



Glad Tidings

"Publish Glad Tidings, Tidings of Peace"

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My parents have had season tickets to the University of Delaware Football games forever – I've gone to many more games than I could possibly count, and I was too young to remember my first game. So when November hits, it always reminds me of a certain division of fan hood: those who go to games in September vs. those who also attend in November. It requires some planning, special warm-weather gear, a certain addiction to warmed drinks, perhaps some personal instability, and lots of...

Commitment. Perseverance. Persistence. Stick-to-itedness.

This is a good trait – a *very* good trait. We celebrate this during Baptismal Vows and renewals, at Confirmation, Weddings, and Ordinations. We lift up those making a commitment, renew our own, and promise to help them stick-to-it as much as we can. Our culture is full of stories where the hero is just someone who kept their particular dream alive, and wouldn't listen to the multitude of voices – external *and* internal – that told them that things were hopeless, they weren't good enough/brave enough/important enough.

On the other hand, there are times when we cross the line and perseverance descends into plain stubbornness. So where does the metaphorical line lay? When am I displaying a good trait, and when am I just being thick-headed?

I think the answer lies with a recent Gospel reading, when Jesus lays out the great commandments – I paraphrased them in a recent sermon into "Love God with all ya got" and to "Love others like you love yourself", and suggested that these were not just Jesus' *expectation* of our behavior, but his vision for the community of faith. To know whether or not we are blessedly persistent or less-than-blessedly stubborn, we have to overlay our actions against the backdrop of this vision. I am stubborn when it's about details that in the long run don't display love of God or neighbor. I am persistent when it is about a core value held dear. Ultimately the difference must be judged on a personal level – viewed from one angle, Rosa Parks was just being stubborn – it's just a bus seat, right? From another angle, she was fighting not for a bus seat but for a core value of what is right.

The question we must ask ourselves is simply that – do I know why I fight for what I fight for? If not, why not? If so, is it central to my core values and beliefs? Or is it just too proudly tells the next generation that I withstood the coldest football games just because – "well, just because it's the sort of thing you do, ya know?"

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

-Prayer from the Baptismal Liturgy

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

11/02 Joy Grenfell
 11/05 Tommy Conran
 11/07 Joyce Decker
 11/08 Kaitlyn Livoy
 11/15 Paolo Buonviri
 11/15 Matteo Buonviri
 11/16 Mildred Brady
 11/16 C. Joel Staley
 11/16 Christopher Wallace



11/17 Mike Conn
 11/17 Susan Pollock
 11/18 Matt Hartnett
 11/20 Christopher Pollock
 11/21 Jab Moyo
 11/22 Joan Gibson
 11/22 Chris Grenfell
 11/27 Robert Roman
 11/29 Naledi Moyo

11/12 Marcie & Rick Tillberry

11/18 Jaime & Shane Laird

11/27 David & Patricia Livoy

Please let the Church office know of any additions, deletions or corrections that need to be made in the above lists. This is our most recent information, and we depend on you to keep us current.

Fellowship Gathering Sign-Up



We have started a "team concept" similar to the Altar Guild. Presently there are 8 teams and a list of substitutes. If you'd like to join one of the teams or start your own, please contact Bev in the church office (610-259-5148) or via e-mail bev@ihschurch.org. If you are not able to join, you may bring in a box of cookies or crackers for the pantry, a gallon of iced tea or lemonade.

Fellowship Gathering is a "coming together" time, and many hands *do* make for lighter work! Also remember during the winter months to bring an extra mug from home for use; place your name on the bottom and leave it in the kitchen. Help save our planet!

November 6th	<i>Kathy Laber & Debra Bruner</i>
November 13th	<i>Vestry</i>
November 20th	<i>Kevin Dale, Margaret McClaren & Stacey Hawley</i>
November 27th	<i>Hanna Johnston, Michael Kaslov & Eileen Resci</i>

Parish Life Committee

Would you like to help with church dinners, bazaars or other special events that energize our parish through fellowship? If you are interested in helping with events that affect the Life of the Parish, please contact the office.

Incarnation Holy Sacrament Prayer Cycle - You may have noticed in the bulletin and the Prayers of the People certain ministries named in our *prayer cycle*. This is a seven-week cycle, and the summer month's ministries are listed below. Please consider these ministries in your prayers, and allow us the privilege of connecting you with one or more of these ministries as the spirit moves you!

November 6th	Acolytes and Lay Eucharistic Visitors
November 13th	Altar Guild and Lectors
November 20th	Development Committee & Sewing Group
November 27th	Choir and Sunday School



News We continue to meet each Sunday about 10:15; see Mr. Steve, Ms. Jane or Ms. BettyLou if you like to participate!



2 AM Sunday November 6th - remember to turn your clocks back?

Glad Tiding Newsletter - Articles for the December Glad Tidings should be in the church office by Monday November 21st. *(If you are new to the church and are not listed in our directory or receive a newsletter please complete the Parish Directory Update (it can be found in the rack at the back of the church) sheet so that we may include you. Thank you - Bev B*

Seamen's Church Institute

The congregation was asked to donate items for the Seamen's Church Institute, for their ditty bag project they do every Christmas. They asked for the items earlier this year so we did not collect as much as we have in the past. Thanks to all that did donate. Here is a list of what was donated:

13 Toothbrushes
10 Tubes of Toothpaste
10 Shavers
5 cans of Shaving Cream
2 bottles of Shampoo
11 Deodorants
2 Bar of Soap
1 Foot Powder

27 Combs
29 Pens
1 Writing Tablet
8 Scarves
2 pr. Work Socks
1 pr. Work Gloves
2 First Aid Kits
2 Hand Sanitizers
4 Nail Clippers

Stewardship Sunday

Our Commitment Sunday for the 2012 Stewardship Campaign is November 13th. During this service we invite you to bring forth your pledge of support for Incarnation Holy Sacrament for next year. We will mail out the 2012 Stewardship letter next week, including the Stewardship form. Prayerfully consider your pledge of financial support to be written on the front of the form.

