!



Saturday, November 5th, the **Communication Ministry Committee** gathered in the "Ark" to participate in a workshop given by Roy Tripp and Kay Keenan from GrowYourChurch Now. Roy and Kay lead the group through a series of exercises to facilitate discussion around internal and external communications at St. Anne's and ways we can improve. Our ongoing objectives include frequent and consistent communication. Stay tuned for some exciting updates.

December Birthdays

Chip Poole	02
Todd Smith	02
Hope Cochran	03
Sarah DiAngelo	04
Chris Cook	05
Jack Webb	05
Broden Lee	06
LeAnn Slaughter	07
Andrew Ball	10
Shannon Cameron	10
Mark Hennings	12
Julia Machulski	13
Jeff Hepler	15
Kirsten Ly	15
Carson Hanna	16
Alex Kearns	17
Annika Ly	17

Mike Cochran, IV,	19
Matthew Zelinkas,	20
Michael Sterrett	21
William Davis	24
Dianne Myers	24
Gwyneth Casalvera,	25
Howie Halverson III,	25
Patrick Cronin	26
Rhonda Owens	26
Rickey Walker	27
Jaden Brown	28
Ellen Jennings	28
Kristina Newton	30

Regular Meetings of AA are at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Baptisms

October 29, 2006
 Christopher Lee Cook
 Owen Christopher Cook
 Jax Harrison Kreshock
 Sawyer Blake Kreshock

November 26, 2006
 Samantha Erin Coffey

Births

November 17, 2006
 Hailey Pasqualina, grandchild of Rickey
 and Maria Walker.

Service Ministries – We Need YOU!



St. Anne’s has 3 different worship experiences each Sunday morning and we need several people at each service for different ministries. Each month, we schedule Ushers/Greeters, Chalice Bearers, readers of the lesson (Lectors), Acolytes and Layreaders and we need more volunteers for these important ministries.

Lectors and Acolytes: At the 10:30 service, we schedule one Lector and three Acolytes. The Lector reads the New Testament lesson. This is an important ministry since the Lector is delivering the Word of the Lord to the people.

The ministry of Acolyte is an important part of the liturgical life of any congregation. Acolytes are lay persons of any age who assist in worship. At St. Anne's, Acolytes carry the cross and/or torches in procession, and assist the Priest at the altar for the preparation of the Holy Eucharist. On special occasions the Acolyte may be asked to perform other tasks as they pertain to worship, such as carrying the paschal candle, lighting advent wreath candles, etc.

God willing

The Right Reverend Wayne P. Wright
Bishop of Delaware
 will ordain
Elizabeth Rust Masterson
 to the Sacred Order of Priests

Tuesday, the Twelfth of December
Two Thousand and Six
at Seven o'clock in the evening

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church
10 Old Newark Road
Newark, Delaware

Your prayers and presence are requested.

L	Scott Lawrence	378-1947	CB	David Hipp	836-0628
LEC	Peter Hall	376-8934			
U	George Schreppler	378-9726	U	Janet Schreppler	378-9726

11 pm Candlelight Christmas Choral Eucharist at Town Church

Adult Choir	L	Kathy Means	378-2044	CB	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570
	C	Beth L'Heureux	378-9570	LEC	Anne Nutter	730-1791
	T	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570	T	Tyler DeFriece	376-1636
	V	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570			
	U	Brian Smith	378-7306	U	Patti Smith	378-7306

25 9 am Christmas Day Service in Barr Chapel

31 8 am L Bill Cohee 376-0417

Christmas Lessons & Carols

9 am	L	Sarah DiAngelo	378-4203	CB	Beth Lamb	378-8758
	C	Bill Ivers	376-1344	V	Nancy Koenig	653-7653
	T	Caitlyn Hennings	376-7750	T	Taylor George	378-2181
	LEC 1	Nancy Koenig	653-7653	LEC 2	Bill Ivers	376-1344
	LEC 3	Bethany Bennett	376-9785	LEC 4	Franklin Brons	449-1250
	LEC 5	Charlotte Howard	376-8815	LEC 6	Kathy Hanna	449-2216
	U	Wendy L'Heureux	378-9570	U	Nancy L'Heureux	378-9570

