



The Parish News

2025 Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday, April 13

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Procession & Choral Mass

Monday in Holy Week, April 14

10:00 am Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 15

6:30 pm Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 16

10:00 am Mass

Maundy Thursday, April 17

10:00 am Morning Prayer
6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 pm - Midnight The Watch

Good Friday, April 18

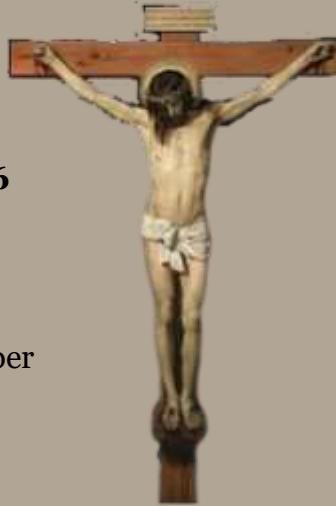
10:00 am Morning prayer
12:15 pm Noonday service & Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 19

10:00 am Morning prayer
6:30 pm the Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Day, April 20

8:00 am Mass of the Resurrection
10:00 am Choral Mass of the Resurrection



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Christ Church

Woodbury, New Jersey

A Parish in the Diocese of New Jersey





From the Priest-in-Charge



This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. These simple, yet profoundly powerful words from Psalm 118 can anchor us at any time. And they are especially appropriate as we move from Lent into Holy Week and to the joy of Easter. They can help us as we live in a very anxious and uncertain world. They can anchor us in our personal anxieties and fears that we encounter every day.

We can bring our anxiety and fears to Christ at any time. But during Holy Week, we can bring all of ourselves- our anxiety, fears and our joys as we walk with Him to Jerusalem, to Gethsemane, to the Cross and to an empty tomb. Through the liturgies of Holy Week, we are given an opportunity to participate with Jesus in those final days of his life- days and events that changed the course of the world and can personally transform us in the here and now. We are given the time and space to stop and ponder what they mean for us. It is then that we will be able to experience the full joy of the Resurrection. So, this is a time to truly open our hearts to the Lord. His grace is a free gift that he invites us to welcome into our hearts and lives. We have Jesus Christ who is always present to us. He has died and has risen from the dead. He has overcome sin and brokenness. He has conquered evil. He has reconciled us to Himself once and for all. He has given us the hope of everlasting life and the certain joy and peace which we can experience even here on earth.

Here at Christ Church, there is much to have hope in. There is much that will bring us joy. Our average Sunday attendance has increased and our financial giving has increased. Our Sunday School and Adult Formation remains strong. We have four children preparing for First Communion and one adult preparing for Confirmation. Our music program is growing and nine children have asked to join the newly formed Children's Choir. More of you have expressed a real desire to be involved in parish leadership roles. Our new Vestry and I are working on ways to help the parish run more smoothly and address both our parish and community needs. We are a parish that strives to live into the reality that we are an important part of the Body of Christ.

The joy of Easter is so much more than the return of spring, brighter sunnier days, new flowers, green grass and bunnies. It is more than family gatherings and memories of past holidays. These things are wonderful and we thank God for them. But it is more important that we don't forget why we celebrate. Through Christ's death and resurrection, life and our existence has changed at its core. No longer does evil have the final say. No longer are we faced with the decay of this life. Christ has ensured for all of creation, that death is conquered. He offers new and eternal life- a life that we can touch even now. This year, let us experience this Easter reality!

God Bless you as you welcome the Risen Lord into your hearts.

Christ has Died! Christ has Risen! Christ will come again! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Father Civale



From the Organist & Choir Director



Music Ministry Spring 2025

The choristers are going strong! As I'm writing we currently have increased to nine choristers!

There's always room for more! I would like to extend my thanks to Fr. Civale, Erika Holland, all



parents, grandparents and our secretary, Betsy for helping me get this program up and running. The response has been a blessing. A great deal goes into educating our choristers, which includes books, materials, vestments, rehearsals and Services. This vibrant ministry would not be possible without the prayers and support of the congregation. During the spring, I will be reaching to the Woodbury and other nearby elementary schools and their music faculties to invite their students to our rehearsals. Our program beautifully reinforces and expands upon the school curriculum with solfège, theory, instrument exploration, and classical repertoire.

We have reinstated our membership with The Royal School of Church Music of America so that our choristers can receive their awards as they progress through the various levels which include sight singing/solfeggio, music theory, vocal production, languages, and liturgical music in reference to the Book of Common Prayer. Currently seven choristers are working on earning their surplice (white vestment that goes over the cassock) and Scott Cranston is working on the next ribbon for his St. Nicholas medal and Head Chorister award. We have begun using the Full Voice Workbook Series, I encourage all parents who like their children to learn to read music fluently to have their children become a chorister.

The choristers will be busy during Lent preparing music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. During Eastertide we are planning on having our choristers featured and participate in the local American Guild of Organist's event: Pipes, Pedals & Pizza. This will be an ecumenical event and youth from all Woodbury denominations will be invited to this event which aims to teach young people about the history and uniqueness of the pipe organ.

