



# Epistle

December 2015

## St. Peter's Church, Milford, CT

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Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. This was the greeting of the angel Gabriel when he went to announce to Mary God's plans for her to give birth to God's Son, the Messiah. The phrase "full of grace" is often translated "favored one" but the Greek word means to bestow grace upon and truly God bestowed grace upon Mary!

Grace is the love of God, his blessings, kindness, goodness and mercy bestowed on us when we don't deserve them. It's not because of who we are but because of who

God is that he bestows his grace on us. As blessed and faithful as Mary was in her response to God's call on her life, she was an obscure young woman from a poor family living in a tiny town of no consequence. By the world's standards there was nothing to recommend her as a candidate for the one to be the mother of the Messiah, the savior of the world. The grace she was filled with was God given. He gave her the gift of faith and courage needed to carry out what God asked her to do and he caused his Son, God incarnate, to be conceived within her. It was all a gift of God's love for humankind and his love for Mary.

Preparing for Christmas is not about being a blessing to those who deserve it. (None of us really deserve what God has done for us in the gift of his Son.) It's about loving and blessing those who don't deserve it. It's about making room in our hearts to be filled with the living God. If we want to be bearing the grace of God within us as Mary did, we need to be about serving God rather than being self-serving, and to be seeking to bless the least and the lost, to love the unlovable and to seek to bring the blessing of God's presence to the least likely places.

We tend to think of God's blessings in terms of material things or worldly success but Mary had none of these. Yet all generations shall call her blessed. Why? Because she had God within. This is truly the greatest blessing of all. Mary is called "Theotokos", meaning "God-bearer". She bore the Son of God and delivered him into the world. We can share in this call by living with Christ within so that we too carry his presence to those who don't know him and who are most in need of his love. It's in focusing on carrying Jesus in our hearts and giving of his love, rather than on what we need to wrap and put under the tree, that we will usher in the truest, most blessed of Christmases.

Have a blessed Advent of making room for Christ within.

The Rev. Cynthia Knapp

### Sunday Services

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist *no music*

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10 a.m. Holy Eucharist *with music*

Childcare available

Coffee & Fellowship follows

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10 a.m. Church School

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Wednesday — Holy Eucharist & Healing

Thursday — Morning Prayer  
8 a.m.

All weekday services held in the Chapel

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### January 2016 Epistle

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### St. Peter's Purpose

Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Preparing Disciples

Caring for the Community

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St. Peter's Staff & Leadership

*Ministers:* The Congregation

*Bishop:* the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ian Douglas

*Priest-in-charge:* the Rev. Cynthia Knapp

*Assisting Priest:* the Rev. Angela Rowley

*Parish Administrator:* June Williams

*Interim Music Director:* Glen Segger

*Sexton:* Bruce Rumford

*Infant & Toddler Care Provider:* Amanda Sayers

*Senior Warden:* Richard Durazzo

*Junior Warden:* Conrad Green

*Treasurer:* Sharon MacKenzie



## December Birthdays

12/01 Carolyn Chirico  
 12/05 Paul Smith  
 12/10 Marie Palmatier  
 12/11 Paul Erlacher Jr.  
 12/14 Mead Franz IV  
 12/16 Cynthia Feliconio  
 12/19 Hayley Adams  
 12/30 Jonathan Fraleigh

## December Anniversaries

12/01 Cynthia & Thomas  
 Feliconio  
 12/03 Carol & Bill Springsteen  
 12/19 Kathie & Richard Hebert  
 12/27 Judith Ann Johnston &  
 Don Warren Jr.  
 12/31 Cynthia & Scott Tummins

## Report from the Treasurer – October 31, 2015

Income year-to-date	\$260,236.41
Expenses year-to-date	( 266,303.50)
Deficit	\$( 6,067.09)

Our income for the year is below our projected budget by \$16,500. We have utilized almost \$6,000 from a cash reserve account in order to pay our expenses.

Should you have any questions in regards to the finances, please contact me.

