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Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

The long season after Pentecost is called *Ordinary Time*. The name comes from the word *ordinal*, meaning “counted.” These are the numbered Sundays of the Church year. For example, this year the first Sunday in June is observed as the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

Yet there is something fitting about the word *ordinary* as well. During this season, we spend week after week hearing about the ordinary life and ministry of Jesus and his disciples. The great dramatic events of the Church year—Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost—have passed. Now we walk with Jesus through the daily work of ministry: teaching, healing, praying, traveling, calling disciples, sharing meals with others, and speaking to ordinary people about the Kingdom of God.

This is the season after Jesus’s baptism, after he steps fully into the work he was sent to do. The Gospels tell us very little about his childhood, not because it was unimportant, but because the focus of the Church’s proclamation is his public ministry: what he taught, how he lived, and how he called people to follow him.

In many ways, this season invites us to reflect on our own daily discipleship. Most of our lives are not lived in dramatic moments. Faith is usually formed in ordinary time—in worship, prayer, acts of kindness, service to others, and the steady work of learning how to follow Christ more faithfully.

The liturgical color for this season is green, the color of life and growth. It reminds us that the Christian life is meant to grow and deepen over time. Not all growth is dramatic or immediately visible. Sometimes growth means greater patience, deeper understanding, stronger relationships, and a clearer sense of who God is calling us to be. Healthy things grow, and healthy churches do too—not only in numbers, but in faith, wisdom, generosity, and love.

This season also gives us space to pay attention to the life we share together as a parish. As we worship, serve, and grow alongside one another, we continue learning what it means to be the Church in this place and time. What kind of community is God calling Church of the Advent to be? How do we continue to grow in faithfulness, hospitality, service, and love for one another?

Ordinary Time reminds us that much of the Christian life is lived not in extraordinary moments, but in the steady practice of discipleship. Week by week, prayer

by prayer, act by act, God continues to shape us into the people we are called to become.

Faithfully,
Alan+

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

Happy Memorial Day! As I sit here at the end of a rainy overcast Memorial Day, it has struck me how important it truly is to find joy in each day! Some days it is very easy and others not so much. So many people gathered with their families and came to the shore for the beginning of the summer season.

I have been so impressed with the visitors to Ocean City, my hometown. There was laughter, children riding bicycles, parents hurrying behind them, both cautioning them to wait for them at the corners so they could cross safely, and all the while wearing proud smiles at the fun their children were having! In the evening, as I walked past porches, it was wonderful listening to the story-telling and laughter as people remembered their family history of vacations past in this wonderful city.

It made me think of the joy God our Father must feel as He watches us, His children, enjoy the gifts we have been given. We have many cherished memories and countless reasons to be grateful each day—gifts freely given because we are loved. In these moments, we can truly see and feel how love, shared and received, can fill the world with joy and bring about change.

As this summer season begins, together may we all know the joy and wonder of love!

Faithfully,
Deacon Charlene

CHANGE IN SUMMER SUNDAY SERVICE

Beginning Sunday, June 7 through Sunday, August 23, we will have only one Sunday service at 9:00 AM. The first and third Sundays of each month will include music, and the second and fourth Sundays of each month will be said services with no music. Each service will be livestreamed on You Tube as usual.

RING THE BELL FOR USA'S 250 YEARS AT CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

We will be opening the church for tours and encouraging folks to ring our bell on July 4, 2026 from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Also, we will offer homemade baked goods and water for sale. If you ring the bell, you will get a sticker. Please consider joining us to help with the tours and the sales. We want to be visible on this important day. Call Carol Obligado at 609-972-1820 if you can give an hour or two.

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

The Advent Book Club will meet on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at the home of Joy Wadleigh and Richard Hudson. The book for discussion is The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. For additional information please contact Lynda Cogswell at 609-884-6675.

PAINT THE CHURCH CAMPAIGN

About ten years ago we completed the restoration of Church of the Advent following the successful Heritage Campaign, thanks to the generosity of our Parish family. It culminated with the painting of the Church. As we all know, 10 years is a long time for paint to last in the salty environment of Cape May and blemishes are now developing in various places as the enclosed pictures show. We have received estimates of \$25,000 to \$30,000 to repaint this Historic Church building. We know that our Congregation takes great pride in the beauty of this building and wants to insure its long-term maintenance. In the next couple of weeks, we will be sending a letter outlining the campaign and explaining how you can participate by contributing towards this necessary project.

