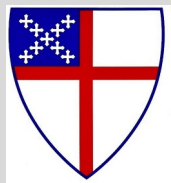


OCTOBER 2011



TYDINGS

THE CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE REV. LINDA L. KERR

Welcoming Brother Francis: Prophet of peace

*The peace that passes understanding
keeps your hearts and mind...*

These are treasured words of a familiar blessing—and a sober reminder of the limits of human reason. On Sunday, October 2nd at the 10:30 am service, Br. Francis will usher us into the path of God's healing peace which is destined to embrace and transform all creatures great and small. God will be our generous host as we set the holy table on grass, as we sing with the birds and as we share a blessing with our pets.

In the 12th c. young Francis Bernadone of Assisi, a prisoner of war, is a broken young man. Even victory in war cannot bring him peace. When the divine voice calls him to rearrange his entire value system—including his privileged lifestyle, his rigid patriotism and his casual faith—Francis feels his heart coming alive. He hears God calling him away from a Church drunk with power and blind to the needs of the poor. Francis dares to trust the voice and a new logic-defying vision is born.

An embarrassment to his wealthy family and a threat to the Church, Francis moves to the margins and builds a new community of brothers and sisters who find purpose and peace in *downward mobility*. He values the songs of birds and the touch of the poor. He believes a woman can serve as the spiritual guide of a man. He urges the ruling Moslem Sultan in Jerusalem to live in peace with Christian pilgrims and even resident Crusaders.

Br. Francis has inspired millions of men and woman over the centuries to take on the plain brown robe and sandals and to serve society's forgotten ones in joyful simplicity. The peace of God gives him strength and the words of Jesus give him hope. Such a peace indeed surpasses our minds and, frankly, terrifies us in its revolutionary implications.



As contemporary disciples we truly need to lean on each other as we walk in the way of such a peace. Beyond our best thoughts lies something more glorious, more fulfilling than we can imagine. Let's join hands and walk into our future together.

Faithfully yours,

Linda+

ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING

Sunday, October 2nd
10:30 am

The service and blessing will take place outside so please dress warmly.

PARISH STAFF

Michelle Stawicki, *Administrator*
Richard Spotts, *Interim Organist*
Tim Miller, *Sexton*

VESTRY

Senior Warden Priya Eddy
Junior Warden Melodee Fox
Acct. Warden Dave Dixon
Secretary Judy Lott
Vestry Members Linda Dellmuth,
Dan Gribbon, Claire Heinbach,
Diane Kern, Susan LaRosa, Nancy
Martin, Les Venella

DEANERY REPS

Dave Dixon, Charles Thompson,
Andrena Wishnie

MINISTRY CHAIRS

Youth Ed: Dayna Gribbon
Sunday School: Dayna Gribbon/
Mitzi Gross
J2A: Dan Gribbon & Joyce Bell
Adult Ed.: Andrena Wishnie
Communications: Julie Snarski
Building & Grounds Dan Gribbon
Fellowship: Andrena Wishnie
Fundraising: Diane Kern
New Members: Linda Dellmuth
Outreach:
Priya Eddy/Melodee Fox
Pastoral Care:
Claire Heinbach/Marcie Venella
Worship: Andrena Wishnie
Ushers: Linda Dellmuth
Altar Guild: Christine Hughes
Flowers:
Susan LaRosa/Linda Dellmuth
Refreshments: Micki Wisdom
Merrie Mailers: Nancy Martin



Worship Schedule

Saturday Evening
5 pm—Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sunday
8 am—Quiet Eucharist Rite I
9:15 am—Adult Forum
10:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday School

*Daily morning prayer is read
Tuesday-Friday at 8:30 am*

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The Church of the Incarnation
Invites you to celebrate
The Installation of
The Rev. Linda Livingston Kerr
As Priest-in-Charge
Sunday, October 23rd at 4:00 pm
The Rt. Rev. Charles E. Bennison, Jr.
Bishop Diocesan, presiding
Reception following



Lord, Thank You
by Ted Yoder

Lord, thank you for each moment,

For the blue sky moment, the softening earth, the freshening wind,

For the sap flowing, the bird resting, the yellow bush,

For my full heart and the joy rising in me.

Soften me to receive whatever comes as a gift

And to praise you in it.

Amen.

PASTORAL CARE AT WORK!

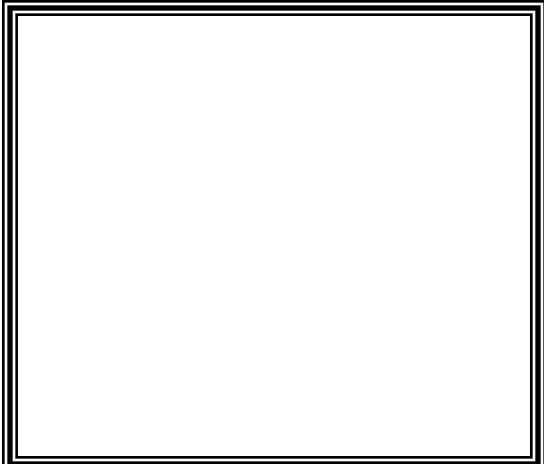


PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

If you have a family member, friend or know of someone who needs our prayers, please fill out a prayer card, which can be found on the table in the Parish Hall. When filling out the card, please include your name and the date the request was made. Let us know when your loved one no longer needs to be prayed for.

