

# What's on at your Cathedral Sunday, December 10, 2017



## HAPPENING TODAY

*Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the lives of Joan & Ted Barten, and Laretta & Michael Henry*

Today is our **1967 HISTORICAL WORSHIP SUNDAY and FORUM**. Join us as we close our special Bicentennial year celebrations with worship (and memories) from 50 years ago. The Forum after the 10 a.m. service will be a discussion panel made up of people who were there in 1967.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** begins today and runs from 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. We invite all children from both the 10 and 12:15 services to participate. Snacks will be provided.

- Tue. Dec 12            11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. **CHRISTIANS AND JEWS: HOW DO WE READ THE GOSPEL OF MARK?** Please join Rabbi Mark Shapiro for another conversation about the Gospel of Mark. We'll read the book as faithful Christians while conversing with the Rabbi as we seek to understand the Jewish context and Jewish perspective on the second of the four New Testament Gospels. Mark will be our focus because Mark is the Gospel highlighted in this coming year's Scriptural readings. Bring your own lunch. Refreshments will be provided.
- Wed. Dec 13            6:30 p.m. **CELTIC ADVENT CRECHE**, the Animal world rejoices in the coming of the kingdom. Bring your animal figures (small ones) and add them to the Creche for the work of rejoicing.  
*WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20*, The Human world rejoices in the coming of the Kingdom. Bring your human figures, action figures, faces, photos and add them to the Creche for the work of rejoicing.
- Sat. Dec 16            10:30 a.m. - **VISIT TO THE LINNEKIN FARM**. We will visit the farm of our sister, Jocelyn Linnekin, where we can see sheep, cows, horses and other animals. This is an activity for all ages, although it is intended for children. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring their children to the church where we will all go together in the Church van (Big Blue); or you can drive, if you choose. Please call Francheska Jose ([413-218-8083](tel:413-218-8083)/[francheskaj@gmail.com](mailto:francheskaj@gmail.com)) no later than Thursday, December 14 so that we may have an accurate count. We will have snacks, and share some food with the animals.
- Sun. Dec 17            **ADVENT THREE**. Bishop Fisher will celebrate and Dean Tom Callard will preach. The sermon will be on the theme, *"Why then are you baptizing?"*  
**THE FORUM** will be lead by Music Director Bob Hansler on The Gift of Music.  
5 p.m. **HOLIDAY VESPERS**, with a special chance to remember people we have lost or who are in our hearts during this holiday season.
- Tue. Dec 19            6 - 6:45 p.m. **COMING TO BELIEVE SERVICE**, Christian Worship for those in recovery, those struggling with substance use disorders or compulsive behaviors, and for friends and loved ones. The Cathedral is offering this new monthly worship service open to all with a special emphasis on recovery, the 12 Steps, and support in the midst of life's ups and downs. Refreshments will be provided.
- Wed. Dec 20            1 p.m. **HOMELESS MEMORIAL SERVICE**, our annual service for those who have died in the past year, a chance to pay our respects and give thanks.



## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

- Sun. Dec 24      9:00 a.m. Advent Four service. Linda Taupier preaching and Fr. Jerry True celebrating.  
12:15 p.m. Misa de Nochebuena  
4:00 p.m. All Ages Christmas service.  
9:30 p.m. Choral Prelude for Christmas Eve  
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, Dean Callard preaching and celebrating.
- Mon. Dec 25      10:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Service, Dean Callard preaching and celebrating.
- Sun. Dec 31      8:00 a.m. First Sunday After Christmas  
10:00 a.m. Service of 6 Lessons and Carols  
12:15 p.m. Misa en Español – despedida de 2017  
11:00 p.m. Eve of Holy Name, New Year's Eve service.
- Mon. Jan 1      10:00 a.m. The Holy Name, New Year's Day service. Fr. Jerry True preaching and celebrating.
- Sat, Jan 6      10:30 a.m. ordination to the priesthood for Duncan Hilton, former seminarian, at St. Michael's Church in Brattleboro, VT. Carpooling, the Van leaves at 8:45 a.m.
- Sun. Jan 7      Epiphany Sunday, Rabbi Shapiro preaches at 8 and 10 a.m. services. The Three Kings may even appear!

**COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS** help in the fellowship and care of our souls. Everyone is invited to the Library after the service, out the doors on the North side of the sanctuary and up the steps. Signup for any of the following Sundays and January 2018: 1/14; 1/21, 1/28. Thank you.

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION AT NOON.** Please join us in the All Saints Chapel for a mid-week, noon-time service with a reflection and a chance to be spiritually recharged in the week.

**THE BISHOP'S CHOIR SCHOOL** provides high-quality music education to children from all backgrounds at no cost. This unique program uses the Royal School of Church Music's Voice for Life materials, which provide a robust (but not rigid) structure for developing musicians in a choral setting. The students will sing in afternoon or early evening services once per month from February to June of 2018. If you have a child who is interested in this program, talk to Bob Hansler, the Cathedral's new Music Director and Organist. Help spread the word!

**CENTERING PRAYER** group meets on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. in the All Saints Chapel (first floor), and it is a time of quiet reflection inviting us to a deeper relationship with the living God. It is open to beginners.

**BIBLE STUDIES** are held on Wednesday at 8-9 a.m. in the Kendrick Room, and Sunday from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Dougout on the second floor of the Diocesan offices.

**LOAVES AND FISHES, GIVING BACK THROUGH GIVING OUR TIME:** On the first Wednesday of every month, volunteers from the Cathedral work in the kitchen to provide meals for guests from Loaves and Fishes. The time is 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. If you can lend a hand as part of the team from the Cathedral, please contact Jean Ryan (413-782-2878) [jeanb01119@aol.com](mailto:jeanb01119@aol.com).

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BIG BLUE MINISTRY** - On Tuesday evening November 14, 2017, we began another winter of the homeless ministry. Five of us took the Cathedral van (Big Blue) down near the river, around various areas of Springfield, and looked under bridges for the homeless. We found many people in need. We are looking for donations of **blankets, sleeping bags, warm coats, warm gloves, socks, and pop top cans of food**. Anything you can do to assist us in this ministry will be welcome. For those of you who have already dropped items off, thank you.