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# *Shrewsbury Parish*

A family of faith since before 1687



*9:00 a.m. Virtual Service*

*Shrewsbury Parish Church built 1835*

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.

## **Pastoral Care**

**Should you wish to speak with a priest or have a pastoral emergency, please contact the Rector, Fr. Henry Sabetti at 301-418-0908.**

**Please direct any prayer requests to the Rector or to place a name on the Parish Prayer List contact the Parish Administrator at 410-3498-5944 or [shrewsburychurch@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburychurch@gmail.com)**

**The Service will be available on our Facebook page. It can also be accessed later in the week on our website homepage.**

### **The Ministers of Shrewsbury Church:**

**The Entire Congregation**

**Mr. Ran Crawford, Senior Warden**

**Mr. Rich Walls, Junior Warden**

**Mr. Rob Busler, Cemetery Warden**

**Mrs. Mary Lou Pagella, Treasurer**

**Mrs. Roberta Brown, Associate Treasurer**

**Mmes. Catherine and Wendy Davis, Altar Guild**

**The Reverend Stephan Klingelhofer, Adult Christian Education**

**Ms. Nicole Wagner, Acolytes Guild**

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**Mr. John Silcox, Ushers' Guild**

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**Mrs. Nicole Wagner, Registrar**

**Ms. Sue Coleman and Ms. Faith Spear, Social Ministries Committee**

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**Mr. Kevin Wekke, Minister of Music**

**The Very Reverend Henry M. Sabetti, Rector, Dean of Northern Convocation**

**The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sinnott, D. Min., Hispanic Missioner**

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### **This Week at Shrewsbury**

**Sunday (29 November) The First Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Streaming Live on our Facebook Page**

**Monday (30 November)**

**Tuesday (1 December)**

**Wednesday (2 December)**

**Thursday (3 December)**

**1:00 p.m. Clergy Group (Zoom)**

**Saturday (5 December)**

**11:00 a.m. Burial Service for Elizabeth**

**Anne Kolodny**

**Sunday (6 December) The Second Sunday of Advent**

**9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**Streaming Live on our Facebook Page**

**November 29, 2020**  
**The First Sunday of Advent**

**The Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language—the *coming* of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ *is* coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so we light the first candle, the candle of hope, and dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.

*First candle is lit.*

**All: Loving God, as we enter this Advent season,  
We open all the dark places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ.  
Show us the creative power of hope.  
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,  
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

**Benediction/Commission and Blessing**

Take time, in the busyness of this season, for quiet reflection—  
For the light of God’s love is discernible everywhere.

**We will let ourselves be surprised by wonder,  
And set aside time to offer quiet thanks.**

The good news of Advent is this:  
Christ is coming. Christ is always coming.

**We will welcome Christ into our hearts.  
We will let ourselves be guided by his ministry.  
We will go forth from this place in hope.**

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy

Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Collect for The First Sunday of Advent**

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The Lessons (sitting)**

#### **The First Lesson – A reading from -**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.  
You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord  
*People: Thanks be to God.*

**The Psalm                      Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
**shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
**stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
**how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
**you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
**and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
**give us life, that we may call upon your Name.**
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
**show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

**The Epistle - A reading from**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless

on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The Word of the Lord*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### **The Gospel**

**Mark 13:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Sermon**

**The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti**

**(Followed by a period of reflective silence)**

### **The Nicene Creed (standing)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all**

**that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People II**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_].

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present*

I ask your prayers for \_\_\_\_.

I ask your thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially \_\_\_\_ whom we remember today].

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Greetings Announcements, and Blessings**

**The Holy Communion**

**The Doxology**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:*

The Lord be with you.



*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Celebrant and People:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be sung or said: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. *[and may add]* Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion** (For those viewing the service)

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live and die in your love. **Amen.**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

All persons are welcome to receive the Body of Christ.  
*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words:*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [**Amen.**]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**The Dismissal**

Deacon: Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia*

### **Today's Lay Ministers**

Lay Reader and Acolyte: Roberta Brown

Altar Guild: Catherine Davis and Harriet Silcox

Worship Space Preparation and Recording Services: Kelly Schelts  
and Rich Walls

*Many thanks for your service!*

### **911 Numbers**

**Parish Hall**      12824

**Church**      12828

**Rectory**      12822

**Brown House**      12830



*The flowers on the Altar were given to the Glory of God in loving memory of  
of Grant Gross by Liz Gross.*

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**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Right Reverend Jorge Pina Cabral, Bishop of the Lusitanian Church.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** We give thanks for the witness of God's people who serve as elected representatives to the Standing Committee and to Diocesan Council, and for the leadership they offer.

