

The Sentinel



Priest's Ponderings

If I had to choose three words to describe November, they would be "Stewardship," "Thanksgiving," and Advent."

As you are accustomed, over the first few weeks of November, we will be conducting our annual stewardship campaign for the parish. I remain very appreciative of George Mickle for handling this significant aspect of our church life. We will be reminded of our responsibility for our possessions, especially the gift God has given us in being members of the church.

We close the month with Thanksgiving, noting your efforts at caring for your parish as we close the campaign, while also enjoying a national holiday as an observance of humility and gratitude.

Stewardship and Thanksgiving will lead to Advent on the Fifth Sunday, as we anticipate our Lord's coming going into December. We will receive him with humble and grateful hearts at his Incarnation at Christmas.

November reminds us that everything is about God, and few things are about us. That is a good way to begin a new church year and to have a very balanced spiritual perspective. It is also the gospel truth. -RSC+

Stewardship!

Yep, it is that time of the year again -- Time to think of our blessings and how we respond to them. Also, we consider the financial needs of our parish. This year's campaign:

November 8th: Kickoff with Father Courtney preaching -Mailings sent

November 15th: Sermon and Message from George Mickle

November 22nd: Celebration of Campaign Closeout with Annual Parish Luncheon

Christmas Pageant News

Have you noticed that all of a sudden there are children everywhere at St. James? The Sunday School room is full to the brim on Sunday mornings and the playground resounds with happy children's laughter. What a blessing!

The children will present a special Christmas Pageant during the late service on December 20th. Calling all Angels, Shepherds, and Wise Men! There is room for all! The pageant presentation will be simple, but fun is absolutely guaranteed.

If there are children in your extended family or neighborhood who would like to participate, just let Jane Emery or Lisa Cate know. Our thanks to Brian Killian for being our accompanist! We will soon be practicing Christmas carols during Sunday School time and we will have a couple of pizza suppers/practices in December. It's never too early to start saying, "Merry Christmas!"

Outreach Opportunity

As part of our outreach efforts at St. James', we are assisting Fr. Bill Dennler, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in downtown Nashville, with his ministry to homeless individuals. Every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 he has "Church in the Yard." This is a full church service plus a meal. Our next time to assist will be November 29th, and we will provide the usual sack lunch that includes: 1 sandwich, 1 bag of chips, 1 piece of fresh fruit, and 1 dessert (cookie, snack cake, etc.). -continued on page 2

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Calendar

Saturday, November 7th
Youth Group at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 17th
Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm

Friday, November 27th
Sentinel Article Deadline

Sunday, November 29th
Feeding the Homeless at Trinity Church

Happy Birthday

Andrew Jones	11/7
Sandra Womack	11/8
Richard Odom	11/11
Emery Anne Lane	11/11
Lisa Reese	11/11
Sarah Mace	11/12
Daniel Pace	11/17
Mary M. Webb	11/18
Luke Emery	11/19
Frances Arnold	11/20
Joel Sinha	11/22
Rob Courtney	11/22
Madeline Guthrie	11/27
Cindi Spain	11/28

If we have failed to include your birthday this month, please let us know. Our list is continually evolving 😊

Member Spotlight: Membership Quiz

Who worked upon an oil rig deep in the ocean?

Pate Mace

Who is a Certified Public Accountant?

David Randolph

Who teaches literature at Belmont University?

Lacey Lyons

Who is a Security Guard at the Women's Prison?

Janice Whiteman

Who supplies Father Courtney with Orange Fanta from across the border?

James Richard Webb from the choir

Saint of the Month: Elizabeth of Hungary - Princess and Philanthropist

Feast Day of November 19 - The numerous "St. Elizabeth Hospitals" throughout the world are for the most part named, not for Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, but for this princess of Hungary. She was concerned for the relief of the poor and sick, and with her husband's consent she used her dowry money for their relief.

During a famine and epidemic in 1226, while her husband was in Italy, she sold her

"Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk! -Anonymous**Lay Assignments**

November 1st

Eucharistic: Jane Emery & Jim Cate

Lector: Harry Spain

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: George Brummett & Pete Mace

Altar Guild: Karen Cate & Joan Wells

Coffee Hour: All Saints' Picnic

November 9th:

Eucharistic: George Mickle & Cindy Reese

Lector: George Mickle

Crucifer: Natasha Reed

Ushers: Larry Emery & Joe Reese

Altar Guild: Mary Elizabeth Womack & Betty Odom

Coffee Hour: The Cates

November 15th:

Eucharistic: Tony McFarland & Sarah Mace

Lector: Tony McFarland

Crucifer: Michael Schoenenberger

Ushers: Rick Webb & George Womack

Altar Guild: Sandra Womack & Janet Deweese

Coffee Hour: The McFarlands

November 22nd:

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: David Gaines

Crucifer: Erick Cate

Ushers: George Brummett & Mike Deweese

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Coffee Hour: Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

November 29th:

Eucharistic: Rick & Cindy Webb

Lector: Michael Mauk

Crucifer: Jonathan Dupuy

Ushers: George Brummett & Pete Mace

Altar Guild: Cindi Spain & Judy Stewart

Coffee Hour: November Birthday Bash

jewels and established a hospital where she nursed the sick, and opened the royal granaries to feed the hungry.

