Prayer Intentions

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mark, our diocesan Bishop; and our own priests, Tom and Bill.

We pray for our President; Donald. We pray for our Governor, Chris; our Governor-Elect, Phil; and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

Parish Birthdays this Week: Dec. 25-Lisa Sepetjian; Dec. 27-Laura Moore; Dec. 28-James Hector; Dec. 29-Will Van Ness

For those serving in the armed forces in harm's way overseas, and for all who suffer from violence in wartorn areas of the world.

For those among us whose hearts are troubled or are ill and infirm:

Dave Albahary, Louis Anderson, Catherine, Russ & Mary Burnside, Katherine Chatfield, Marge Christie, Cohen & Levy families, Linda Dicanio, John & Alice Dummler, Nicole Farquhar, Donna, Sofia, Shannon Flandrau, Joan Fraiser, Andrew Greco, Heather, Jean Haslinger, Ian Henry, Harry Jarvis, Jackie, Althea King, Lenny, Madalyn Lindsay, Carrie Lindsay, Letty Llamas, Joseph Locus, Michael B., Kevin Martin, Maria Martino, Mary B., Elizabeth Mahoney, Liz Mongiello, Patricia Montague, Al Morel, Brent, Lindsey Moynihan, Mike Patterson, Donald Rogers, Roseanne, Suzi and Elliott, Jeff, Susan Raucci, Sean, Marge Singer, Ellen Steensma, Cathy Tonjes, Carol Traynor, Todd, Mike Villegas, Matthew Weatherbee, Shay Wexler, Sally Whittemore, Gina Wilkens, Marcia Wilson, Joni Wilters, Roy Zabriskie, Charles.

We remember all who have died.

Our Prayer Chain Ministry offers prayers for healing, hope and comfort; for joy and thanksgiving; for God's presence on the journey. The Christ Church Prayer Chain is a quiet and confidential ministry. All requests are considered strictly confidential. If you, or someone you know, needs or wants our prayers, contact Father Tom (201) 652-2350 or Linda Larson (201-248-4080).

SAVE THE DATE!

December 25-Christmas Day Eucharist & Carols @ 10 AM January 6 Installation of a New Rector at Christ Church, 2 PM

February 25-Holy Eucharist at 9:30 AM; Annual Meeting

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Thomas Mathews, Rector rector@christchurchridgewood.org The Rev. William Coats, Assistant Priest for Adult Formation wcoats@verizon.net Lawrell D. Arnold, Organist and Adult Choir Director larnold@christchurchridgewood.org Marlene Whittemore, Children & Youth Choir & Arts Director mwhittemore@christchurchridgewood.org Kristen Lee, Associate for Children and Youth klee@christchurchridgewood.org Mary Fezza, Parish Administrator parishadmin@christchurchridgewood.org

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST: By Encountering God, Equipping God's People, and Extending God's Kingdom

THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

December 24, 2017

Christmas Eve 4 pm and 10 pm Christmas Day 10 am





THE CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY AND INSTALLATION OF THE REV. TOM E. MATHEWS JR.

On The Feast of Epiphany, Saturday, January 6 at 2:00 PM. A Reception in the Great Hall will follow. Clergy are invited to robe: Cassock, Surplice and Festive Stoles. Laity invited to dress in red or festive clothing.

We are looking for desserts, if you are able to make a dessert for the Installation please call or e-mail Lynn Prokop: (973) 341-2024; herbalgueen129@yahoo.com. Thank you.

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Christmas Carols for the 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Service Music

Still, Still, Still Traditional Austrian Melody arr. Jay Rouse



Hymn 102: Once in Royal David's City, Vs. 1-3



Hymn 104: A Stable Lamp is Lighted



Hymn 112: In the Bleak Midwinter, Vs. 1-2



The Magi Who to Bethlehem
Did Go
by Nancy M. Raabe
Chancel Choir



<u>CHRISTMAS SEASON WORSHIP</u> <u>SCHEDULE</u>

December 31–First Sunday after Christmas–8 & 10 AM services January 7–The Sunday after the Epiphany 8 AM; 9:15 Joy! and 10 AM

December 25- No Nursery Care, Joy! Worship, or Sunday School. December 31- No Sunday School. There will be Nursery Care & Joy! (9:15 am) Dear Members, Visitors and Friends,

We are delighted to have you join in the celebration of Christ's birth at Christ Church! This community is truly a wonderful place for formation for you and your family. We have many powerful and moving ministries to enrich our spirituality and to help those in need. But, the best thing about this church is YOU, and we invite you to consider joining and becoming even more involved in 2018, as we serve as Disciples TOGETHER. If this is your first visit to Christ Church, please help yourself to a red welcome bag. Find out more at ChristChurchRidgewood.org.

God bless you, Fr. Tom, the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church

2018 PLEDGE ENVELOPES

Parishioners who have submitted their 2018 pledge forms can now pick up their 2018 pledge envelopes in the Cloister. If you returned your forms but don't see your box, please speak to Trevor Thangalan or Deanna Najork. If you haven't returned your forms yet, extra packets are in church or online and we ask you to please return them soon. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEETING

At this year's annual meeting on February 25th we will elect a warden and at least one vestry person. If you want to nominate a parishioner to either position or if you are interested in discussing the position, please speak with Don Nagle or Fr. Tom.

SHARE SUNDAY REMINDER

Just a reminder that Sunday, January 7th we will be collecting monetary and food donations for our St. Paul's Food Pantry ministry. God bless you all for your faithful contributions to this ministry!

YOUTH GROUP SKI RETREAT



Save the date (February 9th-11th) for our Youth Group Ski Retreat! Youth grades 6-12 and college students are welcome to attend. Kelly and Doug Steen will send out details in the upcoming weeks.

Scholarship is available, please contact Kristen Lee for details.