

# Sharing the Good News of God!

Shrewsbury Parish

Quarterly Newsletter  
Oct Nov Dec



## A WORD FROM THE RECTOR

Many moons have passed since our last Parish Newsletter. Peggy Samuels was a gifted editor but her internship as a Deacon Postulant at St. Paul's, Kent and her professional life have made it impossible to continue to serve as our editor. My thanks to Darcey Schoeninger, our Parish Administrator, who is taking on the task of *Interim Editor*, so we can provide an edition before the year's end.

There is much to celebrate at Shrewsbury. Our participation in the Sacred Spaces workshops confirms that we have several "assets" in this historic site. Often when thinking of assets, we may believe we are focusing on finances and endowments. While they clearly fall under the category of important and sustainable assets, the Sacred Spaces training helped us understand that our people, grounds, historic church, and cemetery are rightly understood to be poised to be of service to God and our community at large. We are undertaking a team process to consider some unique approaches to doing just that. In the weeks and months to come, we will be involving the entire gathered congregation in "asset mapping" and in turn, dream for a future together that is outward focused and engages a wide variety of people. Stay tuned for what lies ahead. I am excited. I hope and pray you will be too.

As the liturgical year comes to a close this month, we will then celebrate the important and meaningful season of Advent. Slight changes to the Sunday service help us mark the change in season and relish the overall simplicity of the message of Emmanuel, "God is with us."

Indeed my friends, God is truly "with us," in thought, word, and deed. God is enmeshed in your very being and your lives at worship, at your jobs and schools, within the confines of your homes. God is the source of all your blessings and gifts and God is with you when you face the hardships of life and living.

We live in a sacred space when we consciously seek to know God and serve God to the very best of our abilities. Thank you for continuing day in and day out to do just that. And thank you for being the Church, the people of God, inhabitants of a sacred space on this earth.

Blessings Always,  
Henry+



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### Interested in Daughters of the King?

Please see Karen Reed, call 410-778-6114, or email [kltr@basiscisp.net](mailto:kltr@basiscisp.net). Daughters of the King (DOK) is an international Episcopal Order for women, both lay and ordained, who are united through the practice of prayer, service and evangelism. Shrewsbury Parish is one of four parishes in the Diocese of Easton with a DOK chapter. Interested women are encouraged to join the this prayerful order. More information about the organization is also available at [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org).



## PRAYER REQUESTS?

Daughters of the King Sisters of Rebecca Matoaka Chapter welcomes prayer requests from the Shrewsbury Parish family and friends. Please email your requests to: [doksrmprayers@googlegroups.com](mailto:doksrmprayers@googlegroups.com).

Requested prayers will be included in the intercessory prayers of the Daughters of the King for one month's time and requests may be renewed by email. All prayer requests are confidential.

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*Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!*  
*Psalm 66:20*

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## THANKSGIVING OUTREACH PROJECT DEADLINE NOVEMBER 17

This year there are at least 18 Shrewsbury families receiving a turkey and other Thanksgiving food items. Please purchase items from the list below and drop off in the Parish Hall. Turkeys are being provided, so no need to buy turkeys this year.

**All non-perishable items are needed by Sunday, November 17th so that we have a week to get all missing items, to bag and distribute on Sunday, November 24th.**

**Cloth bags for carrying food items for each family**

**Bags of rice, potatoes, beans and onions**

**Fresh carrots and fruit**

**Canned soups, beans, corn and fruit**

**Boxed cookies**

**No other boxed items requested**

Acme Gift Cards or monetary donations are welcome. Drop off at the Parish office. Make checks payable to Shrewsbury Parish Church Outreach Program.

*Thank you so much for helping us with this very worthwhile project.* Nan Voorhees. 410.348.5612 and Sue Edson, 410.348.2159

## KNITTING AND CROCHET PROJECT



*Blankets for the Red Cross by Pam Quarstien*

A wide array of knit and crocheted projects including lap robes, shawls, hats, gloves, and slippers were created for donation to veterans at the Perry Point veterans' hospital and home in October and to homeless people in our community.

The items were given to the Red Cross Division SAF Manager Yolanda Gainwell at the 10 am service on October 13. The Red Cross thanked us and said that the items will go to military hospitals and homes throughout Maryland. They appreciate items for this group and once again welcome small baby items for pregnant service women.

## POINSETTIAS



If you wish to donate a flower for Christmas in remembrance or celebration of loved ones, complete the form below and return to: Church Office, Collection Plate, or Carol Niemand (703)864-7139 by **Wednesday, December 11th** to meet the order deadline.

*The Altar Guild has ordered poinsettias to be placed in the church for Christmas memorials or honorariums. The price is \$12 per pot. If you would like to reserve one or more, please fill out the form below and leave in the church office with your check made payable to: **Shrewsbury Church**, and poinsettia in the memo line.*

*Questions? contact Carol Niemand 410.778.3931; mscarolniemand@gmail.com*

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In loving memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In living memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of flowers \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ROBERTA BROWN  
REPRESENTS  
SHREWSBURY AT  
THIS POPULAR  
TELEVISION SHOW**

The details of Roberta's experience at a recent taping is a fun and enlightening account of how the process works and gives us insight into a part of Shrewsbury's long and storied history.



