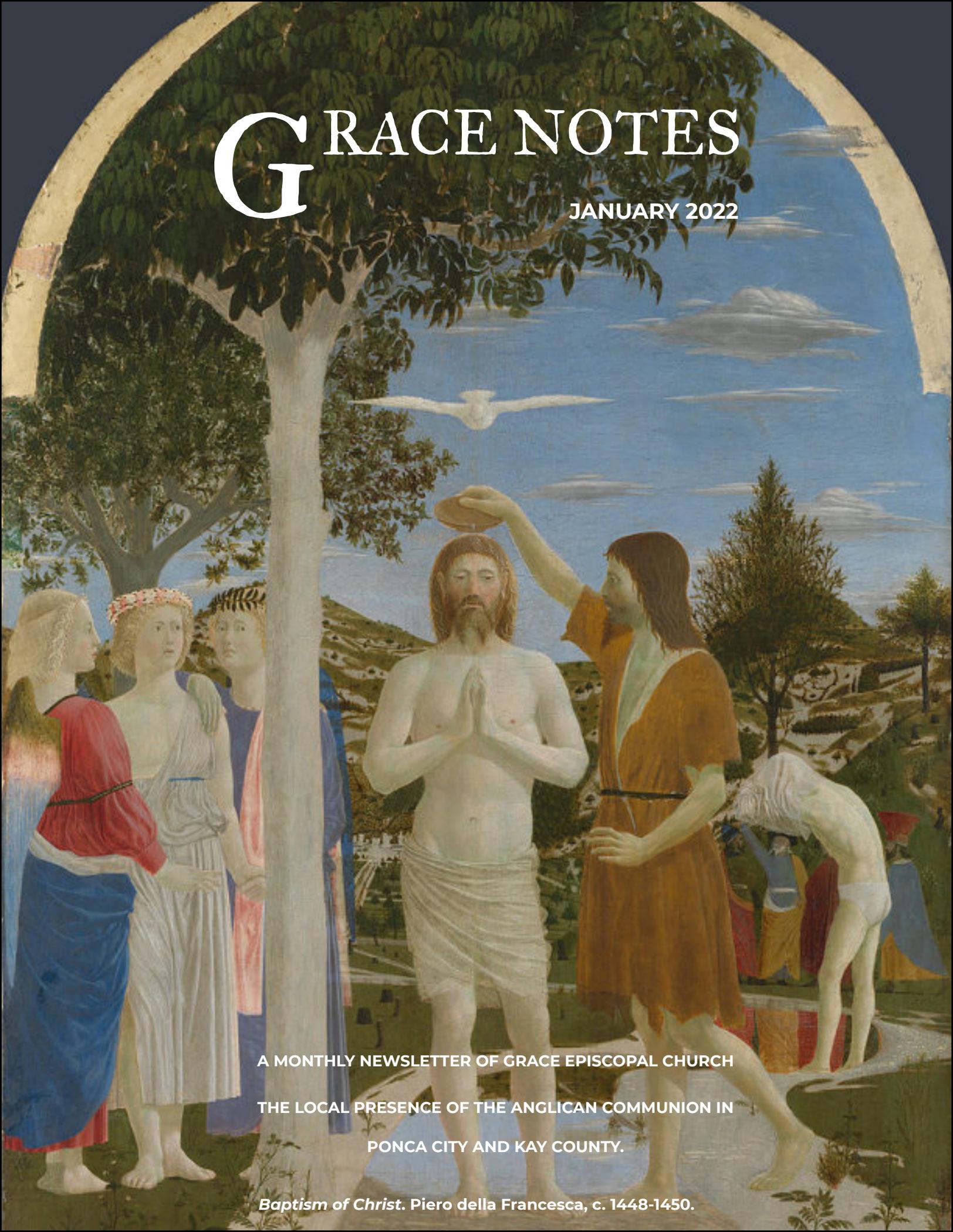


GRACE NOTES

JANUARY 2022



A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LOCAL PRESENCE OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION IN

PONCA CITY AND KAY COUNTY.

