The Curate:
September 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

THE FEAST OF DEDICATION

“...For the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” [1 Corinthians 3:16]

It is an ancient tradition of the Church to consecrate—to set a part for a special purpose—any building in which Christians regularly meet for worship. The Feast of Dedication is the anniversary of this consecration of a church
building. Ideally the dedication festival would be kept each year on the actual date of a building’s consecration or the feast title; but when (as is often the case) this is impractical, Anglican tradition provides that it be celebrated each year on the first Sunday of October.

The Feast of Dedication has many levels of meaning. It is, of course, an occasion to give thanks for the beautiful, historic building in which we are privileged to meet. But it is also an occasion to be reminded that our Lord Jesus Christ has replaced the ancient temple; and it is he who is the true Building, the meeting place between God and humankind. Not only that, but we who have been baptized into Christ, as members of his Body, are also part of the Building.

We hear this temple imagery employed in the first Epistle of Peter: “The Lord (Jesus) ... to whom you come, as unto a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, and are built up yourselves into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God through Jesus Christ.” The church building whose consecration we celebrate on the Feast of Dedication is, in effect, a symbol and a sacrament of Christ, the ”sure foundation” of the spiritual temple that God is building, and of which each one of us is an essential part.

This year, the choir is preparing special music to be used as part of the celebration of the Holy Eucharist marking this important date. I hope each of you will make it a point to join your fellow Christians for worship on Sunday, October 6th to commemorate the founding and setting apart of our lovely Immanuel Church.

In Christ,
Fr. Keene

This weekend we celebrated the baptism of Carter Anthony Maloney, son of Alexa and Donald; Carter’s Godparents are Valene Renee Chance and Megan Elizabeth Maloney.
STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Season 2020

Thank you to all of our stewards who have given of their time, talent, and treasure over the last year! As we prepare for and meditate on our stewardship for the coming year, we root ourselves in thanksgiving for the generous spirit shown by those who have supported Immanuel and its mission. Below are key dates for the coming month:

Lectio Divina Series
All are invited to enjoy good food, good company, and good conversation every Tuesday evening from October 1st to October 22nd. We will meet at Porto Fino’s at 6 pm.

What is Lectio Divina?
From Contemplative Outreach: "Lectio Divina, literally meaning "divine reading," is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of reading (lectio), reflecting on (meditatio), responding to (oratio) and resting in (contemplatio) the Word of God with the aim of nourishing and deepening one's relationship with the Divine."

We hope that you will join us! However, if these days or times do not work with your schedule, the passages and instructions will be made available on the website and mailed cards.

Stewardship & Pledge Celebration - Sunday, October 27th - please join us at the 8 am and 10 am services to celebrate stewardship and make our pledge for the coming year!

- Mary Nash Wilson

LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES
ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

It’s a long-established custom at Immanuel to make regular, often seasonal, changes in our pattern of worship at the 10 o’clock Sunday celebration of Holy Eucharist. After a summer and early fall making use of what the Prayer Book calls Rite Two (contemporary English), this Sunday we’ll begin using Rite One (traditional Elizabethan English).

This means changes in our liturgical music, as well. We’ll be singing from our Hymnal portions of the Missa Sancta Maria Magdalene by Canadian composer and church musician Healey Willan, which he wrote for the church he served for over 45 years, St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Toronto. Willan’s setting is the most familiar and frequently used congregational setting of the Communion Service, and an old friend to long-time Episcopalians.

SUNDAY’S MUSIC

- Hymn 475, God himself is with us
- Gradual Psalm 113, Anglican chant
- Hymn 538, God of mercy, God of grace
- Ralph Vaughan Williams: He that is down need fear no fall, sung by the Ross Choir
- Hymn 568, Father all loving, who rulest in majesty
- Hymn 375, Give praise and glory unto God
- G. F. Handel: Sonata in F for Flute & Basso Continuo, Op 1 No 11, played by Susan Ryan, flute, and Carolyn Hendrix, cello

Save these Dates: Don’t miss these upcoming Special Musical Events at Immanuel on the Green!

October 13: First Choral Evensong at 4pm - The Choir School of Delaware will kick off our annual Second-Sunday-of-the-month Choral Evensong series. The Choir School provides professional-level musical training and mentoring to youth in the greater Wilmington area.

October 18: Mark Laubach, organ, in Recital at 7:45pm - Mark is a brilliant and engaging performer. He is also a long-time friend of Immanuel, and we are excited to welcome him back! Mark is Organist of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre. Admission is free, and a reception follows Mark’s program.

February 8 - 9: Visiting Scholar Weekend with Dr. Esther Lightcap Meek - “The Epiphany of Beauty: Where Art and Faith Converge” is a unique weekend-long event featuring Visiting Scholar Esther Meek, Professor of Philosophy at Geneva College, exploring the connections between music, theology, and liturgy. Not to be missed!

