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BANNER



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"Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." *Matthew 25:40*

On Christ the King Sunday we read a well-known parable from the twenty-fifth chapter of the gospel of Matthew referred to as the Parable of the Last Judgment. It is a text widely used by outreach committees to encourage the church to participate in ministry to the world. Jesus says that the righteous will give food and drink to the hungry, welcome to the stranger, clothe the naked, tend the sick, and visit those who are imprisoned. Jesus highlights a theme from the Hebrew scriptures where God is described as having a particular concern for the widow, the orphan, the resident alien, and the foreigner. Being in relationship with Jesus means we are to share God's same concern for those who struggle in life. Jesus links our care for the needy and the lonely, the sick and suffering to our care and love for him. When you do these acts of mercy for my brothers and sisters, he says, you do them for me.

As Advent begins this Sunday it ushers in the season of gift giving. I have good news to share about how your gifts to this parish have supported the partnership between Saint Anne's and Urban Recipe. Urban Recipe is a food co-op that assists families who face food insecurity. Their mission statement is, "To partner with our members and supporters in creating food security, building community, and providing a platform for personal development while affirming dignity."

Our partnership has just completed its third year. The first year faced major challenges during the pandemic as we were unable to host the group at the church. Members of the co-op met at a warehouse to collect their food. When we were able to open the church campus the co-op moved initially to the lower courtyard and then into the Parish Hall. Persistence paid off and what began with about a dozen families has blossomed.

Every other Wednesday a truck delivers canned, dried, and fresh food. Sometimes there are eggs and meat, sometimes there are paper products, baby food, or cleaning supplies. Members of the co-op setup tables and bins to sort what is delivered and bag up what they will take home. The co-op has elected officers who help organize, set, and clean up before leaving the church. Teams of parishioners are here each Wednesday to offer welcome and hospitality, sometimes sitting with babies and children while their mothers and fathers do their work. If you would like to offer hospitality on a Wednesday afternoon, please use the signup in our weekly newsletter.

The Rev. Jeremy Lewis, Executive Director of Urban Recipe, shared these results for the co-op at Saint Anne's. The yearly membership in the co-op has grown to 36 families of 172 individuals; the average size of a family is five. Our investment of \$32,000 has provided 51,000 pounds of food that translates to total meal value of \$177,000. The impact we are making is astounding. As a parishioner commented to me, on our own Saint Anne's could never take \$32 thousand and have such a transformative impact.

Our generosity breeds more generosity. We know anecdotally that families share portions of what they receive with neighbors who suffer with food insecurity. Our support allows co-op families to redistribute their resources to housing, clothing, transportation, and to care for their children without having to make a choice between food and the other necessities of life. Our gifts give them agency to make choices for their families.

Join me in thanking the Mission and Outreach Committee for their vision of creating this partnership and for the continuing support of this amazing and transformative ministry at our parish. Urban Recipe is one of the ways we love like Jesus, caring for him as we care for his, and our, sisters and brothers. Next year we will find more ways for our community to support this ministry as we do our part in changing the world.

Buddy +

ANNOUNCING THE REV BUDDY CRAWFORD AS RECTOR

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the new year in the Church. It is a time to celebrate and prepare for a new beginning. In the spirit of Advent, we announced during church on Sunday, December 3 that the Rev. Buddy Crawford is now Rector of Saint Anne's.

Buddy has been with Saint Anne's now for three years. First, he was Interim Rector and then, his title was changed to Priest in Charge. In the past three years, Buddy helped guide us through a global pandemic. He has managed our fiscal affairs with expertise and integrity. He has hired and overseen a very capable and dedicated staff. He has retained and recruited outstanding members of the clergy. He has helped us heal from the challenges of the past, and he has helped us create an inclusive, collaborative environment where the laity is encouraged and empowered.

We, the Vestry, have witnessed these successes, and for the good of Saint Anne's want this success to continue. In recent months, the Vestry has met several times to discern what we could do to solidify Buddy's role with us. During this time, we have sought and received guidance from Bishop Wright's senior staff. We also spoke directly with Buddy.

