

CHRIST CHURCH PARISH

BORDENTOWN, NJ



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH

We extend a welcome to all visitors who are worshipping with us today. Christ Church is truly a beautiful edifice, erected and appointed to the Greater Glory of Almighty God. Herein you find all things in their proper place; everything focused toward the Altar, the center of our worship. The windows in the Nave depict some of the fathers of the early Church, both English and Latin. The Rood shows our Savior, robed as a Priest, with the right hand in Blessing. The Chapel forms a quiet restful spot where, before the Blessed Sacrament, one may kneel in supplication and reverence. We are proud of our worshipful Church and invite you to share its benefit. Come in, rest, pray apart from the world. Surely God is in His Holy Temple.

All who confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, have been baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, are repentant of their sins and believe the Blessed Sacrament to be the true Body and Blood of Christ are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. We hope that you will enter fully into worship by joining in the prayers, responses and hymns. Because our worship may be unfamiliar to those not raised in the Episcopal Church, feel free to ask the assistance of those around you in following and participating in the liturgy. If you are in search of a church home, we invite you to join us in worship, fellowship and service. Please sign the guest register at the church entrance so we may have a record of your visit

Restrooms are located in the Parish House, and are accessible through the double doors by the pulpit or by exiting through main doors and accessing the House by way of the side door.

Pastoral Emergencies such as sickness, hospitalization, or the death of a loved one should be directed to Fr. Matt at 732.859.5823. Father is happy to respond to your needs even if you are not a parishioner, so please do not hesitate to call.

*The Clergy, Vestry, and People of Christ Church wish you and yours
a very merry Christmas.*

CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 A.M. LOW MASS W. CAROLS

The page numbers refer to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer found in your pew. Hymns may be found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

ORGAN *Noël sur les flûtes*

Louis Claude D'Aquin (1694-1772)

The Congregation stands at the ringing of the bell.

HYMN 12 *O come, all ye faithful (omit vs. 4 & 5)*

Adeste Fidelis

OPENING SALUTATION AND RESPONSE

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COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW

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KYRIE ELEISON

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GLORIA

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PROPER COLLECT

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The Congregation may be seated for the Lessons.

LESSON *Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7*

EPISTLE *Titus 2:11-14*

The Congregation stands for the Sequence Hymn and the Gospel.

HYMN 30 *The first Nowell (vs. 1,2 & 6)*

The First Nowell

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-20*

SERMON

Fr. Tucker

The Congregation stands for the Creed.

NICENE CREED

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The Congregation kneels for the Prayers.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE *The people may greet one another in the Name of the Lord with a bow or wave*

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INTENTIONS OF THE MASS

V. Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord

R. ***And let light perpetual shine upon them.***

V. ✠May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in the peace. ***Amen.***

OFFERTORY

The Congregation stands for the Hymn.

HYMN 42 *Angels we have heard on high*

Gloria

THE MASS OF THE FAITHFUL

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The Congregation kneels for the Canon of the Mass.

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THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE	

As soon as the Celebrant has finished distributing Holy Communion to the altar party, the members of the Congregation should approach the altar rail. All Christians baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord. Others who instead wish to receive a blessing may also come and kneel at the altar rail. The Celebrant will know to bless those who bow their heads and cross their arms over their chest. After receiving the Blessed Sacrament or a blessing, return to your pew and kneel or sit, as you are able.

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The Congregation stands for the Last Gospel.

THE LAST GOSPEL

HYMN 27 *Hark! The herald angels sing*
ORGAN *Nöel Suisse*

Mendelssohn
Louis Claude D'Aquin

PRAYERS & DEDICATIONS

The flowers and greens which decorate the church and chapel in celebration of the Nativity are given in memory of the many loved ones listed in the Christmas Memorials brochure, copies of which may be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



the sick: Marc Mercantini, Harry Vale, James Tucker, Jacob Bonser, Patricia Dixon, Christiana Carty, Joseph Carson III, Darrell Vigh, Karen Kwietnieski-Casais, Earl Reading, Reagon Condron, Russell Childs, Lisa Jones, Patty MacAllister, Scott O'Brien, John Miosz, Mary Koch, Sava Nedic, Aimee Kurtis, Walter Easley, Frank Corbo, Josephine Corbo, Kathy Gabel, Alanna Bellflower, John Haney, Sharon Kedzierski, Marcus Behrsin, Sean Higgins, Howard Dreskin, Kathy Buckland, Daryl Albury, Val Jackson, Bruce Smith, Sarah Talpis, Alexander Ounjian, Dennis Russell, Michele Hartpence, Renee Formica, Alexandra Mckallagat, and Isabelle Adams.

