

News You Can Use

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2016

Holy Family Episcopal Church

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Our Staff:

The Rev. Michael Galvin, Rector
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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 11: 9 AM Christian Education:

Celebrant:	The Rev. Michael Galvin
Homily:	The Rev. Michael Galvin
Music Director:	Bethany Paden
Greeter:	Barb Spangler
Ushers:	Scott Higgins, Andrew Barker
Readers:	Betty Bogeman, David Emerson, Chris Brown, Scott Wilson
Prayers:	Wade Nichols, Jonathan Gosser
Chalice:	Sandra Cline, Joe Spangler, Jim Taflinger
Acolytes:	Paul Mundie, Thomas Canter, Maci Blake, Charlie Barker
Healing:	Ruth Everett
LEV:	Ruth Everett
Almoners:	Doug Tannas, Dan Chillemi
AG Sat. Set Up:	Greta Wilson, Kristine Canter
AG Bread:	Paul Mundie
AG Set Sun. 10 a.m.:	Greta Wilson, Lauren Wilson
AG Clean Up:	Greta Wilson, Lauren Wilson
Hospitality:	<i>Assistance requested</i>

Adult Forum: The Call of Christmas

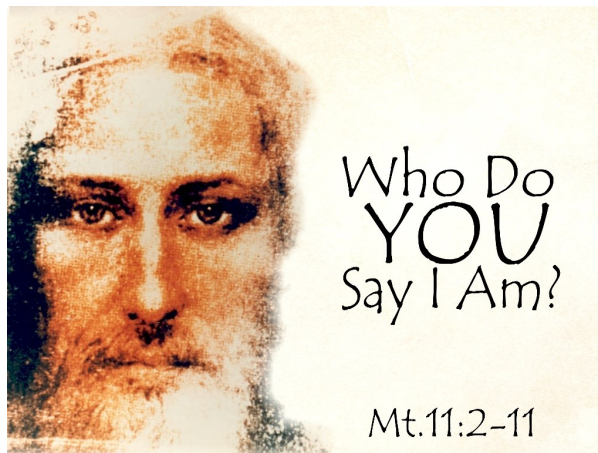
Godly Play: Heather Tannas

Believers: Stephen Canter, Lesley Cahalan

Disciples: Rachelle Galvin, Jolene Johnston

10 AM Nursery: Kate Chillemi

10 AM Childcare: *Assistance requested*



Sunday's readings:

First Reading Isaiah 35:1-10 **Psalm** 146:4-9 **Second Reading** James 5:7-10 **Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11

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: 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](#).

Prayer Group: The next gathering of our prayer group will be Monday, December 19th 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. In recent years our youth have started to wear pajamas to this service, and it has become known as "Jammie Church." Kids of all ages are invited to wear their cozy pajamas or flannel pants. *This is a family-friendly service, no childcare is provided.*

Sunday Service - Schedule Change

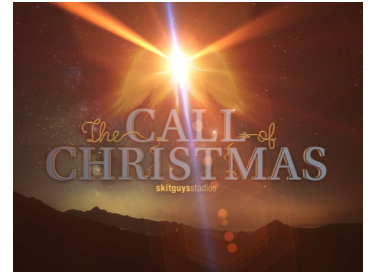
On these three Sundays, we will offer only **one worship service at 10 AM**: December 25, January 1, January 8. There will be no 9 AM Sunday school or Adult Forum offered on these days.



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Christian Education

Adult Forum Advent Series: 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! The remaining Sunday morning gatherings at 9:00 AM will be held in the parish hall, December 11th and 18th. We hope that you will join us.



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 14th and 21st. 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.



New Member Seminar for DOK: The Daughters of the King is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the women of our church and deepen your spirituality through the Rules of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. The Daughters are hosting a one-day seminar for new members this year instead of the 6 week study we have held in the past. On Saturday, January 28th from 9 AM - 3 PM, we will meet at the church and talk about what the Order is and what we do, followed by a few breakout sessions and group discussions covering the study materials required for admission to the Order. Even if you're just interested in learning more, please come for breakfast where we will discuss the basics. Then stay for the rest if you choose to do so. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please contact Bethany Paden or Barb Spangler if you're interested in attending. bpaden@hfec.org

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: Unwrapped gifts with paper angel tags **are due this 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



Scott Higgins	December 8
Jolene Johnston	December 8
Zoey Keys	December 12
Kaleb Halstead	December 13
John Pierce	December 14
Andrew Roth	December 14

Fellowship Gatherings

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.



Chemo Care Packs: 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. A collection basket is near the coat racks.

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

Christmas Greenery Donations Due: Each year we decorate the Sanctuary with beautiful Christmas flowers and greenery. We ask parishioners to prayerfully consider donating money to pay for these items. Those who do will be thanked in the Christmas bulletins. Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex and are due on Dec. 11th.

Thomas Canter Eagle Scout Ceremony: Please join us in celebrating Thomas Canter's accomplishments as he earns Eagle Scout, the highest rank of Boy Scouts. The ceremony will be held on Dec 19th at 7:00 PM in the Holy Family sanctuary. This summer Thomas completed his Eagle Scout project by designing and implementing a path from the sidewalk down to the outside worship space, a wooden cross, and three flower beds.



Prayer Shawl Ministry: Our crafters will gather in the Narthex beginning at 7 PM on Wednesday, January 4th. Bring a friend!

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