

# THE ANCHOR

## Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

The Easter season is a time of new life. At its center is the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the promise that death does not have the final word, and that new life is possible, both now and in the life to come.

We often think of resurrection as something we hope for at the end of our lives, but Easter also speaks to the present. It invites us to live differently day by day—to turn away from what holds us back and to grow into lives shaped by grace, forgiveness, and hope. Because of Easter, we trust that God is still at work—bringing renewal where it is needed, both in our lives and in the life of the Church.

The Easter season is a natural time to look outward. I encourage you to renew your commitment to the Invite, Welcome, Connect ministry. Invite someone to join you for worship or an event. Welcome those who come through our doors. Help others find their place in the life of the parish. Much of the strength of this community comes from those simple, personal acts of invitation and hospitality.

One new opportunity for that kind of shared ministry will be our partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The Outreach Committee is organizing a project to assist a local homeowner who needs help with yard work and minor repairs. We will gather a team for a day of service—cutting grass, trimming shrubs, cleaning up, and possibly doing some light painting or repairs. This is a chance not only to support our outreach efforts, but to take part in them directly and make a tangible difference.

Easter reminds us that our faith is not only something we believe, but something we live. We are called to be people of hope—to offer kindness where it is needed, to remain steady in uncertain times, and to trust that God continues to bring new life out of what seems worn or broken.

I hope this season will be a time of renewal for you, and for all of us at Advent, as we continue to grow in faith and in our life together.

Faithfully,

Alan+

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

**THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE SERVICE AT 9:00 AM.**

**THIS SERVICE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN ENHANCED COFFEE HOUR**

## **FROM THE DEACON'S DESK**

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!!! What a wonderful sound! The members of The Church of the Advent have worked tirelessly to make this a meaningful Lent and the Easter Day experience. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday the active participation in the Lenten offerings was wonderful.

As we move through the Easter season, I hope you will take time to watch for the new birth that fills the Earth. The flowers, birds, grass, and most of all the people we will see after a long and cold winter, are all opportunities to thank God for these signs of new and renewed life. We all have so much to be grateful for!!

Let us all make this Eastertide one of great rejoicing and thankfulness for who we are, whose we are, and all the beauty and life in each moment and in the wonderful gift of our Advent church family.

Thank you so much for including and welcoming me as a member of this congregation and allowing me to walk with each of you on our spiritual journey. It is a privilege and I give thanks for you all each day.

Alleluia! The Lord has Risen!!!

Deacon Charlene

## **FREE CONCERT**

On Sunday, April 12, 2026, Classical Cape May is hosting a free concert at Church of the Advent. This hour-long concert begins at 4:00 PM and features Main Street Chamber Players, works for violin, viola, cello, double bass and piano. The concert will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. No admission charge but donations are welcomed.

## **CALLING KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS!!**

My name is Carolyn LaMountain and have been attending services at COTA since September. Charlene and Bill Snyder are my friends, and I have been friends with Noel and Eric Wong since the early 20's.

Looking for a ministry I can do without having to attend required meetings, (an occasional meeting with others making shawls is fine) I discovered making prayer shawls to be the perfect answer. Whether you knit or crochet, they can be made at home, on your time schedule. Also, they are the perfect way to use up those stashed away balls and hanks of yarn, and one size fits all.

There are prayers for starting and ending a shawl. They ask for God's help making a shawl and thank God for finishing it. Giving a shawl to a person facing a crisis of body, mind or soul is giving them proof of God's love for them, and that He always is with them.

1 Peter 4:10 tells us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms".

If you are interested in joining me in this ministry, please email me (subject prayer shawls) at: [CarLinSiam@comcast.net](mailto:CarLinSiam@comcast.net). I look forward to hearing from you and building together a strong ministry using our God-given talents.

Carolyn - P.S. It might be possible that an occasional meeting could be held between the two Sunday services or after the 10:30 service at coffee hour.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Outreach Committee has been busy with continued support for our neighbors locally and globally. This past month we:

- sent \$200 to Breast Cancer Research in recognition of Johanna Keltie's participation in the Victorian Towers Breast Cancer Walkathon.
- continued to assist with tuition for several area youth participating in dance & gymnastics classes
- are asking folks to donate through the Mustard Seed Jar Collection with funds going to the Collateral Repair Project helping refugee families in Jordan
- distributed \$75 Acme cards to each of the 83 residents in the Cape May Housing Authority homes up the street from the church for Easter.

