



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

News and Announcements for the week of August 1, 2021

From the Rector: Regarding Facemasks

Dear Friends,

The Delta Variant of COVID-19 is now in Delaware. On Tuesday, in response to rising COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations throughout our nation, the CDC recommended that everyone, including fully vaccinated people, wear masks when gathering indoors with groups of people.

Beginning this Sunday, August 1, we return to mask-wearing for all worshippers at both the 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM services, regardless of vaccination status. Also, we ask everyone visiting the church office during the week to wear a mask while inside the building.

I know that some may be disappointed by this decision and others may be reassured. As we have throughout this pandemic, the church leadership and I will continue to monitor the virus' progress and make decisions that follow the best medical and scientific advice available. Please remember that receiving the COVID-19 vaccination is the most effective way of protecting ourselves and others against this virus. Vaccinations are free and readily available. For more information about the vaccine, please speak with your doctor.

Please continue to pray for everyone infected with the Coronavirus and for everyone caring for the sick and dying. We are living through a challenging time. And as I spoke about in my sermon last Sunday, remember the power of small gestures made with love. We all have gifts to offer, the fruit of which can produce an abundance of blessings.

Faithfully, Russ+

It's Raining Bread!

On Sunday August 1, we will hear a portion of the Bread of Life narrative from the Gospel of John (chapter 6:24-35). The bread theme began last week with the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (John 6:1-15). For subsequent Sundays in August, we'll hear additional passages from this "high-carb" narrative in the 6th chapter of John, and continue to be fed, spiritually, "*the bread of God...which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.*"

The marvelous story of Manna in the Wilderness (Exodus 16:2-4,12-15) is a fitting prelude to Sunday's Bread of Life text. It prepares us to imagine God's Word -- God's promise of life through Jesus -- as a free gift, falling down upon us like rain or snow.



Highlights for Sunday -

8:00 AM Rite I quiet worship

9:30 AM worship with music and hymns

August Birthday and Anniversary Blessings at both services

Hymn Sing and Dedication of the new Organ & Piano



If you missed the Hymn Sing and dedication of our new organ & piano last week, visit the Saint Anne's website or Facebook Page to view the video. It was a joyous program featuring Damien Jones and guest musician, Tedde Gibson.

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New Organ Fund Challenge

To meet both New Organ matching grants—one from the Diocese and one from a parishioner—Saint Anne's needs to raise a total of \$37,500. To date, we have collected \$29,500, which means that we still need to raise \$8,000 before the end of the year. If we raise \$37,500, the two matching grants together will contribute an additional \$37,500. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the new organ, please place your donation in the offering at church or mail it to the church office. Please note "New Organ Fund" on checks and envelopes. Financial donations to Saint Anne's are tax deductible. If you have questions about contributing to the New Organ Fund, please contact the Church Office. Thank you!

Rev Russ Sermons



Fr. Russ' sermons are now available to view on YouTube, Vimeo, and Facebook. If you miss or want to rewatch a sermon, you may access it by following any of the three links copied below. Please contact Fr. Russ if you have questions.

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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 jelly, canned pasta, canned soup, canned vegetables & canned or dried fruit. *Our next Food Bag distribution will be on Tuesday, August 10.* If you have questions, please call the church office. Please bring food on Sunday morning or 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. Thank you for your support in this important ministry to our community.

The Altar Flowers - The flowers on the Altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Icilda Passley's birthday.

If you are interested in donating the altar flowers either as a memorial or in celebration of an event, please contact Ginny Wingate at (302) 540-2890 or gwingate4@gmail.com.



Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, Charles Bedsworth, Susan Crisfield, Toni Crane, Maria Cruz, Barbra Epler, Shawn Garvey, Velma Johnson, Jean McGinnis, Larry & Sue Osborn, Alena Quintero, Lisa Raker, William Raker, Jr., Charlie Repp, Allan Riemer, Fritz Rignal, Ricky Seip, Anthony Smith, Lenny Trejo, Mary Trejo, Christine Tschampel, Alan White, Clare, & Phyllis.

We pray for Polly Kellermann-Webber who has died.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools, and Trinity Parish, Wilmington.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of South East Asia.

Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Senior Warden: Gary Stover

Treasurer: Mark Cavanaugh

Priest-in-Residence: The Rev. Celeste Cox

Minister for the Office: Nancy Koenig

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Church Calendar for the Week of August 1

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Sunday, August 1 - Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

This service is in-person and broadcast live

Lemonade-on-the-lawn—10:30 AM

Tuesday, August 3

Centering Prayer by Zoom—6:00 PM

Thursday, August 5

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Bible Study LIVE—10:00 AM

Sunday, August 8 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

This service is in-person and broadcast live

Lemonade-on-the-lawn—10:30 AM



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