



Christ Church Chronicles

Reminder of Weekly Offerings

Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite I in the Nave.
Limited to 22 people who have signed-up in advance.

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a spot at the 8:00 AM Mass.

10:30 AM — Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Great Room and live-streaming on [Facebook](#).
Limited to 20 people who have signed-up in advance.

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve a spot at the 10:30 AM Mass.

The Rector's Forum, Sunday School, Nursery, and other Christian Formation offerings will not meet during this time.

There will be no prayer team available during the distribution of Communion during this time.

There will be no coffee hour at this time, except where explicitly announced.

Weekday Schedule

— NA meetings will resume according to their previous meeting schedule and be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the Parish Hall after each meeting.

— Monday Community Meals will continue and, at a time mutually agreed upon between volunteers, leadership, and the Rector will resume "dine-in" options following social distancing protocols.

— Daily Morning Prayer will continue to be live-streamed from the Chapel at 9:00 AM via [Facebook](#).

— All other meetings, gatherings, and events will only gather in-person by explicit approval of the Rector.

— Non-Sunday celebrations of the Holy Eucharist will take place in the Chapel, following the calendar of *The Book of Common Prayer*. These Masses will follow the protocols established for Sunday gatherings, though the congregation will be limited to 8 in accordance with the limitations of the space.

— Staff members will continue to work from home and the parish offices will remain closed.

New Opportunities to Serve

Much about our parish life has changed over the last several months. Obviously, this has presented challenges, but there are also many new opportunities afforded to us in this season. To address both the challenges and opportunities, there are several new (or renewed) opportunities available to the people of Christ Church to serve. If you are interested in any of the ministries listed below – or if you'd like to suggest others – please be in touch with the Rector at your earliest convenience.

Building & Grounds

— Christ Church is in need of 3-5 people who will work together (as a team or sequentially) to care for the upkeep of the parish grounds and improve its landscaping and exterior. This can include everything from cutting grass, gathering trash, trimming shrubs, pulling weeds, planting flowers, and cleaning. Work will begin this month and continue into the autumn.

— The parish needs a painting crew of 3-5 people to gather for a few days in July to paint high traffic areas as well as areas that have been recently repaired. These include the chapel, main hallway, entranceway, and portions of the parish hall. Materials will be provided.

Eucharistic & Pastoral Visitations

— Very many of our regular members do not yet feel comfortable returning to weekly, in-person worship. Christ Church is in need of several people (5-7) to augment our present ranks of Eucharistic Visitors to extend visitations to those members of the community who are temporarily homebound and thus would otherwise be without the benefit of the sacrament and pastoral care from their friends and neighbors at Christ Church. Training and licensure will be required; a new visitation rota will be prepared in two weeks.

Morning Prayer Officiants

— Over the last several months, the clergy of Christ Church have dedicated themselves to leading daily Morning Prayer and Compline in addition to Sunday offerings. Christ Church is seeking a minimum of 10 members who feel called to continue this ministry beyond July. Training and licensure will be required; Offices will be pre-recorded by the Officiant from his or her home and then shared on the appropriate day via Facebook and the parish's website.

Storytellers

— Over the next several weeks, we aim to begin sharing stories of parishioners (maximum 60 seconds) reflecting on their own stories and why they call Christ Church, Pottstown home. These will be recorded and shared on the parish's social media and website. It is an opportunity to reflect on the ways and reasons God has called you to this place and share them with others in the hopes that God may call them here as well.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for both the Church and the Great Room services resumed on July 5. This means that there is one additional spot open each week. For those who had given flowers during our closure, this may be a time you wish to reschedule that gift. Please be in touch with Megan Riefer via email at mhriefer@christpottstown.org to make those arrangements.



Stop Racism

What can you do to fight racism? The Anti-Racism Commission of the diocese has pulled together a resource guide and provides trainings.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the rapid response guide.



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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