Altar Guild - Beth Lamb, Becky Cronin, Pat Sands

Vestry Usher of the Month - Tom Vail

	U	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	U	Ted Nutter	730-1791
2:30	L	Nancy Koenig	653-7653	Broadmeadow		
17	8 am	L	Lou Pederson	378-8324		
	9 am	CB	Diane J. Dudderar-Foster	376-9039	CB	Franklin Brons 449-1250
		LEC	Lea Hutchins	378-8699	Will read the scripture and Prayers of the People	
		U	Kittie Rehrig	836-5057	U	William Rehrig 836-5057
	10:30 am	L	Helen Wolf	378-2165	CB	Wendy L'Heureux 378-9570
		C	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	T	Anna Ventura 376-9060
		T	Jack Aiken	378-3548	LEC	Jessie Ventura 376-9060
		V	Nancy Koenig	653-7653		
		U	Donna Menzen	376-3915	U	Ott Menzen 376-3915

24 8 am L Lou Pederson 378-8324

Advent 4 - Only one service in morning

Christmas Eve Services

3 pm Christmas Pageant at Town Church

	L	Donna Leathrum	378-9075	CB	Jessie Ventura	376-9060
Treble Choir	CB	Larry Hutchins	378-8699	CB	Lea Hutchins	378-8699
	C	Madeline Ivers	376-1344			
Christmas Pageant	T	Karli Frederick	378-0937	T	Julia Vail	378-8639
	V	Bill Ivers	376-1344	LEC	Patrick Cronin	378-7279
	U	Fuad Masso	449-0897	U	Kittie Rehrig	836-5057
	U	Tom Vail	378-8639	U	William Rehrig	836-5057

6 pm Victorian Christmas at Town Church

If you feel called to this important ministry and are willing to be scheduled as a Lector and/or Acolyte, no more than once a month, please contact Nancy Koenig at nbkoenig@att.net or 302-373-6650 or the church office 302-378-2401.

**Habitat for Humanity of NCC
House Dedication & Open House**

Please join us as we celebrate the dedication of 8 new homes with 8 Habitat families.

**Faith Way (Phase I, II)
Tuesday, December 5th, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
210 E. Lake Street
Middletown DE**

Faith Way (Phase I, II) is built in collaboration with our project sponsors: Artisan's Bank, Bank of America; Bank of New York (DE); Community Build Day (Wachovia; Principal Financial Group; Citigroup; and Bank of America); Connections community Church; Discover Bank; DuPont; GMAC Bank; Home Builders Association of DE; J P Morgan Chase; More Than Houses Campaign Donors [Bath, Kitchen & Tile, Steven & Natalie Bomberger; Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Collins; Martin & Eileen Giordano; JCM ECI; Francis & Mary Julian; Leon N. Weiner & Assoc.; Magness Construction; New Castle County Board of Realtors; Unity Construction; and Young Conway Stargatt & Taylor (Larry J. Tarabicos)]; New Castle County; St. Andrew's School; St. Anne's Episcopal Church; St. Paul's, Odessa; The Town of Middletown; and Wilmington Trust.

Please RSVP to: jmcgeoch@habitatncc.org, or call 652-0365 x 108.



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me . . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:35-36, 40).

Last year, through the Angel Tree program, the people of St Anne's gave generously, both time and money, to help spread Christmas joy to 21 children from 11 different families in the MOT area. Seeing first hand the happy faces and smiles of the children along with heartfelt appreciation from the family has been personally rewarding.

This year the Prison Fellowship Ministry, working closely with prison chaplains, have identified 6 families comprising of 11 children in the MOT area to purchase gifts for on behalf of the absent parent. I know the people of St Anne's will once again help make a difference.

On December 3rd, the Angel Tree evergreen will be adorned with the names of the children as well as the suggested gifts to purchase. If you select a child, please make sure the gifts are wrapped and the Angel Tree tag containing the child's name and parent's Christmas message is taped securely on the package. Also, please make sure the gifts are placed underneath the tree or given to Fuad Masso no later than December 17th. Instructions and a sign up sheet will be placed near the tree for your reference.

