

Congregational Communications

...keeping in touch with each
other

From the Bishop's Committee

This is my favorite time of year. Not because the temperature goes down...definitely not that! ...But because of how people treat strangers during this time of year. Starting with Halloween, where kids of all ages dress up and "trick or treat". I know it's not a Christian Holiday, but I still see Christ's influence – the humility it takes to dress up in a silly costume & the generosity of strangers as they give out goodies to anyone who knocks on their door!

Then there's Thanksgiving. Great parade, lots of food & wine and the start of the Christmas Season. But Christ is there too, as we thank God for our blessings. As we work together in the kitchen or watch the youngsters so others can prepare the meal. Then after the feast – you go home laden with the leftovers you were given!

Finally Christmas Season.....giving gifts, decorating, baking, pageants, concerts, charities, parties, but mostly people being nice to each other. I don't mind that the decorations go up in the Fall, because that's when I start thinking about it anyway! But like everything in life, it must be balanced. It's true that there are Scrooges out there who find fault, push their way through a crowd and eat all the sprinkle cookies. They are as important as the fella that wishes you a Merry Christmas and then opens the door for you. They are the people God send to us who help us exercise our Christian Spirit! So this Holiday season, please smile at someone who frowns at you. Sing so everyone can hear you. And say a prayer for anyone who is abrupt, harried, nasty, or unhelpful – just as you would for someone who helped you out. Remember – it is the season to give and giving someone the benefit of the doubt is a special gift! Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas to all of you

~ Sue Fischer, Bishop's Committee Warden

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 14, 2015 – Saturday
Prayer Shawl Mtg, 9:30-11:30am
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Nov 18, 2015 – Wednesday
Craft workshop for ECW
Christmas Fair. 7PM
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Nov 23, 2015 – Monday
Thanksgiving Service MB – 7pm
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Dec 2, 2015 - Wednesday
Craft workshop for ECW
Christmas Fair. 7PM
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Dec 4, 2015 – Friday
Christmas Fair set-up, 6PM
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Dec 5, 2015 – Saturday
Christmas Fair, 10am -4pm
Parade, 4PM
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Dec 6, 2015 – Sunday
Tree lighting, 4PM
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Dec 12, 2015 – Saturday
Prayer Shawl Meeting, 9:30am
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Dec 17, 2015 - Thursday
Lessons & Carols, 7PM
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Dec 24, 2015 – Thursday
Christmas Eve
Services:
Yaphank – 5pm
Mastic Beach – 7:30pm
Yaphank – 10pm

Dec 25th
Merry Christmas!

Altar Guild

November
Heather Jablonsky and
Donna Trusnovec

December
Judy Seif

If you'd like to volunteer
talk to Janet Rate

Coffee Hour

NOVEMBER 15 Robert Williams
22 Gayle Lattanzio
29 Callie Douglas
DECEMBER 6 Donna Ohlsen
13 Doreen Pozovchena
20 Mary Henning
27 Lesly Galloway

Please talk to Tata Mooney if you'd like
to be a host/hostess

Readers' Schedule

November 2015-January 2016 Readers' Schedule

November		December		January	
01	Donna Ohlsen Aleida Perez	06	Youth Sunday - TBA	03	Youth Sunday - TBA
08	Ed Rambarran Olive Archer	13	Aleida Perez Ed Rambarran	10	Jen Hovestadt Donna Trusnovec
15	Daniel Molloy Callie Douglas	20	Olive Archer Mary Collins	17	Bill Jablonsky Jenelin Chin Suey
22	Jen Hovestadt Donna Trusnovec	24 5PM	Callie Douglas Ed Rambarran	24	Mary Collins Ed Rambarran
29	Bill Jablonsky Jenelin Chin Suey	24 10PM	Jen Hovestadt Bill Jablonsky	31	Olive Archer Aleida Perez
		27	Daniel Molloy Callie Douglas		

Reader's Schedule:

If for any reason you are not available for the designated date or would like to volunteer to read, please contact Edward Rambarran at (631) 448-2006 to reschedule. Thank you. God bless you! ~Ed



**Don't forget to look at
the Bulletin Board in
the Parish Hall for the
sign-up sheets for the
various events and
ministries!**



We are invited to a Thanksgiving Service at St Andrew's Mastic Beach on Nov 23rd at 7:30pm. The church is located at 250 Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach. St Andrew's Yaphank won't be having a Thanksgiving Service this year. We will be having Lessons and Carols in Dec and we'll be inviting our brothers and sisters from Mastic Beach and the Presbyterian Church.

BISHOP'S COMMITTEE NEWS

- Back to School Supplies: Big success – Thank you Lesly Gallaway! 60 Backpacks were distributed as well as various other items to help families.
- We need volunteers to clean the gutters! So if you aren't afraid of heights or that icky stuff in the gutters – please talk to a Bishop's Committee member.
- Bob Kessler has offered to remove the playground fence
- November 16th meeting will focus on creating a budget for next year.
- Starting next year the Bishop's Committee will be asking the various ministries to report quarterly on their progress.
- There are 2 positions up for election on the Bishop's Committee in January. If you are interested, please see Father John Jeffrey, Rich Ohlsen or Sue Fischer.
- The Bishop's Committee would like to know: *What we can do to serve you better? Please talk to us!*

ECW

The ECW will be meeting every Wed until the Christmas Craft Fair, except for the night before Thanksgiving, to make items to sell. Even if you don't think you are welcome – please join us. Lots of hands, make light work!

The Christmas Fair gets set up the night before – your help would be appreciated! We can also use baked goods for our bakery table!

The ECW will be having a meeting directly after church, but before choir practice.

We will be having elections in April for President, Vice-president, Treasurer & Secretary. If you are interested – please talk to Donna Ohlsen or Jennifer Hovedstat (soon to be Molloy).

**CONGRATULATIONS JENNIFER & DANIEL THEY WILL BE TYING THE
KNOT IN DECEMBER!**

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Susan Fischer, Junior Warden
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Mike Seif
Donna Ohlsen
Heather Jablonsky
Bill Jablonsky
Lesly Gallaway
Ed Rambarran

From the Vicar: Thanks!

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:17

November is the month most Americans associate with Thanksgiving – both the act and the holiday. It is the time in which we picture the harvest being finished, food at its abundance, and from our agrarian past we might see this as the brief break before the harsh winds of winter. Though the insanity that sadly has become associated with the midwinter holiday season is now extending as early as September, for many of us this is the time we begin to think about coming together with family and friends to give thanks for all the good things that God has giving us. However, sometimes the American way of showing thanks is through personal consumption. I for one am not opposed to a large turkey dinner, the occasional new pair of shoes, or maybe something new from the Apple Store. But as Christians we are called to show our gratitude for God's abundant blessings on us by the act of giving. This form of thanksgiving might be in making a donation to a favorite charity or it might take the form of giving to a local food or clothing drive. This Thanksgiving season, along with giving of your treasure, I encourage you to also give of your time and talent as well. Is there a community clean-up day you and your family or friends can participate? Maybe a meal program can us an extra hand. Or maybe the senior across the street needs help taking out an air conditioner or maybe some young parents could use an hour for their selves. There are many ways we can live into the spirit of Thanksgiving by thanking God through our willingness to serve our neighbor. This year, let us make Thanksgiving personal.

God bless and Happy Thanksgiving

In Christ,
Fr. John Jeffrey+

Sunday Services & Children's Church School
at 10:30AM

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