Sharon MacKenzie, Treasurer

## Food Bank Donations

St. Peter's continues its weekly collection for the Milford Food Bank at the Milford Senior Center. There is always a need for staples such as cereals, pasta, and peanut butter and jelly. Those items would be especially welcomed. *Please place all food donations in the basket located in the Narthex of the church. The basket will be brought up during the offertory, recognizing that these are a part of our gifts being offered to the Lord.*

## Altar Flowers

Flowers are a wonderful way to mark an event or a life, and help to support the ministry of St. Peter's parish. Flowers may be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, births or any occasion that you would like to celebrate. The suggested offering is \$25 to cover the cost of the flowers, but any donation is accepted. *If you are interested, please contact the Church office.*

## Coffee Hour

**Caring for our Community - Coffee Hour** is a ministry by and for those who attend services on Sunday morning. Coffee Hour is only possible through your participation. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for you to host on your own, or as a group, and St. Peter's supplies the coffee. Kathie Hebert and Nancy Lang posted guidelines/instructions on the bulletin board in the hall, if needed. Coffee Hour is a great time to meet new parishioners and enjoy fellowship with your church family. Ask someone who has not hosted before to join you!

December 6 –Heifer Breakfast

December 13 – *Available*

December 20 – *Available*

December 27 – *Available*

## Congratulations

To Maggie and Albert Faustini on the birth of their daughter, Dorothy Alice, and to Barbara and Tyler Lewis on the birth of their granddaughter and to Carter on becoming a big brother.

## Condolences

To the Gammage family. Beverly Gammage passed away on November 8th. There will be a service for her on Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. here at St. Peter's with a reception following the service. Please join us in prayer for her daughter, Kelly, and family.

## Caring for your children

St. Peter's is pleased to care for your young children during the 10:00 a.m. service. Childcare is available for children through age 3. A trained special education/elementary education teacher, Amanda Sayers, and an assistant caregiver, who has participated in Red Cross and Safe Church training, provide care for the children in the nursery on the second floor of the education building. An usher will be happy to assist you in locating this room. Our Church School program meets during the 10:00 a.m. service for children ages 3-12. They will be led to class by their teachers and returned in time for communion. Visitors are encouraged to have their children participate

## Church School & Youth Ministry

**Church School** meets during the 10:00 a.m. service. The children come to church with their families and are brought up to class by their teachers following the Children's Message. They will be brought back into church in time to have Communion with their families. The younger class (Preschool – First Grade) has a hands-on curriculum playing within the different Bible stories using a story set and activities related to the lesson. The older class (Grades 2-5) uses a Scripture-based curriculum called "Faith Weaver Now" by Group Publishing. Both classes study the Old Testament in the fall and shift to the New Testament for winter and spring

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome!

## Spiritual Adult Ed Programs

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** continues to meet at 7:00 a.m. in the church library.

**Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. each week. An Advent

study has begun called "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton.

**Wednesday Night Program** - Sabbath Rest - began on September 16th. The group gathers at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall for dinner and fellowship. At 7:00 p.m. we will break into different groups: (1) Choir rehearsal (2) "Stand Strong - Building Your Life on God's Promises", a six-week study that looks at the promises of God and how they apply to the challenges we meet in life. (3) "Who's Who in the Bible" – This study will be looking at a different person in the Bible each week and talking about what we can learn from his/her story to help us in our lives today. At 8:30 p.m. we reconvene in the church to conclude our evening with a fifteen-minute prayer and worship time. This group study will end on December 9<sup>th</sup>. **Please let us know first thing Wednesday morning if you are attending, so we can purchase the correct amount of food for dinner.**

## Prayer Ministry

"Daughters of the King" is an order of women who have committed to pray daily for their church. This ministry of prayer is critical to the health and success of ministry in a parish. No matter how much effort we put into the work of the Holy Spirit it is the Lord who makes our work fruitful and effective, so this prayer support is vital! "Daughters of the King" pray independently at home each day and gather together to meet and pray about once a month. If this sounds like a ministry you feel called to, please speak with the Rev. Cynthia Knapp, as we are looking into starting a chapter at St. Peter's.

