Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to extend a word of thanks to all who participated in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day liturgies and especially acknowledge the many people who were "behind the scenes" making everything run so beautifully and seamlessly.

Jack Burnam and both the Ross Choir who sang at the 5 pm Eucharist and the Immanuel Choir, many of whom were present at all three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist.

Mark Bacher and the Immanuel Flower Guild, who made Immanuel look it's absolute best with their lovely arrangements at the altar and throughout the church.

Camille Foster and the Altar Guild, who were in the sacristy both before and after all the liturgies making sure the proper linens were
ready, the candles trimmed, and all the necessary sacred vessels were set out, collected, washed and safely put away.

Steve Getty and the acolytes, eucharistic ministers and lectors who really tie every part of the liturgy together with their skill and excellent timing.

Samantha Parritt-Simpson, who made sure Christmas mailings went out, participants in the liturgy were each aware of their respective duties, and who prepared and ran off what surely seemed like a million bulletins!

All the children (Christmas stockings) and adults (Christmas baskets) who were part of our outreach efforts during this holy season.

And finally, everyone who attended one or more of the liturgies. When you take your place in the pew and take your part in the service, you are fully participating in the the church’s celebration of the birth of Christ and his great redemptive work. The Church is the Body of Christ and you are each an integral part. I am blessed to be your priest and I give thanks for each of you!

Wishing you a continued joyous Christmastide and a blessed New Year,
Fr. Keene

Dear Friends,
A reminder that Bishop Brown will be making his annual visitation to our church this Sunday, January 5th. Please plan to be present with your parish family to welcome him, to celebrate our ties to Diocese and wider Church and to support Immanuel! Thank you!

D A T E S  F O R  Y O U R  D I A R Y

January 5, 10am: Bishop Brown at Immanuel - This Sunday, January 5, Rt. Rev'd Kevin Brown, Bishop of Delaware will make his annual Episcopal Visitation to Immanuel, as we observe the Feast of the Epiphany. There will be only one combined service at 10:00 am, at which Bishop Brown will preach, baptize, and celebrate the Eucharist. There will be a reception and coffee hour following the service, after which Bishop Brown will hold an open forum. All are invited!

Nominations are being taken for the next class of the Vestry. There will be three open positions along with a warden position. Nomination forms need to be in by January 8 so the Vestry can approve the roster of candidates at its next meeting. See Fr. Chris, the wardens, or a Vestry member for more information.
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!

LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

SUNDAY’S MUSIC

10am Hymns:
124 “What star is this with beams so bright”
78 “Earth has many a noble city”
117 “Brightest and best of the stars of the morning”
119 “As with gladness men of old”
Offertory Anthem: *Gaude et laetare* [“Rejoice and be glad”] - Cecilia McDowall
Communion Motet: *That so Thy blessed Birth, O Christ* - H. Walford Davies
Organ Voluntaries: *Allein Gott in der Höh’ sei Ehr*, BWV 662 [Hymn 421: “All glory be to God on high”] - J. S. Bach, and *In dir ist Freude* [“In thee is gladness”] - J. S. Bach

Immanuel’s Choir will sing Choral Evensong – the traditional Anglican service of music, scripture and prayer – **next Sunday, January 12 at 4 pm**. The service is both beautiful and brief (45 minutes), and is followed by food, drink and friendly conversation at candlelit reception in the Academy. We hope you’ll join us and consider inviting a friend to come with you.

If you are willing to share a dish of sweet or savory finger food for the reception, please bring your ready-to-serve contribution to the Academy parlor before the service. If you have questions, speak to Jeannette Burnam (438-0177).
“Sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world, Choral Evensong is a service of evening prayer, derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline. The choir sings the traditional evening prayers of the Church that have been offered for centuries, while the congregation listens, joins in the hymns, and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. In the candlelit quiet of a darkening sanctuary, it is a precious opportunity for peaceful meditation before the start of a busy week.”

(from St Paul’s, Chestnut Hill, PA)
Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Jan 11

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Jan 11. Our hosts are Suzanne Souder and Glenn Rill at 60 W 4th St in New Castle.

The film to watch before you come is "The Wife". Glenn Close stars as the wife whose husband is about to receive the Nobel prize in Literature. Watch this movie which explores the life choices people make and their consequences. 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.

Goody Care Packages

Immanuelians have participated in an outreach effort to supply Goody Care Packages to members of the Delaware National Guard- 198th ESB that is currently deployed to the Middle East. The goodies collected included personal hygiene items for the 200+ members of the Delaware Guard that are deployed. Additionally, Immanuelians provided some special treats form home – goodies provided included WaWa Coffee, Tastycakes, Utz, and Herr's snacks. All of these treats were boxed up and taken to Immanuel, where Fr. Keene blessed the packages before they were taken to the local Post Office and sent on their way to our brothers and sisters deployed.

Immanuelians are to be thanked for the time, effort, and generosity in the support of all of these brothers and sister deployed. We sent these goodies with our blessings and prayers for a safe deployment and return to Delaware.

- Bob Irwin

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:

**2020**
- January 12
- February 9
- 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.**

Compline continues every Sunday night at 7 p.m. This brief service of prayer and readings is the final service in the monastic daily prayer cycle. It is less than 10 minutes long, and includes time for private prayer in your pew before and after the service. If you have not yet joined us for Compline, please consider making this a part of your spiritual discipline.

A new signup has been posted with dates available through the spring. If you would like to lead Compline and/or set up the church by lighting 60+ candles, please use this link to do so. Questions? Ask Jo Harney at jo.wharney@gmail.com.

Sign up here

**Large print bulletins are available.**

**January Birthdays**
• Week 1 - Tom McDowell, Jen Robelen, Ron Vukelich, Carol Vukelich, Clarke Reed Gardener
• Week 2 - Suzanne Souder, Lisa Whitaker
• Week 4 - Michael Brereton, Glenn Rill, Lorayne Titter

January Anniversaries
• Week 1 - Jack and Jeannette Burnam

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:
WE'LL GIVE HIM

GOLD AND FRANKINCENSE

BUT WAIT...

THERE'S MYRRH
Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our website.

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