The Curate:
October 2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day
(Commemoration of All Faithful Departed)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Sunday, November 3rd we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints. All Saints’ Day actually falls on
November 1st but is often transferred to the following Sunday as we do here at Immanuel. All Saints is traditionally a festive day on which the Church commemorates or remembers the "greats" of The Faith, in other words, those saints who led exemplary lives and who have been kept in the collective mind of the Church through inclusion in our liturgical calendar. However, beginning in the 10th century, it became the custom of the Church to set aside a day separate from All Saints’ Day, on which to remember that vast body of the faithful, who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. It was also a day of particular remembrance of departed family members and friends. Though the observance of this day was abolished at the time of the Reformation because of abuses connected with masses for the dead, a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration among Anglicans and, finally, to its inclusion as an observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.

The need and duty of prayer for the departed souls has been acknowledged by the Church since its earliest days. It is commended in the Scriptures of the Old Testament (II Maccabees 12:46), and has found expression not only in public and private prayers, but especially in the offering of the Holy Eucharist for the repose of the souls of the dead.

Please call the parish office with the names of any departed loved ones that you wish to have remembered at the Holy Eucharist on All Souls Day (their names will be read aloud as part of what’s known as the Necrology) and remember to attend the liturgy on that evening to join your prayers with those of your own church family and of the whole Church in heaven and on earth for your beloved faithful departed on that evening.

All are welcome!

- Fr. Keene

For our observance of All Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 4, the Immanuel Choir and soloists will sing the Requiem in D minor, Opus 194 by Josef Gabriel Rheinberger.

Born in the tiny country of Liechtenstein, Rheinberger (1839-1901) spent almost his entire life in Munich. As a composer and a teacher of composition Rheinberger was highly regarded by his contemporaries, among them Brahms, Bruckner, and Liszt. Yet his music has frequently been neglected and overlooked. The musical climate of the late Romantic era admired innovation and flash, and in contrast Rheinberger was something of a reactionary. His music is written in a conservative style that combines the formal integrity and structure of the earlier Viennese classical era with the harmonic language of the late 19th century, creating works that balance concise emotional expression with intense lyrical beauty. Rheinberger composed his Requiem in D minor one year before his death. It is a work suffused with Rheinberger’s own deep faith, fully reflecting the sentiment he expressed in a letter to a pupil: “Music without singability and beauty of sound has no legitimacy ... Music is basically an outpouring of joy, and even in pain knows no pessimism.”
Rector’s Forum

This Sunday, following coffee hour, the Rector’s Forum will begin a series of classes on Death & Dying, Grief & Loss. The classes, which will last about 45 minutes, will include opportunities for personal sharing and will focus on the process of dying, various traditions surrounding death and funerals, funeral planning, questions about death and afterlife, recognizing stages of grief, and exploring all kinds of loss—not only death, but also job loss, divorce, moving, and more.

Classes will be held on October 27, November 3, November 17, and November 24. Note that there is NO class on November 10 (an Evensong Sunday).

STEWARDSHIP

Week 4

Treasure

Treasure is the bounty that we have obtained through the generosity of God and has been entrusted to us for the sake and well-being of the world. How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me? (Psalm 116) We ask that you consider this as you prayerfully and mindfully consider what portion of your treasure is committed to Immanuel. This calling to intentional generosity, is to walk in love with us and give what you are able. Consider your current pledge and prayerfully and mindfully consider how this supports and sustains the ministries of Immanuel. Consider how your standard of living would change if you increased your commitment an additional one percent? We hope and pray that you walk in love with us and God to do the work in the work that we are called to do.

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:

Thank you for joining us for the Lectio Divina series! If the days or times did not work with your schedule, the passages and instructions will be made available on the website and mailed cards. The guides from the Lectio Divina series are available here.

**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."

**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

**OKTOBERFEST**
The second annual Immanuel Oktoberfest celebration was a delightful evening attended by more than 50 Immanuelians and guests. Buddy Garrison brewed a special Blonde Pumpkin Ale; Rick Chance provided amazing bratwurst, bockwurst, and kielbasa from a German butcher in north Philly, Robb Mackes oversaw the production of lovely commemorative beer steins (still some for sale!), and Mary Davis and others on the Fellowship Committee helped to set up the Secret Garden and make it look lovely.

Thanks for joining us, and please enjoy these photos from Mark Bacher, Matt Kinservik, Caitlin Irwin, and Fr. Keene! We're looking forward to seeing you again next year!
Thanks to you Immanuel from St Anne’s Guild
A great big thank you to parishioners, friends, and everyone else who donated treasures and baked goods; spent hours working to unpack, wash and polish and publicize the event; and set up and price our wonderful display, especially our dear Ida Stidham.

We had another successful Attic Treasures Sale, but it wouldn’t have happened without your help! Special thanks go to BG and Rob Robelen, our heavy movers.

So friends, it’s time to start putting aside your wonderful treasures for next year, when, God willing, we’ll do it all again!

Karen Kennedy
For St. Anne’s Guild
LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

Sunday’s anthem at the Offertory, “Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,” is perhaps the best-known work of the English composer Herbert Howells. He wrote it in a single day in January, 1941, at a time when London was under a nearly constant German air assault. By turns lyrical, poignant, and dramatic, it is an intense and moving exploration of the first three verses of Psalm 42.

The organ voluntaries are by François Couperin (1668-1733), who was appointed organist at St Gervais, Paris in 1685 (the year of J. S. Bach's birth). Today known mostly for his compositions for harpsichord and other instruments, Couperin’s first published music at the age of 22 was Pièces d'orgue, a volume containing two “organ Masses,” consisting of short movements that would have been played according to the practice of that era, in alternation with plainsong chants sung by the choir.

SUNDAY’S MUSIC

Hymns:
680 "O God, our help in ages past"
466 "Eternal light, shine in my heart"
313 “Let thy blood in mercy poured”
546 "Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve”

Offertory Anthem: "Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks" - Herbert Howells
Communion Motet: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord" - Felix Mendelssohn

Organ Voluntaries: Benedictus: Chromhorne en taille (from Mass for the Parishes) - François Couperin, and Offertoire: Grand jeu (from Mass for the Convents) - François Couperin

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

November 10: Choral Evensong at 4pm - The Immanuel Choir will offer Choral Evensong, singing music by English composers Philip Radcliffe, Charles Villiers Stanford and Balfour Gardiner. This is the perfect opportunity to introduce a neighbor or acquaintance to the riches of Immanuel’s worship and musical life.
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!

EVENSONG—AND CHURCH GROWTH

How did you first learn about Immanuel? For many people, a friend's invitation to attend a service is their first contact with a parish. Experts tell us that a personal invitation is the most frequent—and most successful—means of reaching potential new members.

One of Immanuel's special attractions is Choral Evensong the second Sunday of each month, a beautiful service of song, scripture and prayer in the Anglican Tradition, led by one of our choirs. The service is brief (about 45 minutes) and easy to follow, and is always followed by an informal reception offering a chance to meet new people and enjoy further fellowship.

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What's more, you will find your own spirit nourished and inspired by this unique experience of worship, deeply rooted in the Anglican tradition, that continues to flourish in our own community of faith.

Please join us for this wonderful service!

A big thank you to everyone who attended the Mark Laubach in Recital event on Friday. It was a pleasure to host Mark at Immanuel, and a great evening of wonderful organ music was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Jeannette Burnam for the delightful spread at the reception following.
NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

Vestry Meeting Highlights

The Vestry met on October 16, and the following items were discussed:

- The Diocesan Convention will be held in Bethany Beach in January, 2020. The delegation from Immanuel includes: Mary Nash Wilson, Jim Evitts, Jon Barrett (alternate).
- The second annual Immanuel Oktoberfest celebration was a delightful evening attended by more than 50 Immanuelsians and guests. Buddy Garrison brewed a special Blonde Pumpkin Ale; Rick Chance provided amazing bratwurst, bockwurst, and kielbasa from a German butcher in north Philly, Robb Mackes oversaw the production of lovely commemorative beer steins (still some for sale!), and Mary Davis and others on the Fellowship Committee helped to set up the Secret Garden and make it look lovely.
- The Diocese of Delaware is inviting all to attend the Evangelism and Growth Conference at St. Anne's School in Middletown on Saturday, Nov. 23rd from 8:30-3:30. You can learn more about this event and register to attend at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-evangelism-growth-conference-tickets-73430254869.

- Matt Kinservik

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Fall Fun for All

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a hayride and bonfire at White Clay Creek State Park on Sunday, November 3 at 4 p.m. Join us for a 45-minute ride and then s'mores and cider around the campfire. Registration is limited and will happen on a first-come, first-served basis.

To sign up, please email maragorman@gmail.com, call or text 302-690-7520,
or see Mara at coffee hour after church.

SAVE THE DATES!

- October 26, Saturday — Movie Night
- November 4, Monday — All Souls’ Day Mass
- November 10, Sunday — Choral Evensong

The Blessing of the Animals

It was lovely to see so many people and pets in church for this special service! All photos by Mark Bacher.
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
- 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.

October Birthdays
- Week 5 - Magnus Frieberg, Nancy Turner, Christian Waibel

October Anniversaries
- Week 5 - Fred and Gina Tarburton

November Birthdays
- Week 1 - David Barczak, Jack Warren Burnam, Matthew Lovlie, Linda Maddux
- Week 2 - Caroline McDonald, Michael Lyon, Robert McDonald
- Week 3 - Steve Getty, Steven Timmins, Oliver Plant, Diane Hernandez
- Week 4 - Linda Butler, Felice Jo Lamden
- Week 5 - Joan Block, Wendy Butler

November Anniversaries
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:

Lamb of God (Baby Shark Mass)

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