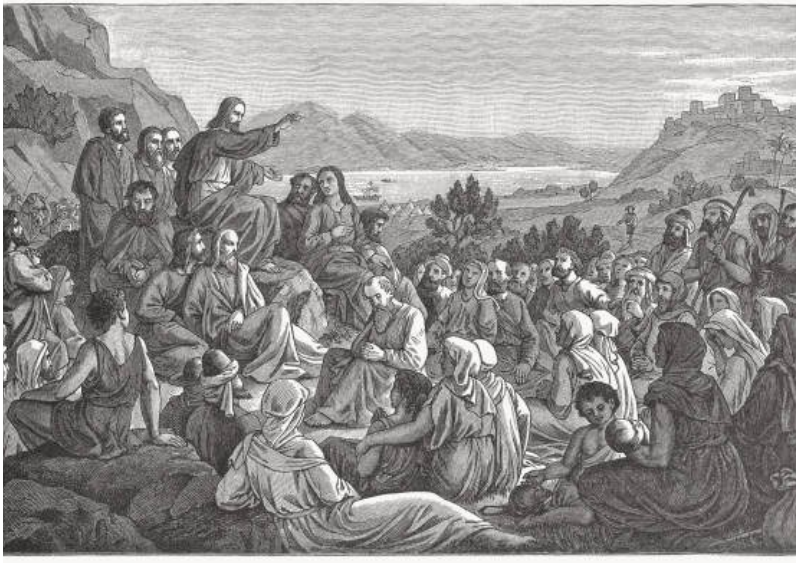


THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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February 1, 2026

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



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Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey



Welcome to Visitors and Guests

We are delighted to have you with us today. The ushers will be glad to assist in any way they can to make your visit more comfortable. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to the clergy at the door following the service and sign the guest book in the church porch / vestibule.

Child care is available during the 10am service. An usher will be happy to escort you there. **The Child Care Room is open.**

Sunday School (from age 3 through grade 12) begins after children and young people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing at the Altar Rail during the 10am service, then proceed to their classrooms.

Adult Forum is usually held during Coffee Hour in the Upper Parish Hall following the 10am service when Sunday School is in session, and ends at 12 noon when the children are dismissed from their classes. All are welcome to attend!

Adult Bible Study Adult Bible Study continues on Mondays at 8:00 pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great discussions and would love to have everyone who is able to join!

A Lift is available for those who require assistance in reaching the Upper and Lower Parish Halls . The ushers will be glad to help with its operation.

Safety Precaution: Because there is no adult supervision in the parish house, children under the age of 13 leaving the service for any reason need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Exiting and Entering—To avoid unnecessary distractions during the service, please try to exit and enter during a hymn if possible. (But we do understand that when urgent needs arise it may not be possible!)

Let Reverence and Quietness

Characterize your Entrance into God's House

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Holy Eucharist: Rite I - 8:00 am

THE ENTRANCE RITE

The congregation stands when the bell is rung.

Opening AcclamationBook of Common Prayer (BCP) 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

The Collect for PurityBCP 323

Summary of the Law BCP 324

Kyrie eleison and GloriaBCP 324

The Collect of the Day (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany) Bulletin p. 5

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

the people are seated

The First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8 Bulletin p. 6

the people remain seated

Gradual Psalm 15 *Dominus illuminatio*..... Bulletin p. 6

The Epistle: Corinthians 1:18-31..... Bulletin p. 7

The people standing

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12 Bulletin p. 8

the people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civale

the people standing

The Nicene Creed BCP 327

The Prayers of the People BCP 328

the people kneeling

Confession of Sin BCP 330

the people standing

The Peace BCP 332

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

the people are seated until the Offering is brought forward, the people standing

At the Presentation:

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II	BCP 341
Sursum corda	BCP 340
Sanctus et Benedictus qui venit	BCP 341
<i>Said by all</i>	
<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.</i>	
<i>the congregation kneels for the canon of the Mass</i>	
The Great Amen	BCP 343
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 336
Fraction	BCP 337
Agnus Dei	BCP 337
Prayer of Humble Access	BCP 337
Invitation to Communion	BCP 338
Behold the Lamb of God; Behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.	
<i>Celebrant and People</i>	
<i>Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.</i>	
<i>All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion. Those who are not baptized or who do not wish to receive Communion are invited to come to the altar for a blessing, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest.</i>	
Post Communion Prayer	BCP 339
The Blessing	BCP 339
<i>the people standing</i>	
Dismissal	BCP 340
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated

The First Lesson.....Micah 6:1-8

Lector A reading from the Book of Micah

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Be'or answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people remain seated.

