



## Christ Church Chronicles

### New Schedule

#### SUNDAYS

*Effective Sunday, December 13 through Sunday, January 3*

Based on recent guidance from the Bishop, Christ Church's 9:30 AM Sunday service will be offered entirely online via our [Facebook](#) page. There will be **no in-person worship** effective this Sunday, December 13 through Sunday, January 3 with the exception of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

#### Thursday, December 24

*Eve of the Nativity*

4:00 PM & 11:00 PM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II; in-person worship and streamed online via [Facebook](#).

#### Friday, December 25

*The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

9:30 AM, Holy Eucharist, Rite II; in-person worship and streamed online via [Facebook](#).

*Safety protocols will continue to be followed; details can be found on our website at [www.christpottstown.org](http://www.christpottstown.org).*

#### WEEKDAYS

Every weekday, 9:00 AM: Daily Morning Prayer live-streamed via [Facebook](#).

Monday, 11:30 AM: Community meals continue with sack lunches provided for our guest to take away.

Tuesday, 7:00 PM: Virtual Bible study via Zoom ([email Fr. Joshua](#) if you would like to join the study group).

The parish office and building will be closed during the week (except for pre-approved small gatherings) and the staff will work remotely through the end of the year.

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### Update from our Deacon

I write to you from COVID lockdown. My wife, Joni, was pretty sick for a day or so; we thought it best to be cautious. At the moment, we await her test results.

I also await a meeting tonight with the

Pottstown borough officials where we fully expect to get final approval for Pottstown LIFT (Living In Faith Together) to open a Code Blue Warming Center at St. Al's School on December 15. We can stay open until April 30.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.



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## Pledge Commitment 2021

Thank you to those who have submitted pledge cards for 2021.

To date, we have received 37 pledges for a total of \$107,624. Last year, Christ Church received 47 pledges for a total of \$134,310. If you have not submitted your pledged gift for 2021, please do so soon so that your Vestry can budget accordingly for next year.

Your pledge is both an expression of gratitude to God and an investment in the mission and ministries of Christ Church. If you did not receive the letter and pledge card mailer, or have misplaced it, please contact Megan Riefer at [mhriefer@christpottstown.org](mailto:mhriefer@christpottstown.org) or (610) 323-2895.



FOR WHERE YOUR  
*treasure is,*  
THERE WILL YOUR  
*heart be also.*  
Matthew 6:21

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## Altar Guild & Counters

Christ Church's Altar Guild is a volunteer group of parishioners whose ministry is to care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish. Altar Guild members prepare the sanctuary for services, and clean up afterwards. It is a ministry of "quiet service", behind the scenes, but a most critical act of service to the church. We encourage participation in this important ministry, and we welcome men and women to join our "teams" who take pride in preparing all areas of our church for worship. We are also in need of volunteers to assist with counting our Sunday offerings. If you are interested in the Altar Guild or counting, please contact Sharon Johnson at (610) 621-0043 or [slj2146@aol.com](mailto:slj2146@aol.com).



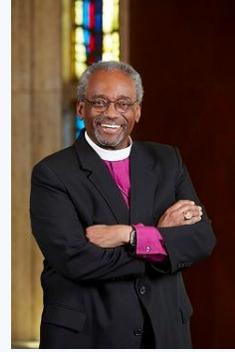
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## Presiding Bishop Curry's

## Christmas Message 2020

“Joy to the world! The Lord is come. In your hearts, in your homes, in your lives, prepare him room,” Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry said in his Christmas Message 2020.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the full message.



## Scrip Cards for Holiday Shopping

Don't forget, you can use Scrip Cards for all your holiday shopping and gift card needs! This program allows you to purchase gift cards and Christ Church receives a percentage for each card ordered. Use the cards as gifts, to purchase your holiday presents, or for your own routine purchases such as groceries at Giant, prescriptions at CVS, or dinner at Applebee's. There are over 400 participating retailers; the full list can be found [here](#).



For more details, [CLICK HERE](#).

*Please note: Orders must be placed by December 14 to guarantee delivery by December 24.*

## Prayer Request

As the Body of Christ, each of us are called to care and pray for one another, especially in times of sickness and need. To request prayer, send an email with the name (either the full name or just the first name if they want privacy) of the person you are wanting prayers for and a brief description of the reason for prayer to [prayers@christpottstown.org](mailto:prayers@christpottstown.org). We welcome prayer requests for anyone in or out of the parish.



## Staying Grounded in Your Faith

During this time of distancing ourselves from others, it is especially important to find different ways to engage with your spirituality. The following is a list of resources that can be accessed from home:

[Book of Common Prayer](#) – Church Publishing has made a digital, clickable copy  
[Daily Lectionary](#) – assigned readings and the collect for each day  
[Forward Day by Day](#) – daily meditations. Now also available in audio; podcast is available on all streaming platforms, including Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, and anywhere else you listen to podcasts.

[Tucked In](#) – Bedtime stories and prayers with Episcopalians and others each Monday and Wednesday.

[Three Minute Retreat](#) – take a short prayer break right at your computer; spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage

[d365 Daily Devotional for Youth](#) – inspirational and relevant reflections on scripture for young people

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