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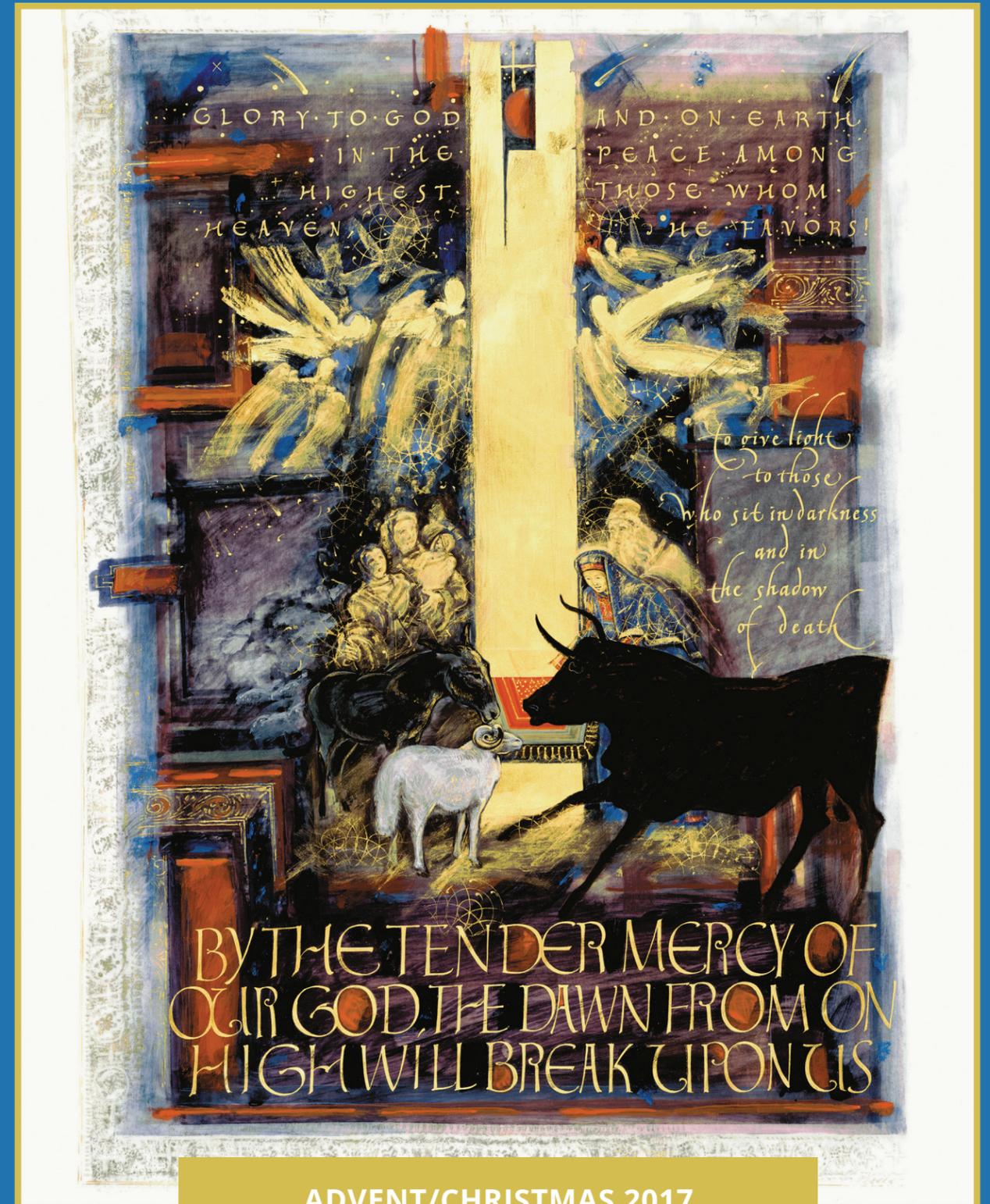
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A House of Prayer for Long Island Since 1885



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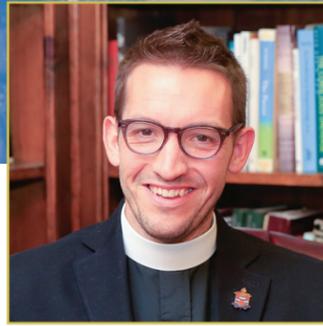
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ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2017



Greetings from the Cathedral Close!

