



OUTLOOK

December 2010 Newsletter

St. Asaph's Church is called to be a progressive Christian community

We will welcome everyone to God's table.
We will stand with those in need and advocate for the poor, the sick, the friendless and the marginalized.
We will make children central to our life as a community
We will celebrate the presence of God with joyful, engaging and inviting worship.



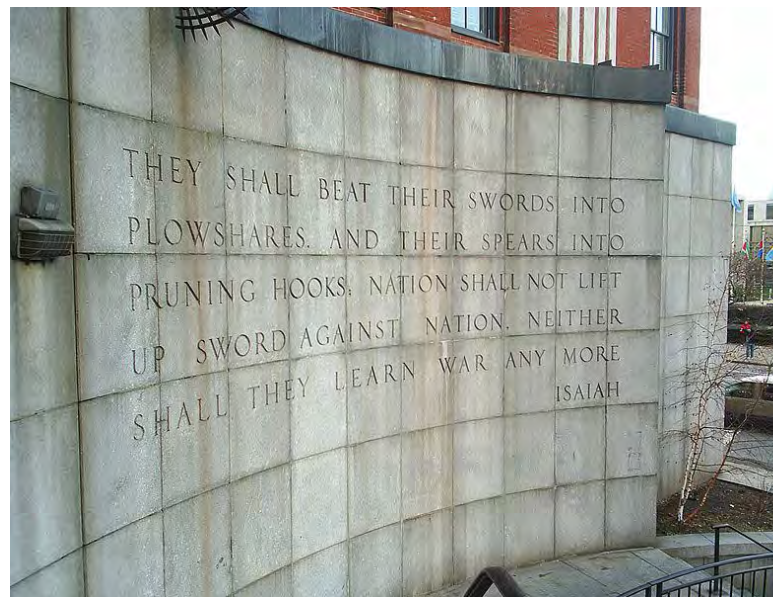
For Advent 2010

***They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.*** The Prophet
Isaiah.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Advent means arrival or coming. The time of coming is upon us. Advent is among other things a time for prophets.

Isaiah is the prophet featured in the current cycle of the Church Year. Isaiah's words are indeed graceful, haunting and expressive of our deepest yearnings. We remember that the familiar words above are the words engraved on a wall at the entrance of the United Nations. Hopefully they remind all the ambassadors of the nations of the world to be about peace over war. How difficult I find the hearing of the names of the dead military personnel each week. Isaiah's words provide for us a beautiful and grace-filled image to hold in our hearts during these cold, dark and difficult days! A special thank you to our youth who are giving a voice to the prophet this Advent season.



Theologian, Walter Brueggemann writes: "Advent is an abrupt disruption in our 'ordinary time'... an utterly new year, new time, new life. Everything begins again... Advent invites us to awaken from our numbed endurance and our domesticated expectations, to consider our life afresh in light of the new gifts that God is about to give"

Among the gifts of this season is the gift of peace. Peace is not the absence of war. Peace is the active pursuit that seeks out the well being of all people, the equal well being, that is. Peace requires even more work than war. Peace must be taught if we are to learn how to go about the doing of peace. Watch for upcoming announcements from Virginia Powell about the opportunities to explore a curriculum out of the

Montessori tradition that will help us to teach peace to our youngest children- when such a learning is most crucial.

I have been so grateful for the plowing of the property to feed the hungry among us. So nice to see some of those garden implements that remind us how easy the first steps can be- not that gardening is not hard work! It is nice to remember that there are already plow-shares among us.

Happy Advent, Happy New Beginnings, let this be the time for peace.

Barry+

Liturgy

Conversations on the Edge



Blue Lemay wrapped one of her discussions around where we find healing using the following artists. Below is a sample of some of those offerings.

“Faith Healing”, a poem by Philip Larkin.....*In everyone there sleeps a sense of life lived according to love. To some it means the difference they could make by loving others, but across most it sweeps as all they might have done had they been loved.....*

Marc Cohen’s song “Healing Hands”.....*I lay down and the light streamed across my face; I felt the beauty of some deeper grace and I tried to find my way to the other side....*



“Healing Wings” Butterfly story by Blue.....using the movie, Contact with Jodi Foster as her backdrop, Blue tells the story and poses the healing question.