Baptism of Christ. Piero della Francesca, c. 1448-1450.



him to the Beloved Son with whom the Father is well-pleased. And finally, Epiphanytide ends with the Transfiguration account from St. Luke's Gospel, when another voice descends from heaven to proclaim that "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

But back to January. There are lots of things going on at the parish this month, so definitely peruse this issue for all the details. Of particular note is our annual Epiphany Pageant on Thursday, January 6, the Feast of Epiphany. This is one of the most cherished traditions here at the parish, so you won't want to miss it! Additionally, we will have our Annual Parish Meeting on the last Sunday of the month, January 30. This is the meeting where we recap the previous year and vote to approve the budget for the new year. We'll also be extending our gratitude to those parish leaders who are rotating off from leadership while welcoming those who are stepping in to leadership. The Parish Office will be publishing the list of eligible voting members two weeks in advance of the meeting, along with other details, so be looking for that and mark your calendars for Sunday, January 30!

I'm so excited for what this new year has in store for us here at Grace Church. To be sure, there remains much to do as we work to revitalize our parish and prayerfully discern our mission going forward, but this is "the good work that God has prepared for us to walk in." That means we can confidently set ourselves to the task at hand with full hope that God will continue to nourish us with his grace.

Peace,

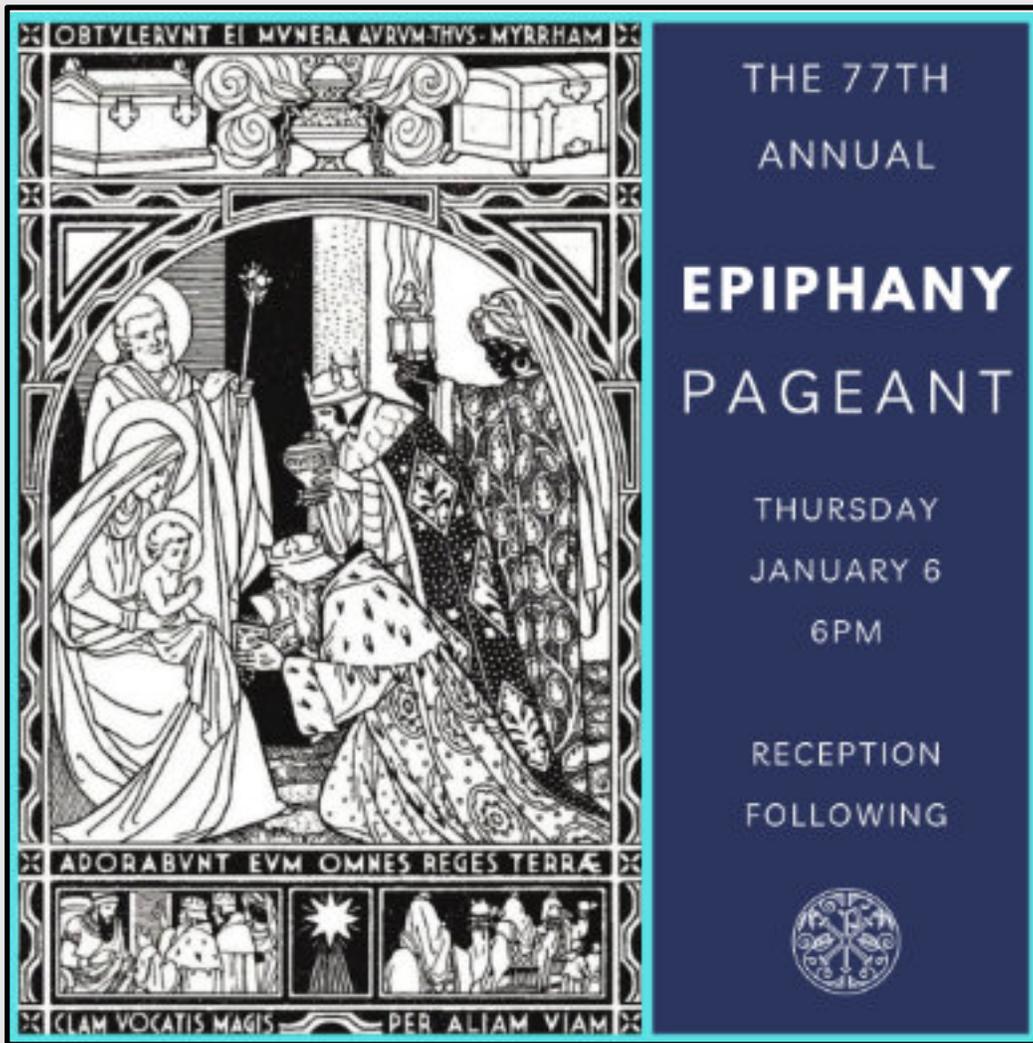
Fr. Caleb

FROM THE RECTOR

Happy new year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmastide and are excited about the prospects of the coming year – I know I am!

January begins almost right off the bat with the Feast of the Epiphany, otherwise known as the Manifestation of Christ as the "Light to lighten the Gentiles." This feast kicks off the season of Epiphanytide – which will take us right up to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent – and its themes are those of revelation and light. For that is what Epiphany is: a stunning revelation of the truth of who Christ is.

So, this is the season when we celebrate the arrival of the wise men – the first Gentiles – to honor the Christ child as the one who was born King of the Jews. It's the season when we commemorate the Baptism of Christ, the event where a voice from heaven declares



EPIPHANY PAGEANT

IT'S COMING! Our venerable and long-standing Epiphany Pageant, returning for its 77th installment here at Grace Church!

6pm on the Feast of the Epiphany | Thursday, January 6.

See you there!

THIS MONTH AT THE PARISH

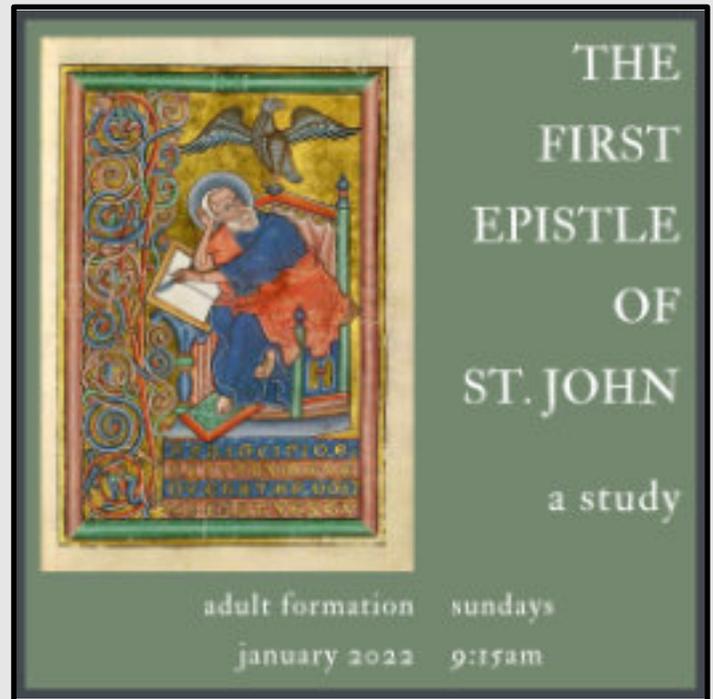
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The Adult Formation class will resume on Sunday, January 9 at 9:15am in the Adult Classroom. And this month, we'll be doing a brief study of 1 John, taught by Fr. Caleb. That will take us through Sunday, January 23, as we will not be meeting on the last Sunday of the month due to the Annual Meeting.