-Fred Obligado



ADVENT PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

On Sunday, May 31, seven prayer shawls, either knitted or crocheted by members of our parish Prayer Shawl Ministry, will be blessed during the 10:30 service at church. These shawls will be distributed by our Deacon Charlene and Father Alan when they visit parish shut-ins this summer. If you are interested in joining this Ministry, please contact Carolyn LaMourtain (609-822-6062) carlinsiam@comcast.net.

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 2026.

1. Thursday, June 4, Bay Atlantic Symphony, 7:00 PM
2. Saturday, June 6, New York Chamber Ensemble, 7:00PM
3. Sunday, June 7, Mesterhazy Concert, 7:00 PM
4. Thursday, June 11, New York Chamber Ensemble, 7:00 PM
5. Thursday, June 18, New Jersey Symphony Players, 7:00 PM
6. Saturday, June 20, Bay Atlantic Symphony, 7:00 PM
7. Sunday, June 21, New York Chamber Ensemble, 7:00 PM

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	25	Richard & Lana Thompson
21	Ruth Hand		
22	Josh Pierce		
24	Jana Andrzejczak		
24	Caroline Craig		
29	Angela Gloria		

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m. This service is also livestreamed on YouTube

Wednesday: Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon

African American Museum in Washington DC



On April 18th, 2026, members of our Diocese joined Bishop Sally and the Reparations Committee for a meaningful trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.. The visit offered an inspiring opportunity to learn, reflect, and celebrate the rich history and contributions of African Americans in the United States.

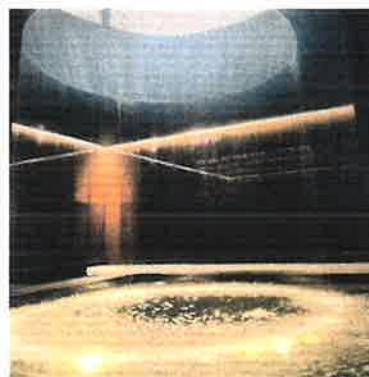
One highlight of the day was the sports exhibit, featuring legendary athletes such as Muhammad Ali, Joe Louis, and Jack Johnson. Visitors were also moved by the display honoring the 1968 Summer Olympics, where John Carlos and Tommie Smith made a powerful statement for justice and equality during the medal ceremony.

The size and scope of the museum left many in awe, with its extensive exhibits making the experience both exciting and memorable. Another favorite area was the film exhibit, which shared the story of how the museum was envisioned and eventually brought to life.

The trip served as a reminder that African American history is an essential part of American history, and that our nation has been deeply shaped by the achievements, perseverance, and contributions of African Americans throughout every generation.

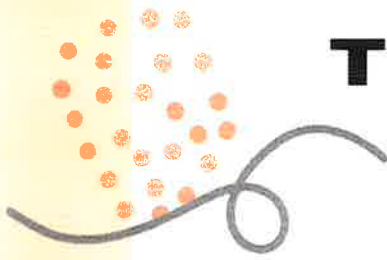
"We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream".

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King,





PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR THE COMMUNITY



**Episcopal Church of
the Advent**

**WASHINGTON AND
FRANKLIN ST, CAPE
MAY**

Saturday

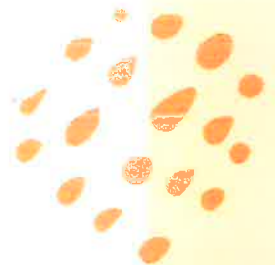
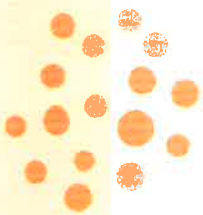
June 27 July 25 August 29

8:30 to 11:00 AM

Adults \$15

12 & Under \$10

**All You Can Eat
Incl. Bacon, Sausage,
Fruit, Coffee & Juice**



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