Prayer Intentions

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

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

Parish Birthdays this Week: Feb. 18-Bruce Hector;

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

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

Dave Albahary, Louis Anderson, Walter Barthold, Catherine, Katherine Chatfield, Marge Christie, Cohen & Levy families, Roberta Dawson, Linda Dicanio, John & Alice Dummler, Nicole Farquhar, Donna, Sofia, Van Finn, Shannon Flandrau, Joan Fraiser, Andrew Greco, Heather, Jean Haslinger, Ian Henry, Harry Jarvis, Jackie, Linda Larson, 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, Pasternak, Mike Paterson, Donald Rogers, Roseanne, Suzi and Elliott, Jeff, Susan Raucci, Sean, Brandon Seidler, Morgan Seidler, Marge Singer, Robert Steen, Ellen Steensma, Cathy Tonjes, Carol Traynor, Todd, Mike Villegas, Matthew Weatherbee, Shay Wexler, Sally Whittemore, Gina Wilkens, Marcia Wilson, Joni Wilters, Roy Zabriskie, Charles.

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.

We remember all who have died.

UPCOMING DATES

February 25- Combined Worship at 9:30 a.m.; Annual Meeting

March 10- Godspell Dress Rehearsal at 1:00 p.m.

March 11- Godspell Performance at 10:00 a.m.

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DISCIPLES MAKING DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST:

By Encountering God, Equipping God's People, and Extending God's Kingdom

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2018

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsals

8:45 a.m. Lenten Breakfast

9:15 a.m. Joy! Worship

9:30 a.m. Nursery Care

(ends at 11:30 a.m.)

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Godspell Rehearsal

11:15 a.m. Jubilation Choir Rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

3:00 p.m. Nursing Home-Ridgewood

LENTEN SERIES

Lenten Series - March 1, 8, & 15

Join us at 7 p.m. in the Guilds Room. Lenten Series will be based on, "A Practical Christianity: Meditations for the Season of Lent" by Jane Shaw. It challenges readers to take up "practical Christianity"-Christian faith as something we do, not merely something we believe in. It will be a potluck dinner; we will provide water, coffee and tea.

Join Us For: Christ Church's Annual Lenten Breakfast

Dates: Sundays in Lent, Feb. 18-March 18

<u>Time:</u> 8:45–10:15 am <u>Place:</u> The Great Hall <u>Cost:</u> \$5 per adult

KIDS EAT FREE!

CHRIST CHURCH DIRECTORY

Check out the 2018 Directory DRAFT that is located in the cloister. Make sure to confirm your address, email, and phone number.

A huge thank you to Barbara Hemink who took the time to update the 2018 Directory.

Assisting in Worship at 8

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Ir. | LEMs: Don Nagle, David Rutherford | First Reading/Psalmist: David Rutherford | Second Reading: Anne Loving | *Ushers*: Anne & Tony Loving | *Altar* Guild: Linda Duane, Doris Singlevich, Pauline Burt, Kelly Duane | Perennials: Elaina Richardi | Nursing Home: Ridgewood-David Rutherford

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Assisting in Worship at 10

Preacher & Celebrant: The Reverend Thomas E. Mathews Jr. | Organist: David Rutherford | LEMs: Rick Hampson, Dick Moynihan | First Reading: Rick Hampson | Second Reading: Frank Ducoat | Verger: Al Portela | Choir: Tim Berry, Cathy Dash, Troy Eggers, Chris Elliot, Toni Pasqualicchio, Elaina Richardi, Kelly Sullivan, Melinda Weber, Marlene Whittemore | Acolytes: Mia & Lily Sebastian | Ushers: Laura D'Alessio, Lucy DiMaulo, Frank Ducoat, Lyle Hatch |

YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP

A big thank you to Kelly and Doug for organizing and running the youth group ski retreat weekend. Everyone that attended had a wonderful time! Countless hours go into planning a trip of this magnitude and I can't thank Kelly and Doug enough for all their efforts to provide such a wonderful and spiritual weekend! From skiing to meals, to rentals of equipment and housing, tubing, more meals and snacks, the list goes on! Thank you both for everything! We are so blessed to have you as our ski trip advisors!! Hugs and prayers to you both!

GODSPELL REHEARSALS

All are invited to get involved in acting, singing, and dancing while learning the Gospel according to St. Matthew. Godspell rehearsals have begun following Sunday school at

approximately 10:40am in the Youth Room and will run until 12:05pm.

Practices: February 18, 28; March 4;

Performance: March 11

ANNUAL MEETING

Reminder: There is only one service at 9:30 AM on February 25 and the Annual Meeting will follow after.



CELTIC WORSHIP

Celtic Worship is canceled tonight (Sunday, February 18). The next Celtic Worship will be March, 18 at 5:00 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S FOOD PANTRY

Many parishioners are active volunteers in this ministry through donations of food and/or money for the Food Pantry. Christ Church is one of the major contributors, but in spite of our endeavors, the sad reality is that the shelves of the Food Pantry are often far from full. Here are some suggested ways in which you might wish to help increase donations for the Food

- 1. Make a commitment to bring 1 or more nonperishable food items to a food collection barrel every Sunday.
- 2. Make a commitment to bring a financial contribution to church on Share Sundays.
- 3. If possible, collect food items at a location other than Christ Church (perhaps at your job, your gym, or your school).
- 4. Organize a special collection of non-perishable foods at a community event in which you are involved, such as a sporting event, a school play, or a recital.

If you choose to collect food items at an off-site location, you would then bring the donations to Christ Church where they are retrieved by employees of the SPCDC Food Pantry on a regular basis. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the Food Pantry ministry.

Anne and Tony Loving: 201-652-5252 or anneandboydloving@hotmail.com

YOUNG FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

We are looking for a few people to plan a monthly gathering following JOY worship for our JOY families. In the past we have had pumpkin decorating in October, Gratitude stones in November and Christmas cookie decorating in December, just to name a few. YFF is an opportunity for young families to meet following our JOY Worship on Sunday mornings to have some special time together. If you think you'd like to take a turn and plan an activity, please contact Kristen Lee and share your ideas. Please email Kristen Lee and let her know you'd like to help with the fun! klee@christchurchridgwood.org

ADDITIONAL YOUTH GROUP ADVISORS

We have a fabulous group of kids grades 6-12 that are



looking for you to join in the fun! Please join Donna Harris and Kristen Lee in planning our youth **GROUP** group activities and take part in what's been missing from your life! This is not a huge time commitment, but it is

time well spent! Email Kristen Lee and let her know you're excited to join the Youth Group Advisors Team! klee@christchurchridgewood.org

PENNIES (TEDDY BEAR)

The pennies that are dropped in the 'Teddy Bear' go to the Church Periodical Club. It will provide educational and religious textbooks, magazines, Bibles, church school materials, prayer books, hymnals, pamphlets, and teaching guides to missions, schools, prisons, hospitals, student clergy, and seminaries here and abroad.