The Curate:
June 2019

ANNUAL PICNIC DELIGHTS! MORE PICTURES THAN YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK AT!
+ MORE!

This Sunday: the Feast of CORPUS CHRISTI

Friends,
Since the time of the Apostles Christians have celebrated the Eucharist as unique among the sacraments, the meal in which we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commonly known by its Latin name Corpus Christi was introduced in the late 13th century to give special honor to the institution of the Holy Eucharist, and to the Blessed Sacrament, the consecrated elements of bread and wine. It invites us to focus on the Body of Christ, manifest in two forms: the Holy Eucharist, and the Church.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, our worship of Jesus present in his Body and Blood reminds us that the Eucharist is a community action, one in which every one of us is an active participant. We recall that which makes us Christians in the first place: our identification with the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. But our identification with Jesus is more than a one-to-one relationship with him; that personal relationship exists and thrives within Christ's Risen Body: the community of all who call themselves Christian. We approach God, not as solitary individuals, but with and through those around us. Jesus said that others would know that we live in him by our love for each other, and by the unity which follows from that love: "By this will all know that you are my disciples, that you have love one for another" (John 13:35). Before his Passion Jesus prayed, "May they all be one...so completely one that the world will know that it was you [the Father] who sent me" (John 17:21,23). We demonstrate this unity, both in the way we live our daily lives, and as we gather week by week to celebrate and receive Christ's Body and Blood as the community of his disciples.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Keene

This Sunday's music features two hymns originally composed specifically for the Feast of Corpus Christi, both attributed to the medieval theologian Thomas Aquinas: "Zion, praise thy Savior" [Lauda Sion Salvatorem], and "Now my tongue, the mystery telling" [Pange lingua gloriosi]. The latter hymn will include a soprano descant newly composed by Jack Burnam, and being heard for the first time at this service.

The opening and concluding organ voluntaries are based on these same two hymns, and are excerpts from "Little Organ Mass," composed by James Woodman for the rededication of the organ in the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston.

The Immanuel Choir will sing Ave Verum Corpus in a tender lyrical setting by Sir Edward Elgar.
Organ Voluntaries
What Are They, and Why Do We Have Them?

At nearly every service with music, an instrumental "voluntary" (usually on the organ) is played at the beginning and the end of worship. As the word itself suggests, voluntaries are optional. Nevertheless, they do serve an important purpose, especially in a parish like Immanuel with a rich tradition of music in worship.

**The Big Idea.** The time before the Liturgy begins is a time of preparation, a space in which to pray, meditate, step away from our everyday life, and come into God's presence. The opening voluntary is part of this preparation, an aid to "shifting our spiritual gears." At the conclusion of worship the voluntary is a response to the Liturgy as we depart, mirroring our refreshed spirits and renewed intent to live in the world as citizens of the kingdom of God.

**I Wish Those People Would...** On the subject of voluntaries, as with nearly everything in church, responses and opinions differ! Some look forward to these offerings of music, find them inspiring, and may even feel moved to respond with applause, a well-meant and generous gesture—which others, however, tend to regard as inappropriate in church. Some barely notice the music and ignore it completely; and a few even find the voluntaries irritating or intrusive.

**So Sorry! Please...** Whatever your own views, the sage advice of C. S. Lewis is worth noting: "Discrepancies of taste and capacity will provide matter for mutual charity and humility." If you wish to listen attentively to the music, be tolerant of those who may not display the same level of interest—move to a quieter place in the building if you need to. If the music doesn’t hold your attention or isn’t of interest to you, be considerate of those near you who do wish to listen (especially with regard to the volume level of your conversation). If you have urgent business to discuss, consider taking it outside the church.

**The Audience? That Would Be God.** For the organist or other musicians who choose, prepare, and play them, voluntaries are an offering of worship and a form of prayer—that’s to say, a part of the service and emphatically not a concert performance. In truth, all who take part in the Liturgy—readers, servers, greeters, choirs, members of the altar guild and flower guild, and people in the pews, as well as the celebrant and preacher—contribute their diverse gifts to our common prayer; and that’s true for the organist, as well.

