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The mission of the Church of Our Saviour is to spread the Gospel and inspire a renewal and commitment to living the Christian life through the love of Jesus Christ as expressed by His People.

Thanksgiving is a time to focus on all our blessings. Thank you for our lives, our families and our friends. Thank you for our parish family.

Thank you for Father and Ginny Dugger who lead us in your ways, sharing their Christian love and joy with our parish and our community.

Thank you God for everything!



Special points of interest:

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ADVENT is a time of "**Expectation**", looking for: (looking Forward).

At Our Saviour, we have much to look forward to: growth in our congregation; our gathering in the Name of Our Lord for dinner; our Sunday School Christmas Presentation; our sharing Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with the community and most blessed of all, the Coming of Our Lord .

"Watch, for you know not the day or the hour". (Matt. 25:12)

Fr. C.G. Dugger



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Serving the mission of our Church are the following dedicated people:

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| Priest Assigned | Canon Clinton Dugger | 518-794-9740 | |
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| Treasurer | Susan Darcy | 413-637-2275 | |
| Clerk | Eugenia Browning | 518-794-8321 | (01/2010*) |
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Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

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| President | Eugenia Browning |
| Vice President | Molly Laird |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Susan Darcy |

PRAYER LIST

As Christians we use prayer to communicate to God regarding our concerns, hurts and thanksgivings. The Bible says where two or three are gathered together the Lord is in their midst. Group prayer is just that, bringing many voices to the Lord.

Would you like to have prayer given by the group for yourself or someone else? You may call (518-794-7538) or write Mary Young a note, with the person's name you would like to have on the prayer list. Please include your name so that she can get back with you every thirty days or so to check on the person you added. Some prayers are needed for a long time, some a short time, plus it is nice to know how the people we pray for are doing, one of the best Thanksgiving prayers is to thank God for answered prayers.

PLEASE NOTE:

Have something to put in the Trumpet? Got a suggestion for an article? Want to see yourself published? Place your ideas, suggestions, articles in the collection plate, or drop them at the church or email to susan@darcy-systems.com or mail to Susan Darcy, 7 Hutchinson Lane, Lenox, MA 01240-2217

Youth Corner

Our Sunday School has kicked off another year of our young people learning about our God and our Church. Be sure and ask our young people about their rocks!

Join us for the Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Service where our Sunday School will share with us a musical selection.

Hope to see you there!



Thank you God for all your gifts you have brought to us this past year. We ask your prayers for our family, friends and neighbors -- keep them in the palm of your hand. Protect our service men and women far and near. Bring peace to them and theirs. We ask this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.



Join us for our Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve

Service on

Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 PM

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join in our Thankful Celebration!



Stewardship

Our Stewardship Campaign -- "**People are God's Most Important Treasure**" -- kicks off November 23rd and will end after the In-Gathering with a Celebratory Brunch following our 10:00 AM Service on December 14th. What are we Celebrating? **People — God's Most Important Treasure! EVERYDAY** people who have served God and the church. People who have shared Christ's love with their family, friends and communities.

Please make plans to join us for this special event. Need more information? Contact Susan Darcy or Mary Young. Included in the packet with the Celebratory Brunch Invitation, there is information on opportunities for you to share your talents, time and treasure.

To return the opportunity sheet and the treasure form, simply place in the collection plate or stamp and mail the church addressed envelope enclosed.



Celebratory Brunch



Date: December 14, 2008

Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Friendship Hall

What to Bring? Just Yourselfes!

God's Most Important Treasure!

But please let Susan Darcy, Mary Young or any Vestry Member know you are planning on Celebrating with us for our count. *Thank YOU lots!*

God Blesses You as You Bless Others

Our Greening of the Church will be after the 10:00 AM Service on Dec. 21 followed by a luncheon supplied by our Senior Warden, Bitsy Sheffer.

Our Celebration of the Birth of Our Saviour Christmas Services are:

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service will share the gift of a musical selection from our Sunday School.

11:00 PM Christmas Eve Service ends with the carol Silent Night as we quietly go into the starlight night reminding us of the birthday of Our Saviour.

Christmas Day, the 10:00 AM Service will continue our Celebration.

Epiphany or 12th Night will be celebrated January 6 at 7:00 PM with Holy Eucharist.



