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LOVING GOD LIVING HOPE

New Life in God's Love

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

The Rev. Christina van Liew
Rector



Rector's Reflections

Dear People of Resurrection,

Our Advent Candle-lighting liturgy begins with a simple prayer: *"Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled."* Because we are human, we struggle with patience and trust. This season of Christmas shopping can really distract us from God, and from the reason for the season, Jesus. Even if we are not too busy with secular activities, we may be too wounded to believe there can be joy amidst suffering and grief. There are many reasons why people find themselves far away from God at this time of year.

Is it any wonder we might cringe when we hear apocalyptic words from Scripture? Many people fear judgment because they fear God controls with threats, coercion, and condemnation (like many worldly powers). But Christ put an end to that reality for all who seek a closer relationship with God. For the faithful, whether faltering or fearless, judgment is actually good news! In it we find out that God already knows everything about us, even what we do not consciously know, and already loves us. As Brother Robert said to us at our recent clergy retreat, God is invitational and relational, not performance-

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All Parish
Christmas Dinner
Thursday, December 12th
6:00 pm

Mim's Restaurant
234 Roslyn Road, Roslyn
Valet parking—no stairs!

\$40/person

Make checks payable to *Resurrection -*
Earmark: Christmas Dinner
Turn in to Marie anytime before the 12th

BRING A WRAPPED GIFT OF NO MORE THAN \$5 IF
YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN SANTA'S GRAB BAG!



Includes:

Fresh baked breads & hummus
Vegetables & parmesan potatoes
Coffee, tea & soda—*note: cash bar*

Salad: choice of
Caesar salad or Field green salad

Entrée: choice of
Rigatoni
Spinach, grilled Portobello mushrooms, gorgonzola,
porcini mushroom sage cream sauce.

Chicken granny smith apples
Grilled sweet potatoes, candied walnuts,
Hudson valley cider Riesling sauce.

Grilled salmon
Stone mustard demi & grilled vegetables.

Dessert:
Mim's dessert sampler

We would love to have many people attend.
Please do not stay away because you feel monetarily
strapped—see Mother Christina+—she has seats
available to give away (anonymously, of course).

Need a ride? See Jane.

A Word from our Warden



Dear Friends,

I am writing this on the Monday before Thanksgiving. The year is winding down. We will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas and then, in a little more than a month, welcome 2014.

On December 1, the day most of you will receive this newsletter, we begin the season of Advent and a new church year. Advent is a time of watchful waiting, prayer and introspection. Taking time to prepare will help us experience the full joy of Christmas.

Much is going on at Resurrection this Advent season. Our Adopt-A-Family Christmas tree stands in its usual spot in back of the church. We are once again blessed to have the opportunity to bring joy to families facing difficult times. Please bring in gifts by Sunday, December 8th, so they may be blessed. If you have any questions about this program please see me at church or give me a call at home.

Mother Christina is offering three Advent study sessions on the book The Women of Christmas by Liz Curtis Higgs. I encourage you to check out the dates and attend if you are able. The classes will enlighten you and provide time to share and listen. They will help you slow down and enjoy a more meaningful Advent.

This year's all parish Christmas Dinner will be held at Mim's, in Roslyn Heights, on Thursday, December 12th at 6:00 PM. Additional information is on flyers in back of the church. You will also find a sign-up sheet there. If you want to participate in the Grab Bag (It was a big hit last year.) please bring a wrapped \$5 gift suitable for a man or woman. Please see me if you have any questions or the cost of the dinner is a problem. We are hoping to have as many Resurrection people as possible at this annual celebration.

I wish you all quiet time for reflection in Advent, a joyous Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Blessings,

Joan



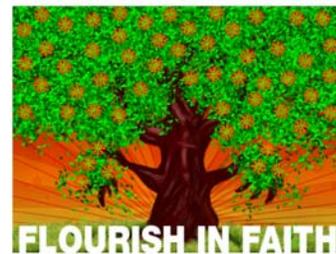
Vestry Vibes 11-17-13

- Continue to spend more than we take in.
- Strategic Vision for the Diocese presented.
- Clergy compensation package approved.
- Warden & Vestry elections at Annual Parish Meeting Sunday, February 2nd.
- Approved to purchase window well covers for 3 windows on east wall of Garden—maximum \$900.
- Chairs & tables in undercroft need cleaning.
- Processing information for Garden markers and Bench plaques.
- 17 pledges to date—\$33,000; more to follow.
- Next Meeting December 15th.



Annual Financial Stewardship Campaign For 2014 Pledge Support

The Financial Stewardship Ministry Team would like to thank those of you who have submitted your pledge commitment for 2014.



Procrastinated? It's never too late—please submit your pledge card as soon as possible.

Remember—each and every pledge is so important to keep our church up and running.

*Jane
Mary Pat
Meri*

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oriented. It is by God's initiative (not our own) that we become "citizens of a forgiven universe, set free to grow more and more into the people God intends us to be".