More ecumenical happenings with the Adult Choir have taken place. Due to the positive response from Lessons & Carols, several singers from the wider community have reached out and asked to

sing for special Services. On Ash Wednesday at the 6:30PM Liturgy the Full Choir with guest singers offered the famous (perhaps “infamous”) Miserere by Allegri, which is probably the most breathtaking and spiritually thought-provoking musical setting of Psalm 51. It was written around 1638 for the Sistine Chapel Choir. Because it was written exclusively for the Sistine Chapel Choir, it was not published for quite a long time and secrecy surrounded the composition. This secrecy stems from that there were only three authorized copies outside the Vatican, of which were held by Emperor Leopold I, the King of Portugal, and Padre Martini. When finally published it was frequently performed in England, including such places as London, where performances dating as far back as c. 1735 are documented, to the point that by the 1760s, it was considered one of the works “most usually” performed by the Academy of Ancient Music according to Handel. In a letter written by Leopold Mozart to his wife on 14 April 1770, that at fourteen years of age, while visiting Rome, his son Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart first heard the piece during the Wednesday service, and later that day, wrote it down entirely from memory. It’s preservation and acclaim today is widely due to the chapel choirs of Kings College Cambridge, Magdalen College & New College, Oxford.

It is our aim to periodically offer special choral works that will attract members of the community to come and sing with our wonderful Adult Choir. We hope and pray our guest singers will find a musical as well as a spiritual home at Christ Church. The adult choir is striving to evangelize through the beautiful music they sing. It was a joy to welcome back singers from Lessons & Carols. We are always welcoming newcomers and are just as eager to grow as the youth in the chorister ministry!

During Lent the Adult Choir will be offering a lot of music from the Tudor period. We will highlight the contemplative and sublime music of William Byrd whose music was a favorite of Queen Elizabeth the First, and his Gloria from the Mass for five voices was featured at the coronation of King Charles the Third.

Fellows writes in his History of Anglican Church Music that, “William Byrd was the finest composer England ever produced”. Easter Sunday will be enriched with the music of another British composer: Ralph Vaughan Williams. The Full Choir and Choristers will sing together the first of the Five Mystical Songs: Easter, which movingly begins with the words by the Anglican priest and poet George Herbert, “Rise heart; thy Lord risen”. If anyone who is not currently in the choir would like to participate in the music of Lent, Holy Week and Easter please do not hesitate in reaching out to me. There’s always room for another enthusiastic voice.

More to come!

Truly yours in Christ,

Nick Mynyk



Office Updates



Winter and spring are a busy time in the office. The office was transitioned from 2024 and preparations for filing 2025 information took place. Dee Ballistreri spent most of the summer and fall updating and adding records to the Servant Keeper database. We are thankful for the help that she provided. I will be continuing to update the Servant Keeper information and revising the database. In addition to transitioning the office, Servant Keeper updates, bulletins, creating graphics for events, updating the website with the help of Bryan Klugh and sending out the Friday emails.

We have also enjoyed the help of our office volunteers. Carol Hill has helped with proofreading the bulletin, newsletters and other items, in addition to helping with the mailings. Susan Kabach was very helpful with our Fall and Winter cleanup. Helen Gwalthney has also helped with the mailings and coordinating the volunteers.

Currently, I am busily preparing for Holy Week and Easter and looking forward to tackling some of the many office projects that remain.

Your Faithful Servant,
Betsy





From the Wardens



Returning to vestry this year as Warden I am reminded of how much my Parish family inspires me and of all we have to be thankful for. What really has struck me is the opportunities we are thankfully able to offer, both spiritually and socially. I am especially encouraged by the participation I have observed these last few weeks since coming back on-board vestry.

The Pancake Supper was well attended, and I always look forward to this event as a kickoff to a faithful Lent. Many thanks to all who helped to make this event the yearly success it always is. Special thanks to the Brotherhood, the Acolytes and their parents who provided invaluable assistance in making the event a success. An event like this runs so smoothly here, we may forget this is only because we have so many willing to joyfully pitch in.

The Lenten series has provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth and reflection. It is especially moving being able to share these experiences with those other denominations joining us in the program, adding to an overall sense of community. I have found attending the Lenten series to be an important part of observing a faithful Lent for myself, and I would encourage everyone to attend if able.

I have also had the opportunity these last few weeks to attend both the 8 and 10am services and was encouraged by our attendance and seeing faces, both old and new. We always must remember no matter how long we have called Christ Church home, we all walked through our doors for the first time at some point. I encourage everyone to make sure, if they see a new face, to smile, introduce Themselves, and make the newcomer feel at home.



We are in a busy time during the Church year. I am not one who usually gives up something for Lent such as chocolate or ice cream. Rather, I look at it as a time to spiritually reflect and grow, strengthen my attendance at worship and in prayer, and continue to share community with my Church family who are so very important to me and my family. With God's grace these all will carry on long after Lent is over.

I wish everyone a blessed Lent and look forward to sharing a joyful Easter with you all.

