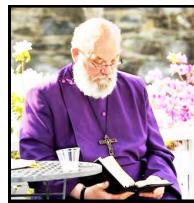


January 2017



ST. EDWARD'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Scepter



Reflections From the Rector's Desk

**By The Reverend
Canon
Stephen C. Casey**

Dear friends:

For most people I expect, the Christmas seasons passes in a blur of activity - certainly this is true for most clergy. Once Thanksgiving is over, and the Turkey gone cold, clergy and all associated with the church - musicians, altar guilds - put their heads down and prepare for the

seasons of Advent and Christmas. At the same time, in the world around us, the shops dress out in Christmas garb, nativity scenes spring up on lawns and town squares, as the steady stream of activities associated with the season get underway. And then...like a rush of wind, it is past and we are looking at a New Year stretch

before us. Long gone, it seems, are the Christmases of yesteryear, that seemed to stretch on for ever.

The year of 2016, of course, was an election year, which, for many, left in its wake a kingdom of anxiety and divisiveness. On the world stage we have witnessed the tragedy of the ongoing war

tions, there is the joy of celebrating the season. At St. Edward's the season of Advent began with the wonderful music of the Hershey Hand Bell Choir and the Lancaster Chamber Singers. Elsewhere that weekend the Sounds of the Season were rung at Millersville University, and at Highland Presbyterian Church, the Mennonite Children's Choir celebrated the season in song and dance - which, by the by, included our own Faith and Carter Ishler and Seth Hake and Rosie and Randy Westgate.

"As we step gingerly into a new year, my prayer is that the glow of Christmas and the love of Christ eternal, may dwell in your hearts and homes and abide there as we seek to serve him and to see the love of God in Christ in everyone we encounter."

in Syria and the pain and anxiety of the tens of thousands of refugees living in the fear of their lives. In our own parish this Christmas season, we have experienced the pain of the loss of old friends, Jay Klick, Anne Kline, Alice Will, Frank Statham.

Amidst these swirls of emo-

And around all is the reality that at a particular moment in time, long, long ago, God chose to break into human history in the form of an infant named Jesus. Born of a virgin, in a humble dwelling, the holy family were visited by shepherds and wise men, representing those of some estate and those of none. Each Christmas for centuries

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- • Staff and Vestry Members are listed on the back cover of the Scepter

Reflection

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people of faith have celebrated this most holy of seasons to remind themselves that in all the circumstances of our lives, we are surrounded by God's love and care. God sent Jesus into the world that he might live in our "kingdom of anxiety" so that we may know we do not face life alone.

As we step gingerly into a new year, my prayer is that the glow of Christmas and the love of Christ eternal, may dwell in your hearts and homes and abide there as we seek to serve him and to see the love of God in Christ in everyone we encounter.

I hope you had a holy Christmas; I pray you all a blessed New Year.

Fr. Stephen+



Thanks to All

By Fr. Casey



The Rector wishes to thank all those faithful servants of St. Edward's, far too many to name individually, but who through their work in providing music, serving the altar, decorating the church, greeting and welcoming, preparing and folding service bulletins and all the other activities that go to make a busy and lively congregation - thank you all for making this Christmastide a joyful season for all.

Blessings
Fr. Stephen +

Thank You

Advent Week IV



Becky Troop and Peg Reilly lead the Advent IV meditation

Information

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If you're the last person to leave the building following Sunday services or an event, please take the time to make sure all the lights are turned off (including the rest rooms) and the doors are locked.

Vestry Notes



**By Peg Reiley
Senior Warden**

Happy New Year! We are looking ahead to an exciting and busy 2017.

Advent was a busy time at St. Edward's. December started with the Hershey Handbell Concert, Advent Quiet morning, cookie sale and breakfast and Lancaster Chamber Singers - all happening in one weekend! Approximately 45 St. Ed's folks purchased gifts for 95 children (for COBYS) and 30 mothers/ children (for Bridge House) for Jesse Tree. Thank you to everyone who participated. We had many more children this year and the kindness of our parishioners ensured that these children had a gift to open. Prior to delivery, all the gifts were blessed by Bishop Scanlan.

