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RISING



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A message from the Rector :

We often talk about how life slows down a bit at church during the summer months. I'm so happy to say even though there were fewer meetings and activities the church services continued to be well attended. September and October we begin to move at a faster pace and then BAM ! We are hit with November.

By November we are back in the swing of things and life at church moves into high gear. Not counting all the meetings, this month we have on the calendar:

1. Parish Stewardship Brunch (6th)
2. Diocesan Convention (12th)
3. Adult Bible Study returns (15th)
4. COVENANT SUNDAY (20th)
5. Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist (22nd)

and then we begin Advent !

The church season of Advent is our time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. As part of our preparation we will again be having the Advent Home Eucharists. This helps us relive the ancient custom of meeting in someone's home to share in the body and blood of Christ and enjoy Christian fellowship. The season of Advent is also a good time to re-evaluate our lives as Christians. It provides us with an opportunity to look at how and why we worship. To help us with that I will be conducting an Instructed Eucharist at all three services during the season of Advent.

Here are the special **Advent** events to mark on your calendar:

Instructed Eucharist at all three services (you won't want to miss even one because you may miss the answer to a question you have had for years).

Advent Bible Study learn about the ins and outs of the season of Advent.

Advent Wreath Workshop (Nov. 20TH) having your own Advent Wreath is a fun way to count down the Sundays of Advent.

Advent Home Eucharist an intimate and historical way to celebrate the Eucharist.

Lots of things happening here at Ascension during the month of November. Looking forward to sharing these events with YOU.

Fr. Wayne +



Covenant Sunday

November 19, 20, 2011

Bring your pledge offering for 2012 to the Lord's table and give thanks for the many blessing we have here at Church of the Ascension.



Advent Bible Study

Tuesday evening, November 15 at 7:00pm

Come & learn what Advent is all about.

There will be a change in the worship schedule for November 6 because of the Stewardship Brunch.

There will NOT be an 8:00 service that day but the 10:00 service will be offered as usual.





Thanksgiving Eucharist

Tuesday

11/22 at 7 PM

Please join us for a special service of Thanks for all our many blessings.



Feeding the Hungry:

from Paul Jordan

In this weak economy, 160,000 men, women and children, a staggering 16% of Rhode Island's population, receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Benefits (SNAP). Known to many as food stamps, the average benefit is only \$31.50 per week/person. That works out to just \$1.50 per meal!

If you want to understand how difficult this can be, take the "**Food Stamp Challenge.**" From October 27th to November 3rd. Participants will spend no more than the SNAP benefit on meals. Sign up online at <http://foodstampchallengeri.eventbrite.com/>

Consider going a step further by pledging to donate to the Jonnycake Center the difference between your spending that week and your normal food budget. With Thanksgiving coming up this would be a great way to recognize how blessed we are while also taking action to Feed The Hungry.

Jonnycake Food Pantry November Contributions



Holiday foods: Gravy, stuffing, quick bread mix, pie crusts and fillings, evaporated milk, cranberry sauce, canned vegetables, pineapple, instant potatoes, pancake mix & syrup

See www.jonnycakecenter.org for more information and donation details

Advent Home Eucharist



During the Season of Advent we will be continuing the ancient tradition of meeting in homes to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. This is an intimate way to worship and share fellowship with members of your parish family.

Fr. Wayne is all set to conduct the services but hosts are needed.

If you would like to host an Advent Home Eucharist contact Fr. Wayne.

The services are scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, November 28 * Monday December 5 * Monday December 12 * Monday December 19.

All services will begin at 7:00pm .

Sharing in these special worship services is a wonderful way to keep Christ in the Christmas Season.



Fr. Wayne Brings a Friend to Church School!

On October 16 Fr. Wayne spent some time with the children in Church School. He spoke briefly to the children about being good stewards of God's creation and then shared a book, Old Turtle , with the help of his old turtle puppet.



Veterans Day
In Remembrance

Freedom is never free...

author unknown



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Save this date
Friday, November 4th at 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Ascension
Parish Hall
St. Mary's E.C.W. sponsors

UNDER THE PETTICOATS

Donation \$10
Children under age 12 free

Bring your sister, mother, daughter, friends
for a fun and informative evening.

Desserts, coffee and tea to follow program

Patricia Perry, owner of Sneak Peek Productions, is a historical interpreter who presents a lively interactive show giving her audience a peek at how people lived and dressed in the early 18th century.

For more information or if you need a ride call Arlene Arnold 783-0260 or Diane Powers 783-8613



Join Us As We Continue Our Joyful Journey With Christ!

2011 Stewardship Events

November 6, 2011

Hear Bette Thresher's Ascension Story

Join Us Immediately Following the 10 AM Service for Brunch

November 13, 2011

Information Session Repeated During Coffee Hour Following the 10 AM Service

November 19 and 20, 2011

COVENANT SUNDAY We bring our pledge cards to the Altar

Members of the Stewardship Committee include:

Fr. Wayne, Maureen Buck, Joan Lisi, Cate Lemieux, Karen Crosby, and Randy Collins

St. Mary's ECW Update - Diane Powers, President



St. Mary's will sponsor a speaker, **Patricia Perry**, Nov. 4 at 7:30, in the parish hall.

Please see page 5 for more information.

I promise it will be a fun evening and lots of good desert!

St. Mary's will celebrate their **65th** birthday at Mariner Grille, on November 9 at 12 noon.

You may order from the menu and receive a separate check.