Faithfully,
Steve Lewis
Warden

Lenten Book Discussion Photos





Sunday School News

Upcoming Sunday School Dates

April 6	Sunday School in Session
April 13	Sunday School in Session
April 20	No Sunday School
April 27	Sunday School in Session
May 4	Sunday School in Session
May 11	No Sunday School, Mother's Day
May 18	No Sunday School, First Holy Communion
May 25	No Sunday School, Memorial Day
June 1	Last day of Sunday School Classes
June 8	Sunday School Recognition Picnic





Buildings and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds have been active meeting the needs of our campus buildings and planning for additional projects for the new year. A special thank you goes out to Mark Nester for his freshening up of the benches in the sanctuary area. They almost look new! Thanks to the Brotherhood for purchasing and installing new air filters over the stove in the downstairs kitchen. This has been needed for many years.

A spring cleanup day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 12th beginning at 8 AM. This day will not be a mulching day but a general cleanup day prior to Holy Week. We know how much the garden is used for Easter pictures and we want this area along with the rest of our campus to look good. We will primarily need rakes, clippers and YOU with gloves to make this day a success. So if you have an hour or two to spare on a Saturday morning, come on out as many hands make light (and fast) work.

The Adopt-a-Project program is working on presenting a more aggressive program to address the historic windows of the Parish House. We are getting quotes on repairing and repainting all windows and building trim, along with quotes for storm windows, to protect the windows and make the building more energy efficient. Like last year when this program began, we hope to announce this project in late April or early May.

The committee includes: Jim Bathurst, Nathan Wishnick and Steve Lewis from Vestry, Father Civale, Ed Ferrell, Bernie Lasoski and Tara Mass





Gardening Ministry

As the warmer weather nears, the Gardening Ministry is hard at work cleaning up our beautiful church gardens after the long winter. Lots of expired perennials to be trimmed, leaves to be raked, branches to be picked up. As this clean up nears completion, annuals will be planted to brighten up the gardens with beautiful colors. Throughout the summer, members of the ministry will take turns on a weekly basis watering the annuals and perennials. We always welcome new members, only needing a few hours a week. Please contact Debbie Rash if interested.

Debbie Rash
Head of Gardening Ministry



Pictured: Carol Hill, Susan Novalsky, Denise Hay, Marilynn McGeoch and Kim Wright





ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW NEWS in a Women's World

Our ECW members were pleased to honor a young woman in celebration of Women's History Month. The national ECW organization supports a ministry called the Girl's Friendly Society (known as GFS). This organization within the Anglican Communion is an international non-profit affiliated with the Episcopal Church, for girls and women, regardless of race, religion or nationality that provides a support system aimed at developing the whole person. GFS creates a diverse intergenerational community helping girls adapt to the new challenges and opportunities presented by an everchanging world.

Arabella Irmscher is an exchange student from Germany who is studying abroad for a full school year. She is being hosted by our ECW member Linda Rosser. Many of us got to meet Arabella at the ECW holiday tea where she gave a talk about the customs and traditions observed in her family. Arabella is an outstanding student and gets involved in her new school community in Deptford. One of her favorite activities was becoming a cheerleader, something not available for students to participate in her homeland. She is a delightful girl with a great personality and a bright future. Studying here has opened the opportunity to go on a class trip to Disney which she is excited about. Our ECW wanted to surprise her with a gift card to spend on her trip and a Disney "swag bag".

Good luck, Arabella in all your future accomplishments. It was a pleasure to meet you.

"Remember you're the one who can fill the world with sunshine"-----Snow White



Under the Boardwalk down by the sea.....

As Jersey girls we can all relate to the sights and sounds of the boardwalks at the shore.

Join us for some seaside vibes at the annual ECW covered dish dinner to wrap up our program year. Maybe we can think of some boardwalk favorites to include on our buffet table. We'll have a sign-up sheet on Sundays, and you can always reply to Marilynn.

"We'll be having some fun" during dinner at our own version of the Atlantic City Shoe Parade. Start looking in your closet for your favorite shoes. Maybe it's your slippers, your old platform heels, sneakers, ballet flats ----or even decorated shoe boxes!

"Show us your shoes!" Who will be crowned our ECW Miss America?

Annual Covered Dish Dinner

Wednesday May 21, 2025 6:00

Christ Church Parish Hall

RSVP: Marilynn McGeoch (mjmcgeoch414@gmail.com/856-296-4231)





Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew – Christ Church, Woodbury, NJ: Busy and Growing!

By: Steve Shomo

It's been a busy winter and spring of 2025 for the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew – Christ Church, Woodbury, NJ. We had our annual Chili and Pretzel sale on Super Bowl Sunday and raised nearly \$300.00 to help us operate through the year. This year was a little different because we had multiple Brothers donating chili. Steve Rash made his now famous chili. In addition, this year Bryan Klugh and Matt Baldwin donated their talents and made their own chili for the event. We sincerely hope that everyone who was able to purchase some enjoyed it!