It is a joy to welcome you to the journey of Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. In the season of Advent, we are invited to anticipate with longing and expectation God's birth into our world and our lives not only in Bethlehem, but now. In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul said, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now." How is God growing in your life and the life of your family this year?

As the Cathedral of the Incarnation, Christmas is our Patronal Festival. All the stained glass windows of the nave tell the story of the birth of Jesus, the Christ. Emmanuel — God with us. We are the Christmas Cathedral. What does it mean that God intends to be born here, in this place at this time, in the flesh?

As the body of Christ, we are God-bearers in our community, especially in this season. We are proclaimers and doers of the Good News that even when darkness clouds our world, God lives, God loves and God reigns.

In these seasons of Advent and Christmas, come and soak up the Good News in worship, study, service, music and fellowship.

Christ is Born in you and me — for the sake of the whole world!

May this season bring you joy, inspiration and peace.

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen,
13th Dean of the Cathedral



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**Names as of November 16th, 2017*



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Worship Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00AM Traditional Mass

The 8:00 service is a Said Mass, using traditional language.

9:30AM Family Mass

The 9:30 service is our Family Mass with strong congregational singing using a variety of resources, a brief homily, and choral music. Appropriate for all ages, this service is about 45 minutes in length, and is followed by coffee hour and Christian Education at the Mercer School.

11:15AM Choral Mass

The 11:15 Choral Mass is a full cathedral service featuring choral music. The preaching relates the scriptures of the day to our daily lives, and the music is carefully chosen to relate to the themes of the season.

4:00PM Choral Evensong

(usually the first Sunday of the month; check incarnationgc.org/music for dates)

Choral Evensong has been in use in the Anglican Church for centuries. The service consists of prayers, scripture, hymns and texts sung by the choir.

CHRIST CHURCH

10am Eucharist Rite II

5pm Taize Service

(Second Sunday of the Month)

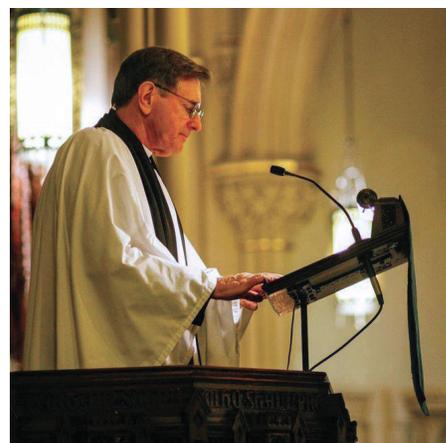
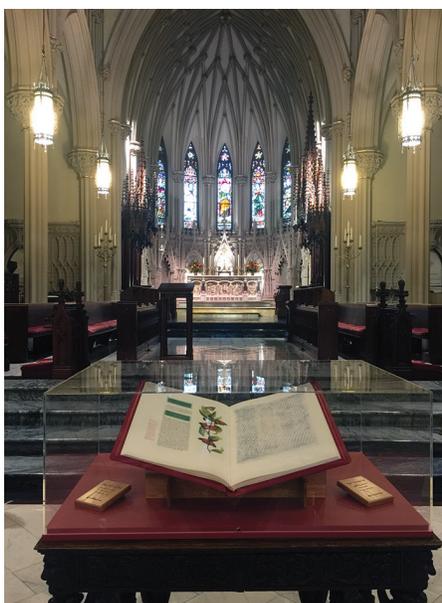
WEEKDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:45AM Morning Prayer

Every weekday morning we gather for 15 minutes in the cathedral's Lady Chapel to recite the Daily Office from the Book of Common Prayer.