In the healing discussion Blue challenges those present to go to the altar table and think about one of their most profound healing moments; then, think of two key words and write a poetic line that captures that moment.

No one wants to sit quietly during her discussions.

All Saints Day



Above is the Altar of Remembrance for All Saints Day where congregants placed mementos of loved ones who died. Roses were then strewn on the altar to symbolize the burial. Below is a photo of the cemetery where we began the liturgy for All Saints Day.



During the All Saints Day service, we celebrated the sacrament of baptism for **Kathryne Carli Moore**, daughter of **Jack and Tresh Moore**. Kathryne was born on August 25, 2010.



Kathryn's proud parents, family and friends

Children's Formation



Julia Miller

"We will make children central to our life as a community."

Advent

We celebrated the first Sunday of Advent on November 28th making Advent Wreaths.

During the four Sundays of Advent, the Children's Faith Formation as well as the Rite 13 and J2A kids will have a small part in each 10am service. For each Sunday, three Prophets will be chosen to read the Old Testament Lesson for that Sunday. (And they get to wear an Advent blue "Prophet" sweatshirt!) The reading will be provided for them. During the reading, the rest of the kids from all groups will participate in a visual representation of the reading, which involves coming forward to place simple materials which relate to the reading at the base of the Altar. These items will be provided each week and will be used as part of our pageant during the fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Pageant: The pageant for the **fourth Sunday of Advent will take place on Sunday, December 19th** at the 10am service. There will be a number of ways that the kids can participate and we will have a rehearsal for the pageant on Saturday, December 18th from 10am to noon. More details are coming soon!

I encourage you all to come and be part of worship at St. Asaph's during the season of Advent. It's so important to us that as many of the kids as possible, of all ages and their families AND the parish family, be present with us to participate for our Advent Sundays. Please come and bring your kids and bring your support OF the kids in these next weeks.

ON DECEMBER 12th AFTER THE 10AM SERVICE we will have Cookies and Caroling for local parish members and nursing facilities. The Youth Formation kids are making or buying cookies to bring. There will be sandwiches served after church while we pack the cookies for the shut ins. Everyone is welcome to come and sing with us. We will need people who are willing to

drive the short distances to local homes and facilities. Email Julia at southofcanaan@gmail.com. IMPORTANT: Some cookies we bring will need to be sugar free, for those who cannot have sugar.

Youth Formation

By Steve Sheeran

Youth Formation Winter Clothing Drive

The Rite-13 and J2A youth groups are collecting gently used winter coats, hats, mittens, gloves, shoes and boots for pre-K Property through eighth grade students at the Taggart School in South Philadelphia. Andi Gray, of St. Asaph's, is a reading specialist at the school, and she asked our youth if they could help out the students at her school by collecting gently used winter clothing. She spoke to the Rite-13 group about the students at the Taggart School and explained that more than **80% of the students live at or below the federal poverty level**. She said last winter many of the students came to school without winter clothing. So if you can, please help our youth help the students of the Taggart School by donating gently used children's winter clothing. Clothing can be dropped off in the parish hall through Sunday, December 5th.

Adult Formation

Adult Formation will continue with weekly bible study at 9 AM throughout the 4 weeks of Advent.

Church Finances

Accounting Warden, Teresa Wallace



Thanks to everyone for their positive feedback on last month's article. As we head into December, we will be generating the budget for next year. While we will not be able to wipe out our budget deficit in a single year, the goal will be to make a significant dent in reducing our on-going operating deficit. Your generosity during our recent stewardship campaign will definitely make that process easier, but it will no doubt also be necessary to make cuts to our programs that will not be as invisible as in past years. The budget committee is being formed and will present its recommendation to the vestry for the January meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions

about our finances, please do not hesitate to ask me at church or contact me via email at tawallace@gmail.com.