**That Was Nice--What Was It?** For those who are interested, the music’s title and the composer’s name are listed in the service leaflet. If the piece is based on a hymn, its number is cited, and you may find it helpful to turn to that hymn and read the words as you listen to the music. Of course, it’s entirely possible (and completely acceptable) to experience the spirit and intent of the music without knowing the title of a piece or its composer, or anything else about it. Still, you can be sure the music has been chosen to reflect the particular day or season—sometimes in a very specific way, and other times in a more general or allusive manner.
Even though the voluntary is not an “official” part of the Liturgy, it is offered with the intention of helping us prepare to experience the presence of God, and respond to that experience at the conclusion of worship. Have a question about a voluntary, or an opinion to offer? By all means, speak to me at any time. I’m always happy to hear what you think!

— Jack Burnam

ANNUAL PICNIC AND SEERSUCKER SUNDAY!

The Annual Spring Parish Picnic was held the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 9, after the 10 a.m. Mass. As you can see from the photos, a good time was had by all. For many past picnics, it has rained while Jon Barrett grilled the hamburgers and hot dogs. This year broke the tradition—it was sunny and we ate fried chicken! A big thank you to Mark Bacher for getting the chicken. By the end there was not a piece left. Everyone also enjoyed the many delicious salads and desserts brought by parishioners. June 9 was also “Seersucker Sunday,” an Immanuel tradition where everyone comes dressed in their best seersucker outfit and poses for the traditional group photo. To celebrate the occasion, Valerie Long made a delicious and spectacular cake with seersucker icing. The picnic provided a great opportunity to chat with other parishioners and enjoy the peace and beauty of the secret garden. The fall picnic will be held September 15.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor
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, Immanuelians 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!
The St. Anne’s Guild concluded their year with a group outing to the Wilmington Blue Rocks. We enjoyed perfect weather, a lovely sunset, and each other's company. It took forever, but the Blue Rocks finally scored 2 runs in the 7th inning. No one was happier then Jennifer when the Blue Rocks won!

- Valerie Long
YOUNG ACHIEVERS
Last Wednesday, several Immanuellians attended Katya Linton’s Senior Recital at The Music School of Delaware, and were treated to music from composers including Beethoven, Debussy, and Joplin.

Katya has studied violin for 14 years, and piano for 12 years. She graduated from high school two weeks ago, and will attend Neumann University in the fall, with a major in Psychology. Katya received scholarship offers totaling over $250,000.

Katya studies with Genia Maslov on violin, and with Lotus Cheng on piano, both at the Music School of Delaware. Since age 4, she has performed in numerous recitals and concerts at the Music School and area churches, including St. Paul’s United Methodist, and Immanuel Episcopal Church, New Castle. She has performed in Delaware All-State Orchestra for five years, participated in the University of Delaware’s All Honors Orchestra, Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra, and annually in the DSMTA Piano Festival. As a violinist, Katya has performed at Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Centre, and the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Katya toured Europe with a string ensemble in 2013 and performed in Budapest, Bratislava, Prague, and Vienna. She also works with younger students on recital preparation and lessons.

In her spare time, Katya is active in Tang Soo Do karate, and is currently a third-degree black belt. She has been a teaching assistant at Pro Martial Arts, Wilmington, for four years.

We would like to congratulate Katya on her many achievements, and look forward to following her future endeavors!

Last Sunday we welcomed a new Acolyte: Teddy Kinservik! Great job, Teddy!
**Alexander Joseph Long** was baptized at Immanuel in late April.

Parents: Julia Durante and Jeremiah Long  
Godparents: Joshua James Karstendick and Alison Katherine Shott  

You may also know Alexander Joseph's grandparents - Chuck and Janice Durante - as long time members of Immanuel.

Congratulations all, and welcome Alexander Joseph!

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**NOTES FROM THE VESTRY**

The Vestry met Jun 19th for its regularly scheduled meeting. These items were discussed:

- Thank you to all who took part in A Day in Old New Castle -- all those who ran the bake sale and those who baked, the greeters, the tour guides, those who manned the hospitality table, the bell ringers, and the choir who sang Evensong.
- The pew accessibility project has begun and is expected to be completed by mid July. There is a large dust containment unit surrounding the work area, which may obstruct the view of parishioners who normally sit in that back corner. During construction, the altar and organ are covered to keep out dust.
- The Bishop will be invited to bless the new wheelchair accessibility area when construction is completed.
- The summer picnic was a success. Thank you to Mark Bacher and Jeff Meadows for picking up the chicken, and all who brought salads and desserts to share.
- The fall picnic will be September 15. Fried chicken or grilled hot dogs and burgers? Tell the wardens your preference.
- We continue our journey with "Invite Welcome Connect." See Jon Barrett about getting involved. Committees are forming for 1) Invite, 2) Welcome, and 3) Connect.  
  