This is why the angels said, "fear not – I bring Good News for all people!" Advent is about anticipating this Good News, believing it is real. As the wonder and awe unfold, our gratitude grows, and our desire grows to do whatever is necessary to rid ourselves of our own resistance to this Good News. This is why there is a place for gentle penitence in the Advent liturgy. It's not about self-abuse, it is about freedom to receive what is already freely given, so we can rejoice regardless of our circumstances.

It is easier and faster (don't we love easy and fast?) to embrace the true meaning of Christmas when we spend time with God in Advent. There are infinite ways of doing this. Many people in the Diocese are joining an online conversation about Christopher Webber's book: Advent with Evelyn Underhill (one of Anglicanism's greatest spiritual leaders). Some of us are following Richard Rohr's Advent reflections. Resurrection has several mini-devotionals at the entry about the spirituality and practices of Advent. Lighten up with a charming Advent Calendar poster by Jay Sidebotham & Susan Elliott called "*Slow down. Quiet. It's Advent!*" We have a stack on the back table at church. Families of young children get a kid-friendly Advent Calendar, too. They will explore Advent a bit more at Family Night Thursday the 5th of December. If that interests you, just let me know by Tuesday the 3rd.

Join us for a three-week series Wednesday evenings in Advent on The Women of Christmas.

In this busy season, where ever you are, pray that your preparation for Christmas may help you to look both inward and outward in love, and to look forward in hope.

Peace,

Mother Christina



Advent Study



The Women of Christmas

By Liz Curtis Higgs

*Experience the Season Afresh
with Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna*

Wednesday evenings, 7-8:30pm, Library

December 4

Chapters 1 & 2 - Elizabeth

December 11

Chapters 3-7 - Mary

December 18

Chapter 8-Study Guide - Anna

3 books available @ \$10 each—see Jane
(2 additional are saved for Meri and Evelyn)

Come as you are!
Suggest reading the chapters ahead of time
if you have the book!
Read the chapters? Come with questions
and discussion points.
Getting the book at the first session?
Listen to learn!

Ever consider becoming part of the Worship Team?

- Lector?
- Intercessor?
- Altar Server?
 - Chalice Bearer?
 - Cantor?
 - Choir member?



Now is the time!
See Mother Christina or Jane.

Family Night

Thursday, November 7th, 5:00-6:15PM

(next Family Night—Thursday, December 5th)



Destinee, Carol, Gina, Zoe, Faryn, Jeanette, Maddy



Zoe, Mother Christina, Gina



PLAY TIME
JESUS TIME
SUPPER WITH
JESUS AND FRIENDS



Dean joins in the table fun!



Destinee, Carol, Gina, Zoe, Emerys, Faryn, Jeanette, Maddy



Williston Park Christmas Tree Lighting

Sunday December 8th at 6pm

At Village Hall

494 Willis Avenue

Santa and friends will arrive with the WPFD

Hot Chocolate and cookies will be served

Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with music by local students. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



*Merry
Christmas*



Presiding Bishop Jefferts Schori's Advent Message 2013

Advent is a time of waiting and for many people it's a time to reflect on what Mary must have experienced as she waited for the birth of this unusual child.

You may never have been pregnant or lived with someone who was, but put in her place for a while. Consider what it would have been like to have a new life growing within you. And reflect on what new is growing within you this season of Advent.



What new concern is growing for the people around you? What new burden is on your heart for the woes of the world? What new possibility do you see emerging in the world around you, and how might you be part of that?

Advent is a quieter time of the year in the Church's understanding. It's a time to be still and listen, listen deep within to what is growing, ready to emerge into new life. And as the season for the birth of the Christ Child arrives, I would encourage you to consider how you yourself will be present in the world in a new way this year. How will you give evidence of love incarnate to the world around you?

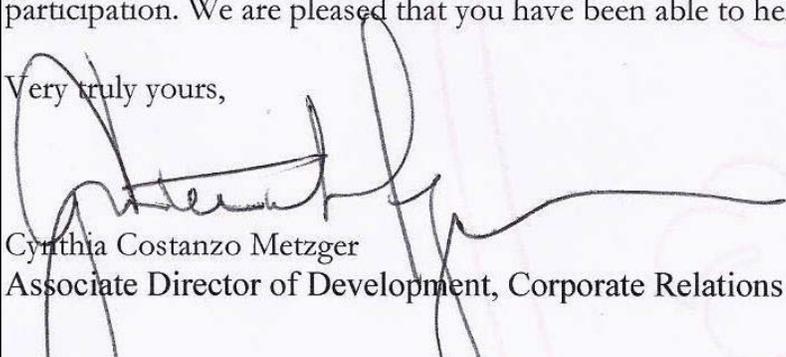
I pray that you have a blessed and joyful and peace-filled Advent. God be with you.