- Pam Kelly

#### ***April Birthday Celebrations***

#### ***April Anniversary Celebrations***

2	Susan DeHart		
4	Martha Stafford		
18	Fr. Alan Leonard		
19	John Coyle		
20	Kristen Craig		
21	Kathe Christensen		
23	Trisha Andrzejczak		
28	Declan O'Brien		
30	Nellie Laborowicz		

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday: The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
The 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube**

**Wednesday: The Anglican Rosary at 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.**

**Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon**

# Spring Outdoor Market

Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm  
(indoors if it rains)

ECW will have our annual Spring Sale in our parking lot on Franklin Street and, as usual, we need your help with donations, set up-clean up, selling and, of course, buying!

We'll have great stuff for sale. Come and See!

Your donations will be gratefully accepted in the parish hall  
from Sunday, April 26 to Thursday, April 30 from 9-1.

Please call Carol Obligado (609-972-1820) if you need to make other arrangements.

Here are the tables and their needs and contacts.

**Antiques/Collectables/Almost New Household Items** – Quality vintage items, Good used items for the house. Contact: *Lynda Cogswell*

**Baked Goods:** Cookies, muffins, breads, cakes, pies. Goopy items not suggested for warm weather. Think of “grab and go” as well as treats for seasonable entertaining. Contact: *Barbara (Basia) Smith*

**Books** – books in excellent condition. (no encyclopedias or magazines) Our book department will be in front of the church. Contact: *Richard Hudson*

**Crafts/Handmades** – This table will feature gifts and handmade crafts all lovingly made by the people of Advent. Contact: *Kathe Christensen*

**Jewelry** – Excellent condition. Contact: *Regina Dougherty-McCarren*

**Plants** – Indoor and outdoor. Contact: *Georgeanna Sexton*

**Raffle Baskets** -- Donations of themed baskets. Consider assembling a basket with a friend. New items only. Please tell the chairperson about the theme to avoid duplication. Contact: *Carol Obligado*

**Refreshments:** TBA

**Volunteers:** We will be preparing for the sale in the parish hall from 9 – 1 the week before the event. Please consider helping out on those days. We also need sellers for the Market!!! Half or all day. Contact: Carol Obligado at [cobligado@aol.com](mailto:cobligado@aol.com) or 609-972-1820.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5 Easter Day</b> Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com Livestream at 10:30	<b>6</b> <b>Bible Study</b> -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom/join/join?mtgjid=5312528003">https://us04web.zoom/join/join?mtgjid=5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Office Closed</b> <b>Advent Walkers</b> -8 AM-Promenade <b>Morning Prayer</b> -9:30 AM	<b>9</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> -Noon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12 Easter 2</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> -9:00 AM only- Youtube.com Livestream at 10:30 <b>Classical Cape</b> <b>May Concert</b> -4:00PM	<b>13 Outreach Comm.</b> -3:00 PM-Parish Hall <b>ECW Crafts</b> -4:30PM <b>Bible Study</b> -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom/join/join?mtgjid=5312528003">https://us04web.zoom/join/join?mtgjid=5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800	<b>14</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b> -8:00 AM-Parish Hall <b>Advent Book Club</b> -7:00 PM	<b>15 Office Closed</b> <b>Advent Walkers</b> -8 AM-Promenade <b>Morning Prayer</b> -9:30 AM	<b>16</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> -Noon <b>ECW Meeting</b> – 10:30 AM-Parish Hall	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19 Easter 3</b> Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com Livestream at 10:30 <b>Vestry Mtg</b> - Noon	<b>20</b> <b>Bible Study</b> -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom/join/join?mtgjid=5312528003">https://us04web.zoom/join/join?mtgjid=5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800 <b>ECW Crafts</b> -4:30PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22 Office Closed</b> <b>Advent Walkers</b> -8 AM-Promenade <b>Morning Prayer</b> -9:30 AM	<b>23</b> <b>Holy Eucharist</b> -Noon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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					<b>3</b> <b>Good Friday</b> -Noon to 1:30 PM	<b>4</b>