

THE ANCHOR

Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

Last year during my sabbatical, your vestry spent a lot of time and energy working on a vision for our church. There was a survey that asked about your dreams for Church of the Advent and what programs should we offer. Vision is important, because without a vision for the future, the church will eventually die.

But how we live into our vision is a harder question. What specific things should we do to accomplish our goals, and even more challenging, who will do those things. As your clergy, Charlene and I can lead, inspire, and encourage but we cannot make things happen.

Clergy provides worship leadership, but it takes many people to have services. Altar Guild members to prepare and clean up afterwards. Ushers to welcome people and assist newcomers. Lectors and intercessors, altar servers and musicians, and people for our livestream team. Sunday school teachers and people to lead adult Christian formation. There's a saying that you can have the church you're willing to work for. Right now, our Sunday school staff is robust! But these other teams need your help. Please volunteer for them by calling Kathe or myself at the office.

Our committees also need members to help with their work. Outreach is very important to us — the survey last year told us that, and so do your generous donations to the work of outreach. The committee meets once a month and makes decisions on how to use those resources. They support many needs, both locally and around the world. Could you be called to this work?

Evangelism is one of the primary reasons for the church to exist. Our mission comes straight from the New Testament: we are called to proclaim the good news of salvation through Jesus to the world. Evangelism also helps us in our own church. As the church grows, there are more people and more resources to do all those things we envision our church doing! Are you called to be part of this ministry?

Fellowship events are important! It's fun to come together for meals, conversation, and activities. But even fun needs people to plan, organize, setup, and clean up. Our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) do a lot, but they would appreciate more help. The Episcopal Church Men (ECM) have become more active recently but they, too, need more involved people.

We have many faithful members who do a lot of work here. Are you one of them? I ask that you prayerfully consider how else you could use the gifts and talents God has

given you. Thank you for all you do for our church. I am blessed to be the rector of a wonderful community.

Faithfully,

Alan+

MAC MUSIC SERIES AT CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Each spring some of the MAC Music Series presentations are performed at Church of the Advent. Our parishioners are able to attend these at a reduced rate. Following is a listing of the presentations for 2025.

1. Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 7:00 PM – New Jersey Symphony Chamber Players.
2. Thursday, June 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM – New York Chamber Ensemble.
3. Sunday, June 8, 2025 at 7:00 PM – George Mesterhazy Tribute Concert
4. Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM – Bay Atlantic Symphony, Serenades and Song
5. Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 4:00 PM – New York Chamber Ensemble.
6. Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM – New York Chamber Ensemble.
7. Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 7:30 PM – Bay Atlantic Symphony, Alpine Jazz Adventure.

JUNETEENTH PILGRIMAGE

Church of the Advent is sponsoring a Juneteenth Pilgrimage on Thursday, June 19, 2025. The bus leaves Rio Grande at 8:00 a.m. and will visit these sites: Perth Amboy Slave Trade Marker, Tinton Manor African Burial Ground, Marlpit Hall, and Sandy Hook. After touring the sites there will be a lunch stop at the Armory Restaurant before returning to Rio Grande. The cost of the trip is \$150.00. To sign up please contact the church office at 609-884-3065 or email adventsecretary@comcaste.net. For additional information please contact Alice Vasser at 609-220-9666.

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

The Advent Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 7:00 PM at the home of Lynda and Corbin Cogswell. The book for discussion is The Women by Kristin Hannah. For more information please call Lynda Cogswell at 609-884-6675.

June Birthday Celebrations

June Anniversary Celebrations

2	Alyssa Morrison	5	Fr. Alan & Brenda Leonard – 32nd
13	Lynn Canesso	17	Fred & Carol Obligado
13	Martha Torpey	24	Dick & Marrie Cassidy
21	Ruth Hand	25	Richard & Lana Thompson
22	Josh Pierce		
24	Jana Andrzejczak		
24	Caroline Craig		
29	Angela Gloria		

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: Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter 7 Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	2 Bible Study -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	3	4 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer -9:30 AM	5 Holy Eucharist-Noon	6	7
8 Day of Pentecost Holy Eucharist -8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	9 Bible Study -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	10 Men's Breakfast -8:00 AM Advent Book Club -7:00 PM-Cogswell' home	11 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer -9:30 AM	12 Holy Eucharist-Noon	13	14
15 Pentecost 1 Holy Eucharist – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com Livestream at 10:30 Vestry Meeting - Noon	16 Bible Study -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	17	18 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer -9:30 AM Outreach Mtg -3:00 PM-Parish Hall	19 ECW Mtg-10:30 AM-Parish Hall Holy Eucharist-Noon	20	21
22 Pentecost 2 Holy Eucharist – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	23 Bible Study -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	24	25 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer -9:30 AM	26 Holy Eucharist-Noon	27	28
29 Pentecost 3 Holy Eucharist – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	30 Bible Study -7:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800					AA Meetings: Sun-4:00 PM Tues-7:30 PM Wed-7:30 AM Thurs-7:30 PM

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

JUNE 2025

Juneteenth Pilgrimage

Church of the Advent
Cape May, NJ

Thursday
June 19th

1ST STOP 8:00 AM	Tractor Supply Parking Lot Rio Grande, NJ
2ND STOP 9:00 AM	K-Mart Parking Lot Pleasantville, NJ
3RD STOP 10:00	Perth Amboy Slave Trade Marker
4TH STOP 11:00 AM	Tinton Manor African Burial Ground
5TH STOP 11:40 am	Marlpit Hall
6TH STOP 1:00 pm	Sandy Hook
7TH STOP 2:00 pm	Armory Restaurant for Lunch

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DONATION: \$150.00
EARLY BIRD :\$125
BEFORE APRIL 15TH

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APRIL 15TH
2ND - MAY 15TH - \$50
LAST - JUNE 15TH - \$50