## SHREWSBURY AT ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

Early this year, Parish Assistant Treasurer, Roberta Brown, won tickets to a taping of the Antiques Roadshow which was held at the Winterthur Museum in Delaware. It was the last stop on their 2019 tour and will be featured on several shows in 2020 (use your favorite search engine to find times—though our silver is not featured on air). All who attended were asked to bring one or two items for evaluation. Roberta took the Parish's historic Bayly Chalice and Paten communion set for review. The set is described in the book "A History of Shrewsbury Parish Church" by Kathryn DeProspero.

The Road Show process starts with a preliminary review and categorization of items that are then assigned to a specific group of volunteer appraisers.

Our silver was assigned to "Decorative Arts & Silver", and assigned to volunteer appraiser Sebastian Clarke of Rago Arts and Auction Center in Lambertville, NJ. DeProspero's book notes the chalice and paten were made by John Bayly of Philadelphia (1750 - 1800) and donated by the ladies of the parish in the early 1840s. Clarke was impressed with the items and did quite a bit of research. He said

there is very little documentation of early American silver, the textbooks are "not great", and there are very few transactions to establish comparable values. There are several references that Bayly lived from 1720 to 1789 and appears to have been a very small maker from 1754 to 1783. His works are held by two museums: the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and the Clark Museum in Massachusetts. The chalice has Bayly's maker's mark "IB", as well as indications of construction typical of that time period.

He dated the chalice between 1750 and 1760 and estimated its value of \$7,000 - \$10,000 for insurance purposes. He has less confidence in the history of the paten, however, saying the bottom is far too smooth to be consistent with construction circa 1750. A more accurate estimate would be that it was made closer to the time that it was donated (1840s) and estimated its value of \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Since the appraisal, the silver has been returned to the Parish and locked up for safe keeping. Look for it to reappear on the altar for Christmas, Easter, and special festival celebrations of the Eucharist.



## DOK SISTERS OF REBECCA MATOAKA GOURD-GEOUS SAINTS EVENT

Sisters of Rebecca Matoaka Chapter served over 60 children during their annual Gourd-geous Saints event in October during the Farmer's Market in Chestertown.

Painting gourds, sharing Bible stories, and free spiritual giveaway bags filled the beautiful fall morning. Participating in the event were (from left): Pam Quarstein, Nicole Wagner and daughter Isabell Requena, Cherilyn Widell, Emily

Cassidy, Joyce Jones, and Chapter President Karen T. Reed. The next scheduled event in Fountain Park is Footprints of Easter in mid/late March 2020...join in the fun!



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*Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus.*  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

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## ALTAR FLOWERS 2020

Each Sunday the flowers on the altar are donated for memory or personal celebration. If there are any changes or additions to your week, please contact Sue Coleman. Please let the altar guild member know if you want the flowers after the service and they will be put into a container for you. Otherwise, they can be given to someone who is ill or in need or cheer.



## ANNIVERSARIES



Do we have  
your birthday  
and/or  
anniversary  
information?  
Email us at shrews-  
burychurch@gmail.com

### October

03 Doug & Mary Megargee

### November

09 Karen & Chuck Reed

22 John & Harriet Silcox

### December

05 Rick & Kelly Schelts

## BIRTHDAYS

### October

03 Eliza Mendoza  
04 Paige Megargee  
08 RJ Crow  
08 Paul Samuels  
09 Mike Browne  
10 Jerry Clabaugh  
10 Harriett Lusby  
10 Pam Quarstein  
12 Sue Coleman  
13 Coty Schelts  
19 Mary Lou Pagella

### November

01 Joyce Jones  
13 Karen Boulden  
19 Virgil Randolph

### December

01 Carol Orange  
02 Bob Holland  
09 Fr. Henry Sabetti  
15 Ann Davis  
20 Margaret Randolph  
21 Jenny Randolph  
21 Mary Elma Sutton  
23 Will Hughes  
25 Harold "Bunk" Miller  
29 Mary Watson  
31 Barbara Lloyd

## UPCOMING SERVICES & SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Thanksgiving Eve, November 27th**

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with The Litany of Thanksgiving

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Right Reverend Santosh Marray, XI Bishop of Easton

*All are most welcome to join in a celebration of giving thanks to God for our many blessings.*

At 5:00 p.m. a Chicken Pot Pie dinner will be served. Please tell us if you plan to join us.

### **Christmas Eve 5:00 and 9:00 p.m.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II (With Organ and Christmas Hymns)

Christmas Day: Holy Eucharist Rite I (Spoken Service) at 10:00 am

### **\*Northern Convocation**

Monday, December 9th at 7:00 pm at St. Paul's, Kent

Monday, February 10th at 7:00 pm at Shrewsbury Parish, Kennedyville

*\*These meetings are expectations for all Convention Delegates and Treasurers.*

### **The Annual Parish Meeting**

Sunday February 23, 2020. Please mark your calendars now. More information to follow.

