



Christ Church Chronicles

Rector's Annual Address

On Sunday, February 2, we celebrated *Candlemas: The Presentation of Our Lord* with a single 9:30 AM service followed by the annual parish meeting.

We would like to share the Rector's Annual Parish Address from this service:

Those of you who have spent some time with the Annual Report already will have no doubt read my remarks included there. In it, I've tried to give a comprehensive overview of the year past and look some to the year ahead. My hope today, however, is to address you in a slightly different mode. I'm going to tell you two different stories that, by the end, I hope have something to do with each other, with where we are as a parish, and with where we are going.



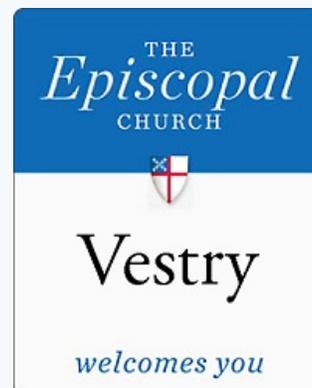
[View the full Annual Parish Address HERE.](#)

Vestry & Delegate Elections

Three new Vestry members as well as three delegates to the Diocesan Convention were elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, February 2.

Rita Paez, Warren Holohan, and Lisa Baro were elected for the Vestry Class of 2023. Thank you to those whose names were also put forward at the meeting (Jennifer Brickel and Edie Ofodile), as well as outgoing members Bob Gross, Miriam Spade, and Janice Morris for their faithful service.

Judy Shelly, Susan Rhoads, and Janice Morris were elected as delegates for the November 2020 convention with Edie Shean-Hammond as an alternate.



Thank you to everyone who took part in and contributed to the Annual Parish Meeting; it was a wonderful opportunity to gather together and reflect upon the last year at Christ Church while looking forward to a promising 2020.

Eucharistic Visitors

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Visitor at Christ Church?

As a Eucharistic Visitor you have the exciting opportunity for worship, prayer, and fellowship; and the incomparable privilege of bringing the Blessed Sacrament to those “who for reasonable cause cannot be present at a public celebration of the Eucharist” [BCP p.396] because they are ill, home-bound, in a hospital or nursing home.

Confirmed communicants in good standing in the parish can be considered for training. The next training session for current and new Eucharistic Visitors will be on Sunday, February 23, immediately following the 11:00 AM service.

Please contact Fr. Joshua to learn more about this important ministry.



Period Product Drive

Did you know that 1 in 5 women report missing work, school, or a similar event due to a lack of feminine hygiene products? 1 in 4 women have struggled to afford period products in the past year, yet state and federal safety-net programs cannot be used to purchase period products. Despite this great need, many shelters and pantries report rarely receiving donations of period products to distribute to women. Help us help women maintain their health and dignity by donating to our period product drive.

We are collecting pads (ultra-thin regular, ultra-thin super, overnight, and single-packaged pantyliners); tampons (light, regular, and super/super-plus); and hygiene wipes (single-packaged feminine hygiene wipes, NOT alcohol wipes) for distribution in Pottstown.

Donations can be placed in the marked box in the Vestry Room of the church. For more information, contact Mary Caler at marycaler@gmail.com or Dennis Coleman



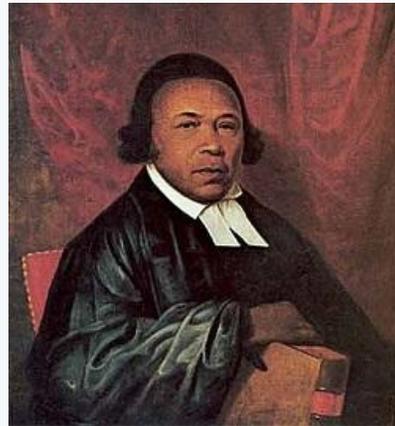
Ricketts Community Center Open House

The Ricketts Community Center, 658 Beech Street, Pottstown, will host an open house on Thursday, February 13 from 2:00-6:00 PM. It is an opportunity to learn more about the programs and activities offered at the center, which focuses on programming for youth, their families, and the community.



Absalom Jones Celebration

On Saturday, February 8 at 9:30 AM the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral will host the annual celebration of the life of Absalom Jones, founder of The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. The life and legacy of The Reverend Absalom Jones is a testament to the resilience of the human spirit, his faith, and his commitment to the causes of freedom, justice and self-determination. The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez will be the celebrant and preacher for the day, the first diocesan bishop to preach at this service.



The Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral is located at 19 S. 38th Street, Philadelphia; free parking in the lot at the corner of 39th Street and Market.

Chili Cook-off & Basket Raffle

Do you have a chili recipe you think is award winning? Let's find out if you're right!

The annual chili cook-off and basket raffle will be held on Saturday, February 15 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Show off your cooking skills and participate in the contest, or just join us for the festivities. Sign-up sheets can be found on the church bulletin board.

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with the 1st place winner also taking home the honorary sombrero and trophy!

Thank you to the Yanalavage family for their generous donation of awards.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The last day before the beginning of Lent is called Shrove Tuesday and our tradition at Christ Church is to offer a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Join us on February 25 from 5:00-7:00 PM as we enjoy a delicious meal of fresh-made pancakes (original, blueberry, or chocolate chip), sausage, fruit salad, and a wide variety of beverages. Donations will be accepted, no tickets needed.



Spring Clean-up Day

Join us on Saturday, February 29 starting at 9:00 AM (meet in the Parish Hall) for spring clean-up day at Christ Church. There will be a variety of tasks for all ages and abilities. Come when you can, and spend as much time as you can afford. Many hands make light work! Please see the sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board.



Friendly Reminder

A friendly reminder that when using the Parish Hall and kitchen, please make sure that the oven/stove top (as well as lights) are turned off prior to departure. Thank you!



Church Events Calendar

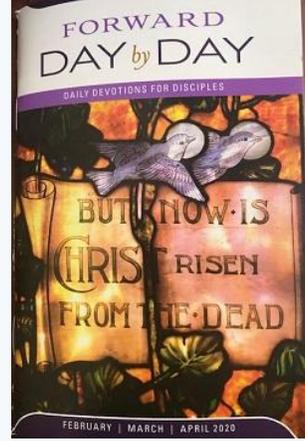
Stay up-to-date with all the events occurring at Christ Church with our new calendar booklet. From our weekly schedule to special events, this resource serves as a reminder of all the wonderful programming offered at Christ Church. Print copies of the calendar are located on the table outside the church office.



Forward Day by Day

The latest edition (February, March, April) of the Forward Day by Day booklet is available to parishioners at no charge. Booklets can be found on the tables outside the office and before entering the church. Forward Day by Day is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations, reflecting on a specific Bible passage.

English and Spanish versions are available.



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