By the end of this period of discernment, a clear consensus emerged that the Vestry wanted to call Buddy as Rector of Saint Anne's and thus change his title from Priest in Charge to Rector of Saint Anne's. Once that consensus was reached, we asked Bishop Wright to approve of our request to call Buddy as Rector.

Today, we are very proud to announce that Bishop Wright has approved, and Buddy has accepted, our call to be the next Rector of Saint Anne's.

We hope that you will join in the excitement of this continued new beginning for Saint Anne's!

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advent LESSONS & CAROLS
and Parish Christmas Party
Sunday, Dec. 10
5 pm



Immediately following the service, please join us for our annual Christmas Party in the Parish Hall. Come for our traditional lasagna dinner prepared by our very own "St. Anne's Cooks," wine, tree trimming, and an old-fashioned Christmas carol sing-a-long around the piano.

The suggested cost of dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children and a maximum of \$25 per family. RSVP using the QR code or by calling the office.



REFLECTION

After graduating from seminary, I had the life-changing opportunity to visit the Holy Land. KC was there with me, along with my parents, my sister, and other parishioners from church. While many memories from that trip stand out to me, as we enter the season of Advent, I have been thinking a lot about our visit to the Basilica of the Annunciation and the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation. Both churches have ties to the original location in which the Angel Gabriel told Mary she was pregnant with Jesus: one tradition says this occurred at the house of Mary, which is where the Basilica now stands, while another tradition claims the event occurred at a local spring when Mary was drawing water, which is where the Greek Orthodox Church now stands.

The Annunciation is a story of both joy and sorrow, fear and comfort. It is one of the most commonly depicted scenes in art, with people around the world trying to capture the emotional experience of Mary. While we will never experience something quite like the Annunciation, each of us are met by the perfect love of God in the midst of our fear, struggle, insecurity and doubt. Hearing the words “do not be afraid” and “the Lord is with you” brings comfort to all who say “yes” to God’s love.

The Basilica contains more than 50 mosaics and other images of Mary, each donated by a different country with a significant Catholic population. Each mosaic bears some characteristics of the contributing nation, allowing visitors to see how different peoples have visualized the annunciation in their own local eyes. The United States’ mural is loved by some and hated by others—what do you think of the way the artist chose to depict Mary? What does it say about our culture in the United States?

What amazes me about these many different depictions is

that they all come from the same story found in Luke 1:26-38. When you see how differently each artist has interpreted and created art with this story at the center, I hope you can appreciate what complexity and diversity there is in a matter of a few verses. I find this comforting as I try to interpret biblical texts and wonder whether my understanding of them is “correct.” These mosaics remind me that there are several ways to interpret Scripture and there is such great value in discussing biblical events with others who have a different perspective than me.

I’ve selected a few mosaics to show the great diversity in artistic interpretation. Saint Anne’s has our own depiction of the annunciation, which you can find in stained glass on the chapel side of the church above the altar. You can find many more by looking up the Basilica of the Annunciation.

We beseech you, O Lord, pour your grace into our hearts, that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion, we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever.

See you in church!
Hannah+



Sunday, December 24

Advent IV - Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8 am

Christmas Eve: The Feast of the Nativity

Holy Eucharist & Pageant, 4 pm

Festival Holy Eucharist, 9 pm

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 am



2024
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
 AND COVERED DISH BREAKFAST
 Sunday, Jan. 21 at 9 am



Vestry Slate
 Lisa Ackerman, John Anderson,
 Pat Plomgren, Eric Still

NEW KEYS. NEW KEYS.

As noted in the November newsletter, we have swapped out the locks for a new Church Key in order to better know who has access to the building. Over the years, many, many, many keys were handed out and it is impossible to know how many keys are in distribution which is concerning from an overall security perspective. The new keys are numbered individually and once assigned are noted in a new lock log book. If you are in a leadership position or need to access the church on Saturday or after hours when the church office is not open, feel free to stop by the office any weekday from 9-4 and check out a key. Note that the GMK key that was used for access from the outside still works the various internal doors that have a GMK lock.



