



# SAINT ANNE'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Weekly Messenger  
*news and announcements for  
the week of December 3, 2023*

## Advent Wreath Building



Sunday Dec. 3rd, 2023  
Immediately following the  
9:30 service in the  
Great Hall!

Supplies will be provided.  
Bring your own frame if you have one  
from a previous year. Frames will also  
be available if needed.

All are invited and welcome!



## Christmas Gifts for Families

Once again, Saint Anne's is partnering with Child Inc. and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence to provide Christmas gifts for families affected by domestic violence. This year, Saint Anne's has adopted 44 families, which includes 44 women and 107 children. **There are 5 families still to be adopted.** The families range in size from a mother with one child (two people) to a mother with two children (three people).

To adopt a family, please contact Julie Quackenbush via text message, email, or phone call (email: [juliehollo@yahoo.com](mailto:juliehollo@yahoo.com) cell: 202-841-1990). You may indicate the size of the family you would like to adopt, and Julie will do her best to accommodate your request. If you cannot shop for a family, you may make a financial contribution to support this ministry. On your check or online contribution, please write "Christmas gifts."

Once Julie assigns a family to you, she will provide you with each family member's Christmas wish list. For questions about this ministry, please speak with Julie.

Thank you for helping these families receive a Christmas blessing.

# 2024 Pledge Campaign

To submit your pledge, please choose one of these two options:

- 1) Complete a 2024 Pledge Card and drop it off or mail it to the church in a self-addressed stamped envelope (available at the church).
- 2) Email your 2024 pledge to [Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org](mailto:Finance@SaintAnnesChurchDE.org) and designate if your pledge amount is weekly, monthly, or annually.



Please return your financial pledge as soon as possible so the Vestry can prepare the 2024 church budget.

If you have questions about pledging or the church, don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your commitment to and support of Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, our Christian home.

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## Christmas Plant Donations

If you would like to make a Memorial or a Thank offering toward Christmas plants, please fill out this form and place it in the offering box on Sunday or bring/mail it to the Church Office by **Monday, December 11**.



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Donor's Name:

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Please make a \$40 check payable to Saint Anne's Church and note "Christmas Plants" on the memo line.

# Justice Quilt Project

organized by  
The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission  
of the Episcopal Church in Delaware



In the fall of 2022, all parishes in the Diocese were invited to participate in the **Justice Quilt Project** organized by the *Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission of the Episcopal Church in Delaware*. The Commission's vision was for each parish to design and create a 16" x 16" mini quilt that represents our journey as we live out Becoming Beloved Community.

I reached out to Barbara Masterson, an experienced quilter and parishioner for help. Barbara wholeheartedly supported the project and conceived a design that reflected Saint Anne's commitment to love, diversity, inclusion and racial equity. By the September 2023 deadline, this

striking quilt had been created! Thirteen of these beautiful creations were on display and blessed by Bishop Brown at the 239th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware on Nov. 17.

The quilt is now back home at Saint Anne's and will soon be displayed for all to enjoy and serve as witness to our journey for justice.

Diane J Dudderar



Jessie Crisfield, The Rt. Rev. Brown, Diane Dudderar, Nancy Koenig, and Barbara Masterson

# Sunday Programs for Children and Youth at Saint Anne's

## *Kids Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

*meets Sunday Mornings from 10:45am-11:15am*

- ❖ Sarah's Disciples (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- ❖ April's Saints (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- ❖ Jonathan's Apostles- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

## *The Saint Anne's Youth Group*

*meets Sunday evenings 6:00 PM -7:15 PM*

- ❖ All youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>



Each week at all services, children's bulletins are available that are based on the Bible readings for the day. Two children's bulletins are now available: age 3+ and age 7+.

*An added feature includes online games to play during the week.*

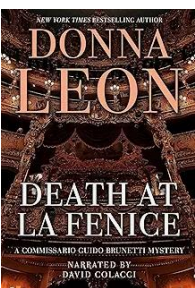
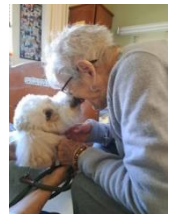
*Age 3+*

*Age 7+*



## PAWS for Faith

SAEC is excited to offer PAWS for Faith pet therapy. We have 2 wonderful teams Lisé Lavender and Luna, Nancy Koenig and Molly. They will provide individualized loving therapeutic visits with their specially trained certified gentle affectionate pets. Please contact the church office to arrange a visit.