St. Edward's had our first official visit by Bishop Scanlan. It was a joy filled morning as several were confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. The vestry had the opportunity to meet briefly with the bish-

op. It was a wonderful conversation discussing our challenges, hopes and blessings.

Christmas will have passed by the time you are reading this newsletter. We hope that you were able to attend one of the three Christmas Eve services or the Christmas Day service.

Rev. Jennifer Mattson will be celebrating and preaching on January 1. This is a bit bittersweet as Jennifer has accepted a call from St. Thomas Episcopal Church. She and her family will be leaving us as they start a new chapter in their lives. We will miss Jennifer, Bradley and the children but are so happy for them.

Vestry has approved the purchase of a safe which will be installed in the near future. The parish hall door is fixed and the sidewalks repairs are completed. And more energy efficient lights have been replaced in the church.

Stewardship Campaign has started. You should have received a letter and pledge card. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2017.



Saturday Service



Third Saturday of Each Month
5:30 PM
Next Service
January 21st
Rite II

Include your news and announcements in the next Scepter.
Due date for February ill be:
January 20th.
Send articles and announcements to:
mac.miller@verizon.net



Military News

Please keep in your prayers those close to us who are serving in the military.

- ★Dustin Burleson
- ★Justin Carnahan
- ★Brandon Fox
- ★Gordon Frankenfield
- ★Matt Fuhrman
- ★Adam and Christina Grim
- ★Jack Hawk
- ★Drew Johnson
- ★Anthony Koser
- ★Alex Kube
- ★John Lewis
- ★Richard Mutari



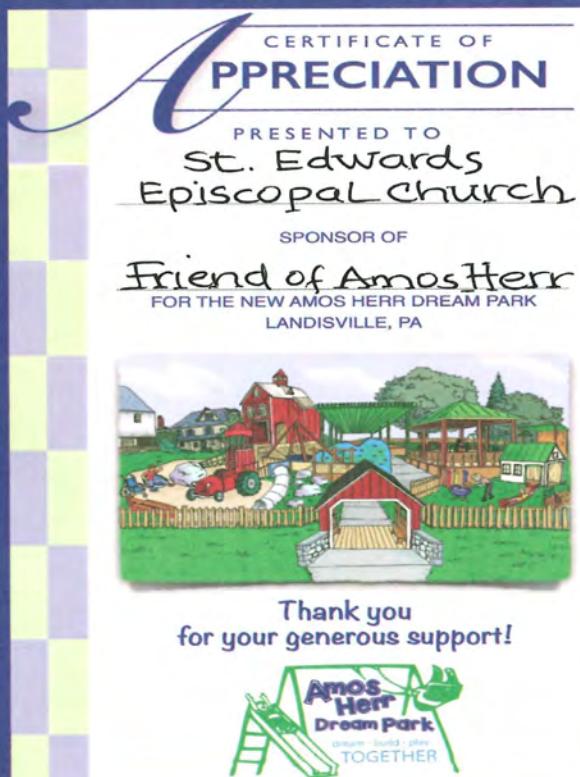
- ★David Peck
- ★Capt. Andrew Pfeiffer
- ★Rev. David J. Sparks
- ★Mike Spurr
- ★David Sternberg
- ★Allison Tomich
- ★Evan Westgate
- ★Seamas Whitesel
- ★1st Lt. Thomas Whitesel



**Remember Those
in the Military**

Amos Herr Dream Park

Family Effort



Thank you to the group from St. Edward's who brought the tasty lunch for the volunteers on the last day of the build week. We all appreciated the food so much!

Grace Miller, Food Committee, Amos Herr Dream Park

St. Edward's was also a donor in helping the Amos Herr Dream Park become reality and for that, we received a Certificate of Appreciation.



Like Grandfather, Like Granddaughter. So good to see families serving the church together. Thanks Ted Cardwell and Taylor Troop!