In other news, you should have received your pledge statement indicating your gifts to St. Asaph for the year so far. We appreciate everyone's efforts to make sure their pledge is paid in full by the end of the year. If you would like to pay your pledge by stock transfer (or would like to make an additional gift to the church!), please let me know. Some people use year-end stock transfers as a part of their tax planning; please speak to your tax advisor and he or she can advise you if this is a good strategy for you. Lynda Staton in the office or I can provide your broker with the information they will need to make the transfer. Gifts of stock help us replenish our endowment and provide us with flexibility for the future.

Stewardship

Mary Allen



The response to our pledge campaign has been phenomenal, especially in light of the financial contractions many of us are experiencing. It is clear from the enthusiastic support that the community of St. Asaph's is dear to all of our hearts. Some of us have been forced to lower

pledges; this is much better than indulging in unrealistic wishful thinking! And I want to emphasize that another part of stewardship is participation in worship, Outreach, and workdays, and I have seen a great variety of parishioners sharing in these opportunities. Thank you all!

A word about offering envelopes: It is **NOT** necessary to use envelopes if you pay your pledge by check. If you pay in cash, envelopes enable counters to give credit to your account. Those of you who requested offering envelopes will be assigned new numbers for 2011 and the envelopes will be made available late in December. If you pay monthly, you will receive one envelope for each month; if weekly, you will receive 52 envelopes. **Please remember your pledge is for January through December 2011.**

We now have pledges totaling \$186,306. This is a considerable increase over last year, and we still have a few more promised to come in. (I'll be calling you!).

Many thanks to the following parishioners:

1. Roger and Mary Allen	38. Barry Harte and Mark McCormick
2. Jeff Bacher	39. Karen Love
3. Elaine Barnes	40. Jay and Sue Love
4. Janet and John Barrett	41. Frank Schmieder and

	Nasreen Malik
5. Yvonne and Don Bartman	42. George and Marlene Milner
6. Joanne Behm and Bill Severson	43. Jack Moore
7. Laura and Bill Brennan	44. Alexais and Stephan Morgan
8. Jane Carton	45. Trish Morris and Sue Thompson
9. Dave Caudill and Penny Pether	46. Allene Murphey
10. Laurie and Steve Chawaga	47. Chuck and Linda Nelsen
11. John Chou and Teresa Wallace	48. Sally Pearne
12. Bill Clayton	49. Rafael and Christie Porrata- Doria
13. Bob and Emily Cronin	50. Diana Post and Lily Milroy
14. Audrey Dempster	51. Bob and Virginia Powell
15. Chris Dennis	52. Carolyn Ramsey
16. Neil Desnoyers and Andi Gray	53. Kay and Wayne Renneisen
17. Peter Doris	54. Barbara and Ken Rideout
18. Wendy Flegal	55. Anna Roberts
19. Joan Frank	56. Joan Roberts
20. Nicky Garvan	57. Pam and Steve Sheeran
21. Tim Gavin	58. Stephanie Shore
22. Adelle Graves	59. Liz and John Silbaugh
23. Stevie and George Graves	60. Anne Speyer
24. Roy Harker and Ranando	61. Bernie and Connie Stelzenmuller
25. Mary Ann Harshbarger	62. Linda Sterthous
26. Barry Harte and Mark McCormick	63. Kristen and Patrick Stewart
27. Gwen Hauser	64. Margaret Stineman
28. Sandra Haye	65. Frank Thomson
29. June Hiers	66. Lois Timbers
30. Norman Hjelm	67. Doris Weimar
31. Pat Hodge and Camille Torres	68. Lori Wernersbach
32. Margaret Hunting	69. Geraldine Williams
33. Kathy Hubbard and Smith Ragsdale	70. Pat Wood
34. Mabel Kollin	71. Johnathan Zellars
35. Katherine Kurtz	
36. Steve and Mary Chris Lindsay	
37. Carol Linfoot	

Property Steve Sheeran

November Work Day

Thanks to **Mary Allen, Steve Chawaga, John Chou, Emily Cronin, Bob Powell, Steve Sheeran and Teresa Wallace** for their participation in the final work day of 2010. Approximately **\$1,000.00** was saved through their efforts.