12:15PM Daily Mass

Weekday afternoons we celebrate Mass in a 30 minute service that includes a brief homily. We often have visiting clergy from across the Diocese lead the service.



The Rev. Canon Bruce D. Griffith, Th.D.

Honorary Canon-in-Residence

As the Honorary Canon in Residence, I am working with Dean Sniffen on increasing the role and involvement of all Honorary Canons. We are hoping to have an increased presence of the Honorary Canons at services and, in the future, on consultative bodies. I participate in the regular rota of weekday and Sunday liturgies, help respond to emergency needs for clergy in other parishes, and do occasional adult program teaching (Most recently, a study of Gregory of Nyssa's Life of Moses). I also continue to do occasional consultative and vocational development work.

“The Cathedral stands as a beacon of hope, peace and faith for Long Island. To this day, our primary mission is to call people together in prayer for the life of this island and the world. You are a part of that mission.”

– The Very Rev. Michael T. Sniffen,
Dean of the cathedral

A Year with the Saint John's Bible

In collaboration with George Mercer, Jr. School of Theology

WWW.INCARNATIONGC.ORG/SAINTJOHNSBIBLE



From November through May, the cathedral will be home to a rare Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible, an illuminated handwritten version of the sacred text. The volume will be used in our worship services and educational programming throughout the year.

The breadth and scope of The Saint John's Bible has been compared to that of The Sistine Chapel. It is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible commissioned since the medieval period, and an international team of calligraphers and artists spent fifteen years creating it. Though the team used medieval techniques, the illustrations incorporate modern elements such as DNA strands, images from the Hubble telescope, and satellite photos of the Ganges River.

The cathedral will display the Heritage Edition of the Gospels & Acts volume. Only 299 Heritage Editions were made. They are full scale, illuminated replicas of the original, and no two copies are exactly alike.

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EVENTS:

Illuminating the Word: An Introduction to The Saint John's Bible

Wednesday, November 29th at 7pm

Join scholar, speaker and The Saint John's Bible Program Director Tim Ternes as he introduces The Saint John's Bible to the cathedral. Through video, projected imagery, dynamic reproductions and engaging discussions, you will have the opportunity to see, hear, and learn more about this inspirational undertaking. This event is free and open to all, yet RSVPs will ensure excellent viewing. You can get your free ticket at www.SJBCathedral.eventbrite.com or by calling the cathedral office.

EVENTS (continued):

Advent Series: Illuminating the Word: Visions of the Biblical Stories of Advent in The Saint John's Bible

Wednesdays December 6th through December 20th, 7pm to 8:30pm

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen will lead a three-week exploration of the images of Advent in The Saint John's Bible. A light meal will be served.

Lenten Series: The Light of Christ in The Saint John's Bible

Wednesdays, February 21st through March 21st, 2018, 7pm to 8:30pm

Following a light meal in the refectory, the Very Rev. Michael Sniffen will lead an in depth look at the images of Christ's journey to the cross in The Saint John's Bible.

Creation and The Saint John's Bible: An Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 22nd

Join us at 12:30pm for an Earth Day picnic on the cathedral grounds, followed by a special choral evensong for Earth Day with guest conductor Simon Lole (Salisbury Cathedral, the BBC) at 4pm. Featuring images of creation from The Saint John's Bible.

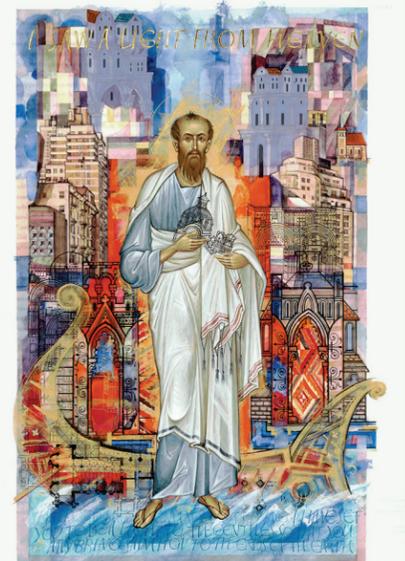
Science and Faith in Harmony: Creation, Science, and The Saint John's Bible