## Your Advent Gift from Gordon-Conwell!

[Sign up](#) today for our 2015 Advent devotional and join with us as we *Journey to the Manger*. Each day, from November 29 through December 25, you will receive a devotional written by a Gordon-Conwell faculty member, helping you prepare for the celebration of Christmas.

## St. Peter's Nativity Pageant

The Nativity Pageant will be on December 20<sup>th</sup>, during the 10:00 a.m. service. Parents are encouraged to help out with the pageant in any way they can. This is a fun presentation of the traditional Christmas story as told by our Sunday school children and teens, and we have a real baby playing the part of baby Jesus!

## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Boxes



Thanks to all who donated and helped fill the Shoe Boxes. We sent 42 boxes to children somewhere in the world. This is the most we have ever donated, thanks to the generosity of St.

Peter's parishioners. We blessed the boxes at the noon Eucharist, praying for the children and their families who will be so richly blessed. They will receive the gift of knowing someone in the world cares for them and the greatest gift of all- the gift of Jesus in their lives.



## Tagless Tag Sale

On Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, St. Peter's hosted a Tagless Tag Sale. This was a wonderful opportunity to be a blessing to those experiencing financial hardship, to relieve the stress that can come with Christmas, so they can truly celebrate the birth of Jesus and be able to give gifts that they have chosen for loved ones. Forty plus multi-generational families shopped and had presents wrapped and ready for Christmas!



## Carol's Giving Tree

Carol's Giving Tree will be providing gifts for three needy families for Christmas. Each gift request on the tree will have three tags as described below.

Tag 1: Take a tag from the tree, the tag will detail the information, take the tag and have a ball shopping!

Tag 2: This tag will have the recipient's name, and should be attached to the gift when returning the gift to St. Peter's.

Tag 3: Write your name and telephone number and place the tag in the box under the tree. Gifts need to be wrapped and returned by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for "Caring for the Community" and making their Christmas a true blessing.

## Heifer Breakfast

There will be a breakfast on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, after each service. Heifer is a marvelous way to help feed people for many generations. Heifer is a great way to "shop" for Christmas by purchasing an animal or part of an animal in honor of someone on your list. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a super breakfast. Suggested donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 6-12, 5 and younger is free.

## Juarez Mission Trip News

St. Peter's is planning their ninth trip to Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to build a home for a deserving family. The trip has been scheduled for April 17 -23, 2016. The next meeting to plan for the mission trip is Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:45 in the Taft building. There is still plenty of room on the trip, so if you're thinking about going please come to the meeting. If you want more information about the trip contact Dee Green at [deegreen@optonline.net](mailto:deegreen@optonline.net) or Linda Roti at [ldroti@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldroti@sbcglobal.net)

## Save the Dates & Your Appetite!!

Juarez Mission Trip Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction - January 16<sup>th</sup>. A delicious Italian dinner and silent auction is planned for January 16<sup>th</sup>. from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. to raise funds for our ninth mission trip to Colonia Anapra, Mexico. We will be building a 450 square foot house for a very deserving family. Please bring your friends, neighbors and their families. Ticket prices: adults and children 13 years and older - \$10.00; children ages 12 to 6 - \$5.00; children 5 years and under are free.

The Juarez mission team is planning a Valentine's Day Breakfast on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will be served after both the 8:00 and 10:00 services.

## Everyone has an Earthquake Story!

"In Search of a Miracle" tells the true story of the Williams Family, (St. Peter's parish administrator, June Williams) home for Christmas in Connecticut, 2009, followed by their harrowing earthquake experience upon their return to Haiti in January, 2010. This beautiful family story features spectacular holiday music combined with a heart-warming story of hope and trust in the God of second chances. (Appropriate for all ages). Production dates are December 18, 19, 20 at three different locations. Details are at [www.sound-affect.org](http://www.sound-affect.org). And, posters will be up at St. Peter's the beginning of December.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Decorations, envelopes are located in the Church or you may use the form below. Donations can also be made through the E-Giving site located on our web site: [www.stpetersmilford.org](http://www.stpetersmilford.org)

Donations need to be received in the Church Office no later than December 18<sup>th</sup> to be included in the Christmas Service Bulletin.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorial/Thanksgiving (circle one)

## Christmas Service schedule

Christmas Eve

Christmas Carols starts at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve service starts at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: There is no service on Christmas Day.