Gradual Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*.....John Goss (1800-80)

The Psalm is said responsively by verse. (8:00 am Mass only)

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle? * or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life, * and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour, * and hath not slandered his neighbour.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes, * and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not, * though it were to his own hindrance

He that hath not given his money upon usury, * nor taken reward against the innocent.

Whoso doeth these things * shall never fall.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;* as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

The EpistleCorinthians 1:18-31

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the cleverness of the clever I will thwart." Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption; therefore, as it is written, "Let him who boasts, boast of the Lord."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people standing

Alleluia and Verse *Tone VI*

Alleluia. ***Alleluia.*** The Lord is King, the earth may be glad there-of: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad there-of. ***Alleluia.***

Sequence Hymn 554: "'Tis a Gift to be Simple"*Simple Gifts*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated

The Sermon Fr. Civale

The people standing

The Nicene CreedBCP 327

the people are seated

The Prayers of the People: Form III

The leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for thy holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve thee;
That thy Name may be glorified by all people

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of thy Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do thy will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in thy sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise thee for thy saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in thy heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession of Sin.....BCP 330

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be al-ways with you.

People

And with thy spi - rit.

All are invited briefly to greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence.....*Mode II*

The right hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence; the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass: I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord..

the people standing



Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II BCP 341

Sursum corda S112 Hymnal

Sanctus et Benedictus qui venitS115 (see

Celebrant

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Missa Marialis)

the people kneel for the canon of the Mass

The Great Amen.....S118 Hymnal

The Lord's Prayer S119 Hymnal

The people kneeling.

Fraction

Celebrant and People

Agnus Dei..... S159 (see *Missa Marialis*)

Prayer of Humble Access.....BCP 337

Invitation to CommunionBCP 338

Behold the Lamb of God;
away the sins of the world.

***Lord, I am not worthy that
under my roof: but speak the
shall be healed.***

*All baptized Christians are invited to
who are not baptized or who do not
invited to come to the altar for a
crossed hands over the chest.*



Behold him that taketh

***thou shouldest come
word only, and my soul***

*receive Holy Communion. Those
wish to receive Communion are
blessing, indicated by placing*

Communion Sentence

.....*Mode I*

Communion Motet

“Ave Regina coelorum“.....William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Ave Regina coelorum,
Ave Domina Angelorum:
Salve radix, salve porta,
Ex qua mundo lux est orta:

*Hail, Queen of Heaven.
Hail, Lady of Angels
Hail, root, hail, gate [hail, holy root]
From whom unto the world a light has arisen:*

Gaude Virgo gloriosa,
Super omnes speciosa,
Vale, o valde decora,
Et pro nobis Christum [semper] exora.

*Rejoice, glorious Virgin,
Lovely beyond all others,
Farewell, most beautiful maiden,
And [ever] pray for us to Christ.*



Communion Hymn "The Old Rugged Cross".....*Old Rugged Cross*



1. On a hill far a-way stood an old rug-ged cross, The em-blem of
 2. Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de-spised by the world, Has a won-drous at-
 3. In the old rug-ged cross, stained with blood so di-vine, Such a won-der-ful
 4. To the old rug-ged cross I will ev-er be true, Its shame and re-



suf-f'ring and shame; And I love that old cross where the dear-est and best
 trac-tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left His glo-ry a-bove,
 beau-ty I see; For 'twas on that old cross Je-sus suf-fered and died,
 proach glad-ly bear; Then He'll call me some day to my home far a-way,



For a world of lost sin-ners was slain.
 To bear it to dark Cal-va-ry. So I'll cher-ish the old rug-ged
 To par-don and sanc-ti-fy me. cross, the
 Where His glo-ry for-ev-er I'll share.



cross, Till my tro-phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the
 old rug-ged cross,



old rug-ged cross, And ex-change it some day for a crown.
 cross, the old rug-ged cross,



WORDS: George Bennard, 1873-1960
 MUSIC: George Bennard, 1873-1960

OLD RUGGED CROSS
 Irregular



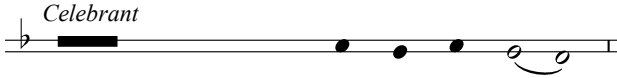
the people kneeling

Post Communion PrayerBCP 339

The BlessingBCP 339

The people standing

The Dismissal 174 Hymnal



Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Processional Hymn 557 “Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”*Vineyard Haven*

Postlude “Offertoire in F Major”Louis Lepage (1852-1906)



Additional Notes

There is no Coffee Hour host for next week.

Reminder: February 8th ECW Bake Sale & Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chili Sale will take place after Sunday's 10:00 am service.

Giving Envelopes

Please be aware that the parish's order for giving envelopes is taking longer than what was expected. The vendor has cited longer production times than they originally anticipated. We expect to have them by the end of this month.