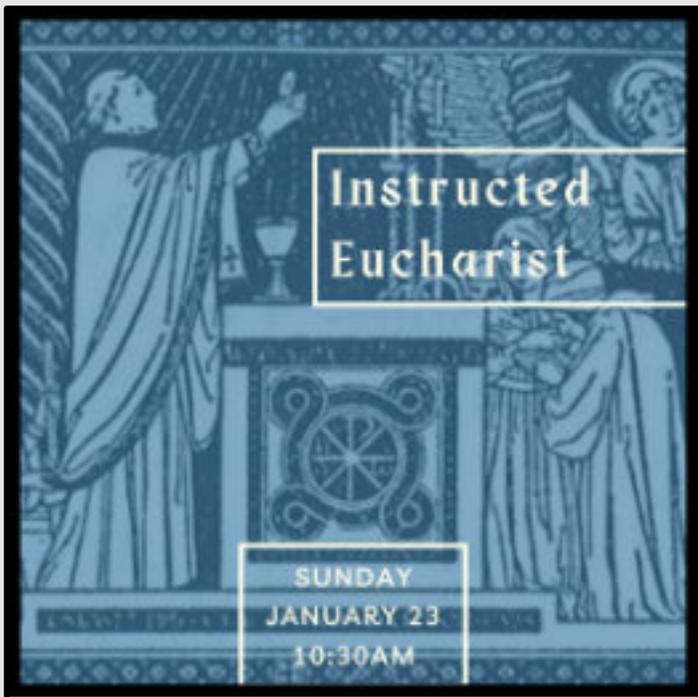


FAMILY FORMATION NIGHT & PARENTS MEETING

Our Family Formation Night which was launched last fall has proven to be a great success and it will formally resume on Wednesday, January 19. However, there will be an introductory meeting for parents on Wednesday, January 12 at 5:30pm. Dinner will be provided, as usual, as well as childcare during the meeting. This will allow us some time to talk about the vision for family formation at Grace Church, so you'll definitely not want to miss it!



THIS MONTH AT THE PARISH



ANNUAL MEETING

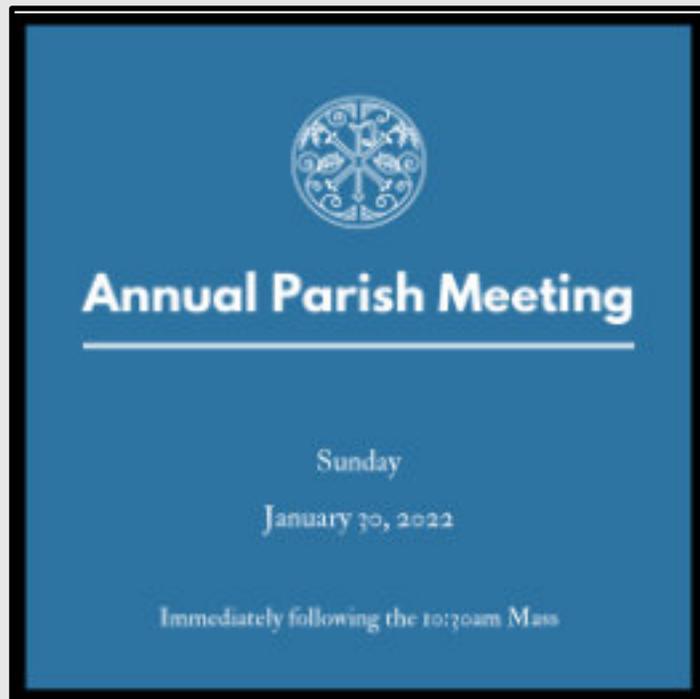
Mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting, which will be held immediately following the 10:30am mass on Sunday, January 30! The Parish Office will be publishing the list of voting members no later than Friday, January 20.

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

At the start of a new year, we think it's a good time to refresh ourselves a bit on the details of our liturgy. So, on Sunday, January 23, our 10:30am mass will become an Instructed Eucharist, where we'll go through the mass, step by step.

This would be a great event to invite your friends who may be curious about the why behind what we do when we gather together each Sunday to worship God. And, of course, it will likely be of great benefit to even the most seasoned of Episcopalians!

Again, Sunday, January 23 at 10:30am.



ECW NEWS

ECW took a break in December after a myriad of sales in 2021. We are planning to have several sales in 2022 to try to eliminate most of the accumulation of items, the first of which will be a big book sale in late January followed by a huge collectible sale in February. Stay tuned! A huge thank you to Diane Beekman and the small group of very dedicated workers.

As part of our support for our community, I wrote checks to about 10 local needy organizations and also church staff members. Using ECW funds, Jane Worstell purchased gifts for 5 children left on our Salvation Army Christmas tree.

The bridge groups continue to enjoy playing in our Parish Hall each week. This is great PR and a wonderful way to show our willingness to welcome the community into our church.

Keep the newspapers coming for the Humane Society. And keep thinking of people who would love our ECW cookbook!

ECW BOOK SALE & MORE

Mark your Calendar for a great Book Sale and More on Friday January 21 from 9-4 and Saturday January 22 from 9-12. We will have books of all kinds along with audio tapes, DVD, games, cassettes, vinyl records and more.

We appreciate all of your donations from our members, families, friends and friend's friends that make it possible for ECW to

have some nice specialty sales this last year. We were able to give to the Corporation Board for major repairs \$10,000, buy a third riding mower, funds for the Bishop Project, Christmas gifts to our staff, and donations to 14 local nonprofit organizations and many in kind donations throughout the year. We couldn't have done without your help and to all that give countless hours to make it happen. Grace Church is truly blessed.

NEW PHOTO MANTEL FOR RECTOR WALL

Huge thanks to Jamie Wells for installing a beautiful new mantel in the Education Building to display the portraits of all the rectors of Grace Church! We now have plenty of room for the clergy who have served our parish, whether yesterday, today, or tomorrow. Be sure to go take a look!

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Due to a family medical situation, the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will not be meeting this month, with plans of hopefully resuming in February.

JANUARY ALTAR FLOWERS

January 2

Suzy & Stan Bivin, in loving memory of her father, Lowell Clifton.

Susan & David Beard, in loving memory of his parents, Inez & Bill Beard.

January 9

Jennifer & William Eckel, in loving memory of her parents, Patricia & Richard Gay.

Jannie & Jim Ross, in thanksgiving for their wedding anniversary.

January 16

Marjorie Dew, Barbara Dew Rupert, Betsy Dew, Nancy Dew Hardeback, & Robert Dew, in loving memory of John Norman Dew & John Michael Dew.

Judy Branch, in thanksgiving for the birthday of her grandson, Joshua Branch.

January 23

Pat & Ira Howard, in loving memory of Joyce Jamieson & Joe Buffalow.

January 30

None.

JANUARY SANCTUARY LAMPS

January 2

Jacque & David O'Grady, in thanksgiving for the birthday of their daughter, Lauren.

January 9

Marsha & Al Moore, in thanksgiving for their grandsons, Andrew & Ethan, and their granddaughter, Gracyn.

January 16

Diane Beekman, in thanksgiving for her four granddaughters and their parents.

January 23

Livi, Lola, Bandy Rumford, in thanksgiving for their grandmother, Memaw Van Hoesen's birthday.

January 30

None.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January Birthdays

- January 7 Lauren Boyd
- January 8 Jamie Wells
- January 8 Richard Winterrowd
- January 12 Mai McCoy
- January 13 Marsha Orr
- January 14 Mary Beth Moore
- January 16 Cheryl Smith
- January 19 Kelsey Keilman
- January 26 Keri Bartley
- January 26 Marissa Belzer-Hillman
- January 26 Joshua Branch
- January 26 Eli Wohletz
- January 27 Sonja Van Hoesen
- January 30 Terry Huston
- January 31 Charlie Wells

January Anniversaries

- January 1 Jim and Jannie Ross
- January 13 Clyde and Nadine Frisby
- January 25 Chuck and Kristin Webb

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 am: Low Mass

9:15 am: Adult Formation

10:30 am: Sung Mass

WEEKDAY SERVICES

The Daily Office

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am: Morning Prayer

5:00 pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesdays

10:00 am: Low Mass

5:00 pm: Family Formation Night

Third Wednesday of the Month:

5:30 pm: Rosary

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Lunch 12:00pm-1:00pm