The Annual Robert Farrar Capon Lectures

Thursday, May 3rd at 7pm

Dr. Anton Koekemoer is a research astrophysicist with the Hubble Space Telescope and has been on its scientific staff for over 20 years. He is also a committed Christian whose faith plays a central role in his life, and he considers the universe to be one of the ways in which God has chosen to reveal His glory to humankind. To reserve a spot at this event, e-mail cathedral@incarnationgc.org

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Special Liturgies: Christmas



Solemn Mass for Christmas Eve, preceded by carols

Sunday, December 24th at 7:30 pm & 11:00 pm

Join us for Christmas Eve at the cathedral, with Masses at 7:30 and 11:00 pm, preceded by carols at 7pm and 10:30pm.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The cathedral will remain open for the Twelve Days of Christmas with special services as follows:

Monday December 25th
Christmas Mass 10am

Tuesday December 26th
Mass for Saint Stephen, Deacon & Martyr 12:15pm

Wednesday December 27th
Mass for Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist 12:15pm

Thursday December 28th
Mass for The Holy Innocents 12:15pm

Friday December 29th
No services, cathedral will be open for private prayer from 9am to 4pm

Sunday December 31st
10am New Year's Eve Mass

Monday January 1st
No services, cathedral will be open for private prayer from 9am to 4pm

Tuesday January 2nd
Daily Mass 12:15pm

Wednesday January 3rd
Daily Mass 12:15pm

Thursday January 4th
Daily Mass 12:15pm

Friday January 5th
Daily Mass 12:15pm

Sunday January 7th
Feast of the Epiphany at 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am

Twelfth Night and Procession of Three Kings at 4pm

Twelfth Night Soiree in Support of The INN at 5pm
See page 8 for details



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Music in the Cathedral



Canon Larry Tremsky, Director of Music

The music of the Advent and Christmas seasons is especially diverse and rich, and includes both old favorites and works new to us. While it would take a lot of space to describe all the music the choirs will sing, I'd like to focus on a few works.

First, all the descants we use (that's the high part the sopranos sometimes sing on the last verse of a hymn) are by David Willcocks, the long-time director of music at King's College, Cambridge, and a veteran choral conductor. We introduced the piece "Jesus, springing" by Bob Chilcott a few years back, which has a wonderful melody combined with a beautifully evocative text. Finally, my study of the choral music of Ukraine led us to include a carol from that wonderful tradition, "Carol of the Bells" by Mykola Leontovych. Interestingly, the original Ukrainian lyrics have nothing to do with bells. It's actually a carol for the arrival of spring, though it remains one of the best-loved works in Ukraine for the Christmas season.

These choral pieces, in conjunction with a wealth of traditional and new hymns, prepare us for the celebration of the Incarnation. The Twelve Days of Christmas, concluding with our performance of Twelfth Night, incorporate the great body of texts and tunes that have come down to us through the ages.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Sunday, December 17th at 4:00 pm

One of the highlights of our season, this annual favorite will include carol settings by Herbert Howells, Bob Chilcott, Leo Nestor, Mykola Leontovych, David Willcocks and John Rutter, sung by the full Cathedral Choirs.

Solemn Mass for Christmas Eve, preceded by carols

Sunday, December 24th at 7:30 pm & 11:00 pm

Join us for Christmas Eve at the cathedral, with Masses at 7:30 and 11:00 pm, preceded by carols beginning 30 minutes beforehand. Music will include carols sung by the choir, the *Missa Brevis in D* by Mozart, and traditional carols sung by all.

A Twelfth Night Celebration and Procession of the Three Kings

Sunday, January 7th at 4:00 pm

This special service, a new favorite in our schedule, closes our celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and includes carol settings, hymns and the Procession of the Three Kings.

