

# News You Can Use

*The Second Sunday of Advent*

December 1, 2016

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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## **Our Staff:**

The Rev. Michael Galvin, Rector  
The Rev. Cathy Scott, Deacon  
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Director of Communications  
Marty Blake, Director of Youth Ministry  
Cheryl Burke, Parish Administrator  
Bethany Paden, Music Director

## Church Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9 AM - 2 PM

## The Vestry:

**Senior Warden** Ben Paden, **Junior Warden** Dan Chillemi;  
*Treasurer* Betty Bogeman; Ethan Everett (youth), Bryan Luce,  
Lauren Hendrickson, Elaine Pickens, Marty Blake, Doug Tannas,  
Fred Stahly, Susie Beard, Debbie Talbert, *Clerk* Barb Spangler

*The next vestry meeting will be held at 7 PM on Tuesday,  
December 20th.*

## Serving This Sunday, December 4:

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Galvin  
Homily: The Rev. Michael Galvin  
Music Director: Bethany Paden  
Greeter: Joe Spangler  
Ushers: Troy Everett, Bob French  
Readers: Wade Nichols, Betty Bogeman, Bryan Luce,  
Rachel Wilson  
Prayers: David Emerson, Joel Bruns  
Chalice: Nancy Thomas, Debbie Talbert, Ruth Everett  
Acolytes: Paul Mundie, Hannah Tannas, Mikaila Blake,  
Sarah Beard  
Healing: Scott Wilson  
LEV: Scott Wilson  
Almoners: Susie Beard, Dan Chillemi  
AG Sat. Set Up: Holly Forman  
AG Bread: Holly Forman  
AG Set Sun. 10 a.m.: Greta Wilson  
AG Clean Up: Holly Forman, Cathy French  
Hospitality: *Assistance requested*

## 9 AM Christian Education:

**Adult Forum:** The Call of Christmas

**Godly Play:** Heather Tannas

**Believers & Disciples:** Rachele Galvin, Stephen Canter

**10 AM Nursery:** Kate Chillemi, Sarah Canter

**10 AM Childcare:** Susan Luce



## Sunday's readings:

**First Reading** Isaiah 11:1-10 **Psalms** 72:1-7,18-19 **Second Reading** Romans 15:4-13 **Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12

## **Our Mission**

We bear witness to the Light of Christ by serving as the heart and hands of Jesus, nourishing people and transforming lives.

## Worship and Feast Days

**Advent Wreath Volunteers:** At the beginning of each service on each of the four Sundays of Advent, we invite a family or small group to light the candle(s) for the week and recite a prayer. Please contact the church office if your family or group would like to volunteer to help with this tradition **at the 8 AM service on December 11th or 18th.** You may also [sign up online](#).

**Taizé Service:** Join us for our Advent Taizé service on Sunday, December 4th at 7 PM in the sanctuary.

**Prayer Group:** The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, December 5th at 6:15 PM. If you cannot attend, you may submit prayer requests by clicking [HERE](#).



### Christmas at Holy Family

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of this busy time to celebrate the reason for the season. Please invite your friends and family to join us this Christmas. We offer a variety of services on Christmas Eve and one service on Christmas day.

### Christmas Eve

**5 PM Children's Service:** We hold an early-evening service for families with young children. Children and youth fill most serving roles including greeters, readers, musicians, and ushers. We also have a special Gospel reading just for children. Come share communion and sing traditional Christmas carols with us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. *This is a family-friendly service, no childcare is provided.*

**10 PM Lessons and Carols:** Our lessons and carols service with candlelight, scripture readings, and reflective music is held at 10 PM. Quiet your heart and take refuge in the stillness of anticipation.

**11 PM Midnight Mass:** This service includes special music presented by the Holy Family choir, organ music, communion, and candlelight singing of Silent Night. *Please note that incense is used at this service.* Joy to the World!

### Christmas Day

**10 AM Service:** We gather for a late-morning service with communion to celebrate the arrival of our newborn King. *This is a family-friendly service, no childcare is provided.*

## Sunday Service - Schedule Change

On these three Sundays, we will offer only **one worship service at 10 AM:** December 25, January 1, January 8. There will be no 9 AM Sunday school or Adult Forum offered on these days.



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# Christian Education

**Adult Forum Advent Series:** *Join us for Fr. Mike's final Adult Forum Series before his retirement!* The Call of Christmas Series is more than just the story of Jesus' arrival. Through the stories of Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds, we're each given a call to prepare, a call to provide, a call to protect, and a call to praise. Come; prepare your heart during this Advent Season for the incarnation of our Lord and Savior! We will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM in the parish hall, December 4, 11 and 18. We hope that you will join us.



**Tales From Africa:** Rachele Galvin will present tales from her recent trip to Kenya to the Believers and Disciples classes **this Sunday, December 4th at 9 AM**. This is a class you won't want to miss!

**Definitely Christian, Distinctly Anglican:** This program will cover everything you need to know about the Episcopal Church, Anglican Communion, our worship, history, how we are organized, and the mission of the church. Our final gathering will occur on December 18th from 11:30 AM - 1 PM.