Around the same time, the Brotherhood took up a donation amongst ourselves to purchase and replace the overhead hood vents in the kitchen over the oven. The old ones hadn't been replaced in many years and were in terrible shape. Unfortunately, the new vents were a little more expensive than we initially thought they would be, because they were an odd size, meaning we had to have new ones specially made to fit. In the end, it all worked out, and we installed the vents in the weeks prior to our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

Speaking of Shrove Tuesday, while this is technically an Acolyte event, some people may not know that the Brotherhood plays a large role in the event as well. We purchased and cooked 250 links of Breakfast Sausage from Haines Pork Shop, and also made the pancake batter and many of the pancakes. The Acolytes and Acolyte parents did an exceptional job in helping with all facets of the event, including the cooking of the pancakes, making of pancake batter, serving the food and cleaning up after the event. A great time was had by all, and the Acolytes we were able to raise money to go toward badly needed new vestments.

In April, the Brotherhood will lead a Spring Cleanup of the Church grounds, much of which was already completed by Christ Church's new Garden Ministry, making our job much easier, for which we are highly appreciative!

Also in April, we will have our Annual Spring Night Out, at Eight and Sand Brewery in Woodbury, immediately following Thursday Evening Service on April 24th. It is always great to enjoy each other's company and that sense of community in a more laid-back setting.

This is probably a good time to let all of you in on a little secret as well! The Brotherhood is planning a small, but meaningful surprise for all the women of Christ Church and any visitors on

Mother's Day, May 11th. Traditionally, the Brotherhood has done things such as small gifts and even held free photo days in the Jubilee Garden on Mother's Day but unfortunately, Covid changed all of that. We are attempting to bring back celebrating the women of our parish this year and can hopefully build on it for the future as well.

The final event that we have planned before we adjourn for summer is the Annual Parish Picnic. This will be held on Sunday, June 8th, immediately following 10:00 AM Service, and is always a very popular and enjoyable event, with great food and great people! It's also a perfect opportunity to invite friends and family members who perhaps haven't experienced the community of Christ Church before.

It's safe to say that the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew – Christ Church, Woodbury, NJ is not only alive and well but thriving! We've added new members in recent months and have had an influx of new ideas and energy! Our Bible Studies have been extremely good this year and have generated tons of conversation and thought, all in the name of the Lord. Everyone seems to enjoy each other's company and that warms my heart!

We are always looking for new members, so if you've maybe been on the fence about joining or haven't even thought of it, I strongly encourage any men of the Parish to please feel absolutely free to attend a meeting and find out what we're all about. We typically meet on the third Thursday of each month between September and May at 7:00 PM. Though we strongly encourage our members to attend mass prior to the meetings, at 6:30 PM, it is not required. So if you can't make it until 7:00 PM, that's okay, we understand! If you'd like to learn more about us before attending a meeting, please see Steve Shomo, Chapter President, at a Sunday Service or inquire by email at steve.shomo@yahoo.com.

At this time, I'd like to thank all of my Brothers, and all of those who help and support us, for a fantastic winter and spring 2025! I look forward to more growth and success in the future! Thank you, and God Bless each of you.



Malvern Retreat 2025

From January third to fifth, nine men traveled to Malvern Retreat House to participate in the annual Epiphany Retreat. Members of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, former members and family of the members have kept alive our attendance for the last 19 years.

This retreat has given us the opportunity to reset from the holidays, and start off the new year on the right foot. Those attending included Matthew Baldwin, Ed Ferrell, Brandon Gorman, Jim Bathurst, Nathan Wishnick, Noah Wishnick along with TJ Scott (former member of Christ Church who flew in from South Carolina for the weekend) and Jeff and Adam Bathurst (son and grandson of Jim Bathurst).

Next year the Epiphany Weekend will be January 2-4, 2026. Mark your calendars and if any man of Christ Church needs additional information about the weekend, please see Jim Bathurst.





Adult Bible Study

Join the Adult Bible Study as we begin a new session on the Letters of John during the Easter season. These letters, also read during the weeks after Easter during the Daily Office, explore the love of God Jesus has shown in His death and resurrection. We will be using the N. T. Wright for Everyone Study Guide to lead us through these rich New Testament letters. We meet weekly on Zoom, Monday nights at 8 PM, April 28-June 23..

Please see Scott Carr for more information.



Book Corner

I love to read, and given the limits on my time, I also listen to a lot of audio books. It's become one of my favorite ways to stay connected to new ideas and reflections, even in the midst of a busy schedule. I also enjoy sharing book recommendations with others, and I thought it would be fun to share a few recent ones here in the newsletter. If you do decide to pick up any of these books—whether written or audible—I'd love to hear your thoughts and what resonates with you!

Lent with St. Benedict, Bede Frost

I've been spending my Lenten mornings with *Lent with St. Benedict*, and it's become such a grounding practice for me. Each day offers a short, thoughtful reflection that helps me apply the spiritual wisdom of St. Benedict's Rule to my own life. As someone who can get distracted by the demands of the world, it's been so helpful to take a step back and reflect on what it means to live a more focused, spiritual life.

What I love most is that it's not just about "doing more" for Lent—it's about understanding the heart of what we're called to during this season, and how we can apply those insights even outside the monastery. Bede Frost's background in both academic theology and practical spirituality brings a depth to the way he helps us engage with Benedict's teachings. It's not just about rules—it's about finding balance and grace in our daily routines. Whether you're in the middle of Lent or reading it at any other time of the year, it's a book that asks you to really consider what it means to be spiritually present in a chaotic world.