The Music and Worship 2019-2020 booklet is now available on the church porch! We encourage you to take a couple and pass them on to friends and family; if you would like to mail them, or need a large number of booklets, please contact the office - we have everything ready to go.

You can access the booklet online by clicking on the image below.
ST. ANNE'S GUILD
St. Anne's Guild Fills Backpacks

At their September meeting, the ladies of St. Anne's Guild filled 18 backpacks with school supplies for children at Carrie Downy Elementary School.

The group's next meeting will be October 7, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

Donate Items for St. Anne's Guild Attic Treasures Sale

St. Anne's Guild will hold its annual rummage and bake sale, affectionately called Attic Treasures, on Saturday, October 19, 9 am til 3 pm, and Sunday, October 20, 9 am til noon. All money raised during the sale is donated to local charities.

You can support the sale by donating items, baking for the bake table, and coming to the sale to see what treasures and baked goods you want to buy. We accept items in good condition,
such as housewares, books, jewelry, and decorations. Please no clothing, furniture, large appliances, or electronics donations. To arrange to drop off items, contact Camille Foster at 302 322 3707. The last day for donations is Wednesday, October 9.

With the money raised at the 2018 sale, St. Anne’s was able to help support the Food Bank of Delaware, Ministry of Caring, Sunday Breakfast Mission, and Episcopal Relief and Development.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

*Photos: Scenes from Attic Treasures 2018*

**NOTES FROM THE VESTRY**

**Vestry Meeting Highlights**

The Vestry met on September 18, and the following items were discussed:

- The pew accessibility project is just about done. The project took a little longer than anticipated but came in under budget. Thanks to Felice Jo Lamden for leading the project. It was wonderful to see the area being used during the baptism of Carter Maloney.
- Oktoberfest is October 12. Buddy Garrison is busy brewing another batch of Emmanu-Ale. There will also be bratwurst on the grill and live music. Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the porch bulletin board.
- The 2019–2020 music and service booklet is ready for your reading pleasure, with a listing of all services. Pick up a few from the church porch and share with friends. It’s an easy way to evangelize!
- Jo Harney will be heading up Sunday School for the fall.
- From October 27 to November 24, Jo Harney and Fr. Chris will be leading a class, Conversations About Death and Dying, on Sundays after Coffee Hour.
- The Blessing of the Animals will be Sunday, October 6, at 4 pm. All pets are welcome.
• October 6 is also Immanuel’s Feast of Dedication, in which the parish celebrates its founding.
• The Diocese is holding its Second Annual Invite Welcome Connect event on Saturday, November 23, from 9 am to 3 pm, at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Middletown. More information can be found on the Episcopal Church in Delaware website and in upcoming church communications.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

THE GREETERS GUILD
Anyone can greet!

The smiling greeters are the first people you see at Church each Sunday. They are the welcoming face of Immanuel to parishioners and newcomers alike.

Doe Irwin has been the head of the Greeters Guild for the last five years. The most important part of being a greeter, Doe says, is providing a “warm welcome at the front door. Making people feel welcome is so important.”

“I love seeing people as they arrive and sharing a kind word, a laugh, or checking in. It is one of my favorite things to do at Immanuel,” Doe says. It is also one of the easiest ways to participate in one of the Church’s ministries.

This guild may be the only one in which there are no meetings, and all you have to do is arrive at Church early and smile. “People realize that the job is easy,” Doe says. She likes being a greeter because “it feels good,” she says. “Showing kindness is good for the soul.”

The duties of a greeter are simple. Greeters make sure that the offering plates are in the back of the transepts and programs in the transept program holders. They also verify that the “Service Is in Progress” signs are outside (and they usually are).

The real work begins with giving out the programs to everyone entering the church, along with a warm welcome. One person is needed to greet, but it’s nice to have two as a second person is needed to collect the offering. The greeter will also ask two people to bring the elements up to the altar along with the offering. At the end of the service, the greeters bring in the “Service Is in Progress” signs. “Duties done,” Doe says.

When welcoming first-time attendees, greeters also offer information about the Church and about coffee hour in the Academy after the service. They answer any questions that newcomers may have, such as where to sit, how long the service is, and the location of the Academy. Doe firmly believes that welcoming newcomers is a very important part of the ministry.

There is a sign-up sheet for greeters on the bulletin board in the Church’s entrance. You can sign up for a Sunday that works with your schedule. If you have any questions, Doe is always happy to share her knowledge and experience.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Compline

Anyone who attends Compline, is thinking about attending Compline, or just wants to know more about Compline, is invited to a discussion session on September 22 in the Academy following coffee hour. We have a beautiful and moving candlelit service every Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the church, and have done so continuously since February of 2018. We are interested in both increasing participation and hearing from all of you about ways in which we might
enrich that service. You are not making a commitment to anything if you show up! It can just be a good way to learn more. Please consider joining us for this 30 minute or less discussion session.

- Jo Harney

SAVE THE DATES!

- October 6, Sunday — Blessing of the Animals
- October 12, Saturday — Oktoberfest
- October 13, Sunday — Choral Evensong, with Choir School of Delaware
- October 18, Friday — Mark Laubach Organ Recital
- October 19, Saturday — Attic Treasures
- October 26, Saturday — Movie Night
- November 4, Monday — All Souls’ Day Mass

Bring Your Pets to Church for Blessing of the Animals

On October 6 at 4 pm, all pets of all shapes and sizes (and faiths) are invited to Immanuel on the Green for our annual Blessing of the Animals. "Come and bring your pets, whether they
have flunked obedience training or gotten a gold star," said Fr. Chris Keene about the event. "All are welcome!"

"I've blessed my share of snakes, gerbils, and lizards," continued Fr. Keene, confirming that pets of all types are invited. "But I've never blessed a chicken," he said.

The Blessing of the Animals marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Pets receive a blessing in acknowledgment of their love, loyalty, and companionship.

All the pets at the 2018 Blessing of the Animals were dogs. This year, let's see some cats, gerbils, hamsters, and lizards in church!

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

Photos: 2018 Blessing of the Animals ©Bruce Burk

**Back by popular demand: Oktoberfest 2019!**

Following the success of last year's Oktoberfest celebration, Oktoberfest 2019 is definitely a date for your diary. This fun fellowship event will be held on **Saturday, October 12, 6:00 pm**, in our Secret 'Biergarten' behind the Academy.

In the spirit of the festival, we will be having a Potluck German dinner- please bring your favorite dish to share! If you need a little inspiration, or some easy recipes, [here's a short list](#) of some Oktoberfest classics that everyone is sure to love (no one is ever going to say no to pretzels, be they store bought or home made!)

Beer and non alcoholic refreshments will be provided, there will also be music, the all new 2019 collectible Immanuel Oktoberfest beer stein, and lots of fellowship. This is family
friendly event-so please bring friends, relatives and children to enjoy the festivities and our renowned Immanuel hospitality!

See you there! Prost!

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In honor of the 50th birthday of the Austin Organ of Immanuel Highlands
2400 West 17th Street, Wilmington DE
Immanuel Church, Highlands
Sat. 12 October 2019
With generous support from the Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists

**CONCERT ONE**
5:00 – 6:30 pm
David Schelat
Jack Internet
David Christopher

6:30 – 7:30 pm
Buffet Supper in Parish Hall

**CONCERT TWO**
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Paul Fleschner
Bruce Barber
Steven Patchel

**TWO CONCERTS IN ONE EVENING**
Six Wilmington organists play masterworks repertoire on the 1969 Austin Organ including French, German, Spanish, and American composers, and the famous Toccatas of Bach and Widor.
A freewill offering will be accepted.

Organ Marathon!

Immanuel Episcopal Church, Highlands 2400 West 17th Street, Wilmington DE 19802

This event is in conflict with Oktoberfest, but with good planning you might be able to hear Jack play and then head over to the Secret Garden to join the festivities!

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**Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Oct 26**

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Oct 26. Our host is Nancy Coning-McDowell at 54 E 4th St in New Castle.

The film to watch before you come is "On the Basis of Sex". We all know Ruth Bader Ginsburg became a Justice of the Supreme Court. Watch this movie based on her early life and legal career to found out how she overcame barriers based on gender. Then 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 look forward to seeing you.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office or Mark if you would like to talk about an offering.

The following Sundays do not have dedicated flower offerings:

2019
- October 20
- October 27
- December 29

2020
- January 12
- February 9
- February 23
- March 1
- March 29
- April 19
- May 3
- May 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13

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 *(postponed until further notice)*

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass
Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

The sign-up register for Sunday evening Compline has been extended to include the fall months. Please consider signing up to lead one or more weeks of this beautiful candlelit service. Training is provided. Click here to view the sign-up and to volunteer: Immanuel Compline

Sign up here
What is Compline?

Immanuel has been offering Compline on Sunday evenings at Immanuel for over a 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.

Large print bulletins are available.

September Birthdays

- Week 1 - Elizabeth Grace Costango
- Week 2 - Lucille Joyce Hopper, Nancy Coning-McDowell
- Week 3 - Bob Davis, Nancy P. Davison, Lydia Timmins, Donald Maloney
- Week 4 - Sarah Wolcott
- Week 5 - Jim Butler

September Anniversaries

- Week 1 - B.G. and Chantel Robelen
- Week 3 - Nancy and David Turner
- Week 4 - Debbie and Rick Chance
- Week 5 - Joe Davison and Phillip Stephens

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 Patsy! Very on trend!):
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