  – Geri Krolin-Taylor

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**SAVE THE DATES!**

June 22, Saturday -- Nursery and Sunday school room cleanup. Talk to Matt Kinservik for more information and to volunteer  
June 23 -- Last day for the choir until September  
September 8 -- St. Anne's Guild meeting  
September 15 -- Fall "welcome back" picnic
VESTRY SPOTLIGHT

Caitlin Irwin

I've been going to Immanuel On the Green since I was 11 years old. I first began attending services with my father, Bob Irwin, and since then I've never left. I have been a member of youth group, an acolyte, part of the youth and adult choir, and now a member of Vestry.

Now, as an adult, I welcome the opportunity to serve on the Vestry, where I can be a part of the decision-making process and advocate for continuing of spiritual rejuvenation. I feel it is my responsibility as a member of the next generation to carry our traditions into the future. Immanuel On the Green has been such a big part of my life, and I plan on continuing to attend services and give back to the great community that took me in.

Professionally, I have worked for Christiana Care as a Behavioral Health Specialist for over seven years. I am pursuing a Master's degree in Social Work at Widener University and expect to complete it this December.

When I have free time I enjoy spending it with my family and my boyfriend, Rob. We live in Old New Castle, and we enjoy taking walks in the area, being in nature, and enjoying the delicious food that area restaurants provide.

The Pew Project is Underway!

A dust tent, approximately 10’ X 13’ X 13’, has been constructed over the area where the two pews have been removed on the North side of the Nave. This enclosure ensures the containment of most of the construction dust and dirt, and serves as a protective barrier by safely enclosing the work area.
Although the HVAC (located in a chase under the pews on the North side of the Nave) is not exactly where we hoped it would be, we have worked through the challenges that the depth of the HVAC posed and will be ready to pour the cement foundation for the brick floor later this week.

The closure of the porch is now scheduled for early next week.

Additional measures have been taken to protect the frontal, lectern, pulpit and organ from any dust created by removing the pews and trim and relocating the bricks on the porch to the Nave. Laying 100 year old brick on the porch to replace the bricks moved to the Nave is expected to create additional dirt and dust, which will be largely contained to the porch area.

Additional updates will be posted periodically!

Felice Jo Lamden
Welcome to the Immanuel Gardeners Guild!

Immanuel is starting a Gardeners Guild—a group of gardeners that will hold informal "weed and wine" gatherings to help enhance the churchyard and Academy gardens.

This is a call for volunteers—no experience is necessary! It's for anyone who would like to help. We will begin next Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Academy, with an assessment of projects within the gardens—followed by some wine and cheese. Most tools provided.

Please contact Bob Davis at rdavis@udel.edu or just show up! The future is green!

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, June 29

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on June 29. 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.
Let Freedom Ring - created in 1972 - begins nationally with the tapping of the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia at 2pm Eastern Daylight time. Each year over 100,000 Americans participate at sites that include the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, and the Washington Memorial at Valley Forge.

All faiths and ages are invited to attend Northern Delaware's annual 4th of July bell-ringing ceremony at the New Castle Presbyterian Church on Second Street (a change of venue this year as Immanuel is undergoing construction work). Please be seated in the church by 1:25pm, the program will begin at 12:30 sharp, and will conclude after the bell-ringing at 2pm.

You can read the full press release here.

Food Closet Update

The Food Closet is in need of the following items:

- Box Mac & Cheese
- Canned Soup - progresso or chunky (it's not winter anymore, but these soups can become a meal)
During construction work, contributions will need to be left at the office for collection during the week, and at the Academy on Sundays, as the church porch will be closed. All jarred and canned items need to be regular sized (not from Bjs or Costco) as the large sizes are not manageable for many food bank users. We appreciate everything you do for this cause!

**SERVICES AT IMMANUEL**

**Schedule of Services**

Immanuel’s sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. You are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

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

**Wednesday**
- 9:30am - Said Mass [but currently suspended, until the Pew Project is completed]

**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.

Jo Harney will be away on sabbatical for much of the summer and it is important that we
make sure Compline leadership is covered during this period (and beyond). Please click on
the sign-up link below if you can take a week or weeks between now and mid-August.

If you have never led Compline, but would be willing to learn, please sign up and Jo will make
sure that training is provided in advance. Thank you for helping us continue our unbroken
history of every-week Compline.

Sign up here

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

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