Our very own Megan Gossett was elected homecoming queen at Foran High School. Way to go Megan!

## Minutes - Committee Meetings

The Vestry and the Executive Committee meeting minutes are posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for your information.

## Fellowship Christian Yoga – New Session

Yoga sessions are held on Monday nights in the Parish Hall from 7:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome at a cost of \$12.00 per class. Laurie Trupp is the instructor. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat and blanket. The last class of the current session will be on December 7. Look for more information about the next session starting up after the holidays. Questions may be directed to Beth Bell at 203-877-8711 or [bellbeth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bellbeth@sbcglobal.net).

## Young Family Christmas Party

There will be a Young Family Christmas party on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. The Young Family Fellowship Group is for those

young adults, either single or married, whose children are still very young (approximately six years and younger). While there is no real age “cut off” the crafts will be geared toward little ones. There will be a potluck supper, so please let Kelly Thompson or the church office know what you would like to bring and how many of you there will be. You are welcome to bring friends who might like to learn more about the church and would like to join in the fun.

## Attention All Worship Participants

Please contact Dee Green and let her know when you are unavailable, any time of the year. She can be contacted at [deegreen@optonline.net](mailto:deegreen@optonline.net) or by phone at 203-874-0418 or 203-687-8660. You can also enter when you are unavailable on the new website. If you would like to learn how this is done, please contact Dee and she will arrange a time to assist you.

## Healing Service – December 6<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Healing Service at 5:00 p.m. The holidays can be a challenging time for those who are dealing with difficulties or illnesses and for those who have lost loved ones. This service is a Eucharist service with scripture, music, and a homily focused on healing and extended time of prayer for healing with stations for prayer. We hope this time will be a blessing to our own parish family and to anyone else who would like to come

## Youth Group News

### Meetings

Our youth group continues to meet on the first and third Sundays of the month. We've been having some great faith filled discussions and fun activities.

### Reverb Night



On November 13-14 the high schoolers attended an all-night Christian event called Reverb Night in Springfield, Mass. This event started with a pro hockey game at 7pm and then there

was a gospel message and rally until midnight. Next it was pizza and then off to the after-hours activities which included a multi sports complex and roller skating from midnight until 6am. The group was tired but had a fun and inspiring night hearing God's word and getting active.

### Community Service

After church on November 22 the youth group worked with an organization in New Haven called Christian Community Action. Our group worked hard with many other volunteers packing bags of produce and groceries (and some turkeys!) to be provided



to needy families for Thanksgiving. In addition to packing bags, the group helped load hundreds of bags of groceries into vehicles to be delivered to the needy, elderly, and disabled around the New Haven area. Overall, Christian Community Action prepared 2,250 bags of groceries to go out to the needy for the Thanksgiving holiday. Because food



donations to CCA were short this year, the organization wound up having to buy directly much of the food they donated to the needy. If you are interested in assisting them with a financial donation or finding out more about this organization, check them out at [cchelping.org](http://cchelping.org). Side note here- this was the first hands-on community service event for our brand new sixth grade group members and they worked super hard. Way to go, Maguire, Sylvia, and Hayley!

## 12/4, 12/5, and 12/6 from 6pm - 9pm

**Journey to Bethlehem living nativity at High Acres Christian Church in Ansonia.** This event involves about a 30 minute walk through lightly wooded paths, stopping at various period scenes as you walk the journey Joseph and Mary took to get from Nazareth to Bethlehem and culminates in arrival at the nativity. This is a wonderful event that we have attended for several years. Plan on going yourself, or put a group together!

<http://www.highacrescc.com/journey-to-bethlehem.html>

## St. Nicholas to Visit Parish on Dec. 6

The Bishop of Myra, better known to all of us as St. Nicholas, will make his annual visit to St. Peter's at the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist to offer the children's message.

Perhaps we can convince the venerable saint to tell us more stories about his life when he makes an appearance during the Heifer breakfast following the service.