Your continued support of the Angel Tree program is greatly appreciated. Please contact me if you have any questions or want to help with delivering the gifts.

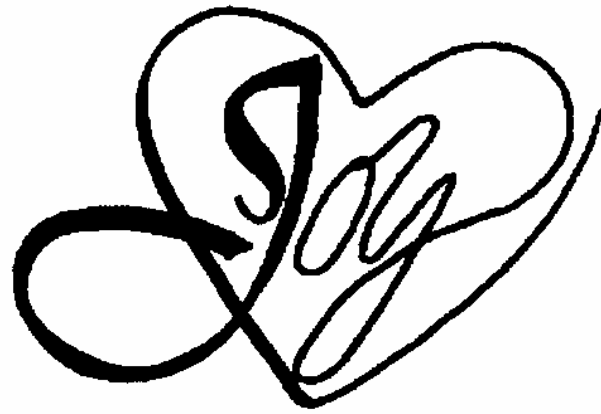
Thank you,
Fuad Masso
449-0897

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Once again, our contribution to the Community Christmas Baskets will be instant mashed potatoes. We will need to provide 125 boxes. The baskets will be assembled on December 15th at Bethesda United Methodist Church. You can drop donations at either the church or the office.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Our part in the Habitat build on Lake Street is winding down. However, our financial commitment remains. St. Anne's has pledged \$25,000 over 5 years to the project. As the year winds down, many of you may wish to make end of year charitable donations. Please consider supporting our pledge by making a donation to Habitat for Humanity. You can write your check to St. Anne's and list Habitat for Humanity in the memo portion of your check.



Advent Prayer

How will we know Him, Lord?
How will we know?
We will seek in the night,
We will watch for a sign,
But how will we know Him, Lord?

Seek in the radiance of hope and of peace,
Seek in the bright flame of joy,
Seek in the light of love,
But seek Him first in your heart.

How will we know Him, Lord?
How will we know?
We will seek in the night,
We will watch for a sign,
But how will we know Him, Lord.

Know Him in the radiance of hope and of peace,
Know Him in the bright flame of joy.
Know Him in the light and the goodness of love,
But know Him first in your heart.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Joy of every longing heart.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus:
There's room in my heart for Thee.

William Sisson

December

Using the New Revised Common Lectionary beginning 12/3

First Sunday in Advent - Lighting Advent Wreath at all 3 services

3	8 am	L	Scott Lawrence	378-1947		
	9 am	CB	Dean Dannaker	834-5286	CB	Laurie Wolinski 376-1772
		LEC	Kitty Rehrig	836-5057	Will read the scripture and Prayers of the People	
		U	Tom Vail	378-8639	U	Jessica Ventura 376-9060
	10:30 am <i>Treble Choir</i>	L	Nancy Koenig	653-7653	CB	Kim Blasch 376-1714
		C	Madeline Ivers	376-1344	T	Forrest Brown 378-9618
		T	Karli Frederick	378-0937	LEC	Amber George 378-2181
		V	Burgon Sealy	376-0244		
		U	Becky Roberts	378-9308	U	Chip Roberts 378-9308

Evensong at the Town Church

	4 pm	LEC	Paula Szczuka	378-9213		
		U	Lou Pederson	378-8324	U	Ted Nutter 730-1791
10	8 am	L	Bill Cohee	376-0417		
	9 am	CB	Patti Smith	378-7306	CB	Dean Dannaker 834-5286
		LEC	Franklin Brons	449-1250	Will read the scripture and Prayers of the People	
			U	Kim George	376-6396	U
	10:30 am	L	Cim L'Heureux	378-9570	CB	Peter Hall 376-8934
		C	Bill Ivers	376-1344	T	Julia Vail 378-8639
		T	Greg Hughes	376-5217	LEC	Janet Vines 378-1912
		V	Franklin Brons	449-1250		