The office across from the parish administrator's office was cleaned out, shelves put up, and storm windows put in so the office can now be used by the accounting warding and the counters. The shrubs blocking the line of sight by the campus exit onto St. Asaph's Road where pruned back, all the outside hoses put away, outside water turned off, drain line in the front corner of the church unblocked, basement storage room and upstairs storage closet cleaned up, doorknob to anti sacristy put on, storms windows around the building closed and air conditioners put away. Thanks again.

Friends' Central



As part of Friends' Central Service Days eight students: **Rachel Brotman, Regena Clay, Jack Kornblatt, Gabrielle Owens, Janelle Purnell, Imani Roberson, Aaron Ross, Raj Singh** and one faculty member: **Melinda Yin** spent three days in early November at St. Asaph's and Bala House. In the mornings they worked with Steve Sheeran and in the afternoons they worked with Bala House teachers. (**Aaron Ross** is missing from the photo: the little girl is **Melinda Yin's daughter Grace**.)

They prepared an additional plot for the Philabundance garden along St. Asaph's Road, transplanted two shrubs and two trees, rechipped most of the path to the playground from the new addition, and cleaned and waxed the woodwork and doors in the church, the anti sacristy and the parish hall. Many thanks to them for all their hard work and I hope most of them will return in the spring for two more service days.

Behold what you are; become what you see.
(St. Augustine)

Outreach



Janet Barrett, chair

Bala House and St. Asaph's joined together, yet again, for our annual Thanksgiving drive for families at **Northlight Community Center** in Manayunk and **Just Children Head Start**. With your generous donation of food and money, we made up 33 Thanksgiving dinner bags with turkeys. We thank **Alexias Morgan** who stepped in to help coordinate this activity and **Steve Sheeran and Lisbet Drivdahl** who packed the bags along with their Rite 13 group. We also thank **Mary Allen** who shopped for the turkeys and delivered to Northlight and to **Janet Barrett** who shopped for last minute food supplies to complete the individual dinner menus.



Laura Brennan and her daughter Neve helped with packing the bags



From left to right: **Kevin Harte-McCormick, Steve Sheeran, Neve Brennan, Maddy Ragsdale and Lisbet Drivdahl** were also part of the hands-on bagging.



On Monday, the turkeys were added to these food bags.

Just Children Christmas Party December 11, 2010



We continue to collect gifts for children **2 to 5 year-old children** for the annual **Just Children Christmas Party** on December 11 from 12 to 2.

Myra and Lisa the director and assistant director asked that we buy gifts that are educational and family-oriented. For example: **puzzles, games, building kits, and the like**. A tree will be set up in the parlor so your donated toys can be put under the tree.

Music and Arts

Roy Harker, director of Music and Arts

An open letter to the parish of Saint Asaph's Church:



In the celebration, back in October, of our 25th anniversary, you have all given me a wonderful gift: You've help to create a moment in my life that I will relive for many years to come.

Thank you. Great food, lovingly prepared, and the generous comments

and well-wishes of everyone present made me even more aware of how grateful I am to be a part of such a thoughtful and caring community.



People measure the success and happiness in their lives in many different ways. For me, the loving and mutually embracing relationship shown me in our anniversary celebration satisfies many times over what I look for in a happy and balanced life,

I am displaying my more tangible award, the bronze tray, proudly in our home – not just a memento of a happy moment, but also a purposeful object already deployed in service. With every use it will remind of my

commitment to serve you, the community of St. Asaph's Church, and the need for serving others.
Gratefully yours, Roy

Roy with commemorative tray



Roy's family in for the celebration



Roy and Bob at the end of the happy celebration and looking forward to more years at St. A's.

Art in St. Asaph's Gallery:



Watercolors and Mixed Media Ella McNamara **through December 5, 2010**



In December, we will feature **Christa Krumbhaar** and her multimedia constructions from recycled materials and found objects. Through her playful and poetic collages, laid out on handmade paper from recyclable materials, she creates vivid rhythms and patterns with the interplay of textures and color combinations. Her opening reception is scheduled for **Friday, December 10, 2010, from 6:00-8:00pm.**

Congregation



Over 50 people attended a lecture at St. Asaph's given by **Joan Roberts on the works of Theophilus P. Chandler Jr.** The lecture was sponsored by the Lower Merion Conservancy and cosponsored with the Athenaeum of Philadelphia.