Thanks to your generosity, the Molloy College 2013 Annual Gala was an outstanding success! We were proud to acknowledge our four honorees for their contributions to Molloy College and their surrounding communities. The event was a celebration of our continued success and plans for the future.

On behalf of the administration, staff and students of Molloy College, thank you for your participation. We are pleased that you have been able to help our efforts.

Very truly yours,


Cynthia Costanzo Metzger
Associate Director of Development, Corporate Relations

Given to honor Marty Bevilacqua who donated pavers and labor for our Garden walkway and Patio.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

- 1 Charles "Stewie" Lotten
 6 Barbara Dutcher
 9 Kitty Kuske
 11 Carrie Smithing
 12 Destinee Lee
 22 Dorothy "Dottie" Lotten
 23 Cynthia Robinson
 28 Deborah DeStefano
 Colin Kaletsky



ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS



12/16/51

Dorothy & John Strafer

THRIFT SHOP

CHRISTMAS

SHOP



Now OPEN with lots of
 goodies from ornaments to
 decorations to
 trinkets
 for everyone!



Thrift Shop Elves

Ruth R, Ray R, Ruth H, Irene G,
 Linda B, Patty M, and Pat M,
 wish all of you a very



and thank you for your continued
 patronage. We always look forward
 to seeing you!

We are in awe of our **Pack 311 Cub Scouts!** This Thanksgiving they gave Resurrection many generously stuffed food baskets for Thanksgiving feasts. All the recipients were delighted and thankful. One group actually swarmed our parishioner as he delivered the goods – not in anger or greed, but in gratitude! The staff at the pantry gushed appreciation for our steadfast provisions. In addition to the ongoing contributions by our parishioners, the scouts' donations really made the holiday a joy for at least five families. It was also adorable and inspiring to watch these youngest citizens gather and present the offerings of food and money for the Long Island Council of Churches at our Williston Community Inter-faith **Thanksgiving Service**. Keep up the good work! cvL



Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 2nd after worship, for about an hour

Save the date!

You'll be home in plenty of time for the Super Bowl!

ELECTIONS FOR:

Warden/Vestry Members
 Convention Delegate and Alternate

Think about it, pray about it—
 discern whether or not you are being called
 to serve in any of these capacities.

WARDEN—2 year term; must be confirmed communicant in good standing, be known to the treasurer for not less than 12 months.

VESTRY—3 year term; must be baptized communicant in good standing, be known to the treasurer for not less than 12 months.

The **Wardens/Vestry** must be able to attend a meeting one Sunday a month from 11:30-1pm, as well as make every effort to attend additional meetings as needed.

Convention Delegate & Alternate—must want and be able to attend the Diocesan Convention held November 14 & 15, 2014; should be a baptized communicant in good standing & be known to the treasurer for not less than 12 months.

Questions? Speak with Joan Servinskas or Mother Christina.
 Say yes? Shout out to Joan or Mother Christina!

Resurrection Living



December 2013



Worship Sunday & Wednesday 10 am

Coffee Hour Sundays 11:15 am

Thrift Shop Thursdays 9:30-1 pm; Saturdays 10-2 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent 1 HE Coffee Hour Adopt A Family	2 <i>Marie off Sr. Trip</i>	3 	4 HP&HE Brown bag lunch ilm Marion Gilhooley Advent Study 7-8:30pm <i>Crew O 7:30pm</i>	5 Thrift Shop Family Night 5-7pm	6	7 Thrift Shop <i>Private Party undercroft</i>
8 Advent 2 HE Coffee Hour Adopt A Family Blessing of Gifts Williston Tree Lighting 6pm	9	10 	11 HP&HE Brown bag lunch ilm Ann Baraniak Advent Study 7-8:30pm <i>Crew O 7:30pm</i>	12 Thrift Shop <i>Cub Scouts 4:30</i> PARISH DINNER MIM'S 6PM	13	14 Thrift Shop Adopt A Family Ingathering Cathedral 11am
15 Advent 3 HE Coffee Hour Vestry Meeting	16	17 	18 HP&HE Brown bag lunch ilm Donald Braidwood Altar Guild Meeting Advent Study 7-8:30pm <i>Crew O 7:30pm</i>	19 Thrift Shop <i>Cub Scouts 4:30pm, 6:30pm</i> <i>Order of Arrow 7:30pm</i>	20 <i>Pack Meeting 7:00pm</i>	21 Thrift Shop <i>1st Day of Winter</i>
22 Advent 4 HE Coffee Hour <i>Decorate Church</i>	23	24 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 4pm	25 Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10am 	26 CvL off	27	28 Thrift Shop
29 Christmas 1 MP Coffee Hour 2nd plate for Discretionary Fund CvL off	30	31 New Year's Eve	January 1 New Year's Day	2 	3	4 Thrift Shop

Something for everyone on Sundays at Resurrection!



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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. *Romans 15:13*