The new church key will open the doors at the service entrance, church office, parish hall, flower guild hallway, choir hallway and narthex at the porte-cochère. Upcoming additional lock work includes some repairs for other doors to ensure they close tightly as we have found several doors not fully closed (and therefore unlocked) and fixing some locks that have rendered closets inaccessible due to keys being broken off inside the lock.

If you have any questions, feel free to let me know via emorgan@saintannes.com or 404-237-5589 x 126.

Elaine Morgan, *Facilities Manager*



There are newborns at Grady Hospital who don't have clothes to wear home. **Let's change that!**

Grady BABIES Clothes Drive

Saint Anne's is collecting baby clothes up to size 12 months until January 7, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus.

Grady asks that no hats, booties or blankets be donated.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN in December

Monday Night ECW

The December Monday Night ECW meeting is Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at Catherine Haining's home (359 Glen Arden Place, Atlanta, GA 30305). We will have our annual Christmas Ornament swap - everyone that comes needs to bring a Christmas ornament with a maximum value of \$10.00. If anyone has any questions or would like to be added to the Monday Night roster to receive the Evites please have them contact Heidi Swygert at 404-513-3250 or email hswygert@hotmail.com.

SAINT DORCAS ECW

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, December 14, at 10 a.m. - noon in the Commons Room. Our traditional December gathering includes a White Elephant gift exchange (\$15 value approximately). We will also make baby blankets for newborns - no experience necessary, but don't wear black or you will go home covered in flannel fuzz! We are known for our great food and lively conversation. All women are welcome - you do not have to be a member of the Saint Dorcas chapter to attend. For more information, contact Amanda Marie by email marie_amanda@comcast.net or 770-329-7370.



Need just a little more time this Christmas?

The EYC will hang out your kids!

As a holiday fundraiser, EYC will look after your little ones.

PARENTS:

need a few hours to yourself this holiday season? The EYC is offering two dates in December when they will watch your little ones!

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 11 am - 2 pm
this coincides with the POLO Party

Sunday, Dec. 17 from 5-7 pm
at Movie Night

Look for the sign up links in the weekly email newsletter!



Christmas Eve Dinner
at Holy Comforter

Serving at Holy Comforter on Christmas Eve is a joy and a wonderful way to experience the true spirit of Christmas. If you would like to help prepare and/or serve this festive meal please contact Ethel Wright (ethel.wright@mindspring.com).

We serve dinner at 5 pm prior to their 6 pm service and will be home in time for Saint Anne's 9 pm service.

The Saint Anne's Day School

Dear Saint Anne's Community,

We are so pleased to present the Fall edition of *Biscuit's Bulletin*! The 2023-24 school year is off to a wonderful start, and we have so much to share with you. Grab your favorite refreshments and settle in to read our newsletter full of delightful photos and informative stories. Scan the QR code below to view the newsletter online.

In this edition of *Biscuit's Bulletin*, you will learn more about the exciting happenings at the Day School, including the incredible work POPs has been doing to build community and raise funds for the school. You will find gorgeous pictures from Family Fall Fest, where we welcomed past, present, and future families for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. And you will be introduced to our newest community event, The Day School Dash. This morning of running, walking, and trike races will offer something for everyone in the family and certainly become a family favorite.

Also included in this edition are updates about our tremendous staff of educators and their commitment to ongoing professional development. You will gain insight into the breadth and depth of their studies as well as the magical ways our children are experiencing this work across age levels and learning spaces. Take a sneak peek at highlights from a few of our classrooms, and follow us on social media for regular updates.

We are happy to feature an article about our Summer Camp Coordinator and longtime Day School educator, Sarah Buchly. Learn more about Mrs. Buchly's time at the Day School and notice the exciting changes coming to summer camp this year. The most significant points to note are that registration will open the first week in January, and we will offer extended care until 3:00 p.m. We look forward to having your child with us this summer!

Finally, as we enter the holiday season, we want to express our gratitude for the many ways you have supported the Day School over the years. We are kicking off the 2023-24 Annual Fund campaign this month. In this edition, we share how our supporters' generous gifts have been used judiciously over the past year for security updates, educator professional development, curriculum, and facilities enhancements. We believe you will find that contributions have indeed been invested well and that you will again support the Day School with a gift this year.