St. Nicholas's visit offers a different perspective on the upcoming Christmas holiday, so please make sure your young ones attend that Sunday. His is the story of how a Byzantine bishop evolved into his American alter ego Santa Claus and Father Christmas. More important, he is one of Christianity's most beloved saints.

## Pledge card

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, was Commitment Sunday. You can still return your pledge card in the envelope provided in the offertory plate or mail it back to St. Peter's. There are also pledging materials in the back of the church if you misplaced your paperwork. St. Peter's thanks God for your generosity and faithful stewardship.



## *Building My Life on Values That Last*

### What Is Your Greatest Ability?

By Rick Warren

*“Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do.” (Ephesians 5:15 Phillips)*

You and I have a variety of great abilities. For some of us it's the ability to do math, fix computers, or to sew. We all have abilities — even if at times we need others to point them out to us.

But do you know what your greatest ability is?

Responsibility.

Responsibility is your ability to respond to life. It's what makes you human — and it's a gift from God.

Much of your life hasn't been in your control. You didn't choose where you were born. You didn't

choose who your parents would be. You didn't choose how your parents would raise you. You didn't choose the unique gifts and talents you brought into the world.

*Responsibility is how you handle everything else.* God has given you the freedom to respond to what comes your way. How you respond to what life throws at you impacts your life more than any other factor.

In fact, in many ways, life is a test of how we handle responsibility. We spend only a fraction of our lives on this side of eternity. God doesn't care about our achievements while we're here on this earth. He cares about our character.

Our lives today are mere warm-up acts for what's to come. God is testing your responsibility for what's going to happen later on. God put you on this earth primarily for two reasons: to know him personally and to develop character.

In the past three to four decades, we've seen a steep decrease in responsibility throughout our culture. Many in our world live by the motto: “I'm not responsible for anything. It's not my fault.”

That view is in stark contract with what the Bible says. *“Live life, then, with a due sense of responsibility, not as men who do not know the meaning and purpose of life but as those who do”* (Ephesians 5:15 Phillips).

If you're a follower of Jesus, you know that he is the one who gives meaning in this life. You can live responsibly because you know you're a steward of the life you've been given. Responsible people make the most of the life they've been given.

How will you use the life you've been given?

#### **Talk It Over**

- What are some of the ways you've seen irresponsibility affect the lives of people you care about? What are some ways you've seen it affect your life?
- What is one area of your life — such as finances, parenting, relationships, etc. — where you feel you could be more responsible?
- How can you make the change to be more responsible in that area?



## Preparing Disciples

### Daily Devotionals & Prayerful Resources:

#### Text versions:

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback: <http://profile.purposedriven.com/dailyhope/post>

Esoteric Episcopal Priest's musings - Barbara Crafton: <http://www.geraniumfarm.org>

Ministry of Evangelical group dedicated to servant ministry: <http://blog.leadlikejesus.org>

The Bible in One Year by Nicky Gumbel - Scripture with a commentary and life application: [www.htb.org.uk/bioy](http://www.htb.org.uk/bioy)

#### For teenage girls:

<http://hisprincess.com>

#### For parents:

<http://BibleLifeCoaching.com>

### Audio, Video, & other Resources:

Rick Warren's daily devotions from Saddleback: Daily Hope radio series at [www.rickwarren.org](http://www.rickwarren.org)

Ministry of the British Jesuits - comes as an audio file: <http://www.pray-as-you-go.org>

Crosswalk, the intersection of faith and life dedicated to building up the Church, which is the body of Christ – text (many other resources): <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals>.