### **151st Convention of the Diocese of Easton**

Saturday March 7, 2020 (One day), Christ Church, Stevensville

### **Bishop's Annual Visitation to Shrewsbury Parish**

Sunday March 29, 2020

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, XI Bishop of Easton

7:30 am and 10:00 am

## SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The committee thanks everyone who supported the outreach for school supplies and October for socks, stocking hats, and gloves for the homeless. Your continued support is needed for upcoming projects.

Nan Vorhees and Sue Edson have taken the lead for the Thanksgiving outreach. For the Christmas season we will be sponsoring several projects. Maggie Cummings and Carol Orange will lead the Angel Tree project. Sue Coleman will spearhead the 4H Toys for Tots. There will also be support for Angels in the Attic. More details will be in the Sunday Service Sheet or contact the people heading each program. We are so grateful for a parish that cares so deeply for others. We welcome you to be a part of our committee on a one-time or ongoing basis.

Please join us at the next meeting **January 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.** in the parish hall.

Roberta Lewin, who died November 6, 2019, was active in the church for many years. A new play, *Miracle*, written by her husband, is dedicated to her memory. It opens at Church Hill Theatre on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, for six performances, closing on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Our class for teens and anyone interested in confirmation in the Episcopal Church will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. every other Monday night.

This class is led by The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sinnott, Vicar of La Sagrada Familia de Jesus. Members of La Sagrada and Shrewsbury will attend together every other Monday up until the April 5th Confirmation with Bishop Marray here at Shrewsbury.

Please contact Dr. Sinnott or Father Sabetti if you are interested in attending or would like more information on the confirmation process in the Episcopal Church.

A schedule sheet is posted in the parish hall on the bulletin board.

## BIBLE DONATION REQUEST

Our children depend on us to help them appreciate the Bible as the Church's own book. Many good children's Bibles and storybooks are available from publishers. It is important that every child have a Bible to call his or her very own.

The NIV Adventure Bible, is described as "Ready for Adventure? Embark on a fun, exciting journey through God's Word with the NIV Adventure Bible-now in full color throughout! Along the way you'll meet all types of people, see all sorts of places, and learn all kinds of things about the Bible. Most importantly you'll grow closer in your relationship with God"

This Bible, for a Case of 16 Hardcover and Jacketed, costs \$254.49. The Children's Sunday School would love a donation of these Children's Bibles, please consider.





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SHREWSBURY PARISH IS A CARING COMMUNITY OF FAITHFUL PEOPLE CREATED BY GOD, REDEEMED BY THE SON, AND EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. OUR MISSION IS TO JOYFULLY RADIATE GOD'S LOVE AND TO LIVE IN CHRIST.

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## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 2019 at 9 AM**

We will green our Veteran's Graves by laying swags of green on the graves of eight World War I Veterans and on six Veterans of the Revolutionary War (1775-1781) including General John

Cadwalader, eight Veterans of the War of 1812 (1812-1814) and other wars as well depending how many swags we make.

Friday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m. we will be cutting and creating these swags in the Parish Hall.

Please join us. Last year it took us about 2 hours to make the swags and 30 minutes to place them on the graves. Come for fellowship, hot chocolate and cookies while we remember the men and women who have fought to keep our country free.

Any questions? Please contact Pam Quarstein 410.708.3948

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*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*  
*Philippians 4:9*

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### **Adult Forum**

Last year we had an extraordinary journey together in Spiritual Formation and our Adult Forum. We learned about spiritual gifts, took a survey and found out about our own spiritual gifts and then, using our 50 hours of Service Booklet, took our gift to the community to share the love of God. Beginning today we will be looking at how to actually "Love our neighbor as our self." We will be studying the many references to this commandment in the Bible, the story of the Good Samaritan, and we will learn ways together on how to show God's love through listening. We will also be using our new learning skills to actually "love our neighbors" traveling by twos or threes beyond our own neighborhood. Then, we will return and share our experiences in the Adult Forum. Sound interesting? Join us today at 8:45 a.m. Stay late or come early for your 7:30 or 10:00 a.m. service. We guarantee that you will be blessed!!

*The Adult Formation Committee*



# GIVE THANKS

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## **FRIDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM**

Please join us.

We will cut boxwoods and use ribbons to create holiday swags for the graves of our veterans. Last year it took about two hours to make the swags and 30 minutes to place them on the graves. Join us for fellowship, hot chocolate and cookies as we remember the women and men who sacrificed to keep our country free.

## **SATURDAY, December 14 at 9:00 a.m.**

We will be laying swags of green on the graves of eight World War I Veterans as well as greens on six Veterans of the Revolutionary War (1775-1781) to include General John Cadwalader, eight Veterans of the War of 1812 (1812-1814) and other wars as well depending how many swags we make. Any questions? Please contact Pam Quarstein 410.708.3948

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