Bittersweet, Shauna Niequist

I just finished listening to *Bittersweet* by Shauna Niequist, and it's one of those books that you can't help but feel deeply while reading. Niequist doesn't shy away from life's struggles—her miscarriages, marriage challenges, and job loss—but she also encourages us to embrace the bittersweetness of life. What struck me most is her ability to weave together joy and sorrow in a way that feels both real and relatable.

There were moments when I found myself taken aback by her lush descriptions of food and life's little luxuries, but then I realized—it's all part of the book's central theme. She's teaching us to savor both the sweet and the bitter moments. Life can be messy, but it's also filled with beautiful, joyful things to appreciate, even in the midst of hardship. It's a reminder that suffering doesn't erase the goodness around us; it can actually deepen our appreciation for life's colors and flavors.

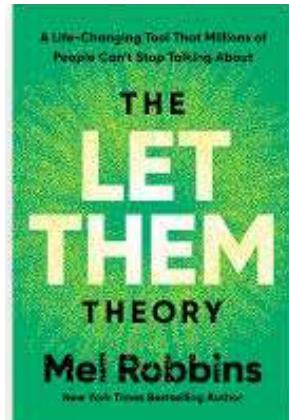
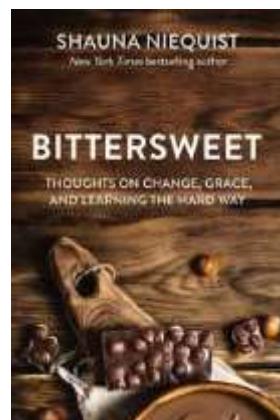
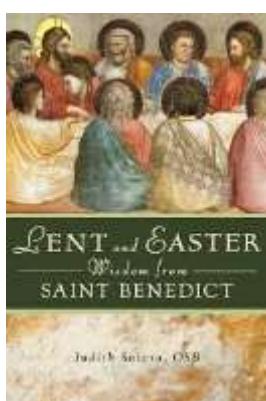
Let Them, Mel Robbins

I've read my fair share of self-help books over the years and recently took a hiatus from them. But a friend recommended *Let Them* by Mel Robbins so I gave it a go. It was a quick listen – the pace is energetic and paradoxically seems to take too long at times but I did appreciate Robbins' focus on relationships and the importance of letting go of control. In a world where we often feel like we need to have it all or fix everything, Robbins challenges us to stop trying to control the uncontrollable and focus on our own actions and responses.

I have a tendency to want to control everything—relationships, circumstances, how people perceive me—and Robbins rightly points out through her theory of "Let Them/Let Me" that this only leads to stress and burnout. Robbins argues that, while we can't change others, we can change how we react.

However, while I found many practical insights in the book, there's an important caveat I have to share. The idea that we can solve all our problems on our own can be tempting, but as Christians we know that real transformation doesn't come from just our efforts. It comes from Christ. While Robbins' advice is helpful, it's a reminder for me that relying on my own strength will only get me so far; I need God's guidance, too.

~ Sarah Cranston





Evangelism

The Evangelism Commission is responsible for overseeing projects, events, and activities within our parish and outside our doors. Our vestry handbook states that leaders will educate and prioritize those activities that are crucial to the life of the parish.

On Sunday, February 9th, our choristers joyfully offered the hymn, 'Seek Ye First' which reminds us how to seek the kingdom of God. I encourage you to speak those words to yourself as you approach and enter Christ Church. "Seek ye first, those whom you have never met. 'Seek ye first', those whom you have seen but haven't spoken to, whose names you do not know. 'Seek ye first' those who are alone in the dismissal line and are not engaged in conversation. 'Seek ye first', those who are seated alone in the parish hall. Ask if you may join them or invite them to sit with you, introduce them to those sitting at the table and engage them in conversation.

This is a priority. This is Evangelism; demonstrating acts of caring and loving thy neighbor as ourselves as we invite and include them in our Christ Church community.

Doreen Mills/Evangelism



Acolytes

We held our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday March 4, 2025 and it was a great success! We had a great turnout and raised nearly \$600 to put towards purchasing needed vestments for our Acolytes. We had a group stop in only because they saw the sign on our fence while driving home from shopping! They were very impressed with the food and our young servers.

Our acolytes were amazing! The younger ones stepped right up to the task of the night – taking orders, serving food and drinks and cleaning up when guests were finished. What a great opportunity to help build up our young children's skills and confidence, all while having fun with their friends! Thank you to the Brotherhood members and all volunteers for dedicating your time much of the day and into the evening ,cooking the sausage and pancakes.

Thank you to all who came out and for your generous donations towards our mission. We can't wait to do it again next year!

Robertta Shomo/ Acolyte Master





Youth Group

Christ Church Youth Serve at Kitchen of Hope

Early one Saturday morning, five members of Christ Church's Youth Group, along with four adult leaders, gathered at Kitchen of Hope, the food pantry ministry at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Glassboro. This vital outreach program provides food to over 100 families each month, ensuring that those in need have access to fresh groceries and essential supplies.