Choral Evensong for Candlemas

Sunday, February 4th at 4:00 pm

Music includes the *Evening Service in G* by Francis Jackson, in honor of the composer's 100th birthday this year, and the *Preces & Responses* by Paul Spicer.



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Open Doors



The Rev. Michael F. Delaney,
Canon Pastor

As Canon Pastor, it is my joy to help people make connections and build relationships with each other and with God. This past fall, I taught a newcomer discovery class in which participants were invited to ask all the questions they have been afraid to ask about religion, faith and life. This group included people who come to the cathedral for worship, for tea, for yoga, for music, or simply out of curiosity. It is a gift to be one of the people who holds the door open for them as they seek to engage in our community of faith.

Our new partnership with the Long Island Gay Men's Chorus following their performance at our Pulse Orlando Memorial is an example of the cathedral helping to heal hurts previously experienced by those at the margins in various houses of worship. As a leader of the cathedral's new college chaplaincy at Adelphi, I have the opportunity to support students eager to integrate their studies and their faith.

The cathedral is a lovely-and busy!-place to serve. If I can help connect you with our vibrant life, it would be my delight.

Stay connected by signing up for our weekly e-newsletter at www.incarnationgc.org/connect/e-news/



**A Victorian Christmas Tea
A Fundraiser by the Cathedral Choirs
Development Fund**

Saturday, December 2nd from 2-3:30pm
Sunday, December 3rd from 12:30-2pm
and 3-4:30pm

Cathedral Choirs Development Fund (CCDF) will host a Victorian Christmas Tea in the holiday decorated, spectacular A.T. Stewart Era Victorian home which once housed the bishops of Long Island. Listen to carols by the Cathedral Choirs and enjoy tea, champagne punch, and homemade treats. A great opportunity to introduce friends and family to the work of the cathedral choir. Visit www.VictorianChristmasTea.Eventbrite.com to purchase tickets.

Yoga in the Cathedral
Every Friday from 7pm to 7:45pm

A gentle yoga class by candlelight is offered to all every Friday at 7pm, by suggested donation only. The group enjoys fellowship afterwards, including a monthly wine and cheese gathering at See House on the first Friday of the month.

GUIDED TOURS

Keeping the cathedral open seven days a week has created an atmosphere of welcome on the cathedral close that has brought many new faces through our doors. Guided tours for over 500 people last year have resulted in partnerships with local groups and neighbors. Our first ever "All Hallows' Eve" liturgy and tour drew over 200 people to church on Halloween, most of whom had never seen the inside of the cathedral.

To arrange a tour for your group or organization, contact the cathedral office at cathedral@incarnationgc.org. The cathedral is open to visitors Monday through Friday from 9am to 4pm and Saturday from 9am to 2pm.



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Children & Youth Education



The Rev. Morgan Mercer Ladd,
Minor Canon for Family Ministry

The process of becoming a family — a people bonded by love and belonging — requires hard work and a big dose of God's grace. Here at the cathedral we are expanding Family Ministries to include new programs, workshops, and service offerings designed to equip families with the skills they need to nurture resilient children in spiritually vital homes. By supporting families in the hard work of cultivating balance, negotiating challenge, and growing in faith, we are creating a community that celebrates life in Christ by learning and serving together.

For questions about Church School & Youth Group, contact our Director of Christian Formation, Kristin Ochtera, at kochtera@incarnationgc.org

Church School Sundays at 10:30 am at the Mercer School of Theology

Youth Group meets twice a month on Sundays at 4:00 pm

Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, November 26th at 10:30am

John the Baptist calls us to "prepare the way" for Jesus's coming. An Advent Wreath can be an excellent way to build excitement, anticipating and understanding of the season with the whole family!