Joan wrote the catalogue to go with the exhibition on Chandler at the Athenaeum. She has a supply of books if anyone is interested.

Joan is an experienced guide in Philadelphia and is in her 50th year as a Park House guide (Fairmount Park). I asked her about her research on Chandler and she had this to say:

"I did my thesis for Rosemont (my delayed B.A.) in 1987 on the building of St. Asaph's, and got interested in pursuing the architect further. In the process I joined up with Bill Bassett, another Chandler fan, who had done graduate work on him at Penn in the 1960s and had been asked by the Athenaeum to collaborate on a show. It was supposed to happen in 2004, and the book would have been much bigger (better funding then) but we ran into delays, and it got postponed. Then Bill died suddenly of a heart attack in 2006, and I plowed along by myself. Howard's illness and death, followed by my move to Beaumont, caused further delays, but we finally finished, and the show opened on September 13, 2010

The catalogue covers the images in the exhibition, which are primarily drawings and photographs from the Chandler collection at the Athenaeum. It is comprised of write-ups of each building (churches, houses, office buildings, projects, such as the Zoo) and family stuff, including Chandler's biography. Most of this is Philadelphia, but he also did work in Pittsburgh, Washington DC and elsewhere.

There is a watercolor of St. Asaph's in the show, from our archive, which they have on loan. George Brooke Roberts, Howard's grandfather, spearheaded the building of St. Asaph's, as you know from the history book; he had worked with Chandler on some houses in the area, and Chandler's mother-in-law was a Gerhard (married to a DuPont) and the Gerhard family has been involved with the church from day one. Chandler also did the drawings for the rectory (enlarged later by Louis Baker) and George Roberts paid for it himself to celebrate the birth of his youngest child, a daughter who celebrated her 100th birthday in our Centennial year. Most of this is in the history book."

(Editor's Note: The history book Joan references is her thesis from Rosemont which is in a hardbound version and available to anyone who is interested. St. Asaph's still has copies. Ask Joan if you would like one.)



Joan leading a tour through the church following her lecture

Common Threads



Sally Pearne sent me this photo of two of the members of Common Threads. This is a group of St. Asaph women who get together to knit. It was started several years ago as an outreach to knit different items depending on the need. They have knitted lap robes, quilts, hats and the like—all for a good cause and for the joy of knitting together.

Tim Chawaga, son of **Laurie Novo and Steve Chawaga**, is a budding playwright who is off to a good start with his play "Sleepless City" which was performed at Friends Central School on October 29 and 30 and at the Painted Bride on November 6.

Mary Allen and I saw it together and we were thoroughly entertained. The characters in the play kept us involved in this complicated plot as they solved their personal problems not only with their live friends and family, but also with ghosts they encountered in the cemetery as they sought answers and forgiveness from dead loved ones

Tim let us know that he is currently interning at the Public Theater with Elevator Repair Service's production of "Gatz," a seven-hour reading of *The Great Gatsby*. He is also a research assistant for Rajiv Joseph, whose play "Bengal Tiger at the Baghdad Zoo," will have its Broadway debut in March starring Robin Williams.

Tim has founded with some of my friends from NYU AGGROCRAG a New-York based company dedicated to creating original collaborative theater and film. He describes AGGROCRAG this way, "When I was a kid, there was a show on Nickelodeon called GUTS. It was like an extreme sports show for kids. And at the end of each episode, the contestants had to climb this mountain called the Aggrocrag. So, for me, it evokes the image of an exciting, fun, awesome adventure, and that's what we want to do with the work we make. Kudos to Tim on this play and his future.

Now for some news about **Mary Chawaga** who has been in Japan for her high school fall semester. She has been living with her aunt and will return before Christmas. Her dad, Steve, sent us a you tube video of her experiences that you may enjoy. If you are curious about how American teenagers cope in such a different culture, just click.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xj6xS9oWCNA>

Loaves & Fishes

Karen Love

The Welsh Tea

On Saturday, November 20th, our Gallery was transformed into a delightful tea room for all to enjoy. This marvelous old-fashioned event provided a perfect way to greet the forthcoming holiday season, and enjoy a bracing cup of tea and delicious baked treats with friends and family.