From 8 to 11:30 AM, our team jumped right in—unloading deliveries, sorting and packing food, and distributing bags of groceries to community members. The pantry operates as a drive-up service, so we worked together to bring food directly to each car. Some of us loaded bags, others greeted visitors, and a few handled logistics behind the scenes. It was a fast-paced morning, but knowing we were helping make a real difference kept everyone motivated.

One of the most powerful parts of the day was seeing just how much this ministry means to the families who rely on it. A simple smile and a “thank you” from someone receiving food reminded us why this kind of work matters. It wasn’t just about handing out groceries—it was about showing kindness, offering dignity, and building community.

After finishing up, we headed over to the Cranston home for some well-earned pizza and a chance to reflect on the morning. Over lunch, we shared thoughts on what we experienced—what surprised us, what stuck with us, and how we can continue serving in ways that make an impact. It was a great reminder that service isn’t just about giving; it’s also about growing, learning, and finding new ways to live out our faith.

We’re grateful to Kitchen of Hope for the opportunity to be part of such meaningful work, and we’re already looking forward to finding more ways to serve. If you’d like to learn more about this ministry and how it helps families in our community, visit stthomasglassboro.org/kitchen-of-hope.
Sarah Cranston





Red Cross Blood Drive

Save the date! June 4th from 2-7 PM

The American Red Cross is always in need of blood, especially as the summer traveling season approaches. Christ Church has for many years hosted these blood drives to help address this need. Your donation could help save the life of an individual right here in our area. If you have never given blood and want to know more about the process please contact Mary Beth Bathurst. If you haven't given blood for many years, please reconsider as the greatest gift anyone can give is to give the gift of life!

**The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.**



**American
Red Cross**

Christ Episcopal Church Blood Drive

52 Delaware Street,
Woodbury, NJ 08096
Parish Hall

June 4, 2025

2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Contact information: Jim & Mary Beth Bathurst,
jim5001@verizon.net (609) 472-2812

redcrossblood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS

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Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries

We Can Do This!

Greater Cooperative Ministries needs our help. Donations are especially needed at this time due to continued high numbers of clients. What an impact Christ Church could make if each family set a goal to bring 1 (one) item to church every week.

Items in high demand:

- ♥ Cold Cereal
- ♥ Mac & Cheese
- ♥ Peanut Butter
- ♥ Grape Jelly
- ♥ Pasta
- ♥ Pasta Sauce
- ♥ Hearty Soups
- ♥ Powdered milk

Items always needed

Food Items

- ☺ Canned Tuna
- ☺ Canned Chicken
- ☺ Canned Fruits
- ☺ Canned Vegetables
- ☺ Pancake Mix (complete)
- ☺ Pancake Syrup
- ☺ Tea Bags
- ☺ Coffee

Personal Care/Household Items

- ☺ Laundry Detergent (liquid)
- ☺ Shampoo
- ☺ Body Wash
- ☺ Soap
- ☺ Toothpaste/ Tooth brushes
- ☺ Deodorant
- ☺ Mouth Wash
- ☺ Shaving Cream
- ☺ Razors
- ☺ Toilet Paper

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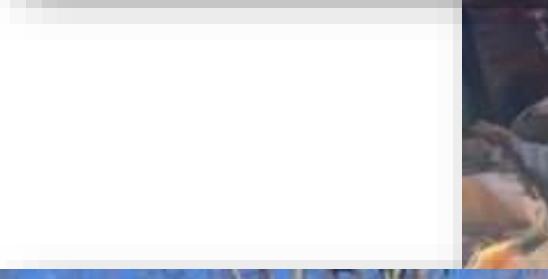


