

The Weekly Messenger for SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

News and Announcements for the week of January 17, 2021

We, as a nation, find ourselves reeling from an especially caustic national election. More Americans voted in 2020 than in any other election since 1900. The total cost of the 2020 election is estimated to be fourteen billion dollars. Because of threats of further violence directed against the federal government, twenty thousand members of the National Guard, including some from Delaware, will be deployed in Washington, D.C. for the Inauguration on January 20th. Responding to threats against their own Capitols, States around the nation are also preparing for possible violent attacks. And although the 2020 National Election is decided with political leaders from both parties declaring that "It is over," nevertheless, we remain divided.

We, as a nation, find ourselves in the twelfth month of a pandemic that has caused, as of today, the deaths of 972 Delawareans, 383,351 Americans, and 1.98 million people worldwide. The first recorded death from COVID-19 in the United States was on February 6th, 2020. We cannot yet calculate the full physiological, psychological, social, and economic devastation this virus will cause. And even with the distribution of vaccines, the administration of effective medical treatments, and best practices such as wearing masks and washing hands, we do not know when we will be able to gather again safely.

We, as a nation, find ourselves still struggling to realize the ideals of our founding documents and to dismantle the violent systems of racial oppression and injustice that continue to cause so much suffering and death for so many of our fellow citizens.

We, as a Church, find ourselves as we always are. Baptized into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are new creations in Christ, members of the Body of Christ, entrusted with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is good news for all people. Reconciled with God in Christ, filled with God's Holy Spirit, forgiven and blessed by God, we pray, study, and serve in the name of Christ. As faithful disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we cling to hope as we love our neighbors as ourselves, striving for peace and justice, respecting the dignity of every human being. Whatever may be happening in the world, our identity as Christians does not change; our mission to the world as Christians does not change. My dear friends, I invite you: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, strength, and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself. By such love, we are changed, and the world around us is changed as well.

Peace, Russ+

Saint Anne's Episcopal Church Annual Meeting Sunday, February 7 at 10:45AM

The Zoom link will be provided in the February 7 bulletin

Please plan to attend this annual meeting of the whole church at which we will discuss the 2020 & 2021 church finances and share important information about the worship, mission, and ministries of Saint Anne's Church. *Elaine Baran, Dominic Catalfamo and Bonnie Robb* are parishioners in good standing and have been nominated and have agreed to serve a three-year term on the Vestry. If you have any questions about the Vestry or these Vestry candidates, please contact the Rector, Russ.

MEET THE VESTRY CANDIDATES



Elaine Baran with her husband, Anthony, and children started attending Saint Anne's Church after moving from upstate New York to Townsend almost 5 years ago. They moved to be closer to family and to the ocean, two of their favorite things! Katrina, 15, and Gabrielle, 13, keep Elaine very busy in addition to working full time as a home care occupational therapist in the MOT and Newark area. Elaine grew up attending Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Connecticut, where she was an acolyte, a lector, and loved helping with their many community events. In New York, she was an assistant to the floral manager. When Saint Anne's was worshipping in person, she was a lector. Elaine is looking forward to being a part of Saint Anne's Vestry.

Dominic Catalfamo - After growing up in upstate New York, Dominic and his wife Mandy moved to Middletown in 2011. They have two children, Anthony (age 6) and Lillian (age 3). Dominic works for AAA as a Marketing Manager. After growing up in the Roman Catholic Church, he was received into the Episcopal Church at Saint Anne's in 2018. Dominic has a passion for sports, especially the Philadelphia Eagles and New York Yankees. In his free time, he enjoys making pizza, swimming, playing baseball, darts, and poker.



Bonnie Robb was received into the Saint Anne's congregation during the Bishop's visit in 2017. She enjoys singing in the choir, ringing in the bell choir, serving as a lector, participating in Bible Study classes and Centering Prayer, and volunteering at Our Daily Bread. Bonnie graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a doctoral degree in French literature and taught at the University of Delaware for 37 years. Her husband Alan is a former organist at Saint Anne's, and her son Daniel a former acolyte. She loves travel and has led study abroad programs for students, in addition to making many trips with her family. Other favorite activities are reading, yoga, and hiking. A pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago, with its many physical and spiritual challenges and deep sense of community, led her to view life itself—including our life together here at Saint Anne's—as a shared pilgrimage. She is honored to be nominated to serve on the Vestry as our Saint Anne's family continues—even during a pandemic—to be together in spirit, to learn together (virtually), to welcome all, and to grow in God's love.

Caroline Bennett is a junior at Archmere Academy. She has attended Saint Annes for many years and has enjoyed participating in Sunday School, Youth Group, and Outreach. She is looking forward to serving as the Youth Representative this upcoming year



The Sunday Sermon Forum Returns This Sunday

This is an opportunity to engage with the preacher and other church members about the sermon. This will be a conversation about the sermon, where you can ask questions and offer comments and not a teaching presented by the preacher about the sermon or Scripture texts. To join the Sunday Sermon Forum following the 9:30 AM Sunday Holy Eucharist, please click [HERE](#).



Save the Date - A Virtual Organ Concert featuring guest musician, Jackson Borges and our new Viscount Overture Organ Friday, January 29 beginning at 7:00PM

Mr. Jackson will return to Saint Anne's Church for this virtual concert. View the concert on the Saint Anne's website, www.SaintAnnesChurchDE.org or on the [Saint Anne's Church Facebook Page](#). Watch for details in *The Messenger* and Sunday bulletins.