On the back of the form are listed the various parish ministries:

- Assist with the Eucharist as a Lector (reader), chalice bearer, acolyte, altar guild member, choir member, usher, greeter, bread & wine presenter, or almoner.
- Study God's message by assisting with church school, attending adult education, preparing for baptism or confirmation, or assisting with nursery care.
- Help with the parish operations by serving on the vestry, finance committee, working on church property, Development Committee, assisting the church office, contributing to the monthly newsletter.
- Spread God's word in community outreach, as Conestoga deanery and convention delegate, publicity, local food cupboard, sewing circle, invite new people to church, provide rides to church, help with coffee hour, help with and attend potluck suppers and special parish events, visit shut-ins.

These ministries play important roles in our parish, all thanks to your contributions. Please take some time to consider where you can volunteer your time, energies and your God-given talents to our parish.

Parents: children are also welcome to join these ministries!

Your pledge of financial support is very important and greatly appreciated. We also appreciate your pledge of your time and talents to Incarnation Holy Sacrament. And Thank You!

Jeff Mingle, Stewardship Chairperson

A **Pictorial Book of Upper Darby** will be available in mid-November; IHS is included in the book! If you're interested in obtaining a copy the cost is \$21.99. See Bev Rorer for further information.

Keys to the Church... ..

We're still looking for un-used keys to the church. If you have them and really don't need them, please, please turn them in! You may leave them in the church office any Sunday or just give them to Fr. Sandy or an usher! Thanks - Bev B

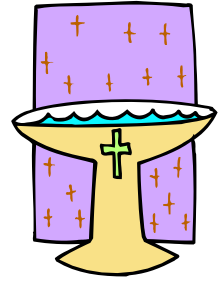
Christmas Bazaar - Save the Date - Saturday November 26th from 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM. We will have the usual Christmas Items,

Attic Treasurers, Baked Goods, Crafts and an all-day Snack Bar. We'll need volunteers and donated items suitable for our sale tables. Please see Margaret Chadwick to see how you can help to make this a fun and financially successful effort. Spread the word and bring family and friends to share in a

pre-Christmas gala. We may have limited space and resources but we can make this work with your help!



The **Altar Guild** would like to recognize and thank Kris Haelle for the time and effort she takes in making the baptismal cloths for each baby that is baptized in our church.



Christmas Poinsettias - Do you want to remember someone with a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas? If so - the form is included in this month's bulletin. Blank forms will also be available in the back of the church starting Sunday December 4th. The form should be returned to the church office no later than Thursday **December 15th**. Thank you.



Bev Brescia, Parish Administrator

FINANCIAL STATEMENT <i>As of 10/23/2011</i>	
Year to Date Income	
Envelope	66,637.75
Plate	1,653.61
Special Event	604.00
Great Beginnings	6,500.00
Investment Interest	12,306.94
Miscellaneous	1,939.00
Christmas/Easter	143.25
Endowment/Principal	
Used in 2011	5,000.00
Total Income to date	104,784.55
<i>Income Needed to Date to avoid use of any additional Endowment</i>	
<i>Principal in 2011</i>	61,133.45
Total Budget for 2011	165,918.00

Thanksgiving Food Collection

We will be collecting Turkeys, canned beans and corn, instant mashed potatoes and stuffing mix for the dinner at 1st Presbyterian Church in Glenolden. Last year they fed over 800 people including 300 meals delivered to shut-ins.



As always, if you have a neighbor or you know a parishioner who can use our help, we will put together a basket for them. Thanks for your past support. I'm sure it will grow again this year. We can also take monetary donations that they can use for milk and bread.

Thanks, *Dane Tanner*

Dates to Remember:

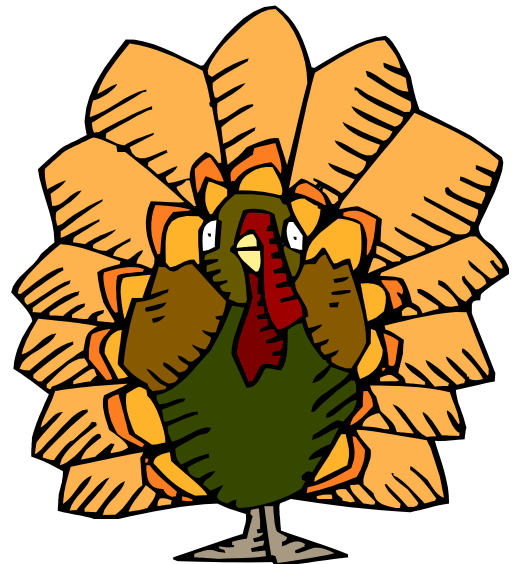
November

- All Saints Sunday with Baptism Eucharist
- November 6th - 10 AM
- Stewardship Sunday - November 13th
- Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist -
November 23rd 7:30 PM
- Christmas Bazaar - November 26th
9AM to 2 PM
- Advent Begins - Sunday November 27th

December

- Christmas Services -
 - Saturday - (12/24) Christmas Eve
 - 4:00 PM Christmas Music and Carols
 - 4:30 PM Eucharist
 - 7:00 PM Christmas Music and Carols
 - 7:30 PM Candlelight Service
 - Sunday - (12/25) Christmas Day
 - 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 - Sunday - (1/1/2012) First Sunday after Christmas
 - 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

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