Winter 2025 Photos

Nov. 30, 2024 Brotherhood Induction



Winter Clean Up November 30, 2024



Celebration of the Child Bishop



2024 Christmas Market



2024 Christmas Hanging of the Greens





ECW Christmas Tea



2025 ECW Sweet Sale



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Noon - AA 7 pm Convocation Meeting @ St. George's 8 pm AA <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>Frederick Denison, Priest</i>	2 10 am Mass 6 pm Lenten Series <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>J.L. Breck. Priest</i>	3 6:30 pm Mass 7 pm Executive Committee 8 pm AA <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>Richard of Chichester</i>	4 5:30 pm Evening Prayer & Stations of the Cross <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	5 9am Audit Committee <i>Lenten Feria</i>
6 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar Rehearsal 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Mass Sunday School, Adult Forum 11:30 am Full Choir Rehearsal <i>5 Lent</i>	7 6 pm AA 8 pm Online Bible Study	8 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>William Augustine Muhlenberg</i>	9 10 am Mass 6 pm Lenten Series <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	10 6:30 pm Mass 7pm Vestry 8 pm AA <i>Lenten Feria</i> <i>George Augustus Selwyn</i>	11 5:30 pm Evening Prayer, Stations of the Cross & Holy Hour <i>Lenten Feria</i>	12 <i>Lenten Feria</i>
13 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar Rehearsal 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Procession & Solemn Mass Sunday School, Adult Forum <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14 10 am Mass 6 pm AA 8pm Online Bible Study	15 Noon - AA 6:30 pm Mass 8:30 pm AA <i>Monday in Holy Week</i>	16 10 am Mass <i>Tuesday in Holy Week</i>	17 10:00 am Morning Prayer 6:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8 pm AA 8 pm - Midnight The Watch <i>Wednesday in Holy Week</i> <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	18 10:00 am Morning Prayer 12:15 pm Noonday Service & Stations 6:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday <i>Good Friday</i>	19 10:00 am Morning Prayer 6:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter <i>Holy Saturday</i>
20 8:00 am Mass of the Resurrection 8:30 am Choral Scholar Rehearsal 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Festal Mass of the Resurrection <i>Easter Day</i>	21 Office Closed 6 pm AA <i>Monday in Easter Week</i>	22 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Tuesday in Easter Week</i>	23 10 am Mass 7:00 pm ECW <i>Wednesday in Easter Week</i>	24 6:30 pm Mass 8 pm AA <i>Thursday in Easter Week</i>	25 5:30 pm Evening Prayer <i>Friday in Easter Week</i>	26 <i>Saturday in Easter Week</i>
27 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar Rehearsal 9:00 am Choir rehearsal 10:00 am Choral Mass Sunday School, Adult Forum <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	28 6 pm AA <i>Mark the Evangelist (transferred)</i>	29 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Catherine of Siena</i>	30 10 am Mass <i>Feria</i>			

May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Executive Committee 8:00 pm AA <i>Philip & James, Apostles</i>	2 5:30 pm Evening Prayer <i>Athanasius, Bishop</i>	3
4 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar rehearsal 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Mass Sunday School & Adult Forum <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	5 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm Adult Bible Study Online <i>Feria</i>	6 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Feria</i>	7 10 am Mass <i>Feria</i>	8 6:30 pm Mass 7:00 pm Vestry 8:00 pm AA <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	9 5:30 pm Evening Prayer <i>Gregory of Nazianzus</i>	10
11 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar rehearsal 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Mass <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	12 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm Adult Bible Study Online <i>Feria</i>	13 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Feria</i>	14 10am Mass <i>Feria</i>	15 6:30 Mass 8:00 pm AA <i>Feria</i> <i>Pachomius, Abbot</i>	16 5:30 pm Evening Prayer <i>Feria</i> <i>Martyrs of Sudan</i>	17
18 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar rehearsal 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Mass & First Holy Communion <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	19 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm Adult Bible Study Online <i>Dionysius, Archbishop</i>	20 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Alcuin, Deacon & Abbot</i>	21 10am Mass <i>Feria</i>	22 6:30 Mass 8:00 pm AA <i>Feria</i> <i>Helen of Constantinople</i>	23 5:30 pm Evening Prayer <i>Feria</i> <i>Vincent of Lerins</i>	24 <i>Jackson Kemper, Bishop</i>
25 8:00 am Mass 8:30 am Choral Scholar rehearsal 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Mass <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	26 Office Closed 6:00 pm AA 8:00 pm Adult Bible Study Online <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Augustine, Bishop of Canterbury</i>	27 Noon - AA 8 pm AA <i>Feria</i>	28 10am Mass <i>Feria</i>	29 6:30 Mass 8:00 pm AA <i>Ascension Day</i>	30 5:30 pm Evening Prayer <i>Feria</i>	31 <i>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>