Everyone at Saint Anne's Day School and Enrichment Programs sends their warmest wishes to you and your family for the holiday season. Merry Christmas. Be well and take care.

Take care,

Rhonda
Day School Director



You never know who is going to drop by Saint Anne's!

Children and Youth Ministry

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is always so exciting. With parties to attend and pageants to perform in, there are lots of ways your family can stay busy. What often gets forgotten about is the season of Advent. There are different Advent traditions that you can use at home to ground your family during a season of hustle and bustle. Since being at Saint Anne's, I have put out Advent resources for at home practice. This year is no different.



This year we will use a resource from Illustrated Ministry titled "An Illustrated Advent for Families: Do Not Be Afraid." This resource gives families an opportunity to take time each week during the Advent season to be intentional and focus on their faith. You'll receive five weekly family devotions, coloring & activity pages, and an Advent calendar. The inspiration for this theme comes from the angels' message in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke: "Do not be afraid!" This phrase is an instruction God gave to God's people throughout their history, and it's a message God continues to give to us today.

This Advent, explore what it looks like to hold hope when life feels really uncertain, to bring peace in the face of fear, to practice joy when everything seems burdensome, and to choose love, when sometimes, it's just really hard. You'll be invited to wonder more deeply about this classic story, to imagine some of the details that aren't filled in for us, and to make connections to your own context this season. We hope this resource will help you share in conversation about fear and how God invites us to not be afraid. The devotions are written for children and adults of all ages. At the same time, feel free to tweak the content and questions to work for your family. Don't feel like you need to complete all the activities to have a meaningful experience for you and your family.

We invite you to look at the material, see what you think will work best for your family, and find time each week to gather together for the devotion. Here's what to expect in this year's Advent resource:

- **Scripture:** Look up each scripture and read it out loud together.
- **Reflection:** We offer a brief reflection for each of the scripture texts. It might make sense for you to read this section to your family, or you may want to read it for yourself and see what questions or themes best resonate.
- **Discussion and Coloring Page:** This is a chance for some family discussion. We love coloring here at Illustrated Ministry, and we find some of the best conversations happen while coloring and doing something creative together as a family. We suggest discussing the questions offered while coloring the week's coloring page.
- **Activity:** Take time with your family to do each week's suggested activity. Each activity offers a way to prepare for Advent and Christmas while connecting with the weekly scripture reading.
- **Prayer:** Finally, each week's devotion ends with a short prayer, which you can say or invite your children to repeat after you. This prayer is a simple ritual that can end your family's weekly devotion time and be used as a prayer throughout the week.

As you use these resources, we would love to hear about how your family interacted with the material. You can pick up your Advent Resource in the Narthex.

Blessings,
Tabi



Christmas
PAGEANT 2023

All children are welcome and encouraged to join us at the 4pm service on Christmas Eve as we recreate the story of our Lord's birth.

Contact Tabi to sign up.

Reach Tabi at 407-371-5745 or ttobiassen@saintannes.com



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Celebration of the Epiphany

Service led by our Youth
followed by Chili Supper

Saturday, Jan. 6 at 6 pm



- Sunday, Dec. 10** **Lessons and Carols Service**, 5 pm
Parish Christmas Party, following Lessons & Carols Service. *Lasagna Dinner, Tree Trimming, Wine, Caroling + more!*
- Saturday, Dec. 16** **KC Crewdson's Ordination**, 2 pm
Celebrate KC's ordination to the transitional diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Philip
- Sunday, Dec. 17** **Reception for KC**
following the the 10:30 service in the Narthex
- Sunday, Dec. 24** **Advent IV – Holy Eucharist**, Rite 1, 8 am
CHRISTMAS EVE: The Feast of the Nativity
Holy Eucharist & Pageant, 4 pm
All children are invited to participate. The nursery opens at 3:30 p.m.
- Festival Holy Eucharist**, 9 pm
A reception follows the liturgy in the Narthex.
- Sunday, Dec. 25** **Christmas Day**
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 am in the chapel
- Saturday, Jan. 6** **Youth-led Epiphany Celebration and Chili Supper**, 6 pm
- Saturday, Feb. 3** **Mardi Gras Party**, 6 pm