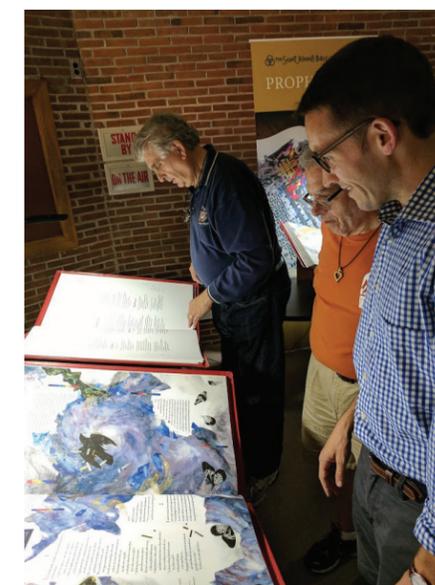
Placed on a mantel or even the kitchen table, it is a teaching tool that marks the passage of the four weeks of Advent. Join us at 10:30 in the Mercer school on Sunday, November 26th to create your own wreath and make it the centerpiece of your Advent preparations.



Christmas Pageant,
Sunday December 24th at 4pm

Adult Education

ADVENT SERIES: led by the Very Rev. Michael Sniffen



**Illuminating the Word:
Visions of the Biblical Stories of
Advent in The Saint John's Bible**
Wednesdays December 6th through
December 20th, 7pm to 8:30pm

The Very Rev. Michael Sniffen will lead a three-week exploration of the images of Advent in The Saint John's Bible. Participants are invited to share a simple meal and fellowship together at the Mercer School refectory at 7pm. At 7:30, the group will move into the Mercer Library, where the Heritage Edition of the Gospels & Acts will be available to see and touch. Framed, full scale pages will also be on hand for reflection. Dean Sniffen will lead the group in examining the visual theology of these images, with a special focus on the season of Advent. This class is free and open to all, but RSVPs are necessary if you plan to join us for dinner. Please e-mail the cathedral office if you plan to attend: cathedral@incarnationgc.org.

Serving Our Neighbors



The Rev. Canon Andrew Durbidge,
Canon Steward and Associate Priest

As Canon Steward and Associate Priest of the Cathedral I am involved in all aspects of the liturgical life of the cathedral — Sunday and weekly services, pastoral services and diocesan services. I have specific responsibilities for the Incarnation 2020 project which is a plan to upgrade the cathedral with better access and air-conditioning, together with planning new programme space for cathedral ministries and upgrading the campus grounds. I am also working alongside the dean to develop partnerships with Ali Forney Center and Cheyenne River Episcopal Ministries.



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Twelfth Night Soiree: Ring “INN” the New Year for a great cause!

*Sunday, January 7th at 5pm
See House, 36 Cathedral Avenue*

Following the Cathedral Choir’s “Twelfth Night” concert, you are invited to enjoy wine, cocktails, sushi, and hors d’oeuvres in a beautiful, historic Victorian home. Food has been generously donated by Taku Asian Bistro and Go Greek. Tickets are \$60 each, and 100% of the proceeds support the work of The Interfaith Nutrition Network (The INN).

Tickets are available at www.TwelfthNightSoiree.Eventbrite.com or by calling the cathedral office at 516-746-2955.



The Rev. Deacon Denise Galloway,
Deacon of the Cathedral

This year, the cathedral joined Long Island Churches and Neighbors (LI-CAN) in making a commitment to address the opioid epidemic. Through several sessions of “listening campaigns” at the cathedral, we began strategizing ways of combating this serious problem. We have also begun to formulate and develop our ministry at the Nassau County jail. We continue to grow our partnership with the Mary Brennan INN, beginning regular service commitments there in addition to our fundraising efforts and drives for food, clothing, and school supplies.



THANKS TO OUR STEWARDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

As Christian stewards, we estimate our financial giving for the upcoming year. These estimates help the cathedral leadership plan new opportunities for ministry both here and far beyond our cathedral walls. Financial giving from our stewards funds programs such as the Cathedral History and Archives Project and Family Ministries, as well as outside

organizations that we partner with, such as Cheyenne River Episcopal Ministries, The Ali Forney Center and The INN. Our Cathedral Stewards are listed on the back cover. We invite you to send in a stewardship card today and join them! Visit www.incarnationgc.org/donate for more information.