

**The Church of the Messiah's**  
**Good News**  
**December 15, 2019**

*Welcome to the Church of the Messiah.  
We are delighted to have you worshipping with us.*



**Advent Meditation**

Pilgrims to Jerusalem, to Mecca and to Rome:  
faithful to Canterbury, of Geneva and Byzantiums:  
Gatherers to the rivers, to the Naranjara and the Ganges:  
Markers of the journey through the deserts and the mountains:  
They celebrate in gratitude, in wonder and rejoicing.  
No room for the aloof and arrogant,  
for the divisive and superior spirit:  
God is greater than the idols of the nations, deeper  
in mystery than any faith.  
Like a people of old, small, obscure, stretched beyond  
fear to a wider belief, so are God's people today  
challenged by a love that is awesome, drawn to the  
gates of a City of God, whose name is yet to be known.

Jim Cotton, *Prayer at Day's Dawning.*

*Altar Greens and Plants are given to the Glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for the life of  
Margaret Jewett Greer.*

*The Advent Wreath is given to the Glory of God  
by Peg Nicholson  
in loving memory of  
Carole Costa.*

**Church of the Messiah**  
**Mission Statement**

*The Church of the Messiah is an inclusive and welcoming community*

- Committed to serving God by serving neighbors near and far;
- Affirming the dignity of every human being;
- Believing we are called to be stewards of creation.

*- adopted by the Vestry of the Church of the Messiah on February 10, 2015.*

**A PRAYER FOR OUR FUTURE**

*As our capital campaign continues, we invite you to join together in praying the following prayer that was composed by members of the parish and the rector.*

O God, Giver of all good gifts.

We thank You for the grace of serving You by serving our neighbors.

May our hearts be kind and generous.

May our ministry be rooted in love and bold in imagination.

In transforming the Parish and Community Center, may our lives, and the lives of all who join us, be renewed by Your love and the power of the Spirit. Amen.

**COFFEE HOUR**

**December**

**15** John & Maureen Nolan

**22** **Christmas Cheer** - Egg nog and cookies – Jane Vose

**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Our prayers are asked for those who suffer from addiction, anxiety, are survivors of abuse or assault, those who are undergoing treatment or living with cancer, are unemployed or homeless. We pray for refugees seeking safety and security in this and other countries and for all who are ministering to their needs. And we pray for all who have lost homes and loved ones in the recent hurricanes and fires, especially our brothers and sisters in the Bahamas, the Carolinas and California.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas Flowers, in honor or memory of someone, please take an envelope and complete it with your name and the name of the person(s) whom you wish to be listed on the Christmas Flower list. Your check should be payable to the Church of the Messiah with *Christmas Flower Donation* on the memo line. Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to have donations included in the Christmas bulletin. Thank you.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE TO BE HELD HERE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM**

As a way of extending a ministry of companionship and hospitality, we are pleased to host the ecumenical Blue Christmas service here on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. This service is quiet, reflective and honors the reality that Christmas may be a time where those who have experienced loss and grief in their lives are not alone in their sorrow. There will be readings, a homily and communion all of which are to help us feel and know the presence of God, especially in times of darkness and loss. Please know all are welcome to this service sponsored by members of the Falmouth Clergy Association. - DMW



## **Christmas Services**

*Tuesday, December 24*

4:30 PM - Family Service  
8:00 PM - Festival Eucharist

*Wednesday, December 25*

10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist

### **THE GIVING TREE IS UP**

The Giving Tree is up and decorated with cards that suggest gifts that can be purchased for our neighbors who are living at the Villages at Cataumet until they can find permanent housing. Please take a card and shop for those looking to make a new start in their lives. Many thanks to Jill and Leah Glidden who have taken on this special outreach ministry.

### **OUTREACH NEWS: Supporting the Falmouth Service Center**

As we continue to support the Falmouth Service Center, please see the Holiday Season flyer on page 6 for suggested donations in December. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be Monday, January 6th at 10:30 AM in the PCC Conference Room.

### **UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

We have some Good News indeed about our Capital Campaign. To help us close the remaining \$300,000 shortfall from our target of \$2.5 million, two anonymous donors have pledged to match up to a total of \$55,000 new contributions to the campaign received between now and March 31, 2020. When matched we will have added \$110,000, carrying the total over the \$2.3 million mark. You will soon receive a letter with details.

Most of you already have given generously to support the creation of the Parish and Community Center. We hope that many of you will be able to stretch yet a bit farther to help us secure these matching funds.

We welcome your questions and suggestions. We are deeply grateful to all who are supporting this project that is central to effective service to the parish and to providing new opportunities to the wider community.

*Charles Mann, Chairman, Capital Campaign*

*Don Aukamp*

*Carol Casey*

*Deborah Dougherty*

*Arden Edwards*

*Mark Haycock*

*Sandra Rodgers*

## **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME AT THE VILLAGE AT CATAUMET**

**Next Monthly Dinner: Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 5PM.**

We're serving dinner to our neighbors at the Village at Cataumet, the shelter for families, on the first Wednesday of the month. This is a continuing ministry and we always welcome new cooks and new servers. Look for a sign-up sheet in the back of the church on Sunday morning and join us. We are trying to show our neighbors that we care about their difficult situation. Help once a year or once a month - every contribution is welcome!