The Welsh Tea Committee includes: (front row) Gwen Hauser, Sandra Haye, Audrey Dempster, Carol Linfoot. (second row) Joanne Behm, Karen Love, Virginia Powell, Stevie Graves and Allene Murphey.



Mary Ann Harshbarger enjoys tea with The Rev. Barry Harte and Chris Dennis.

We must give **Stevie Graves** credit for all the time and work she dedicated to the tea. She researched all the recipes, assigned said recipes to our wonderful cooks, and oversaw the kitchen throughout the tea. Her

excellent helpers included **Sandra Haye, Audrey Dempster, Marlene Milner, Jane Carton, Yvonne Bartman, Christie Porrata-Doria, Carol Linfoot, Joanne Behn and Barbara Rideout.**



Barbara Rideout serves tea to Kathy Hubbard and Jane Carton and her guests.

Gwen Hauser and Virginia Powell spent endless hours pricing and organizing our Holiday Mini Bazaar. Our thanks also goes to Allene Murphey for helping as cashier. Many thanks to all who donated the gifts as well. Our bazaar, which featured "regifted" items, brought in over \$650!



Adele Graves and her grandchildren join Stevie Graves and Sandra Haye at the Tea Table

To our twelve terrific cooks who donated the sandwiches, scones and cakes, we say "thank you".

In all, we had over fifty five adults and three precious children savor our Welsh Tea. We brought in approximately **\$1679.00.**

We hope that a portion of these funds will be donated to assist our parish in its on-going concern for the hungry such as Meals on Wheels for homebound AIDS patients.

The Middle East Study Group of the Diocese of Pennsylvania (MESG)

By Mary Allen

During the month of November St. Asaph's graciously hosted two more special events sponsored by MESG to raise awareness of the plight of Palestinians in the Holy Land.

The first was a visit from the West Bank of a group of Palestinians. We heard from a Palestinian-American female student who talked about her experiences living in Beit Sahour, a town on the West Bank which is resisting Israeli settlements using non-violent tactics.

Next a Palestinian mother and daughter talked about the daily difficulties of going to work or to school because of the hassle with spontaneous as well as established checkpoints (often set up on Palestinian land) and about the death of another daughter, fatally shot at close range at a checkpoint. Subsequently this mother/daughter team decided to work with other Palestinian AND Israeli families who have lost members in a group called The Bereaved Families Circle.

Another speaker from the Golan Heights spoke about the lack of water available to Arabs because of the excessive use of water by the Israeli Jews. The inhabitants of the **Golan Heights** are a combination of Palestinians, who have been evacuated from Israel, and the Lebanese who have been there since before the foundation of Israel by the UN.

These presentations included dinner provided by members of MESG and **Tree of Life** – a group of Christians and Jews working together from the greater Philadelphia area who enjoy sharing informal conversation with the Palestinians. Among the guests were several students from the Temple University group supporting peace with justice for Palestinians. It was a mix of young and mature, Christian, Muslim and Jew.

The second event was another Palestinian from the West Bank, **George Rishmawi**, who showed slides and maps of the water crisis on the West Bank. Israelis have built a canal to take water from the Sea of Galilee all the way south to irrigate the Negev desert. Tragically, "making the desert bloom" results in the deprivation of water to those in Gaza (for whom the underground aquifer in the west has become polluted with salt water) and in the astonishing shrinking of both the Jordan River and the Dead Sea.

St. Asaph's is gaining considerable acclaim as a center for informative presentations about the Middle East. We work especially with Episcopalians throughout the diocese, but also with other denominations and with sympathetic Jews, which seem to be increasing in number as the truth becomes known. MESG is very grateful for our hospitality and participation. Many thanks

to all of you who have come and supported our efforts. I have a listserv for dissemination of news items, petitions, and upcoming events, for any of you who want more information.