THOSE WHO SERVE April 2025	Sunday April 6	Palm Sunday April 13	Maundy Thursday April 17, 6:30 pm	Good Friday April 18, 6:30 pm	Holy Saturday, Great Vigil April 19, 6:30 pm	Easter Sunday April 20, 2025	2 Easter Sunday April 27, 2025
Master of Ceremonies	Ed Ferrell	Jim Bathurst	Rob Johnson	Jim Bathurst	Steve Lewis	Jim Bathurst	Ed Ferrell
Chalice/Acolyte 8:00am	Rob Johnson	Jim Bathurst	Rob Johnson	Ed Ferrell	Steve Lewis	Rob Johnson	Bernie Lasoski
Chalice 10:00am	Doreen Mills Ed Ferrell	Jim Bathurst Steve Lewis	Doreen Mills	Jim Bathurst	Doreen Mills	Jim Bathurst	Sarah Cranston Ed Ferrell
Acolytes 10:00am	Miguel Sanchez Maya Sanchez Daphne Rhodes Annabella Seales Joey Seales	Fayton Sims Riley Shomo Cece Lyden Thomas Piskun Rebecca Piskun	Chris Cranston Scott Cranston Joey Lyden Joey Seales Annabella Seales	1st server - Mayu Sanchez 2nd server - Riley Shomo	Branden Gorman Cece Lyden Daphne Rhodes	Miguel Sanchez Maya Sanchez Riley Shomo Annabella Seales Joey Lyden	Paul Mass Daphnes Rhodes Rebecca Piskun Thomas Piskun
Thurifer & Boat	Paul Mass	Brandon Gorman	Scott Carr	Payton Sims	Payton Sims	Chris Cranston	Chris Cranston
Acolyte Master	Roberta Shomo	Emily Piskun	"Acolytes need to be vested & report at 5:30	"Acolytes need to be vested & report at 5:30	"Acolytes need to be vested & report at 5:30	Roberta Shomo	Emily Piskun
Reader 8:00am	Bernie Lasoski	Jeff Wenzel	Tari Wishnick	Gwen Simpson	Gwen Simpson	Roberta Shomo	Emily Piskun
Reader 10:00am	Jim Bathurst Mary Beth Bathurst	Jennifer Lewis Ed Ferrell	Nathan Wishnick	Cheryl Rhinehart	Cheryl Rhinehart	Nathan Wishnick Ed Ferrell	Nathan Wishnick
Intercessor 10:00am	Jim Bathurst	Jennifer Lewis	Tari Wishnick	Gwen Simpson	Gwen Simpson	Nathan Wishnick	Nathan Wishnick
Ushers 8:00am	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks	Mark Novaksky	Steve Shomo	Chris Piskun	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks
Ushers 10:00am	Steve Shomo Steve Rush	Mike Sanchez Chris Cranston	Steve Novaksky Steve Rush	Charles Lewis	Dennis Sims	Mike Sanchez Steve Rush	Mark Novaksky Steve Shomo
Nursery							
Coffee Hour	Jim & Mary Beth Bathurst						
Notewriter	Marilyn McGeech	Cheryl Rhinehart			Gwen Simpson	Marilyn McGeech	
Vestry Counters	Team 4 Sheri Veiter Gwen Simpson Jim Bathurst	Doreen Mills Mark Novaksky Nathan Wishnick			Team 2 Tori Wishnick Lauren Erasmus	Team 3 Steve Lewis Roberta Shomo Charles Lewis	
Vestry Lock Up	Jim Bathurst	Doreen Mills				Lauren Erasmus	Charles Lewis
Food Bank Delivery	Scott & Sarah Cranston	Doug & Carol Hill				Jim & Mary Beth Bathurst	Charles Lewis

THOSE WHO SERVE May 2025	3 Easter Sunday May 4	4 Easter Sunday May 11	5 Easter First Holy Communion Sunday May 18	6 Easter Sunday May 25	Ascension Thursday May 29, 2025, 6:30 pm
Master of Ceremonies	Steve Lewis	Jim Bathurst	Ed Ferrell	Jim Bathurst	Jim Bathurst
Chalice/Acolyte 8:00am	Jeff Wenzel	Bernie Lasoski	Doreen Mills	Bernie Lasoski	_____
Chalice 10:00am	Scott Carr Steve Lewis	Rob Johnson Jim Bathurst	Sarah Cranston Ed Ferrell	Jim Bathurst Scott Carr	Jim Bathurst Rob Johnson
Acolytes 10:00am	Scott Cranston Annabella Scales Cece Lyden Joey Lyden Joey Scales	Miguel Sanchez Maya Sanchez Rebecca Piskun Riley Shomo Daphne Rhodes	Brandon Gorman Scott Cranston Joey Lyden Joey Scales Thomas Piskun	Payton Sims Cece Lyden Annabella Scales Riley Shomo Daphne Rhodes	Miguel Sanchez Maya Sanchez Scott Cranston Rebecca Piskun Thomas Piskun
Thurifer & Boat	Payton Sims	Chris Cranston	Scott Carr	Brandon Gorman	Chris Cranston
Acolyte Master	Robertta Shomo	Emily Piskun	Robertta Shomo	Emily Piskun	* Acolytes need to be vested and report at 5:30 pm Emily Piskun
Reader 8:00am	Bernie Lasoski	Helen Gualthney	Frank Gualthney	Jeff Wenzel	_____
Reader 10:00am	Scott Carr Charles Lewis	Marilyn McGeoch Jean Lucas	Jim Bathurst Mary Beth Bathurst	Sarah Cranston Robin Atkins	Emily Piskun Sarah Cranston
Intercessor 10:00am	Scott Carr	Marilyn McGeoch	Jim Bathurst	Sarah Cranston	Emily Piskun
Ushers 8:00am	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks	Mark Hendricks	_____
Ushers 10:00am	Dennis Sims Chris Cranston	Chris Piskun Charles Lewis	Steve Shomo Steve Rash	Dennis Sims Charles Lewis	Chris Piskun Mike Sanchez
Nursery	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Coffee Hour	Youth Group	_____	_____	_____	_____
Notewriter	Cheryl Rhiner	Gwen Simpson	Marilyn McGeoch	Cheryl Rhiner	Thank You for your dedicated service! If you are unable to serve when scheduled please contact the head of your ministry to coordinate a substitute.
Vestry Counters	Team 4 Sherm Yeiter Gwen Simpson Jim Bathurst	Team 1 Doreen Mills Mark Novaksky Nathan Wishnick	Team 2 Tori Wishnick Laura Erasmus Nathan Wishnick	Team 3 Steve Lewis Robertta Shomo Charles Lewis	_____
Vestry Lock Up	Sherm Yeiter	Nathan Wishnick	Tori Wishnick	Steve Lewis	_____
Food Bank Delivery	Mike & Darcie Sanchez	Ed Ferrell	Sue Velasquez	Scott & Sarah Cranston	_____

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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