## **HOLIDAY MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY**

The WHPL will be screening two more holiday themed movies on Monday evenings in December. Movies will begin at 7pm in the lower level of the library. Popcorn will be provided, but attendees are invited to bring a beverage of their choice.

The movie schedule is as follows:

**Monday, December 16:** This is a 1945 movie described in today's jargon as a ron-com. A magazine writer falls in love with a fan. Oh, dear. Let your imagination run wild as the story unfolds through the acting of a talented leading lady. Almost 50 years after its debut, the original movie was remade for television directed by none other than Arnold Schwarzenegger. If you can find the 1992 version take a look at it and let us know which version tells the story best.

**Monday, December 23:** Finally, a movie that has only been made one time in the early 2000s. Note that this is a charming, "irreverent" comedy with many bright spots not the least of which is the leading actor. The movie also boasts several other beloved actors that everyone will recognize. The story follows an irresistible chap, often found sitting on high, in search of a loved one. How does the search turn out? Join us on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and find out.

# This Holiday Season

In preparation for holiday distributions, the Falmouth Service Center needs your help to help our neighbors in need. We distribute to clients on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Before then, we need ...



**Gravy, Stuffing**  
**Quick Bread Mixes**  
**Canned Pumpkin & Squash**  
**Canned or Fresh Hams,**  
**Frozen Turkeys, Whole Chickens, Fresh Vegetables,**  
**Home Baked Breads and Pies**

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 pm

We will be open in our warehouse to receive these items.

Take this opportunity to begin your Thanksgiving week by giving to others!

If you are planning to volunteer, we ask that you call us (508-548-2794) to sign up for a slot.

## Help Us, Help Children

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: We need to receive all NEW toys by  
Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>\*\***

We especially need the following items for our Service Center Gift Distribution  
on *Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*

- ❖ Gift Cards (\$20) for teens (Wal-Mart, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Aeropostle, Dunkin' Donuts, Olympia Sports, Target, etc. -)
- ❖ Sports items and arts & crafts kits for 8 to 14 year olds
- ❖ Educational toys for infants and toddlers
- ❖ Games and puzzles the whole family can enjoy
- ❖ Wrapping paper, tape, ribbons, bows



**Please call FSC at 508-548-2794 with questions.**

Check the Service Center website for more information:

[www.falmouthservicecenter.org](http://www.falmouthservicecenter.org)

Find us on Facebook & Instagram where we frequently post updates as

# We Appreciate Your Help!



Please like us on [Facebook](#)



# December 2019 - January 2020

December 2019							January 2020						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Dec 15</b> 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm	<b>16</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center) 5:30pm Vestry Mtg.	<b>17</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 7:00pm Blue Christmas service (Stone Church)	<b>18</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Handchimes rehearsal	<b>19</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3:00pm Reception (WH Room)
<b>Dec 22 - 28</b> 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Communion	<b>23</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center)	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve (United Christmas Eve 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 4:30pm Family Service 8:00pm Festival Euchar	<b>25</b> Christmas Day (United Christmas Day Office Closed 10:00am Holy Eucharist	<b>26</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Dec 29 - Jan 4</b> 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm & Carol Sing	<b>30</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center)	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve (United New Year's Eve Office Closed	<b>Jan 1, 20</b> New Year's Day (United Office Closed 5:00pm Village at Cataunet (Serve Dinner)	<b>2</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Jan 5 - 11</b> 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm	<b>6</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 10:30am Outreach Comm. 3:00pm 4:00pm W H M 6:00pm Epiphany Dinn	<b>7</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open	<b>8</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Handchimes rehearsal	<b>9</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 4:00pm Cantata BOD 7:00pm 8:30pm Interfaith Sabbath Discussion (Fal. Jewis	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Jan 12 - 18</b> 8:00am Holy Comm 10:00am Holy Comm	<b>13</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 3:00pm 4:00pm W H Meditation (Parish & Comm. Center) 5:30pm Vestry Mtg.	<b>14</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 11:30am 1:00pm WHWC	<b>15</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 6:00pm Choir rehearsal 7:00pm Handchimes rehearsal	<b>16</b> 10:00am 2:00pm Office Open 7:00pm 8:30pm Interfaith Sabbath Discussion (Fal. Jewish Cong.)	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>

## Church of the Messiah

### 2019 Vestry

The Rev. Deborah M. Warner	<i>Rector</i>
Jean Taft	<i>Warden</i>
Nancy Rea	<i>Warden</i>
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John Nolan	<i>Treasurer</i>

Charles Mann	2020	Peg Nicholson	2020
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### Deanery Representatives

Dicky Allison	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
Helen Gordon	Diocesan, Deanery Representative
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### Staff

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