## Women's Book Club - Tuesdays, 7:15 PM on Zoom

The Women's Book Club will be meeting on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:15 pm on Zoom. This is a chat week, but next week we will be discussing the second half of *Death at La Fenice* written by Donna Leon. It is a mystery story that takes place in Venice, Italy. For additional information, please contact Barbara Masterson at 302-378-4449 or [bjmasterson1@verizon.net](mailto:bjmasterson1@verizon.net).

## Rector's Office Hours – schedule time to meet with Fr. Russ

Tuesdays and Wednesdays between 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM. To schedule time to talk with Fr. Russ, please click on this link and follow the easy instructions; [https://calendly.com/rev-russ/office\\_hours](https://calendly.com/rev-russ/office_hours). If you want to talk with Fr. Russ but are not available during these office hours, please email or call him to find a mutually convenient time to meet.



## Food Bag Ministry



Saint Anne's collaborates with Our Daily Bread (ODB) to support their weekly food distribution ministry. ODB now accepts perishable foods: ½ gal milk, 1 lb. packages of ground beef, chicken (whole or parts), white bread, apples, oranges, and vegetables. In addition: gallon zip-loc bags, large black trash bags, bottles of water, individual packets of sweet snacks, and wipes. Please drop off items on Sunday mornings, or during Church Office hours. ODB serves lunch weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 to 1:00 PM and dinner on Mondays through Fridays from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Thank you for your continued support.

## Parish Prayers

We pray for Larry Arnold, Meta Barrow, Ann Blackmore, Sherry Burke, Samuel Conner, Jr., Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Mike Duffin, Joyce Foster, Fred Goodhart, Gabriel Greenberg, Mike Hahn, Betty Hall, Rosa Jones, Andy Kallimanis, Mariah Kramer, Eleanor Marmo, Steven Mezier, Ott Menzen, Ian O'Donnell, Sue Osborn, John Luke Pichette, Lori Stover Rader, Andrew Ranonis, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Mike Rouke, Susan Schaubert, Ben Shackelford, Paula Szczuka, Norene Taylor, Fern Toner-Horisk, Erica Trowbridge, Ron Truitt, Alexander VanderLek, Janet Vines, Jennifer Whalen-Sidwell, Phylicia Wittcock, Leslie Woods, and Haigo. We pray for Carlton Pearson who has died.



[In the Episcopal Church in Delaware](#), we pray for Saint Anne's School and Saint Andrew's School, and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

[In the Anglican Communion](#), we pray for The Church of North India (United).

## Parish Staff and Leadership

Rector: The Rev. Russell Bohner, TSSF

Minister for Children & Youth: Mandy Catalfamo

Minister for the Office: Nancy Koenig

Senior Warden: Gary Stover

Minister of Music: Damien Jones

Treasurer: Lisa Elder

Sexton: Cindy Cruz

Junior Warden: Diane Dudderar

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## Church Calendar for the week of December 3, 2023

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### Sunday, December 3 – The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

*This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website*

Annual Advent Wreath Building Workshop & Fellowship in the Great Hall

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary—10:45 AM

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM

### Tuesday, December 5

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

### Wednesday, December 6

Noonday Prayer and Old Testament Study: Torah—12:00 PM

Contemplative Prayer: Practice by Zoom—6:30 PM

Contemplative Prayer: Formation by Zoom—7:00 PM

### Thursday, December 7

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—6:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM

Theology of the Book of Common Prayer Study: Holy Eucharist—6:30 PM

### Sunday, December 10 – The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

*This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website*

Fellowship in the Great Hall following the 9:30 service

Sunday School in downstairs classrooms—10:45 AM

Old Testament Study: Torah—10:45 AM

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary—10:45 AM

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM