Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“You never know what's around the corner” is not a biblical quote but it is a statement that we know to be true. It was also the experience of everyone living through the first Holy Week and Easter – from the Pharisees who hoped their troubles were over as Jesus’ body was buried – to the Roman soldiers guarding the tomb, never expecting they would still be remembered over 2,000 years later, to the disciples who moved from devastation to confusion and then to delight in the space of a few days.

As we journey together through these next few days we call the Sacred Triduum (holy three days) culminating
in Easter Day we know that Jesus’ resurrection was not the end of the disciples’ problems. Not everything became straight forward and easy for them. Life remained as unpredictable and in many ways even more dangerous than it had been before.

What changed at the resurrection for the disciples was their confidence in Jesus – the sense that they had been in the presence of someone so special. And therefore, that what he had been teaching was not just a good idea but THE WAY to live a life of love and forgiveness, for them and for everyone.

And so, just as we embark together on this path through the three most holy days of the liturgical year - they followed in Jesus’ footsteps, trusting him when things were difficult, getting things wrong and yet, somehow working through life’s joys and tragedies. As we enter into this Holy Week, we are reminded that we don’t know what lies around the corner for us, or for the world. But, we do know that we face whatever it is in the company of the risen Christ and we follow in his footsteps which is his invitation is to us all and is the way to eternal life.

Wishing you a blessed and holy Triduum,
Fr. Keene

The Services of Lent, Holy Week & Easter at Immanuel on the Green

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7PM
Institution of the Lord’s Supper, Foot Washing, Stripping of the Altar, Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 19, 7PM
Sung St John Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Mass of the Pre-sanctified (Communion from the Reserved Sacrament)

Great Vigil of Easter, April 20, 7PM
Lighting of the New Fire, Vigil of Lessons, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, First Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day, April 21
8AM, Said Holy Eucharist
10AM, Solemn Sung Mass of the Resurrection, with Procession
There will be an Easter Egg hunt after the 10am service on April 21. All children are invited to participate!

HISTORY OF IMMANUEL

As we reflect on the fire of Notre Dame.

On February 1, 2020, Immanuel will mark the 40th anniversary of the fire that destroyed most of the church.

It was a bitterly cold and windy Friday and there were several marsh fires burning on the outskirts of town. Large pieces of marsh grass were blowing into town and one landed on the northeast corner of the roof (over the organ) and started burning through. Between the existing roof and an earlier roof (still intact) was about 6” of dead air space. The fire shot through the entire nave until it reached the tower. The tower served as a flue to the fire and within 20 minutes the steeple was ablaze.

Two townspeople, the late Joe Monigle (husband of parishioner Sally Monigle), and Ann DiMaio, saw the fire and entered the sacristy. They began throwing sacred objects out of the church - those objects included the brass cross on the altar, several vases, as well as some altar hangings. Finally, the Fire Marshall ushered them out for fear of the collapsing steeple.

We watched the steeple (held up by a 200 year old ship's mast at it's core) fall into the tower. Much like the citizens of Paris, the witnesses were aghast at the sight of the iconic steeple engulfed in flames and crumbling. With the falling of the steeple, the tower bells were also brought down.

Firemen worked all day and into the night to contain the fire. The temperature was so cold that the water immediately froze and it hit the church walls. The next morning all that remained of the church was four walls, eerily encased in ice.
The City Fire Marshall condemned the building. However, at the insistence of the rector, the Rev. Myles W. Edwards, and other church leaders, he was persuaded not to condemn the remaining structure.

On Sunday afternoon there was a community service held at the Presbyterian Church. We huddled together in a standing room only service - grief struck and disbelieving that this could have happened. But, we were also grateful that no one had been injured and that our building ws still there. We sang together the hymn "Repton" which includes the lines "Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still, small voice of calm."

The outpouring from many from all over the state, but most especially from the townspeople of New Castle, was overwhelming. It was their church too.

As with the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, Immanuel sits at the heart of our town, its steeple a beacon along the river. We had faith that the church would be rebuilt, and in October of 1982 the fully restored church was rededicated.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the citizens of Paris, and we believe that just as we were able to rebuild our beloved church with the help and support of our community, they will be able to restore the Cathedral and continue in worship for many generations to come.

- Bob Davis
We Want Your Photos and Ideas!

We’re always looking for photos to put in the Curate and the weekly emails. These photos can be of recent events, Immanuilians gathering outside of church, or older events. Whatever you have, we’ll take them! Send the photos to the office at immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net. We keep them on file for future use.

We are also looking for story ideas. Send in an article about an event you attended. Or, if you don’t want to write an article, send in your ideas for a story for someone else to write. We want to hear from you!

ST. ANNE'S GUILD

On Monday, April 1, St. Anne’s Guild had Caitlin Custer, Donor Relations Manager at the Food Bank of Delaware as a guest speaker at their monthly meeting. Ms. Custer shared a wealth of information about the Food Banks new facility and the different programs the Food Bank runs. One of the many programs we learned more about was the Backpack Program.
The Food Bank of Delaware's Backpack Program provides food to children (K-12) in need for weekends and holidays when school is not in session and federal school meal programs are not available. Backpacks are stocked with kid-friendly, nutritious food including shelf-stable milk and juice, meals such as macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and meatballs and beef stew, granola bars, apple sauce, cereal and more. They are distributed on Fridays or the last day before a holiday or vacation in a discreet manner at Delaware school sites. More than 5,000 children participate each week.

In the spirit of last years Freezer Fundraiser for the Ministry of Caring; St. Anne's Guild is happy to announce that we have chosen this program for our Spring Fundraiser campaign. For every $200 raised we will be about to cover the cost of one backpack for a child for an entire school year. Throughout the month of May we will be collecting for this worthy program. Donations can be sent to the office, please make checks out to St. Anne's Guild with Backpack Drive in the memo.

Valerie Long, President
St. Anne's Guild

Click here to learn more about the Food Bank
Click here to learn more about the Backpack Program

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES

Invite Welcome Connect
&
A Day In Old New Castle

On Saturday, May 18, 2019, Immanuel on the Green will once again open its doors to our community and visitors from around the country as we celebrate and participate in A Day In Old New Castle!

On that day we will attract hundreds of townsfolk and visitors and share our heritage and ongoing story with them. It is the single greatest opportunity for us to talk about our parish community, our storied history, our hospitality, and our faith.

This is our opportunity to Invite Welcome Connect: Invite people into our church home and share our message of Christ’s love for us, Welcome them to visit and worship with us after this festive day, and Connect with them when they return to celebrate Christ’s love with us.

We are planning several events and activities throughout the day to share our story and our welcoming hospitality:

- bell-ringing performances and tours (tours of the bell tower and bell-ringing information)
- tours of our historical church (greeters in the church yard to welcome guests and docents to provide tours and historical information)
- a bake sale fundraiser (baked goods, donated by parishioners, for sale)
- a hospitality table (Immanuel items for sale, welcome brochures, and complimentary bottled waters with Immanuel on the Green on the label).
To make this event happen, we need volunteer chairpersons for the church history tours and the hospitality table as well as volunteers to sign up and assist with planning, preparations, and staffing during the day! Many hands make light work, and your participation is needed to help us Invite Welcome Connect!

Please call, text, or email our Senior Warden Jon Barrett at (302) 584-1068 or jbarr1097@comcast.net, or our Junior Warden Matt Kinservik at (302) 743-8422 matthewk@udel.edu.

- Jon Barrett

Calling all Immanuelians,

It's that time of the year again...Day In Old New Castle this May 18th (DIONC) is fast approaching and I, Caitlin Irwin, will be chairing the baked goods portion of this event.

Please keep in mind what our Bishop has said that an event like this is a wonderful opportunity to Invite, Welcome, and Connect. In keeping with that mindset please take the time to consider baking something for this year's DIONC. It is a wonderful way to express not only your gratitude for being a part of a great parish. It's also a way for us to come together in true Immanuelian fashion.

With love, acceptance, and connection in mind please consider to show your support for a great cause. If you are planning to donate baked goods we are asking that you label them with ingredients included, i.e. nuts, cinnamon, etc. because we are trying to keep in mind those who have allergies.

Contact me please and let me know what you are planning to bake.
In God’s Love,
Caitlin Irwin
(302) 299-3088

Emmanuel Dining Room seeks volunteers for April and May

Every month volunteers from Immanuel prepare and serve lunch at two Emmanuel Dining Room locations, one on Rogers Road in New Castle and the other at 2nd and Jackson Street in Wilmington. We are seeking volunteers for the following dates (note that one of them is a Saturday);

Saturday, May 18 - Wilmington
Monday, May 20 - Rogers Road

Volunteers must be 18 or older. If you come to help serve, the commitment is from 11:45 until 1 (there is a hard stop at 1, so you will not need to stay any later). Volunteers can also help prepare the food earlier in the morning. If you are interested, please reach out to Mara Gorman at maragorman@gmail.com or 302-690-7520.

The Food Pantry is always accepting contributions, the list of current needs has been updated and is as follows:

- Box Mac & Cheese
- Pasta
• Spaghetti Sauce
• Peanut Butter & Jelly
• Crackers...Ritz or Saltines
• Dry Unsweetened Cereal  Cheerios, Corn Flakes, etc
• Instant Potatoes
• Canned Fruit

Please leave all contributions in the church porch, and thank you for your help in this ministry! You really are making a difference.

NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

The Vestry met for its monthly meeting on April 10, and the following items were discussed:

• The summer picnic will be held June 9 after the 10 a.m. mass. Volunteers will be needed to help set up and clean up. Parishioners are asked to bring a salad, cold dish, or dessert.
• June 22 will be nursery and Sunday school room clean up day. See Matt Kinservik for more information.
• The Bishop's pastoral letter of April 4th was discussed. The Bishop wrote that last summer, "General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed Resolution D034, which authorized a temporary suspension of the statute of limitations that required an adult victim of clergy sexual misconduct to make the allegation within ten years of the offense. The suspension of the statute of limitations began on January 1, 2019 and will be in place for three years, ending on December 31, 2021."
See https://delaware.church/clergy-misconduct-2/ for more information.
• The conversation about A Day in Old New Castle (ADIONC) and Invite Welcome Connect continued, and committees were established. ADIONC is a great opportunity for Immanuel on the Green to invite people to visit our church, make them feel welcome, and connect with them when they return.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

SAVE THE DATES!

• May 18 -- A Day in Old New Castle. Volunteers are needed to help with church tours and hospitality. See Jon Barrett for more information and to volunteer.
• June 9 -- Church summer picnic and seersucker Sunday. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes; the main course will be provided.
• June 22 -- Nursery and Sunday school room cleanup. See Matt Kinservik for more information and to volunteer.

VESTRY SPOTLIGHT

- [Image of a person]
Buddy Garrison

I came to Immanual on the Green with my wife, Sarah, in search of a church to get married in and call our new home. Coincidentally, this was also Fr Keene's first day as well. We were immediately stricken by the beauty of Immanuel and the kindness of Fr Keene.

It was an easy choice for us that we would both become Episcopalians and make Immanuel ours.

You may now find me as a Eucharistic Minister, Acolyte, Thurifer, and/or on the Vestry Board. In my professional life, I write strategies for the Fraud unit at Bank of America. And lastly, in my spare time (what's that), if I'm not brewing a new beer, then I'm chasing our little dude, Julian - as he chases down our two fur-babies, Haley and Hudson.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

**Announcing the Reopening of the Family Medicine Office** at the New Castle Senior Center.

After upgrading the computer system, and office equipment, Christiana Care has now reopened the medical office New Castle Senior Center to provide medical care to seniors (age 50 and over).

Initially it will be staffed on Mondays (9am -3pm) and Wednesdays (8:30am to noon). To schedule an appointment call 302 327-7630.

**Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, June 15**

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on June 15. Our host is Nancy Crowder at 42 W 4th St in New Castle. The film to watch before you come is "The Bookshop".

In the late 1950's a woman buys a run-down historic house in a conservative English village and opens a bookshop. She soon receives strong opposition from some in the community partially...
because of the daring books in her shop. Will she be successful or fail? And why?

Bring a dish or refreshment to share and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.

We have two ladies coats in the office lost property, if you think one is yours please contact the office on (302)328-2413 to arrange pick up.

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Camp Arrowhead’s Second Annual Golf Benefit
*Supporting our Capital Fund Drive*

**Come Join Us!**
American Classic Golf Club
Lewes, DE

**Saturday, May 11th**
Tee Times – 9:00am, 12:30pm, 4:00pm

**Sign Up at [www.camparrowhead.net](http://www.camparrowhead.net)**
A Fun Day for Everyone
You can download a sponsorship form here. More information is available by clicking the above image, calling the number below, and on flyers in the church porch.

FOR SOME ADDED FUN IN THE SUN, WE ARE INVITING ALL PARISHES TO ENTER A TEAM TO COMPETE FOR THE:

Yes Friends! Just think of taking home the most wonderful and joyful “Parish Cup,” currently under the care of our friends and last year’s winning team at Christ Church, Dover. The great thing is you don’t even have to play golf...heck, you don’t even have to necessarily like golf...because our benefit tournament is designed for anyone who supports camp.

It’s really easy too! Get together a foursome, go to the website and register. Then, begin to work on collecting parish swag and how you are going to celebrate the trophy at Church....maybe even a parade down Broad Street...if you in fact have a Broad Street. The bottom line is that this great day helps the Camp Community in so many ways so come and join us!

Give us a call at camp if you need additional information, or learn the best ways to manifest bragging rights! 302-945-0610

GOOD LUCK!
The office will be closed Friday 4/19 and Monday 4/22.

SERVICES AT IMMANUEL

Did you know we hold Mass every Sunday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Immanuel Church on the Green? Of course you did, but just in case, our service schedule is:

Sunday
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
- 9:30am - Said Mass

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass

Large print bulletins are available.

Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

This includes holiday weekends, summer Sundays, ordinary and extraordinary days.

Immanuel has been offering Compline on Sunday evenings at Immanuel for just over one whole year! We have ranged from 2 to 17 in attendance. The service has been led by many different individuals and the candlelight set-up is shared by anyone willing. The church is incredibly beautiful when lit by 60+ candles, and it provides a setting for prayer that is reverent and serene.

So what is Compline like? Those who attend usually spend a few minutes of quiet prayer in their pews. When the tower bell strikes seven, we stand and move to the altar. Bringing our service leaflets with us, we stand in a circle around the altar and recite the prayers, psalms, and readings of this beautiful office. The service is about 8 minutes long with time allowed for individuals to offer their own thanksgivings and intercessions. We return to our pews for additional time of quiet prayer before leaving in silence. Please consider attending; it's the perfect way to end your Sunday and to center yourself for the coming week.

For more information, contact Father Keene on (302)328-2413, or Jo Harney on (302)598-0858.
STAY CONNECTED

The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on Twitter and Instagram, for memes like this one (thanks Val!):

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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