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH

We are making progress in our quest for a Music Director. The Committee charged with advising me will meet with a candidate in early October. The Vestry and I share a vision of expanding our scope of music to include both traditional and contemporary styles. A varied approach to the role of music in liturgy will, we believe, will renew us spiritually and help us to appeal to more people looking for a church home. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, keep us in your prayers. Linda+



SEARCH COMMITTEE CELEBRATES!

It was time to celebrate so on Sunday, September 25th we did. Our work is done:
GMAIL account closed
Thank you letters written
Parish webpage updated
Bills are paid
Diocese of Pennsylvania web page updated
The committee is grateful for the prayerful support of the parish.
Susan LaRosa & the Search Committee



HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY, ALYCE!

In July our own Alyce Diaz turned 94! Some parishioners and friends joined Alyce to help her celebrate. Below are some pictures of her party.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN—PRIYA EDDY

Dear Members of Incarnation,

Greetings!

Summer is over and fall is upon us now! Children are back to school, activities related to sports and extracurricular events are in full swing and suddenly we are all so busy. In spite of the busyness that has so engulfed us, I hope we can stop and take some time to enjoy the beauty of the colorful season that fall brings. This time of the year is so rejuvenating both physically and spiritually and we all enjoy God's creation!



Church activities this fall provide several fun and rewarding opportunities for adults and children. Many of us will participate in a variety of activities, including music, education, and worship. I hope you will all be able to join us for the Pet Blessing at the outdoor service at 10:30 am on October 2nd. Bring a friend if possible to share in this special service. Also, please try to attend the Installation of our priest, The Rev. Linda Kerr, on Sunday, October 23rd at 4 pm to support Linda as she starts her ministry at Incarnation. Finally, look for sign up sheets in the Parish Hall and lend your support to our Outreach programs. We volunteer regularly at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Global Aid Network, Habitat for Humanity, and we prepare monthly meals for Aid for Friends.

It is great to have everyone back this fall and we look forward to worshipping together regularly and working alongside each other in God's kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
Priya Eddy, Senior Warden

A WORD FROM OUR ACCOUNTING WARDEN

DAVE DIXON

The new year of 2012 will be upon us before we know it. These are my thoughts as we move forward. In September's Tydings we saw a glimpse of our five-year plan that sets clear goals for our future. These goals are healthy and ambitious. The question for us is: "What role will each of us play in obtaining those goals? Are we willing to step forward and get more involved in the life of our parish?" We all need to take an active step forward. We need to be willing to step outside our comfort zones and to try different ways of finding Christ in our lives, and in serving the community around us. If you are looking for ways to be involved in Outreach, ask about Aid for Friends, GAiN, or the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Closer to home, visit a Sunday School Class or sing with the choir or help with fundraising. Find a committee that can use your talents. Linda needs our help as we strive to reach our potential. In our last Vestry meeting, Linda encouraged us to "tell the story of Incarnation." We have much to say and much to do. Help us prepare for a stronger Incarnation in 2012 and beyond.

STEWARDSHIP 2012

is coming ...

(stay tuned!)

OUTREACH AT INCARNATION

ST. JOHN'S FOOD CUPBOARD

September 24th began the first delivery for the 2011-2012 season for our outreach to the community of Kensington in Philadelphia through St. John Episcopal Church. For ten months, on the last Saturday of the month we deliver approximately \$150 of non-perishable food, including powdered milk. On the following Sunday, congregation helpers gather in St. John's Parish House to separate and bag the food. Monday morning at 9 am the needy line up at St. John's for the bags of food.

All of this is made possible by the generous contributions of our parish families during our special drives (Thanksgiving Turkeys in November and Souper Bowl in February) and, of course, by on-going weekly contributions.

We look forward to your continued support. The container for your contributions is in the Parish Hall.

Call David or Helen Allen at 215-946-9561 with any questions.

Join us for GLOBAL AID NETWORK (GAIN) Project

October 15, 2011

The Global Aid Network (GAIN) is a group that distributes aid to countries throughout the world that are in need due to catastrophic events. GAIN also gives humanitarian relief by providing food, water filtration systems and hygiene kits to underdeveloped countries. Our church is planning to have a group travel to the Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania warehouse where GAIN packing is done once a month. We plan to travel on the 15th. There is a sign-up sheet on the Outreach board in the Parish Hall. We will meet in the church parking lot at 7 am that morning and will plan to arrive back sometime around 5 pm.