All the ladies of the parish are welcome.

Please notify Barbara Palmer if you would like to join us

Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER 4 LADIES NIGHT OUT - Downtown Merchants' Association,

NOVEMBER 13, FLU CLINIC, 10AM-12NOON,

DECEMBER 3 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.



From ... Sigrid Hewitt

> In this month of Thanksgiving - we're giving thanks to all the unsung heroes of our parish. We thank those who provide Sunday morning coffee and goodies, read lessons, hold chalices, prepare the altar for services, count the offerings, arrange flowers, sing, usher; provide lawn refreshments, spread lime and fertilizer that we may have a green lawn; rake leaves, teach children, provide postage, fold bulletins, transport donated food to Jonnycake, This is only a partial list! Our communal life depends on the freely given work of many. Let us give thanks!



Sunday Supper Has a FREEZER!!

Please consider "making two" when you prepare casseroles to share one with Sunday Supper! See Tasha Connor for details. Thanks!



If you would like to receive your copy of the *Rising* by e-mail, please contact the Parish Office. **Go Green!!**

"I'd Like to Meet With the Rector"

Fr. Wayne is available for meetings or pastoral visits on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays. Please call **783-2911** to make an appointment. He is available for emergency care 24/7. **Emergency # 824-2308**



Sared & Profane Book Club

We're Reading *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff

Join us November 10th
At Joan Lisi's home
6:30 PM
For Dinner and Discussion



the episcopal diocese of rhode island

Fall, 2011

Dear Clergy, Wardens, and Parish Administrators,

Perhaps you have someone in your congregation who is sensing a call to lay or ordained ministry. Maybe you have identified what you believe to be a "call" in someone.

The Commission on Ministry in the Diocese of Rhode Island offers an in-depth discernment process for all who are seeking to explore their baptismal vocation. This process is also a requirement for all who may be called to Ordained Ministry. A general outline of the 2011 – 2012 process can be found on the reverse of this letter. (The boxed item is ready to be used in your church bulletin.)

The Introductory Session of this year's process will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Diocesan Resource Center located in the Annex building next to the Diocesan office building, 275 North Main Street in Providence for 9:30 to 11:30 am. For this session anyone who is interested in the Discernment Process along with his/her spouse or partner and the Rector (or in the absence of the Rector, the Senior Warden) are invited to attend to support a person spiritually on the discernment journey. To ensure that we can offer the discernment program at least four persons must register at this session for the 2011-2012 program. All interested are asked to respond to: The Rev. Alcide Barnaby, Jr. by Friday, November 4, 2011 (401-274-4109 or albarnaby@verizon.net)

Your help in passing on this information to members of your parish who may be seeking a discernment process is greatly appreciated by myself and the other members of the Commission on Ministry.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Alcide Barnaby, Jr.+
Coordinator for the Discernment Process

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Kid's Page

SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

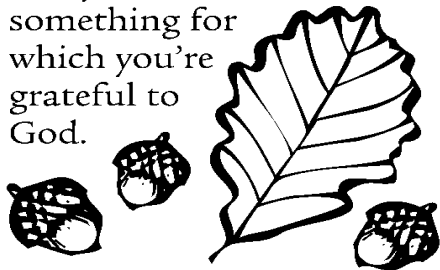
Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give
Take
Grab | 2. peanut
praise
pear | 3. temple
house
LORD | 4. proclaim
past
present | 5. name
boy
lad | 6. ruin
destroy
make |
| 7. pine
acorn
known | 8. train
nations
bus | 9. done
donut
muffin | 10. Sing
Sleep
Yawn | 11. she
him
girl | 12. sun
praise
moon |
| 13. tell
fast
slow | 14. red
all
blue | 15. horrible
dreadful
wonderful | 16. acts
sisters
aunts | | |

" _____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ . " PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 NO 8 A HE 9:45 A CS 10 A HE 11 a BRUNCH STEWARDSHIP 4:30 P EP 5 P SS 	7 Vestry Meeting Christ Church Westerly 7 PM	8 Vestry Meeting Christ Church Westerly 7 PM	9 ECW 65th Anniversary Lunch Mariner Grille 12 Noon Choir Rehearsal 7 P	10 Sacred & Profane Book Club 6:30 P Joan Lisi's Home Choir Rehearsal 7 P	UNDER THE PEPPERCORN! 7:30 P	HE 5 PM
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20 8 AM HE 9:45 A CS 10 A HE Advent Wreath Workshop 4:30 P EP 5 P SS 	21 7 PM Thanksgiving Service 	22 7 PM Thanksgiving Service 	23 Choir Rehearsal 7 P	24 	25 Choir Rehearsal 7 P	HE 5 PM
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**Receive your Rising electronically and save!
Contact the parish office to have your copy sent by e-mail.**

Thanks!

ECW Presents *UNDER THE PETTICOAT* 7:30 P

Parish Stewardship Brunch - Sunday November 6, 2011 Following 10 AM Service

Please note: NO 8AM HE on November 6, 2011

Sunday Evening Prayer at 4:30 PM

Young Peoples Choir Rehearsal Sundays immediately after the 10 AM Service

Vestry Meeting November 8, 2011 7PM Christ Church Westerly

St. Mary's ECW 65th Anniversary Luncheon Wednesday November 9, 2011 at 12 Noon

Flu Clinic November 13, 2011 10-12 at Ascension

COVENANT SUNDAY November 19 and 20, 2011

Advent Wreath Workshop Sunday November 20th 11 AM