**Parish Cycle of Prayer:** Mike and Nancy Browne; Robert Bryan; Marc, Shawna, Jack, Cotter, Aidan and Colin Buckley.

**Parish Ministry Cycle of Prayer:** In thanksgiving for the season of Advent.

**Prayers For:** Paule Alese, Jane Barrett, Carol Beaven, Eila Bennett, John Blecka, Linda Goddard Bickford, A.K. Carey, Gail Carter, Jo Clark, Lee Davis, Marit Davis, Tucker Davis, Jim Ehrlich, Jennifer Ervin, Bob Finnell, Karen and George Gardner, Rebekah Gerard, Trudie Groves and family, Beth Velletri Hamilton, Monica Hamilton, Charlie Hawkins, Barbara Henderson, Allison Hicks, Julia Hollweck, O'Neal Holmes, Maryvone Horney, Garet Hunt, Jackie Jablecki, Len Klein, Ron and Joyce Lardon, Darren Leonard, Rick Lessard, Nika Lively, Barbara Lloyd, Blake Lusty, David Mallery, Jeff Martin, Philip Martin Jr., Jo Ann Ninneman, Corry Nye, Linda Pasley, Pam Quarstein, Philip Rosenberg, Wyatt Russum, Larry Samuels, Carol Ann Sartoris, Linda Savino, Kiera Seyd, Raina Seyd, Katelyn Siple, Benjamin Smoot, Jim Stevenson, Tom Sweeny, Michael Terry, Isaiah Wallace, Chris Wallman, Jay Washburn, Lisa Webb, David Welch, Denise, Marianne, Jo and Bill, Graham, John, Robby, Cindy, Tom, Sonya, Bozena, Diane M., Maggie, Laura and Craig, Nadia and Becca Rudy, Agu and Teresa, Bob, Susan, Karen, Ronnie, Jenn, The Javins Family, Janie, Dan, Brett, Stacy, Clay and Jackie, Beth, Karen

**Those serving in the Armed Forces:** Ted Greeley, Jeff Gross, Jr., Adam Jacquet, Drew Joiner, Nick Kendall, Josh Kenyon, Adam Marlatt, Alex Francis Rees, Alex Reeves, Ryan Reider, Sean Wynn, Kyle, Gabby, Phillip, Ryan Bickley, Michael, Lane, Nicholas Blades and Jonathan Campbell.

## **Adult Spiritual Formation**

This Fall as we read and discuss a storied Franciscan priest's insights into the universality of Christ, we extend a special invitation to all, and especially to former Roman Catholics to study with us.

We will be reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr, *How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe - Mapping the Soul's Journey to God*.

There is a spiritual pattern in many stories about the soul. People move from what they thought they always knew to what they now fully recognize. Sounds a lot like what we have all been feeling during this Pandemic, doesn't it?

Spend a few minutes, safely and social distanced from others, together again in the middle of this pandemic and take time to feed your soul. Move from what you think you always knew but now fully recognize and see God in a whole new way.

The book, *The Universal Christ* and its study guide are available on Amazon Books. For more information contact Kelly Schelts or Cherilyn Widell.

### ***Join us on Today, November 29***

when we offer Adult Formation on Zoom at 10:00 a.m. after worship.  
A link to the meeting will be sent by email each week before Sunday.

## Flower Ministry



Anthony's flowers have been very gracious during this year of change. Flowers have been provided by parishioners when Shrewsbury began the outside service. If you are the provider of flowers November and December, they will be delivered to the church and grace the altar. You can make arrangements with Sue Coleman to pick them up after the service.

Sue Coleman will be working on the 2021 Flower Chart in the beginning of December. The chart will basically remain the same as 2020 unless the provider wants to make changes. If you notice you do not have the week you asked for, it may be a calendar adjustment, especially during the Easter season. Contact Sue if you want the flowers saved for you. Please let the lady on altar duty know you want them so they can put them in a container for you. If you want special flowers or colors in your arrangement, contact Anthony's Flowers. You will be billed after your week or you may set up automatic payment with Anthony's. Please let Sue know if you have any questions or concerns. Her information is in the Church Directory.





## **Christmas Basket Project**

Just like many of other key Lions Club projects, the Christmas Basket Project is being “restructured” to keep everyone safe. There will NOT be the usual packing of food boxes at the Community Center.

The plan this year is to purchase food only gift certificates which will be sent to those who would have gotten food boxes. Instead of our time this year, the project needs our treasure in the form of donations to fund the food gift certificates. Over the years this activity has provided so much to those in our community. This year the need is even greater. Please consider making a donation payable to KENT COUNTY CHRISTMAS BASKET COMMITTEE INC.

Send your donations to the treasurer: Mr. Joseph Irr, 13886 Swantown Creek Road, Galena, MD, 21635. You might want to add on the memo line: “from a Chestertown Lions Club member”. It won’t be as much fun and writing a check won’t replace the feeling of satisfaction of a job well done but the end result, I’m sure, will be just as much appreciated.

The 4-H, is doing a toy drive. Toys will be delivered by members of Social Services and the Washington College Athletic Department.  
Thank you, Mary Lou Pagella (KLMLP)





## **SUNDAY SERVICE (Live-streamed)**

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II live-streamed  
on our Facebook page

10:00 a.m. Adult Spiritual Formation via Zoom.

***We are temporarily returning to virtual worship  
until further notice.***

The Very Reverend Henry Sabetti, Rector  
The Reverend Stephan Klingelhofer, Priest Associate  
The Reverend Dr. Thomas Sinnott, Hispanic Missioner

**Jesus is Lord!**

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