Teen Table



Spontaneous Teen Table at 10:15 service coffee hour. Got the photo right after Anna and Kristen Rosenberg left – sorry! It gladdens our hearts to see the teens enjoying each other's company at church.

Kid's Corner

Advent Candle



Anna and Kristin Rosenberg lit the candle for Advent II and led the meditation and prayer.

Bishop's Visit



Audrey our Bishop talked to the children about being a bishop

MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.



What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.

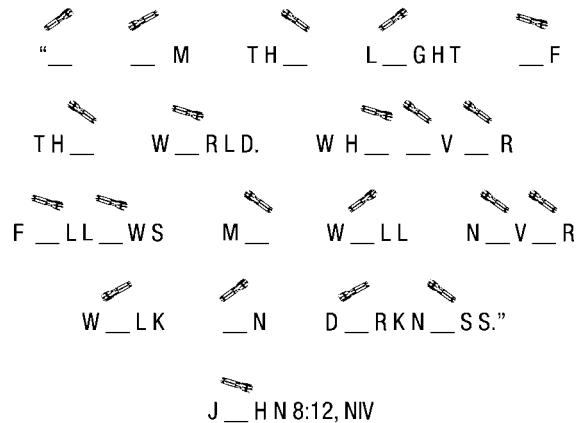
PUZZLE

Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way? Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels. Then read the completed Bible verse.

KEY: A E I O



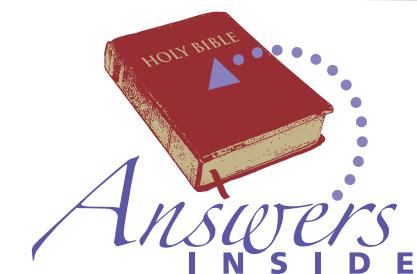
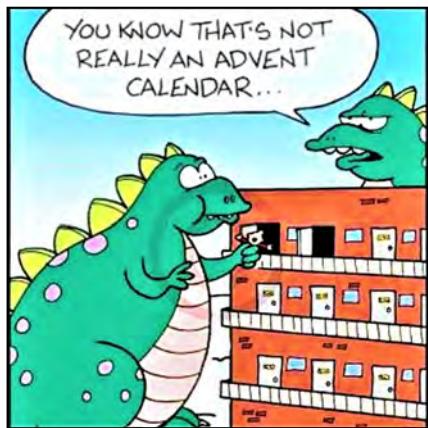
"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV



Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- B. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-31.)

Coffee Hour



Thank you to the following parishioners who served as hosts during the month of December for our coffee hour after all services. We are grateful for all of the parishioner support and help to make this important fellowship ministry stay vibrant.

Dottie Gschwend

Bob Young

Roger Lindenmuth

Janet Rumer

June Klemm

Geraldine Cosgrave

Larry and Bev Hess

Becky Troop and Family

Ted Cardwell

R.B. Mullineaux

Ray and Lucetta Kiefer

With Sincere Thanks

To Our Dear Friends at St. Edward's,

My family and I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the warmth and kindness you showed to my wife, Ann, who passed away on November 14th. So many people, here, at our St. Edward's church family added to the sparkle and happiness of her life, and for that we extend our profound thanks. You helped make Ann's life complete. We cannot thank you all enough for your kindness, friendship, and prayers.

In Christ,

Bill Kline and family



Adult Fellowship

By Elaine Radcliffe



WHAT: After-Christmas-Cabin-Fever White Elephant Party

WHEN: Sunday, January 22, 4:00 PM

WHERE: The Radcliffe home, 3190 Grande Oak Place, Lancaster (West Hempfield)

PLEASE BRING: Finger food (hors d'oeuvres, spreads, cheese/crackers, etc.)

ALSO BRING: The UGLIEST, stupidest, funniest, gift that you can find (beautifully wrapped, of course)

DEADLINE: Monday, January 16



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Men's Group



By Mike Patrone and John Meyer

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a joyous New Year. We look forward to seeing you on January 28th at 9am.

We have 3 speakers lined up for January, February and March and are looking for speakers for April & May. Our speaker in January is David Manuel whose topic is "Return to Sender. The Doolittle Raid." This sounds very interesting

Guys. Please come, have breakfast and listen to a talk.

We have not found anyone to step forward and become chair of the men's group. All that is required from you is get speakers and write the scepter article. Your help is needed to keep this going unless all you want is breakfast only. Help us!!!!

Krist Kindling Dinner

By Meredith Westgate



Krist Kindling families and other former or possible future Krist Kindlers, please plan to join us at the annual Krist Kindling dinner in the multi-purpose room on Sunday, January 8 at 5:30 p.m. Families:

please bring a main dish and a salad OR dessert to share as well as your own table service. (Singles/couples please bring a dish to share!) Beverages will be provided. Bring your stories and your good humor. Guaranteed: a warm and cozy evening with a few good laughs and maybe a surprise or two. Everyone is welcome to join the fun. Questions? Call Meredith Westgate, 898-9245.

Condolences



It is with deep sadness that this past month we experienced the death of two much loved parishioners - Anne Kline and Alice Will. On behalf of the parish family I extend my deepest condolences to Bill Kline and his family and to Mary Snyder and her family and friends. *“May rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen”*

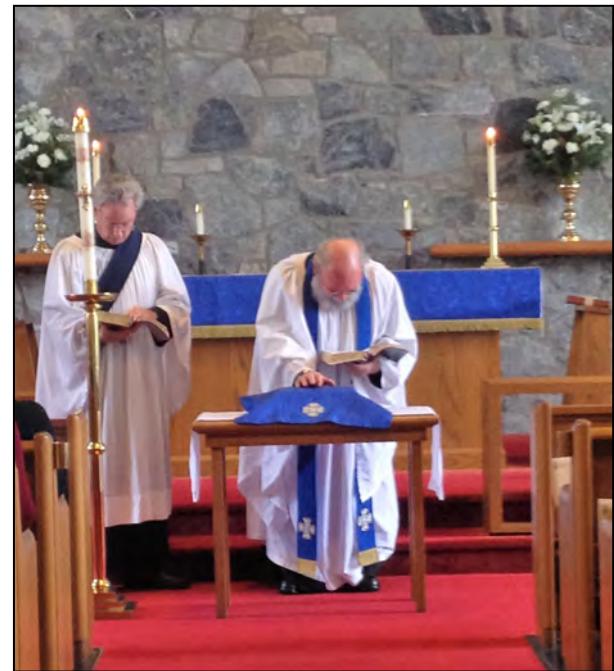
Blessings
Fr. Stephen +



Alice Will's Funeral



Ann Kline's Funeral



Annual Cookie Sale

From Facebook



At 8 am on Saturday morning...The Cookie Sale and Breakfast began. When the doors opened, there were over 60 people waiting in line for cookies...Many thanks to Mark and Barb Jakiel, Larry and Bev Hess, the Patrones, Thomas', Rose Dixon, Tina Shank, Michelle Bentley, Barbara Schultz, to name just a few of the many, many people who made this event such a success....thank you all !



La La Land, a Movie Review



By Glen Bentley

Los Angeles has been called by many "a state of mind."

And a lot of people hurl the epithet "la la land" to dismiss the place because that's the clever thing to do when you decide it's not for you or you just don't understand it.

But it is the land of the magic making industry. And we do love our movies.



But director Damien Chazelle knows better. In his exhilarating and swoony "La La Land," a modern love story told in song and dance, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone star as Seb (short for Sebastian) and Mia. Both are artists whose ambitions get in the way of romance. And vice versa. He is a jazz pianist who pays the rent by playing in a rock cover band. She's an aspiring actress working as a barista on a studio backlot.

As the characters sway in transfigured time through treasured L.A. locations such as Angels Flight, the Watts Towers and the Griffith Observatory planetarium, "La La Land" is like a documentary of a fantasy: realistic but sublime, and all captured in lollipop color by cinematographer Linus Sandgren. The color spectrum here isn't red-yellow-green-violet, it's vivid cherry-lemon-lime-grape.

