



UPDATES AND  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
FAITH COMMUNITIES

SEASON AFTER  
EPIPHANY 2020

# CHURCH INSIDER

## SEASONAL REFLECTION

The season of/after Epiphany, also referred to as 'Ordinary Time', is the time in the church calendar when we reflect on the incarnation of our Christ given to us at Christmas. The Gospel

someone we are not yet. But, the touch of the creator is gentle. A caressing presence that holds things to itself tightly and yet with levity.

Since the liturgical seasons exist for the sake of a grander narrative, each one seeks to illuminate and deepen the next. After



*Blessing of the buildings on campus*

readings during this season mark the words and works of Christ, during his years on earth- presenting us with a mirror. A loving and illuminating mirror that invites us to see ourselves as better than we think and capable of more goodness that we know. When God invites us to look into or at ourselves and help lift us up to something we are not yet. God wants us to see who we are, which is sometimes

Epiphany comes the season of Lent, a time of refinement and often penitence. Epiphany prepares us for that. The mirror of the incarnation sheds a loving light on the ways in which we are being called to higher places. The Epiphany can be thought of as a season of deep rest under the loving light of Christ. A season of beauty and recognition of all that is good.



*Family First Friday Pizza Making*

## FAMILY FIRST FRIDAY

In an effort to expand our programming outside of the school day and connect our Church, School, and Neighborhood communities, we have launched Family First Fridays! Held on the first Friday of every month, with a goal of building community and deepening our roots, all families are welcome! These nights have become fun, wholesome

ways to strengthen family relationships and do exciting activities! Past FFF events have included making pizza from scratch and a very competitive game night. Our February FFF event is baking chocolate chip cookies! If you are looking for a family-friendly event, come and join us on the first Friday of every month from 6-8pm in the Schoolhouse for fun, fellowship, and dinner. **Save the Date:**  
**March 6th - Bingo Night!**



## Upcoming Events

**February 7** – Family First Friday  
**February 8** - Community Service Day **9am-12pm**  
**February 22** - Academic Clinic **10am-1pm**  
**February 27** - Casserole Club  
**February 26** – Ash Wednesday (**Service at 11am**)  
**March 6** - Family First Friday - Bingo!  
**March 7** - Academic Clinic **10am-1pm**  
**March 14** - Community Service Day **9am-12pm**  
**March 21** - Academic Clinic **10am-1pm**  
**March 26** - Casserole Club

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# CASSEROLE CLUB

The great Cesar Chavez once said, “If you really want to make a friend, go to someone’s house and eat with him... the people who give you their food give you their heart.” A new ministry from The Welcome Table and the Church of St. James the Less is the Casserole Club! We are cooking (and eating!), engaging in fellowship, and preparing meals that will supply the Welcome Table and surrounding food ministries around Philadelphia. Casserole Club is a way of providing a monthly potluck style event where lots of people can come through, bring something to cook with, and leave having a full belly and a full heart. The Welcome Table is always in need of food, and many families enjoy having ready-made meals. When we share food with one another, we are also sharing the love and care that we’ve put in. This past January, we made vegetarian and pork chili. (Yum!) Casserole Club is a great way for people to get involved and make a real-time impact on our local community. Casserole Club is hosted at the St. James Community House every fourth Thursday of the month! Join us! ***All are welcome.***

## THANK YOU

Arch Street Presbyterian Church  
 Church of St. Asaph  
 Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Chestnut Hill  
 Church of the Ascension, Maryland  
 Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli  
 Episcopal Academy  
 Saint Mark’s Church, Locust Street  
 St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, Newtown Square  
 St. Christopher’s Church, Gladwyne  
 St. David’s Episcopal Church, Radnor  
 St. George’s Episcopal Church, Ardmore  
 St. James Episcopal Church, Langhorne  
 St. Thomas’ Church, Whitmarsh  
 The Episcopal Church of Leeds Parish, Virginia  
 Upper Dublin Lutheran Church  
 Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge

**THANK YOU FOR YOU GIFTS OF  
TIME, TREASURE AND TALENT!**



**THE WELCOME TABLE**  
 caring for our community

## WELCOME TABLE MOST URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS

- MILK (SHELF STABLE)
- CANNED TUNA
- CANNED CHICKEN
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CANNED FRUIT
- PEANUT BUTTER
- DIAPERS