

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist at The Church of the Holy Spirit. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of the bread and wine please come forward during the distribution; cross your arms over your chest to signal your intention to our servers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 3, 2023

The parishioners listed in the items below have contact information available in our parish directory. You may also reach them via a message through our church office (office@chsorleans.org).

FRESH HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

SALE: December 3 – Last day for the sale! These unique holiday arrangements are made with fresh greens & accents including: table centerpieces, mantle & outdoor boughs, small arrangements for gift giving or something for a special spot in your own home. Connect with Sue Sasso to learn more.

LADIES LUNCHEON: December 7. Come join us! Bring a sandwich or salad and we'll meet in the Parish Hall a bit before 12:00, so we'll have a little while to visit before we sit down. Drink is provided. Our volunteers for December are: Dylis Smith, dessert; Ginny Lucil, chips; Fay Cole for place settings. Questions? Contact Fay Cole.

50 YEARS OF FREE! Did you know that the **CHS Free Shop** (offering quality, gently-used clothing to everyone) is turning 50 this year? Join us in the **Parish Hall after church on Sunday, December 10** (Advent II) at 11:30 am to celebrate half a century of ministry. Our time together will feature an early lunch (sign up to contribute in the Parish Hall or see Ruth Campbell) and a fashion show! If you'd like to share a memory of your own experience in the Free Shop, contact Patrick Ward, Sharyn Laughton or Suzy Gray.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

ENVELOPES are in the pews. Please print clearly the names of those you wish to have remembered and your own name. Enclose your donation, made payable to The Church of the Holy Spirit. Place in the offering plate or drop off at the office. **Deadline: Monday, December 11.**

THURSDAY HOLY EUCHARIST with prayers for healing - **Thursdays at 11 am** in the church (East Transept).

CHURCH SCHOOL: Sunday, December 3.

Advent wreath making in the Parish Hall following the service. Donated Greens welcome! All ages welcome to participate. We are also gearing up for the **CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT**. In conjunction with the rehearsal on **Saturday, December 9**, we will be having our annual Gingerbread House decorating evening, followed by Pizza in the Parish Hall. Pageant Rehearsal: 4 pm; Gingerbread House decorating 5 pm; and Pizza Party 6 pm. Please sign up if you are interested so that we have enough HOUSES for all, deadline is November 26. A candy donation sign up will also be available, this deadline is **December 3**. All are welcome! Connect with Hanna Schneider or Ruth Campbell to learn more.

Please join us for an **Advent quiet morning**, as we reflect on emptying and the various ways we can empty our lives, so as to make room for the birth and the gift of love in our lives. The Companions of the Holy Cross invite you to an Advent quiet morning with The Rev. Cynthia Hubbard on **Saturday, December 16, from 9:45 until noon at Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable, 3055 Main St.** If interested, please call or email the church office and we will contact Liz Tunney.

CHS GALLERY: Come to the Holiday Marketplace in the CHS gallery featuring CHS artists. Sunday, December 3 the holiday marketplace opens with displays through Sunday, December 31. Envelopes are available for customers to make payment. Thank you for your offerings and for supporting this show! Questions? Please call or email the church office and we will contact Sharyn Laughton or Gail Binney-Sterne.

GALLEY WEST ART GALLERY: Galley West Art Gallery will be **open after our service on the 2nd Sunday of each month.** Please stop in and see the wonderful art for sale in the Winter Show. The Gallery is open every Wednesday – Saturday from 10:00 - 2:00 through December 16th. Connect with Sharyn Laughton to learn more.

FREE SHOP: We welcome your Winter clothing donations. We are in the Gathering Room on the lower level of the Parish Hall. The shop is open every Monday and Wednesday – 10 to 1. Brown paper bags **with handles** can be dropped off in bins by the elevator, lower level/first floor of the Parish Hall when the Parish Hall is open. Connect with Sharyn Laughton or Suzy Gray to learn more.

ADVENT BOOKLET: For years parish members have been invited to submit short writings expressing their prayerful thoughts for each day of this blessed season, which are then published for all the parish in booklet form with artwork by Sharyn Prentiss. These booklets are available at the entrances of the Church, please take one.

ADVENT IV MORNING PRAYER WITH MUSIC AND SERMON: 10:00 am on Sunday, December 24. Mark the end of Advent with a traditional service of Anglican Morning Prayer (without Holy Eucharist).

CHRISTMAS SERVICES: Christmas Pageant & Service: Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 pm; Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, December 24 at 9:00 pm; Christmas Day Service: Monday, December 25 at 10:00 am.

EPIPHANY SUPPER & CELEBRATION: Friday, January 5 at 5:30 pm.

CHS WEB SITE: To live stream or watch recorded services later, please go to our website holyspiritoreans.org and click on **“VIEW ONLINE”**. To download the Sunday Service Bulletin, click on the “Sunday Service Bulletin” highlighted link.

If you are interested in using the CHS Wi-Fi when you are on campus, the network is: Church_Guest and the password is: CHSOrleans. This is a case sensitive password.

CHS Schedule

December 3 – December 10

Sunday: December 3

8:45 Glimpse of the Gospel – Fireplace Room and Zoom
9:30 Church School and Child Care
10:00 Holiday Arrangement Sale – Parish Hall
10:00 Holy Eucharist – Church and YouTube, followed by Coffee Hour
11:15 Advent Wreath Making – Parish Hall

Monday: December 4

10:00 Free Shop – Gathering Room
10:00 Kimball House Hammerers

Tuesday: December 5

10:00 Lectio Divina Service – Zoom

Wednesday: December 6

10:00 Free Shop – Gathering Room
7:00 Choir Rehearsal – Church

Thursday: December 7

11:00 Holy Eucharist and Prayers for Healing – Church
11:30 Ladies Lunch – Parish Hall
3:00 Centering Prayer – Reception Room/Memorial Garden

Friday: December 8

11:00 Belladonnas Rehearsal – Church

Saturday: December 9

4:00 Pageant Rehearsal – Church
5:00 Gingerbread House Decorating – Parish Hall
6:00 Pizza Party – Parish Hall

Sunday: December 10

8:45 Glimpse of the Gospel – Fireplace Room and Zoom
9:30 Church School and Child Care
10:00 Holy Eucharist – Church and YouTube, followed by Coffee Hour