We meet Seb and Mia a beat or two before they meet each other. In the film's first sequence, it's the morning rush hour on the merge from the 105 East to the 110 North. Traffic is bumper to bumper. Rather than just sit there, drivers opt for an exuberant dance on car roofs and hoods in the film's opening number, "Another Day of Sun." (The movie's songs of longing are composed by Justin Hurwitz and its dances staged by Mandy Moore, the choreographer known for her work on the reality TV show "So You Think You Can Dance.")

Amid this burst of joy, Sebastian, trapped behind Mia's car while she is distracted from the wheel, honks and maneuvers his retro convertible past her sedan and flashes his displeasure.

Retro modernism is "La La Land's" visual theme—and its narrative conflict. Seb is a jazz purist (not unlike the music taskmaster played by J.K. Simmons in Chazelle's previous film, "Whiplash"). When Seb is hired by Keith (John Legend) to join his jazz fusion band, Keith confronts him: "How are you going to be a revolutionary if you're such a traditionalist?"

That question challenges this film that looks back to the midcentury musicals Gene Kelly made with Stanley Donen and Jacques Demy (uninterrupted, full-body dance shots) as it introduces some new moves. The latter include special effects and editing, especially the sequence in which Seb and Mia seem to dance on the stars projected on the planetarium ceiling.

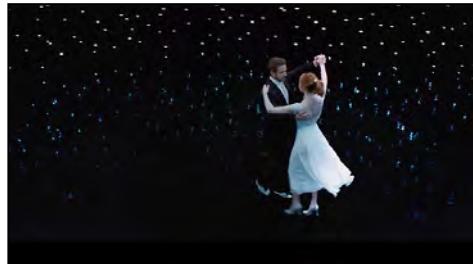
Mia's artistic ambitions are embryonic, not as fully developed as Seb's. We see her auditioning for parts she is better than, but how does an untried actor demonstrate her range when the role's range of emotion is so narrow? Through the film's songs, especially "City of Stars" and "The Audition," the actors express the characters' inner thoughts and their body language, sometimes awkward, mostly graceful.



If songs permit characters to express feelings that dialogue cannot, musicals also reveal their intentions in how the characters dance. Who leads? Who follows? Are they in sync or at odds? The subtle shifts of parity and control illustrate how, though Seb and Mia aim for a relationship of equals, each sometimes needs the support and energy of the partner to go forward. Among the film's many pleasures, its anatomy of a relationship is lovingly conceived and executed.

Chief among its delights, however, are Gosling and Stone. They surrender themselves to the characters, body and soul, which in turn makes it easy for the moviegoer to surrender to them.

You don't have to be a musical lover, to love this movie.



You just have to feel like taking a trip back to the days when musicals were very popular.

There is nothing else like this on today's movie menu.

And you might just find yourself floating out of the theater.



JANUARY



*"Laughter is the sun
that drives winter from
the human face."*

—Victor Hugo

Bishop Scanlan's Visit and The Jesse Tree Gifts



By Leslie Arnold

Thanks to all parishioners who purchased gifts for the children at COBYS and the women and children at Bridge Housing. The Jesse Tree project provided gifts to nearly 125 individuals.

Your generosity was received with great thanks and appreciation from the staff at the organizations.

When the elves of St. Edward's arrived at COBYS, we were greeted by several of the counselors who assisted with unloading. Six people made four trips to our three vehicles.

At Bridge Housing, the center director, Olga Rodriguez, was on the doorstep with a trolley ready to be loaded with our gifts.

Gifts at COBYS were distributed by each of the seven counselors to their respective family members.

At Bridge Housing, Olga meets with each woman individually to present them with the presents.

Assuredly, the fruits of our Jesse Tree put planted smiles on many faces.