Contemplative resources in both text, audio, and video: <http://www.contemplativeoutreach.org>

A new App called iPray has been released for the iPhone: the Book of Common Prayer. You can download iPray from the iTunes Store here: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D2>

Ministry of the Brothers of The Society of Saint John the Evangelist (many other resources): <http://www.ssje.org/word>

**Morning Devotional** – This app wakes you up with an alarm in the morning and you spend five minutes in God's word and with reflection that the app provides for you. It's called "first 5" and is geared towards women..To access the app: <http://first5.org/>

### Books:

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers

Jesus Calling by Sarah Young



**If you have a favorite daily devotional and would like to share with the congregation, please contact us so we can publish it!**

DECEMBER 2015 LEADERSHIP/WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY MINISTER	LECTOR	READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE	YOUNGER CLASS	OLDER CLASS	CHURCH LOCK UP
<b>December 6, 2015</b>	8:00 AM	K. Bell	F. Callahan	D. Blanchet	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-11	E. Pasinelli W. Christensen	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>											
	10:00 AM	A. Kiley G. Lucas	D. Green B. Lewis	R. Eldridge B. Duchon	Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-11	B. McDonald D. Bryson	M. Carter J. Bryson	M. Gossett	M. Sansone M. Thomas	K. Schock B. Maslar	C. Green
<b>December 13, 2015</b>	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	P. Fike	K. Gammage	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7	D. Johanson B. Kuhar	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>											
	10:00 AM	S. Bell I. Meade	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	B. Lewis B. VanBrederode	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Philippians 4:4-7	R. Palmatier F. Hopkins	B. Duchon L. Kiley	S. Meade	J. Shoop S. DeGregario	C. Chirico D. Soracco	M. Saltzman
<b>December 20, 2015</b>	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	D. Warren	Micah 5:2-5 Hebrews 10:5-10	P. Strong B. Tremblay	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>											
	10:00 AM	P. Bell H. Adams	D. Green P. Mangels		Nativity Pageant	R. Durazzo K. Pegnataro	G. Burrows C. Mahnken		M. Kiley	All Teachers and Students attending Nativity Pageant	D. DeRubeis
<b>December 24, 2015</b>	4:30 PM	A. Kiley/ I. Meade I. Meade/ G. Lucas	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	B. Duchon M. Palmatier	Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14	F. Hopkins B. Casey	M. Carter L. Kiley				
<b>Christmas Eve</b>											
	10:30 PM	P. Bell/ S. Bell W. Dixon/	S. Winters D. Warren	D. Blanchet K. Gammage	Isaiah 9:2-7 Titus 2:11-14	D. Johansen B. McDonald	C. Mahnken B. Bell				
<b>December 27, 2015</b>	8:00 AM	K. Bell	D. Warren	P. Strong	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Galatians 3:23-25,4:4-7	W. Christensen	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>First Sunday after Christmas</b>											
	10:00 AM	A. Kiley G. Lucas	S. Winters C. Roti		Service of Lessons & Carols	B. Casey C. Russo	S. Peck M. Saltzman	S. Bell		No Church school - Christmas recess	R. Durazzo

**JANUARY 2016 LEADERSHIP/WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

DATE	SERVICE TIME	ACOLYTE	LAY		READINGS	USHER	GREETER	CHILD CARE	CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS		CHURCH LOCK UP
			MINISTER	LECTOR					YOUNGER CLASS	OLDER CLASS	
<b>January 3, 2016</b>	8:00 AM	K. Bell	F. Callahan <i>S. Callahan</i>	D. Blanchet	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19	B. Kuhar B. Tremblay	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>2nd Sunday after Christmas</b>	10:00 AM	P. Bell I. Meade	B. Lewis P. Mangels	J. Bryson B. Vanbrederode	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19	D. Byrson R. Eldridge	M. Saltzman J. Bryson	S. Meade	E. Pinsince M. Gossett	K. Scillia A. Casey	R. Durazzo
<b>January 10, 2016</b>	8:00 AM	D. Gendrau	P. Fike	K. Gammage	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17	E. Pasinelli W. Christensen	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Epiphany 1</b>	10:00 AM	S. Bell H. Adams	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	C. Franz M. Palmatier	Isaiah 43:1-7 Acts 8:14-17	B. McDonald F. Hopkins	M. Carter B. Duchon	M. Kiley	K. Thompson C. Tummins	S. Meade B. Maslar	C. Green
<b>January 17, 2016</b>	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	D. Warren	S. Callahan	Isaiah 62:1-5 1Corinthians 12:1-11	D. Johansen P. Strong	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Epiphany 2</b>	10:00 AM	A. Kiley G. Lucas	S. Winters C. Roti	C. Thompson C. Franz	Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:1-11	B. Palmatier K. Pegnataro	L. Kiley G. Burrows	S. Bell	M. Sansone M. Thomas	K. Schock C. Chirico	S. Winters
<b>January 24, 2016</b>	8:00 AM	H. Kropitis	B. Tremblay	D. Warren	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 1Corinthians 12:12-31	D. Blanchet E. Pasinelli	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Epiphany 3</b>	10:00 AM	P. Bell H. Adams	D. Green B. Lewis	B. VanBrederode M. Palmatier	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10 1Corinthians 12:12-31	B. Casey C. Russo	C. Mahnken B. Bell	M. Gossett	J. Shoop S. DeGregorio	D. Soracco C. Chirico	C. Green
<b>January 31, 2016</b>	8:00 AM	D. Gendreau	S. Callahan	P. Strong	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	B. Kuhar W. Christensen	E. Luysterborghs				
<b>Epiphany 4</b>	10:00 AM	S. Bell I. Meade	D. Pinsince J. Pinsince	B. Duchon L. Roti	Jeremiah 1:4-10 1 Corinthians 13:1-13	R. Durazzo B. Palmatier	S. Peck M. Saltzman	S. Meade	E. Pinsince M. Gossett	K. Scillia A. Casey	D. Derubeis