**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO
HAVE DIED IN THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER**

ALEX E. WISHNIE
ANGELA KLEIN
MARY CARPENTER
CHRISTIAN SMITH
ARTHUR SWANSON
CLAUDE WAFUL
GEORGE KAELIN
ALICE PARENT

MIKE MILLER
FRANK DRAGANCHUK
DEAN WILLIAMS
EDNA VENELLA
JANICE WAUGH
VICTORINE JAMES
FRANCIS MACK
RUSSELL MCINTOSH

*Let light perpetual shine
upon them, O Lord.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

BIRTHDAYS IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Helen Allen
Marilyn Dixon
Lindsey DeMarinis
Katie DeMarinis
Preethy Jayant
Jane Sharma



Corinne Dockstader
Kim Venella
Dennis Dixon
Gina Palladino
Noelle Stawicki
Emily DeMarinis
Deepa Eddy

SUNDAY SCHOOL & J2A

GREETINGS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL

I can't believe that October is here! Mitzi Gross and I have wonderful classes this fall. In my group (ages 6-12) we have three new members, so that makes the class ten strong. During this fall season we will be learning about the Moses story, leading up to the ten commandments.

Mitzi's group, the Children's Chapel (ages 3-5), has a new member also. They will be enjoying stories like the creation, Adam & Eve and David & Goliath.

Please take some time to stop and look at all the projects that the kids will be working on this year. You will be very impressed!

Dayna Gribbon

J2A RETURNS!

Timothy 4:12-15

Don't let others look down on you because you are young but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

In September the J2A returned from summer vacation. Both Hannah Gross and Greg LaRosa have returned along with Joyce Bell and Dan Gribbon as the mentors of the group. The theme for the day was **Back to Basics**. With the installation of Linda Kerr it was decided that we would get back to basics and renew the program. We discussed what was achieved last year and what we can do to make an impact. We set our focus for the coming months.

Our focus as a group will be exploring and celebrating God's call toward adulthood and the skills involved in becoming an adult. With this it will be our goal to become more involved in the church and the community as a whole. We will be looking at different ways that we can serve the community while still having fun doing it!

The group will be meeting on Sundays at 9:15 am in the classroom. Any young adults (14 to 17) are welcome to attend the group. If anyone is interested in joining the group or knows someone who is, please contact either Dan Gribbon, Linda Kerr or Michelle Stawicki. Or just stop by the classroom one Sunday morning!

Dan Gribbon

A prayer said before each J2A class:

Loving God, You sent your Son Jesus into this world to be an example to us all. From a young age He followed Your will. He preached, healed and led people to You. He suffered, He died and He rose. We pray for us, the youth and young adults of the Church of the Incarnation. Give us knowledge, courage and a willing heart to be the disciples of today. To learn God's will, to share God's message and to be God's people. To know, to love and to serve with youthful zeal. Bless us with happiness, friendship, love, laughter, peace, hope, faith, achievement and direction. We pray that through Your intercession we may find ourselves, find God and find our place. **Amen.**

FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING

GOURMET DINNER




**FRIDAY,
 OCTOBER 14, 2011
 6:00 p.m.**
Home of Les & Marcie Venella

Reservation forms can be found in the Parish Hall or on our website.
 (www.incarnationepiscopal.org)

Annual Cookie Sale and Craft Show

It's not too early to start baking and freezing cookies for our Annual Christmas Cookie Sale. It is only 3 months away! The Cookie Sale will be held this year on Saturday, December 3rd. We will include some craft vendors at the sale as well. Please look for more information in Sunday bulletins and future issues of Tydings.


Holiday Concert: December 20th 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia Chorale Group

The Philadelphia Chorale group will be our guests on Tuesday, December 20th to perform a Christmas concert. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this special holiday concert!

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OVER A WEEKEND...

At the September Vestry meeting, the Vestry voted to hold a weekend long celebration in March 2012 to honor the 100 years of Church life in the community. Plans are under way to find a facility that we can have a reunion on Saturday evening and follow it up on Sunday morning with a celebration at Church and securing the time capsule in the Columbarium for safe keeping until such time that our families wish to review what we documented at the 100 year mark. If interested in being on the committee, please contact Linda Kerr or Priya Eddy as soon as possible. The Vestry has appointed Les Venella to chair the event and he will be assisted by Claire Heinbach.

INCARNATION PARISH STATISTICS: SEPTEMBER 2011



CURRENT MEMBERSHIP.....	77 FAMILIES	AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE
NEW MEMBERS.....	0	MORNING PRAYER.....
TRANSFERS OUT.....	2	SATURDAY/SUNDAY SERVICE.....
BAPTISMS.....	0	63
WEDDINGS.....	0	
FUNERALS.....	0	



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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

October 11 Vestry Meeting—7 pm
October 14 Gourmet Dinner-6 pm @ the home of
Les & Marcie Venella
October 15 GAiN Project—7 am
October 19 Aid for Friends Set-up—7 pm
October 20 Aid for Friends packing—9 am
October 23 Bishop's Installation—4 pm
October 30 Town Hall Meeting—9 am

NOVEMBER

November 5 Diocesan Convention
November 8 Vestry Meeting—7 pm
November 16 Aid for Friends Set-up—7 pm
November 17 Aid for Friends packing—9 am
November 20 St. John's Turkey Collection
November 24 Thanksgiving Service—10 am
@ St. Andrew's, Yardley

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