From Our Senior Warden

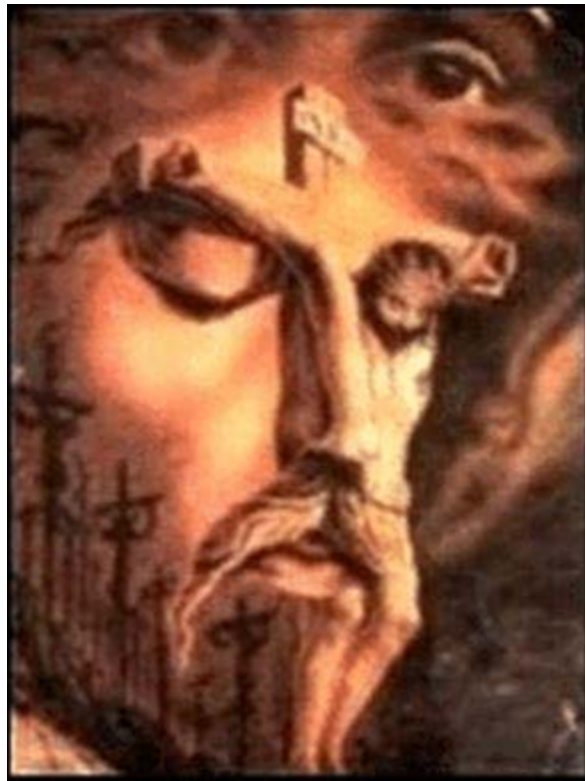
Dear Parish Family,

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, let us remember all the blessings we have as a family, a community, and a nation. Thanksgiving celebrates the bounty that this land provides and is a truly American holiday. Let us not forget those who are in need, sickness, or sorrow and give generously to Charlie's Pantry and other organizations that help the needy. Advent and the birth of our Lord reminds us of the joy of new life and hope for all.

I wish you and your family the happiest of Thanksgivings and the blessings of Advent and Christmas. "For He shall reign forever and ever; Hallelujah!"

With love in Christian fellowship,
Bitsy

Snippets and Bits



Check out this special picture of our Lord!



November, December & January Events Calendar At a Glance

November 2008

| | | | |
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| Sunday | Nov. 23 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Wednesday | Nov. 26 | 7:00 PM | Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service and Holy Eucharist |
| Thursday | Nov. 27 | Happy Thanksgiving | Thanksgiving Day |
| Sunday | Nov. 30 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | 1st Sunday of Advent | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |

December 2008

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| Thursday | Dec. 4 | 7:00 PM | Bible Study with Simple Supper (6:30PM) |
| Saturday | Dec. 6 | 10:00 AM | Episcopal Church Women - Friendship Hall |
| Sunday | Dec. 7 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | 2nd Sunday of Advent | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Sunday | Dec. 14 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | 3rd Sunday of Advent | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| | | 11:00 AM | Celebratory Brunch and In Gathering |
| Thursday | Dec. 18 | 7:00 PM | Vestry Meeting - Friendship Hall |
| Sunday | Dec. 21 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | 4th Sunday of Advent | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| | | 11:00 AM | Greening of the Church followed by a Luncheon hosted by Senior Warden Bitsy Sheffer. |
| Christmas Eve | Dec. 24 | 7:00 PM | Holy Eucharist with Children's Presentation |
| | | 11:00 PM | Holy Eucharist |
| Christmas Day | Dec. 25 | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| Sunday | Dec. 28 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |

January 2009

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| Sunday | Jan. 4 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| Tuesday | Jan. 6 | 7:00 PM | Epiphany Service |
| Sunday | Jan. 11 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Sunday | Jan. 18 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Sunday | Jan. 25 | 8:00 AM | Holy Eucharist |
| | | 10:00 AM | Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| | | 11:30 AM | Potluck Luncheon and Annual Meeting |

Mark your Calendars for these Future Events



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Remember these Important Dates

| Date | Subject |
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| Nov. 26 | Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service - 7:00 PM |
| Nov. 30 | Advent Begins |
| Dec. 14 | Celebratory Brunch and In-Gathering - 11:00 AM |
| Dec. 21 | Greening of the Church Followed by a Luncheon - 11:00 AM |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Services 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas Day Service - 10:00 AM |
| Jan. 06 | Epiphany Service - 7:00 PM |
| Jan. 25 | Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon - 11:30 AM |

These are the Monthly or Bi-Monthly Important Dates

1st Saturday Bi-Monthly - Episcopal Church Women Meeting - Dec. 6, (No Meeting in Jan.), Feb. 7

1st Thursday - Simple Meal (Bring a Sandwich) and Bible Study - Dec. 4 & No January Meeting

Vestry Meeting - Thursdays - Dec. 18 & Jan. 15

Advent Starts Sunday, November 30, 2008