After her husband's death in 1227, her in-laws, who opposed her "extravagances" expelled her from Wartburg. Finally, an arrangement was negotiated with them that gave her a stipend. She became a Franciscan tertiary (lay associate) and devoted the remainder of her life to nursing and charity. She sewed garments to clothe the poor and went fishing to feed them.

News from Tom Joy Elementary School

Louise Jones with Janet Deweese's assistance has successfully completed our mission of providing supplies and learning materials to the fine folks at Tom Joy Elementary School. Louise even garnered dozens of cookies for a nice snack of sustenance for the teachers. Our thanks to Louise and Janet Deweese for their leadership and to all the faithful of our parish for assisting in this very worthwhile project. The joy abounds!

Outreach Opportunity Continued

- As you prepare individual sack lunches, please use a marker to write on the outside of the bag the type of sandwich within, example: "ham & cheese."
- Some of the lunches we took last time were bagged in plastic zip-loc bags. This was HUGELY popular, as people were able to use the plastic bags later to keep personal belongings dry
- Please do not prepare any mayonnaise based sandwiches, they taste great, but become very messy
- Provide a variety of soft and hard fruit
- We also need volunteers to bring beverages (ice tea/lemonade)

We need volunteers to prepare and serve these meals (at least 200 meals).

Volunteers will commit to preparing the number of meals they want to provide, and bring them to the church on that Sunday. Even if you can only provide a couple

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From The Loft

Thank you all for making my wife, Karen, and me feel so welcome. It is our pleasure to be at St. James and work with Fr. Courtney and the choir and to serve you in music ministry.

Advent and Christmas will be here soon enough, and in our effort to make our worship at these seasons an especially meaningful time, I would like to extend an invitation to you to come and be a part of the choir for these two seasons.

We have already begun rehearsing Christmas music, and we are planning for Christmas Eve to be an especially beautiful service.

The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Brian Killian, Interim Director of Music

Vestry Notes

In October the Vestry discussed:

- Alarm Codes Change - Completion by 10/23
- Office and Choir Room Reconfiguration - Completion by 10/16
- Holy Trinity Outreach Lunch - Last Sunday in November
- Five Year Plan Committee – In Formation
- Episcopal School of Nashville - Heading South
- St. Francis' Animal Blessing - Evangelism Weekend on 10/24
- Fall Parish Picnic at the Webbs - Evangelism Weekend on 10/25
- Evangelism Weekend - Nice Idea, and So Was the Edsel
- Tom Joy Outreach Report - Grace Abounds!
- Kroger Community Outreach - Bureaucracy Abounds!
- Church Organ: Eventual Hospice Patient (2-5 years)
- Every Member Canvass in November - Cough It Up!

Parish Financial Highlights	
YTD Income to 9/30	\$104,257
YTD Expenses to 9/30	\$102,112
Balance	\$2,145
For more information, see Jim Cate, Treasurer	

Vestry Anyone?

Though we have 3 openings commencing in January 2016, two of our members currently serving are eligible, but not yet committing to reelection! (Who says Joe Biden is out of the ordinary?) Interested in serving? See Rick Webb, our Senior Warden, or Father Courtney.

Outreach Opportunity Continued

lunches, every little bit counts and matters. We will also need 4-6 volunteers to serve the meals that Sunday afternoon. There will be a sign up list on the bulletin board. Thanks for your efforts!

Outreach News

Our November collection for Room in the Inn is men's white socks & hooded sweatshirts (L to 4XL). Drop off is in the Outreach Box by the piano in the nave. Our thanks to all for their continued generosity!

Youth Ministry

We have two programs for the youth of the parish.

Teenagers and Middle Schoolers will join Father Courtney, Lacey Lyons, and Joel Sinha for dinner and discussion on Saturday, November 7th, at 6:30 pm at the church. We will discuss a special outreach project for December.

Over the next few Sundays your Sunday schoolers will be asking you to pick up various small items to fill blessing bags to donate to the homeless. We will grow in faith in giving to the less fortunate.

Taekwondo

Monday and Thursday Nights

It's an exciting time as we look forward to promotional testing on December the 3rd. We have some great students who are working very hard. Let's wish them the best of success.

News from the Diocese of Tennessee

Contact Us

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Church Schedule

Saturday

Priest's Office Hours
2:30 pm - 5:00 PM
Holy Eucharist – 5:00 PM

Sunday

Holy Eucharist – 8:00 AM
Adult Sunday School – 9:30 AM
Choral Holy Eucharist – 10:30 AM
Sunday School (ages 5-12) – 10:30 AM

Wednesday

Choir Practice – 700 PM (not on 11/25)

Monday & Thursday

Community Taekwondo – 5:00 PM

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Musical Offerings in November
Christ Church Cathedral, Nashville | Sunday, November 15

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On November 15, Simon Johnson, organist at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, will present an organ concert at 4 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.

Volunteers Needed at This 'n That Thrift Shop in Nashville

The This 'n That Thrift Shop, which funds children's services at the St. Luke's Community House in West Nashville, needs a few new volunteers to serve as clerks and/or to prepare merchandise for sale (on Mondays). Shifts are from 10:00 to 1:00 or 1:00 to 4:00 on Tuesday through Friday, and from 10:00 to 1:00 on Saturdays. Training is provided for men and women who would join other volunteers in this ministry. Please contact Thrift Shop Volunteer Coordinator [Betsey Duggan](#) or call 615/952-5452 for more information.