Food Bag Ministry

Please purchase food to donate while you are shopping for yourself; please do not make a special trip to the store. Items most needed right now are peanut butter, jelly, crackers, canned pasta, canned beans, rice, canned tuna/chicken/salmon, & Tuna Helper. If you have questions, please call the church office. Please drop off food at the Church Office - located at the side entrance on S. Cox Street - Monday through Thursday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.



Parish Prayers

We pray for Sue Baker, Meta Barrow, Roberta Carey, Beverley and Pete Connolly, Donald Davis, Sr., Amber Dean, John Dessin, Andy Dill, Tara Frankel Becker, Marty Hipp, Velma Johnson, Gretchen Kessler, Amy Klein, Bill MacMillan, Dana McCoy, Jean McGinnis, Ed & Karen Martin, the Menzen Family, Emma Jean O'Rourke, Larry & Sue Osborn, Dolly & Bill Raker, Stan Ricks, Robin Shupe, Anthony Smith, Bob Smith, Diane Smith, Sophie & Hugo Trejo, Christine Tschampel, Holly Vucci & baby, Alan White, Patrick Williams, Mark Woodward, Bonnie, Christian D, Janet & Steve, Phyllis, Susan, and Tom. We pray for Mildred Murphy who has died.

[In the Episcopal Church in Delaware](#), we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools and Daughters of the King and Anamchara Fellowship.

[In the Anglican Communion](#), we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia.

Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Senior Warden: Nadine Burton

Treasurer: Mark Cavanaugh

Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

Minister for the Office: Nancy Koenig

Sexton: Cindy Cruz

Junior Warden: Mandy Catalfamo

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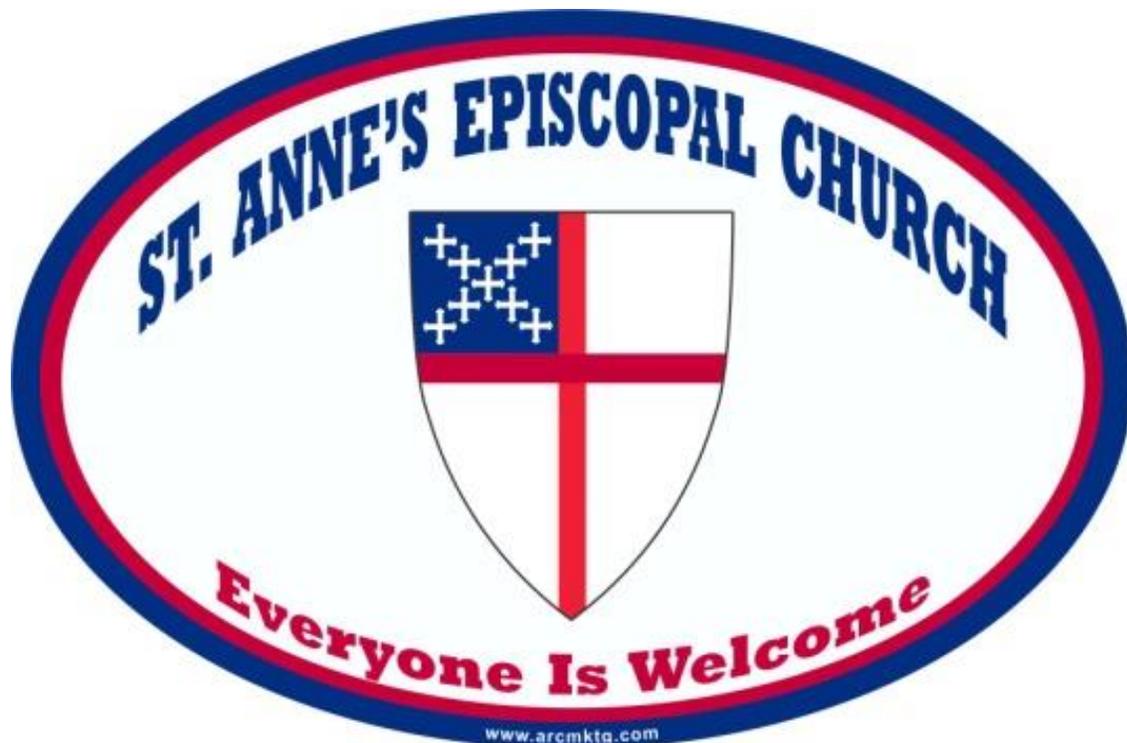
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Live Broadcast and Zoom Offerings for the Week of January 17

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Sunday, January 17

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website

Holy Eucharist for The Second Sunday after Epiphany—9:30 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website and Facebook Page

Saint Anne's Sunday Fellowship—10:30 AM

Broadcast Live through Zoom [Click Here to Join](#)

Tuesday, January 19

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Thursday, January 21

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Bible Study LIVE—10:00 AM

The Daily Office of Evening Prayer LIVE—6:00 PM

Bible Study by Zoom—6:30 PM

Sunday, January 24

Sunday Children's Worship—8:45 AM

Broadcast Live through the Church's Website

Holy Eucharist for The Third Sunday after Epiphany—9:30 AM

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