Bishop Scanlan's Visit

Pictures by Leslie Arnold and from Facebook



Cole Swiernik and Bishop Scanlan



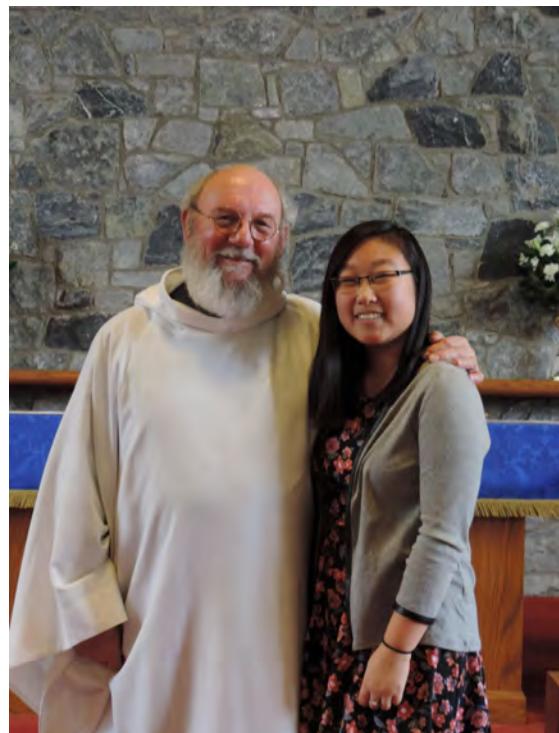
Braden Newsome and Thomas Mattson. Both boys are wearing the jewelry that Bishop Scanlan allowed them to wear during her visit.



Confirmation of Patrick Ishler



Confirmation Day!
Rosie with Bishop
Audrey Scanlan
and with The Rev.
Canon Stephen
Casey, "Father
Stephen."



Dec 11th

By Rayelenn Casey



December 11 was a great day in the church. 3rd Advent so many people dressed in Advent blue, or Gaudete pink.

The mortgage was umbilically burned – St. Edward's is debt-free .



The larger group is the "blue" group (i.e., Everyone who wore blue for advent); The smaller group is the confirmants.

Many Hands Prepare for Christmas

By RayeLenn Casey



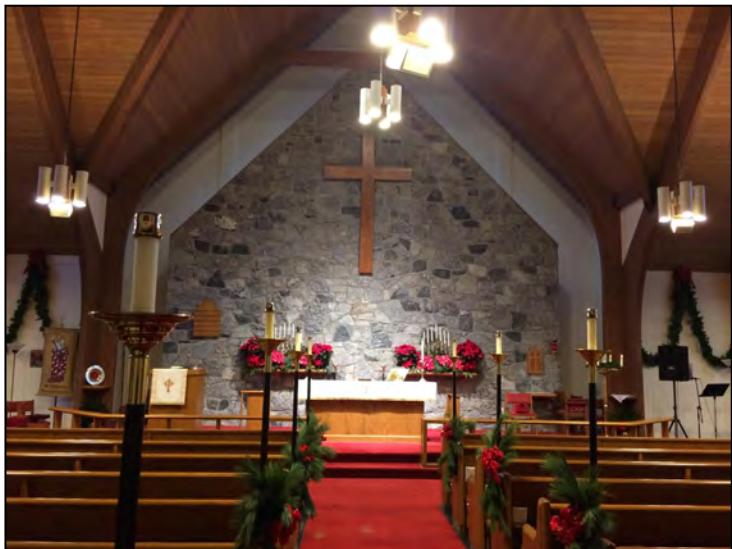
The Hanging of the greens.



Did you know that every year on Advent IV The Polishers go to work?



Christmas Eve



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- ♦Bradley Mattson(2019)
- ♦Brian Newsome (2018)
- ♦Mike Patron (2017)
- ♦Peg Reiley (2017)
- ♦Henry Spire (2018)
- ♦Becky Troop (2019)

Worship Services

Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (said)

10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Contemporary Service (2nd Sunday, Sept – May).

Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Eucharist with healing

Saturday

5:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II (Third Saturday)