In the meantime please use the pew envelopes when making a donation.

We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

Christ Church Annual Meeting

Sunday February 1, 2026

(Adjourned from January 25, 2026)

11:30 am

We want everyone possible to be able to join us on February 1st.

We will be reviewing 2025 and electing 2026 representatives.

All members of Christ Church who have been:

- Baptized
- At least 16 years of age
- Adhering to the Episcopal Church & to no other religious body
- Regular attendants to service
- Regular contributing family to the current expenses of the church for 6 months before the said meeting

Current Nominees for Annual Meeting

Warden

Junior Warden- Steve Lewis

Vestry 3-year term

Doreen Mills

Maureen Carrigan

Open Seat

Vestry 2-year term

Brandon Gorman

Convention/Convocation

Sarah Cranston

Amelia "MiMi" Jones

Tara Mass

Barbara O'Melia

Gwen Simpson

Leslie Teris

Endowment

Ed Ferrell



Stay Connected – Update Your Email!

Christ Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter every Friday, filled with helpful updates including *Those Who Serve*, the Sunday bulletin, weekly readings, and upcoming events.

If you're not receiving it, be sure to check your spam or junk folder. To update your email address or be added to the mailing list, please contact Jackie at office@christchurch.woodburynj.org.

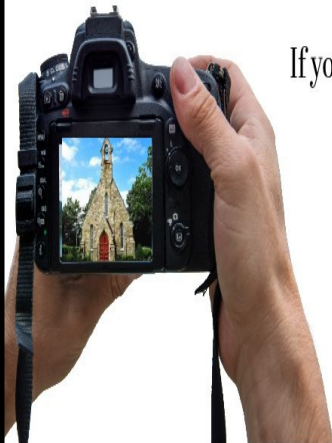


Let's stay connected as a church family!

Share your pictures!

If you attend a Christ Church event, please take some pictures and email them to the office:
office@christchurch.woodburynj.org.

We will try to include them in our Quarterly Newsletter, website, social media and Annual Report.
Thank you!



Those Who
Serve Today

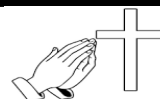
8:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civalè
Server & Chalice: Rob Johnson
Lector: Maureen Carrigan
Ushers: Mark Hendricks & Mike Wiersky

10:00 am

Celebrant: The Rev. Lawrence Civalè
Organist: Luke Staisiunas
Master of Ceremonies: Jim Bathurst
Thurifer & Boat: Brandon Gorman
Crucifer: Chris Cranston
1st Server: Annabella Scales
2nd Server: Rebecca Piskun
Torches: Thomas Piskun & Johnny Lyden
Acolyte Master: Robertta Shomo
Chalice Bearers: Ed Ferrell & Jim Bathurst
Lector I & Intercessor: MiMi Jones
Lector II: Jean Lucas
Ushers: Chris Piskun & Mark Novalsky
Child Care : Jennifer Allbright
Vestry Lock up: Steve Lewis
Notewriter: Cheryl Rheiner
Food Bank: Kim Henning
Vestry Counters: Team 3: Steve Lewis, Robertta Shomo & Charles Lewis

Prayer List



Pray for those who are sick or in any other adversity.

Pray for those who are in immediate need, especially: Phil, Jack, Barbara T, Michael V, Terry, Alexandra, J.J., Maureen, Louise, Joy, Janet, Krista, Rich, Dottie, Hughie, Larry, Betty, Easton, Mike, Warren, David, Rosie, Steve, Mike, Gloria.

Pray for those with enduring needs: Anne, Doreen, Barbara, Mary Sue, Joseph, Sammy Jo, Jillian, Amanda, Tara, Jackson, Jack, Ed, Jason, Samuel, Michael, Alex, Paul, Baby Rick, Tom, Mary, Bruce, Ivan, Andy, Kathi, Sean, Maya, Miguel, Carl, Linda, Douglas, Alfred, Sally, Ariella, David, Téó and Peter, Pat, Anne, Josephine, Ronald, Tony, Jordan, Mason, David, Sue, Barbara, Michael, Tyler and Laura, Marjorie, Jacob, Michele, Stephanie, Riley, Julia, Susan, June, Amy, Kathleen, Cora, Debbie, Norman, Tracey, Ginger, Candi, Becky, Carter, Rose, Adam, Dick, Daniel, Michael, Brad and Susan, Kathi, Lynn, Ralph, Peggy, Audrey, Sissy, Averil.

Pray for those that are serving in our armed forces: CJ, Jacob

Please advise the Parish Office of any names that no longer need to be on this list. Thank you.