and those who have long term illnesses: Donna Fritz, Carl Hasson, Stephen Vigh, Mark Casais, Dixon Leavers, Dawn Matthews, Lucy Janicelli, Zachary Birnbaum, Shelly Eberhart, Robert Geneski, Maureen Rees, Gary Rutherford, Charles Martin, Alice Ward Carriger, Carla Douglas, Ryan Murray, Justin McCafferty, Zachary McCafferty, Kelly Bergen, Hannah McNinch, The Rev. Ted Anderson, R. Loraine Burke, Mackenzie Sutter, Daniel Applegate, Jennifer Vigh, Jim Tranter, Jonathan Okeson, Mary Dallmann, Bob Bernard, Pat Templ, Danielle Morgan, Jai Autar, Emma Burris, Gloria Jones, Kelley Gilger, Emma Carver, Lori Forenson, Michael Chahanovich, Rita Haney, Sue Kelly, Sister Angela, Sister Gussie, Dee Watkins, Marge Lee, Michael Slaper, Robert Fritz, Lynn Muller, Holly Jones, Irene Fithian, Cheryl Kranz Bach, Brian Nguyen, Brianne Nicosia, Carl Hasson, Susan Sietz, Frank Clebock, Ron Clebock, Jennifer Millar, Kelly Zsenak, and Robert Burke

and for those in military service: Ben Skarzynski, USMC; Chris Neal, USN; Jacob Foerter; USAFR; Samuel Manion, USA.

celebrating a birthday this week: Riley Woodrick, Dennis Brown, Robin Nosari, Evan Cartwright, Darrell Vigh, Rylee Collins, Derek Fiabane, Mark Casais, Devon Vlahovic, Piper Hensley, Marianne Jackson, and Eric Pullen.

celebrating an anniversary of their nuptials: Joseph & Gayle Carson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COME CELEBRATE the manifestation of our Lord to the Gentiles on **Thursday, January 6, at 7pm.**

OUTREACH REPORT: Thanks to your generosity, six families had wish lists fulfilled this Christmas. Several deliveries were also made this week to Providence House, WomanSpace, the Burlington County Animal Shelter, Souls4 Soles, and to other charitable partners.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are available for pickup on the front table outside the church office. If you don't find a box with your name on it and would like envelopes, please call the church office at 298-2348 or email - office@ccbtown.com.

THE ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP PACKET AND FINANCIAL INTENTION CARD for our support of Christ Church in 2022 was distributed to all households on our mailing list. Please return the card as soon as possible, as the Vestry is charged with creating and approving an operating budget for 2022. Extra pledge cards are located on the table at the back entrance of the church.

BLESSING BOX: Donations of travel-sized items such as toothpaste, deodorant, baby powder, razors and shaving cream, soap, hand sanitizer, and the like are always needed and can be placed in the basket in the back of the church. Please contact Donna Kirk at the Parish office 298-2348 or email office@ccbtown.com with any questions.

PROJECTS PAGE: A page has been set up on our website with examples of projects that would beautify our churchyard and contribute to its ease of use. Please let Fr. Matt or Mary Ellen Carty know if you would like to take on a project or donate towards its completion. The page can be found at www.ccbtown.com/projects.html.

SOLES4SOULS: Our shoe drive continues to bring in a wonderful number of shoes for those in need. Keep this in mind during your fall cleaning of unwanted/unused shoes you may want to donate. Thank you!

Advent Letter, 2021

As I've told you all many times, Christmas is my favorite holy day, but part of why I love Christmas so much is because I love the season of Advent. Out come our gorgeous purple vestments and altar frontal, the Advent wreath (more candles!), and the readings turn to prophecy, signs, and portents, to the advent of the Christ Child and to the second advent, His glorious return. And, of course, Advent calendars!

The calendar in the Rectory, as you might imagine, is an Advent calendar made for cats. Trader Joe's sells one with salmon and dried seaweed flavored cat treats. When I looked online to see if they were going to be selling them this year, I stumbled upon a short history of Advent calendars.

The calendars as we know them came out of a mid-19th Century tradition in Germany, when families would make chalk marks on doors or light candles each day of Advent. A printed version was produced in a German newspaper; eventually it was attached to cardboard and featured the little doors hiding treats or Bible verses.

Then things got a little, well, sinister. The Nazis weren't real big on Jesus being Jewish, and so they attempted to turn Christmas into a holiday celebrating "the fatherland." In 1943, a full-color calendar was produced by the Third Reich for distribution to German mothers; it included, among other things, designs that incorporated swastikas and other Nazi symbols. It's chilling, as you might imagine.

Following the war, with the war on Christmas defeated with the Nazis and the theme returned to Christmas as we know it, Advent calendars made their way stateside thanks to the boom in production and the GIs who sent them home to their families. They got a boost in popularity when Newsweek published a photograph of President Dwight D. Eisenhower's grandchildren with an Advent calendar in 1953.

Advent calendars are part of the great fun that accompanies the great joy of receiving once again the Christ Child at Christmas. No matter if they are filled with chocolate, Bible verses, or are simple chalk marks on a door, they help us mark time, center our hearts and minds on Jesus, and reminds us, even as the darkness encroaches, that the Light of the World has come, and will come again.

I pray that the Lord will bless you as you mark the time this Advent, and grant you His joy and His peace this Christmas.

Right Onward,

--MT+

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Schedule for the Week of 26 December

Sunday, 26 December

Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:00 a.m. Sung Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Monday, 27 December

Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist

Church office closed

Tuesday, 28 December

The Holy Innocents

Wednesday, 29 December

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury

7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting

Thursday, 30 December

Josephine Butler, 1906

10:00 a.m. Low Mass

Friday, 31 December

Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, 355

Saturday, 1 January

The Most Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, 2 January

The Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 a.m. Low Mass
10:00 a.m. Sung Mass
7:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting