The Curate: March 2020

A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear friends in Christ,

These days, we find ourselves in uncharted territory. Many of us don’t do very well with uncharted territory. Most of us want a map, or more preferably, an app that will tell us where we are and how to get where we are going. But the ways of navigating that we’ve become accustomed to don’t work in this new situation, and so it is perhaps quite natural to feel lost.

Your fellow Immanuelians realize this and want to do something about it. As you know, we are now recording our Sunday liturgy and then posting it to our website, Facebook and
We will also be posting Holy Week liturgies and working to send you musical notes (including sound!) and spiritual meditations that we hope you will find helpful. Some meetings will continue, using a communication platform known as Zoom. This is better than a conference call because you can actually see the other people attending the virtual meeting.

Now, if you’re like me, you’re not particularly tech-savvy, but I found it easy to set up a Zoom account. Like me, you may also find it reassuring to see people’s faces, which we don’t get from texting, emailing or phoning.

You may be wary about using the internet to connect to Immanuel, but I encourage you to give it a try. If you see a message from the church in your mailbox... open it and stay connected! It’s not church as we know it, but it gives us a connection to people who share our faith, our love for one another and our deep attachment to this wonderful old place we call Immanuel-on-the-Green.

Brothers and sisters, during this time, remember that the worship and praise the Church offers to God never ceases. It continues on your behalf and is united with your prayers and praises even when you cannot be physically present. I commend to you the poetic text of hymn 24 in the Hymnal 1982 –

*We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping while earth rolls onward into light, through all the world her watch is keeping and rests not now by day or night. As o’er each continent and island the dawn leads on another day, the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away.*

Finally, please know that I go daily to your church, kneel at the altar in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for each of you. I ask your prayers for me.

I remain faithfully your friend and priest,

Fr. Keene

**Virtual Compline**

One of the wonderful things about Compline is that it can be said anywhere by anyone, and although we have become accustomed to saying Compline together in our beautiful church, the truth is that we can continue the tradition in our own homes. I invite you to say Compline with your Immanuel friends on Sunday night in one of two ways. First, turn to page 127 in your Book of Common Prayer or find it online. You and your household can light candles and say this short office as a family. You only need to choose the psalm, reading, and prayers you’d like to include from a selection provided. Secondly, you can join a group of Immanuel parishioners by clicking below at a few minutes before **7 p.m. on Sunday.** We will say Compline together through a Zoom video meeting. If you choose this option, you may still want to use your prayer book (or the online version) so you will have the responses and prayers in front of you. I look forward to engaging with you in this new way.

- Jo Harney

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking [here](#):
Meeting ID: 606 343 0905

OR
Dial in on your phone by your location
+1 929 436 2866 US (New York)
+1 253 215 8782 US
+1 301 715 8592 US

Enable video and device/computer audio when you log in. Be sure to unmute yourself when the service begins so that you can participate in the responses and prayers.

Here are a few resources you might find helpful:
- Bishop Brown will celebrate a weekly Mass in the St. Albans Center, which will be livestreamed at 11 am every Sunday on the Diocesan Facebook page.
- State of Delaware
- Episcopal Relief & Development – Faith-Based Response to Epidemics
- CDC Information on Coronavirus
- Washington State Department of Health on Coronavirus
- Washington Post – How to Prepare for the Coronavirus in the US
- CDC Pandemic Guidelines

PARISH HAPPENINGS

The office will be functioning remotely during the week, please email immanuelonthegreen@comcast.net with any needs.

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 on (302)328-2413, or Mark on (302)654-2562 or at mbac56@aol.com, if you would like to talk about an offering.

These Sundays are available for dedicated flower offerings:

2020
- April 19
- May 3
- May 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13

March Birthdays
- Week 5 - Jon Barrett, Mary Elizabeth Meyer, Rick Chance, Teddy Kinservik, Chloe Rae Maloney, Dan Wolcott

April Birthdays
- Week 1 - Todd Whitaker, Hannah Marie Robelen
- Week 2 - Jeannette Burnam, Deborah Chance, Madeline Nash Wilson, David Henshaw
- Week 3 - Joseph Robert Costango, Matthew Walker
- Week 4 - Charles Botwright, Phoebe Timmins, Thomas William Costango
- Week 5 - Julian Lawrence Garrison
April Anniversaries

- Week 2 - Jim and Linda Butler, Lauren and Jimmy Hopper
- Week 3 - Mark and Valarie Leary
- Week 4 - Robert and Caroline McDonald, Charlotte and Ray Keeton, Richard and Barbara Cooch
- Week 5 - Buddy and Sarah Garrison

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:

![Image of a glass with a message]

At my church bathroom.

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