Weekday Services this Week



Monday February 2

The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple

10:00 am Mass

Wednesday, February 4

Cornelius the Centurion

10:00 am Mass with Healing

Thursday, February 5

Agatha of Sicily, Martyr, 251

6:30 pm Mass

Friday, February 6

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

5:30 Evening Prayer

Readings for Next Week

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 8, 2026

First Reading: Book of Isaiah 58:1-9a

Second Reading: Corinthians 2: 1-12

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Psalm 112: 1-9

*Please note Christ Church uses the RSV Bible Translation



Upcoming Events



Monday <i>The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple</i>	February 2	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Mass AA Meeting
Tuesday <i>Anskar, Bishop & Missionary to Denmark & Sweden 865</i> <i>Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, 316</i>	February 3	NOON 8:00 PM	AA Meeting AA Meeting
Wednesday <i>Cornelius the Centurion</i>	February 4	10:00 AM	Mass with Healing
Thursday <i>Agatha of Sicily, Martyr, 251</i>	February 5	6:30 PM	Mass
Friday <i>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i>	February 6	5:30 PM	Evening Prayer
Sunday <i>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</i>	February 8	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM	Mass Choral Mass Sunday School



In the Near Future

February 8.....Brotherhood of St. Andrews Chili Sale
 February 8.....ECW Bake Sale
 February 17.....Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 March 21.....Grounds Clean up Day
 March 28.....Acolyte Retreat with Holy Week Training



Bible Study Now in Session

Our Adult Bible Study meets on Zoom every Monday at 8 PM. We have excellent discussions reflecting on the meaning of Scripture and hope you will join us! Beginning January 12, we will be spending the Winter and Spring of 2026 discussing the Gospel of Matthew, our Gospel for this liturgical year. We will be using the *N. T. Wright for Everyone Bible Study Guide*. We would love to have you be a part of our discussions! The Zoom meeting can be accessed at this link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86427635457>

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Priest-in-Charge

Fr. Lawrence Civale

Email: frcivale@christchurch.woodburynj.org

Cell Phone: (617) 947-3261, in case of a pastoral emergency.

Fr. Civale tries to keep Monday as his Sabbath day.



Pastoral Care Team
Our Vision Statement

The vision of the Pastoral Care Team is to engage the parish in a ministry to serve God by following the commandment of Jesus to ‘to love thy neighbor as ourselves’ and caring for those in need or transition by establishing a personal relationship with them in the name of the Lord.

Listed below are the ways in which we care for the people of Christ Church.

Parish Pathfinders

This is a group of people who have volunteered to provide transportation to parishioners who need and request a ride to church services and activities.

Martha’s Meals

This is a group of parishioners, some who prepare and others who deliver meals to families who are in immediate need due to illness, birth of a child, or death in the family.

Visitation and Caregiving

This ministry does not require nursing skills. It is a way that we connect with our hospitalized and homebound parishioners and also their families to check on their needs and offer support.

Pastoral Care Team: Deb Allbright, Jean Lucas, Doreen Mills, Barbara O’Mealia

If you or someone you know in the parish is in need, please contact the church **(856) 845-0190**.

Parish Office Hours

Monday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

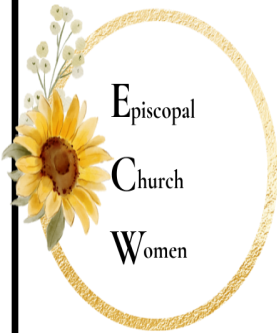
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm



ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

The ECW at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 25 due to Ash Wednesday. All women who attend Christ Church are considered members of the ECW. Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are a ministry of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood at Christ Church meets the third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be February 19th. Join The Brotherhood of St. Andrew for prayer, study, and service. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew is an international ministry of men within the Anglican Communion with the commission of spreading Christ's kingdom among men and youth.



Honor Special Moments & Loved Ones

Would you like to remember a departed loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or express your gratitude? You can do so by requesting Altar Flowers. Simply use the envelopes found in the pews - there's space on the back for you to share your information. Your offering will help beautify our worship and make your occasion even more meaningful.



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Service Schedule

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM Healing Mass
Thursday: 6:30 PM Mass
Friday: 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
Sacrament of Penance (Confession)
by appointment

Priest-in-Charge

The Rev. Lawrence Civale

Our Vestry

Wardens: Tori Wishnick & Steve Lewis

Treasurer: Mark Novalsky

Clerk: Gwen Simpson

Class of 2026

Doreen Mills
Gwen Simpson
Sherm Yeiter

Class of 2027

Jim Bathurst
Charles Lewis
Tori Wishnick

Class of 2028

Laura Erasmus
Robertta Shomo
Nathan Wishnick