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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Schedule for Wednesday Night Sabbath Rest</b> <b>6:30 p.m.—Dinner</b> <b>7:00 p.m.— Bible Study &amp; Choir</b> <b>8:30 p.m.—Worship</b>		<b>1</b> Bible Study . Library 7:00 a.m.  Executive Meeting Rector's Office 7:00 p.m.	<b>2</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing Chapel 12:00 p.m.  Dinner, Bible Studies, & Choir Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	<b>3</b> Morning Prayer Chapel 8:00 a.m.  Women's Bible Study Rector's Office 9:30—11:00 a.m.	<b>4</b> 4	<b>5</b> Young Family Fellowship Potluck Dinner 4:00—6:00 p.m.
<b>6 Second Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. St. Nicholas Visit Heifer Breakfast after both services Healing Service 5:00 p.m. Jr. Youth 4—5:30 p.m. Sr Youth 5—7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> Christian Yoga Class Parish Hall 7:45 p.m.—9:00 p.m. 	<b>8</b> Bible Study . Library 7:00 a.m.	<b>9</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing Chapel 12:00 p.m.  Dinner, Bible Studies, & Choir Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.  Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Morning Prayer Chapel 8:00 a.m.  Women's Bible Study Rector's Office 9:30—11:00 a.m.  Outreach Dinner 5:00 -7:00 p.m.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13 Third Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Juarez Meeting 11:45 a.m. Taft Wing	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Bible Study . Library 7:00 a.m.  Vestry Meeting Rector's Office 7:00 p.m.	<b>16</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing Chapel 12:00 p.m.  <b>NO</b> Bible Study Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	<b>17</b> Morning Prayer Chapel 8:00 a.m.  Women's Bible Study Rector's Office 9:30—11:00 a.m.	<b>18</b> 	<b>19</b>
<b>20 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist /Nativity Pageant 10:00 a.m. Jr Youth 4—5:30 p.m. Sr Youth 5—7:00 p.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Bible Study . Library 7:00 a.m.	<b>23</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing Chapel 12:00 p.m.  <b>NO</b> Bible Study Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 p.m.	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b> <b>NO</b> Morning Prayer <b>NO</b> Women's Bible Study Holy Eucharist 4:30 p.m. Carols 10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist 11:00 p.m.	<b>25 Christmas Day</b> 	<b>26</b>
<b>27 First Sunday after Christmas</b> Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. Church School 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Bible Study . Library 7:00 a.m.  Prayer Shawl Library 7:00—9:00 p.m.	<b>30</b> <b>NO</b> Holy Eucharist & Healing <b>NO</b> Bible Study <b>NO</b> Choir Practice	<b>31</b> Morning Prayer Chapel 8:00 a.m.  <b>NO</b> Women's Bible Study		