**Family Advent Program:** Our Jr. Daughters of the King will be leading and hosting a simple family-friendly soup supper and Advent activities program. Utilizing devotions, activities, and connection questions, we will help your family REST in the love, peace, joy, and hope that only Jesus can bring. He's the reason for this beautiful season. Let's celebrate! The remaining dates are Wednesday, December 7, 14, and 21. We will meet in the parish hall beginning at 6:00 PM and conclude by 7:15 PM each week. Please sign up [ONLINE](#) to attend.



## Outreach Opportunities

**Advent Kindness Calendar:** We invite you to join us in spreading a little cheer by doing small acts of kindness leading up to Christmas Day. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to view our 2016 Advent kindness Calendar.



**Angel Tree:** Choose a paper angel from the tree in the Narthex and shop for the item described on each tag. Unwrapped gifts with paper angel tags should be returned to church by Sunday, December 11th. *If you use Amazon for shopping, see the announcement below.*

**Amazon Smile:** Support us when you shop online this holiday season. [#StartWithaSmile](#) and Amazon donates to Holy Family Episcopal Church.

**Driver Needed:** A new member of the church needs assistance getting to Sunday services. She lives near the intersection of Cumberland Rd. and 116th St. Please contact the office if you can help. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)



Wade Nichols	December 2
Tim Ericksen	December 4
Carrie Keys	December 6
Dylan Waddell	December 6



# Fellowship Gatherings

**Holy Family Christmas Party:** This year's Holy Family Christmas party will be held **THIS SATURDAY, December 3rd from 7-10 PM** in the Holy Family parish hall. If you wish, please [sign up online](#) to bring an item to contribute. Celebrate the holiday season sharing fellowship with friends! *While we love your children, this is an adults-only event.*



**Game Night:** Join us Friday, December 9th beginning at 6 PM for our monthly game night. We'll play board games and card games - fun for the whole family. Food and drinks will be provided. See you there!

**Greening of the Church:** On Sunday, December 18th at 4 PM we will hold our annual greening of the church. Please come, one and all, to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Children are welcome to attend and are expected to remain with their parents and help decorate. *There is no childcare provided for this event.* Following the decorating, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will host its annual spaghetti dinner as a thank you for your hard work.

## Other News

**Hospitality Help Wanted:** Please consider signing up to host our donuts and coffee time following the 10 AM service. You may find more information about this ministry by clicking [HERE](#).

**Childcare Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of nursery and childcare volunteers during the 10 AM service. Please use [this link](#) to access the Nursery sign-up sheet and [this link](#) to help with PreK-1 childcare. Signing up to supervise children just 1-2 times per quarter will make a tremendous difference to this important ministry. Students in grades 9-12 are invited to participate as assistants. All adult volunteers are required to complete online training through the Diocese. We are happy to contact you to begin this process once you sign up to volunteer.



**Christmas Wreaths & Evergreens:** Please visit [www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com](http://www.MickmanHolidayGifts.com) and shop through the links on the top of the page. As you check out be sure to use the coupon code **HOLYFAIN001**. You'll save \$3 per item, and the Youth Group will earn \$5! Shipping is free on orders over \$60. **Orders are due by December 5th to guarantee delivery by Christmas** and will come right to your door. Thank you for supporting the Youth Group!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Our crafters will gather in the Narthex beginning at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 7th. Bring a friend!

**Eagle Scout Project:** Adam Horner, a member of Troop 199, is putting together chemo care packages for cancer patients at Eskenazi Health Hospital. He is asking for donations of travel sized items: chap stick, tissues, lotion, hand sanitizer, sugar free gum, sugar free mints, toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, as well as gallon size zip top bags, blank note cards, books, magazines, blankets, and fleece to make tie-knot blankets. He is accepting monetary donations as well, please make checks payable to Adam Horner (Eagle Project). Donations are requested by December 9th, 2016.

**Christmas Eve Music:** We are looking for talented members of our youth to provide sacred music during our 5 PM Children's Service on Christmas Eve. An accompanist is available for vocalists or instrumentalists. Piano or other instrumental selections are also welcome. If you are interested in sharing your talent, please contact Bethany Paden or Cheryl Burke in the church office by Dec. 11th. Please note that in order to avoid duplications, we do ask you to provide the name of the piece and the composer/arranger as soon as possible. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)



### Church Budget Through End of October:

	Actual	Budgeted
Income	\$179,112	\$192,887
Expenses	\$199,493	\$212,838
Difference	-\$20,381	-\$19,951

**Pledging Options:** Did you know that you can issue checks from your bank directly to Holy Family? As more and more people stop carrying checkbooks with them, this is an easy option to set up recurring payments to fulfill your pledge for the year. If you prefer, you can pay your pledge via credit card through the church website. Simply use the secure PayPal link on the [Contact Us](#) page of the website. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. [admin@hfec.org](mailto:admin@hfec.org)