Book Review

The book club will once again celebrate together with their traditional Christmas dinner on **Monday, December 13 at 6:30.**

Bob Cronin wrote a script based on Charles Dickens', "A Christmas Carol" for his students at Episcopal. Bob has agreed to let us use the script to read parts that evening. It is recommended that we read the classic before the 13th. All are welcome to come for the reading of this classic.

Potluck Dinner & Greening of the Church Carol Linfoot

When church members were asked to describe their feelings in one word as they prepared St. Asaph for the Nativity, some of the words they used were community, joyful, traditional, and uplifting.

On Thursday, December 9th, you are guaranteed a special time of bonding with your St. Asaph's' family as we decorate our church home.

Young and old, please **join us at 6pm on December 9th for cocktails and dinner** immediately followed by the Greening of the church. **Garden gloves, clippers and wire cutters will be helpful with your work.** We especially encourage you to come with the children who can trim the tree in the parlor. The tree size is just right for children and the ornaments are no breakable.

A sign-up sheet for the potluck dinner is on the piano in the Parish Hall. Please sign-up to bring a main course, salad or dessert. **Contact Carol Linfoot** if you have any questions.

Flower Guild



Above is the high altar decorated in 2009.

Once again the Flower Guild asks for your help in donating cuttings from your garden for greening the church on **Thursday, December 9**. We like white pine, Douglas fir, boxwood, juniper, holly, cedar, yew and whatever else you have. You can deposit your greens on the cloister porch. Do not wait until the 9th. We will take your cuttings starting now through the week of Christmas. Call the church office if you need help with pruning. A Flower Guild member will assist you.

As many of you have done in the past, your \$10 donation for memorial poinsettia plants which we will use to decorate the church would be appreciated. You will find envelopes on the piano in the parish hall. Thanks.

Other Parish News

- **Friday, December 24:** 5 PM Family Christmas Service and 10 PM Choir Mass.
- **Saturday, December 25:** No services
- **Sunday, December 26:** One service at 10am. No classes.
- **Sunday, January 2:** Lessons and Carols at the 10 am service.
- **Church Office Closings:** Dec. 24 at Noon; Monday and Tuesday Dec. 27 and Dec. 28; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

Christmas Tree and Neapolitan Baroque Crèche

If you have an opportunity to go to NYC during the holidays, don't miss visiting the **Metropolitan Museum of Art** to see their Christmas tree decorated with eighteenth century Neapolitan angels and cherubs. Around the base of the tree is a stunning Neapolitan Nativity village with figurines dressed in very elaborate clothing. This beautiful village was a gift to the museum and has been displayed for more than 40 years.



Each of the museum's crèche figures is a work of art ranging in height from 6 to 20 inches. This collection includes numerous examples of works attributed to Giuseppe Sammartino and his pupils Salvatore di Franco, Giuseppe Gori and Angelo Viva who modeled the terracotta heads and shoulders.

Welcome Guests:

St. Asaph's is a place that expects guests: people of all faiths, race, nationalities and walks of life; urban and suburban; rich and poor, gay and straight; families and singles; young, old, and in-between. We view hospitality as an important part of our ministry, and we hope you will feel welcomed here.

PRAYERS

Those for whom our prayers have been asked:

We pray for Jamie Dent, Joan Frank, The Achuff Family, Everett William Frank, Patricia Harker, Fr. Barry Harte, Henry Kruschwitz, Alice Longdin, Stephen Novak, Anthony Outlaw and his family, Kayte Reeves, Joan Schroeter, Doretta Walker, Robbie Walters..

Those who have recently died in the parish:

Geraldine Lindsay (Steve Lindsay), and Doris Taylor.

St. Asaph's Church is a house of prayer for all people and a community that works to be progressive in belief and inclusive in practice.

Sunday Schedule

- 8 am, Contemplative Communion
- 9 am, Spiritual Formation for all ages
- 10 am, Parish Eucharist
- 5 pm, Emerging worship (2nd and 4th Sundays)

Holy Days as announced

Summer Schedule

9:15 am

Parish Staff

Roy Harker, Director of Music & Arts
Steve Sheeran, Youth Formation
Julia Miller, Children's Formation
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Tim Gavin, Seminary Intern

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