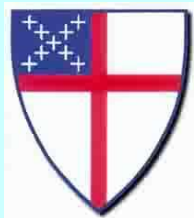


February  
2012

# The Anchor



## Office Hours

*Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday*

9:30 a.m.  
to  
12:30 p.m.

## Look inside for:

Events &  
Services  
Birthdays &  
Anniversaries

*St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church/ 302-368-4655*

The ANCHOR of our soul is Jesus - Hebrews 6:19

*From the Pastor's Pen* 

Greetings!

The rhythm of the church year pulses with changes of both color and mood. We are about to leave the green season of Epiphany (sometimes called "Ordinary time"). On Wednesday, February 22, we begin the somber season of Lent with worship where ashes will be imposed. See the two opportunities for Ash Wednesday worship on the 4<sup>th</sup> page or back cover of the Anchor. During our worship we will hear these solemn words that speak to our mortality, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Purple emphasizes the penitential nature of this season.

Besides "giving up" something during Lent as a practice of penance, folks often attend a special Lenten study series—sacrificing a bit of our busy lives. This year, as last year, St. Nicholas will host such a series, with St. Thomas's and Good Shepherd parishes joining us. See the announcement on this next page. Please consider this opportunity!

Finally, there is a new opportunity for service this winter. See the article about the Code Purple shelter program of the Newark Empowerment Center on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page. St. Thomas's is one of the host sites. We can help out at this site in a number of ways. This ministry fits in with our food security ministry (two meals are served) and with our support of local charitable groups. The Newark Empowerment Center is a well-managed effort to help the homeless in Newark. We support them with an Outreach grant. This is a way for us to become personally involved in assisting the homeless. I will be volunteering. Please join me by signing up with David Coker.

Faithfully, *Elizabeth+*

## Announcements



**Save Saturday, March 3**, for our Soup and Bake sale. We eagerly look forward to the delicious soups and yummy baked items of the annual sale, so please mark the date on your calendars. We'll have a sign-up sheet available in mid-February. -Alice

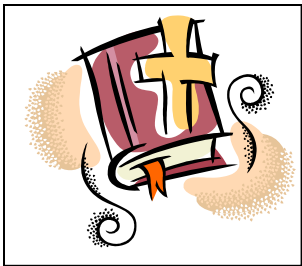
---

**Save Saturday, March 3**, for our Soup and Bake sale.

**HOMEGROWN DEVOTIONS** - writing assignments are all parceled out to current and former parishioners and a couple of "friends of St. Nicholas." Some writings were already being returned by January 20!! (Thank you, early birds, and bless the rest of you for participating!)

If you have misplaced your assignment (or instructions), don't tear your house apart looking; just call Wanda Simons (302) 738-3073 - she has that information easily accessible in the sign-up book. Please remember to get your writings back to her **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 5** so that the booklet can be formatted, copied, and distributed before Ash Wednesday.

Once again, we'll be producing a home made product that will be unique and especially meaningful for our parish's Lenten devotions. Thanks, all of you who are involved in this project!



### *Lenten Series 2012*

*At St. Nicholas'*

*On Wednesdays from February 29 through March 28*

*6:00 to 7:30 pm*

Topic: The Story of the Bible - Its Beginnings

Format: Light Supper, Video and Discussion

The videos will feature Professor Luke Timothy Johnson of the Candler School of Theology, Emory University

We will be joined by the priests and parishioners from St. Thomas's and Good Shepherd—just like last year!

Please let us know if you are planning to attend for one or more of the evenings: [st.nicholas.newark@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholas.newark@gmail.com) or sign up during coffee hour.

### What is Code Purple and How Can We Help?

For the second year, St Thomas is participating in the Code Purple Sanctuary, designed to provide shelter when the weather is very cold. The Newark Empowerment Center (NEC), under the direction of Friendship House of Wilmington, runs this program. Code Purple is called when the nighttime temperature is expected to fall below 20 degrees. It is simply a warm, safe room in one Newark-area churches where people with no place to go that night can get in out of the cold from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am. The site for Code Purple rotates among a number of participating churches. Code Purple Sanctuary by its very nature is opening one's door and life to people who are among God's "walking wounded".

This winter, St. Thomas' is joining 7 other churches in the Code Purple rotation. This means that approximately 4 or 5 nights during the winter, we will provide simple meals and shelter for homeless people.

As the beginning of Code Purple approaches, there are several areas that we need help. If you would like to help with any of these, please contact David Coker ([dcoker@udel.edu](mailto:dcoker@udel.edu) or 738-2006).

1. Volunteering during one of the shifts (5pm-8pm, 8pm-12am, 12am -6am).
2. Providing a few blankets and fitted sheets (we have many from last year, but need to restock our supply a bit).
3. Providing food for the light dinner (soup, bread, snacks etc..) and breakfast (instant oatmeal, pastries, poptarts, juice etc..).
4. Helping to clean up Aidan House after a Code Purple or helping to wash the blankets and sheets.

**Might God be calling you to help with this ministry?**

## ***Blessings on your . . .***

### **Birthdays**

8 Lynn Grier  
 9 Susan Colvin  
 12 Barbara Scira  
 13 Sue Greenplate  
 24 Avalon Scira  
 25 Amy Bowman Danko

### **Baptisms**

1 Wanda Simons  
 2 David Chandler  
 27 Quie Shuhart

### **Marriages**



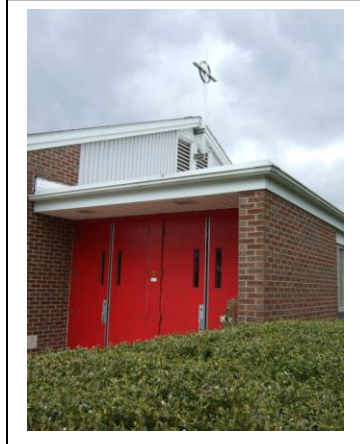
*Come Join us in worship and service--*

**St. Nicholas'  
Episcopal  
Church**

10 Old Newark Rd.  
Newark, DE 19713

**PHONE:**  
302-368-4655

Send us an  
E-MAIL:  
[st.nicholas.newark  
@gmail.com](mailto:st.nicholas.newark@gmail.com)



**The Rev. Elizabeth Masterson,  
Rector**

***We are on the web...***

See us at—

<http://www.dioceseofdelaware.net/churches/stnich.html>

***Sunday***

Worship - Eucharist  
10:00 a.m.  
Childcare Provided.

***Ash Wednesday***

Come anytime between  
11:30 am & 1:00 pm for  
Quiet Prayer & Ashes

Eucharist &  
Imposition of Ashes  
7:00 pm



**~NOT JUST FOR  
CHRISTMAS~  
ST. NICHOLAS'  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

10 Old Newark Rd.  
Newark, DE 19713