



# THE HEAVENLY MESSENGER

November/December 2011

## Pensées (with apologies to Pascal)



### FROM THE RECTOR

**F**inal Newsletter pieces can be perilous. To quote singer/songwriter Bob Seger, “Deadlines and decisions, what to leave in, what to leave out?” And so, with a hefty dose of holy trepidation, I offer a few thoughts on some of what I believe to be the core principles of being a Christian—and especially being a Christian in the 21st century.

**Faith.** It is not meant to be something we possess but something that possesses us. Like children, it needs roots and wings. Faith is grounded in the life, ministry, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus and from this foundation it must grow, and venture into the new and challenging context of our present age and culture. Also, like a child, faith needs to be nourished and encouraged to learn new things and try new skills. All of which leads to,

**Prayer.** Which, as the Rev. G.A. Studdert-Kennedy, chaplain to the British forces in WWI, once said, “...is not a way of getting what we want from God but the way of becoming what God wants us to be.” There is no substitute for it, and like anything of quality, it must have no fear of time. Prayer needs to be personal and private as well as corporate, which leads to,

**Worship.** One of the fundamental aspects of a life of faith and prayer is the need to join with others in worship. In the over-scheduled lives of most of us, making and taking time for worship is something that must be intentional. There is a need to spend time in a sanctified environment, offering a portion of our lives and our energies to God, in part as an antidote to the ever-present idolatry that surrounds us. Our souls need nourishment and worship is truly “Soul Food.” Which leads to,

**Church.** The Church is not simply another charity to be supported so as to accomplish good works. Good works are indeed an important part of the total ministry of Christians, but they arise from an understanding that in serving others we serve Christ. The Church is first and foremost a community of faith and the bearer of the Good News of God’s love in Jesus the Christ. We have a message to send to

the world around us and we send it by our presence, our priorities, our programs, our proclamation, our praise, and our philanthropy (which literally means “love of humanity”). Supporting the Church with one’s time, talents, and material treasure means supporting this utterly unique mission. Which leads to,

**Money.** The main reason to give generously to the financial support of the Church, other than supporting the mission stated above, is to help keep everything in perspective. Giving is meant to be an act of thanksgiving to a loving and generous God who gives to us everything we use to make the money we have. Giving is meant to be a joyful act, not one motivated by guilt or even a sense of obligation. Giving to God through the Church is a tangible way of saying “No” to a culture that embraces pride, possession, and power, while at the same time providing a real life context for growth in faith. All of these points being summed up in,

**The Promises of Baptism.** In every Baptism, beginning with our own and continuing as we renew whenever we Baptize a new member into the Body of Christ, we make five promises: **1.** To be a part of a worshipping community working to grow our faith; **2.** to take sin seriously, both in the world and in ourselves, and to engage it with repentance and reconciliation; **3.** to let our lives be proclamations of the Gospel; **4.** to strive to find Christ in all people; and **5.** to labor to make our world a more just and peaceful place for all. We can never accomplish these promises on our own, which is why we truly need each other.

I thank you one and all for allowing me the great privilege of serving among you as a priest and your Rector. Heavenly Rest is an extraordinary parish, with extraordinary resources and talents, in an extraordinary location, and with extraordinary opportunities ahead. My time with you has changed my life for the better, and forever. God bless you all!

JLB +

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# Worship

at Heavenly Rest

## Sunday

8:00 am Holy Communion, Rite I  
Service with homily in the Chapel

9:00 am Holy Communion  
Service with homily in the Chapel

10:30 am Holy Communion  
Full choir, hymns, and sermon  
in the Church

## Wednesday

Noon Holy Communion, Rite I  
Service with homily in the Chapel

6:00 pm Holy Communion  
and Healing Service  
Homily, and laying on of hands for  
healing in the Chapel.

## Thursday & Friday

5:30 pm Evening Prayer  
Parishioner-led service of  
scripture readings in the Chapel.

### CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST

#### Clergy

The Rev. James L. Burns, *Rector*  
The Rev. Thomas N. J. Synan, *Associate*  
The Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey, *Associate*  
The Rev. Kristin Kopren, *Assisting*  
The Rev. Rhonda Rubinson, *Assisting*  
The Rev. Caroline Boynton, *Deacon*

#### Seminarian

Cathy Carpenter

#### Staff

José Barahona, *Sexton*  
Elmer Barahona, *Sexton*  
Ruth Anne Cary, *Dir. of Finance and Admin.*  
Roger Chavannes, *Verger*  
Kara Flannery, *Dir. of Communications*  
Patricia Gibson, *Receptionist*  
Steven Lawson, *Associate Organist*  
Elinor Loveridge, *Financial Secretary*  
Caren Miles, *Director of Family Ministries*  
Mollie Nichols, *Director of Music*  
Craig S. Sibbles, *Sexton*  
Krys Valentin, *Parish Secretary*

### CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST

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## November and December at a Glance

### Sunday, November 6- Daylight Savings Time Ends

5:00 pm All Saints' Evensong

### Sunday, November 13

3:00 pm New York Classical Players Concert

### Wednesday, November 23

9:30 am Thanksgiving Holiday Meal Preparation in Thomas Hall

### Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

*Church Office Closed*

10:30 am Thanksgiving Day Service

12:15 pm Thanksgiving Holiday Meal

### Friday, November 25

*Church Office Closed*

### Saturday, November 26

11:00 am Greens Cutting in Darlington Hall

### Sunday, November 27

9:30 am and Noon Advent Wreath Making in Darlington Hall

### Wednesday, November 30

5:00 pm First Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Chapel

### Friday, December 2

10:00 am - 8:00 pm Christmas Festival Shopping in the Church

### Saturday, December 3

10:00 am - 6:00 pm Christmas Festival Shopping in the Church

### Sunday, December 4

5:00 pm The Heavenly Rest Players present  
*A Child's Christmas in Wales* and *A Christmas Memory*

### Wednesday, December 7

5:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Chapel

### Thursday, December 8

Deadline for Toy Drive Donations

6:30 pm Parish Christmas Party Celebrating Jim and Nancy Burns

### Sunday, December 11

5:00 pm Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols in the Church

### Wednesday, December 14

5:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal in the Chapel

### Sunday, December 18

Noon Coffee Hour with Jim and Nancy in Darlington Hall

### Wednesday, December 21

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant Stage Rehearsal in the church

### Thursday, December 22

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant Stage Rehearsal in the church

### Friday, December 23

9:00 am Holiday Meal Preparations begin in Thomas Hall

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant Stage Rehearsal in the church

### Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

10:00 am Holiday Meal Preparations begin in Thomas Hall

3:30 pm & 5:00 pm Family Christmas Pageants in the church

10:30 pm Prelude of Christmas Music

11:00 pm Festival Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

*Church Office Closed*

10:30 am Christmas Holy Eucharist

Noon Christmas Holiday Meal

### Monday, December 26

*Church Office Closed*

## Upcoming Events



# THANKSGIVING AT CHR

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MEAL

**Preparations begin November 23** Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 23, beginning at 9:30 am, to help prepare food and to set up the two gymnasiums for our Thanksgiving Meal.

### Thanksgiving Day, November 24

Help is especially needed from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, to help clean up after the meal. Serving will begin at 12:15 pm. If you cannot come to the church, but have an hour or two – Please Bake. (We serve approximately 600 corn muffins and 75 pumpkin pies.) Copies of the recipes can be found on the parish programs table in the Narthex and on our website at [www.heavenlyrest.org](http://www.heavenlyrest.org).

### THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICES

#### Thursday, November 24

On Thanksgiving Day, join us for Holy Eucharist with the Litany of Thanksgiving at 10:30 am in the church.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.



## *Church of the Heavenly Rest 16th Annual* **Christmas Festival** **Heavenly Holiday Shopping**

**Friday, December 2**  
**from 10:00 am - 8:00 pm**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm**

**Festival Admission by Donation**

All are welcome to this yearly extravaganza featuring "one-stop shopping" for everyone on your holiday list.

This year, savvy shoppers can browse among vendor tables displaying wares such as decorative objects for your home, the perfect house guest gift, one-of-a-kind jewelry, foodie favorites, stylish hats, custom stationery, cashmere fashions, ties, children's clothing and gifts, elegant outerwear, hand-made knits, luxury pajamas, robes and more!

Volunteers are needed during the Festival days. We hope you'll come join us! If this is something you feel you could help with, please contact Judi Counts at [JCounts@houseofthedeemer.org](mailto:JCounts@houseofthedeemer.org).

**For complete details visit [www.christmasfestivalnyc.org](http://www.christmasfestivalnyc.org)**



YOU ARE  
CORDIALLY INVITED  
TO THE HEAVENLY REST

*Parish*



Christmas  
PARTY



CELEBRATE THE SEASON AND OUR FIFTEEN YEARS  
OF SHARED MINISTRY WITH JIM AND NANCY BURNS  
CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST, FIFTH AVENUE AT 90TH STREET



Cocktails

Thursday

8<sup>th</sup>



Buffet

DECEMBER

6:30PM to 9:00PM



RSVP TO PATRICIA GIBSON  
PGIBSON@HEAVENLYREST.ORG  
212-289-3400

## PARISH LIFE

### FRIDAY FLING

**November 18 at 7:00 pm**

Join us for our next Friday Fling on November 18 hosted by Susan Heath and Margie and Larry McKittrick. Whether you're a seasoned flingster or new to the CHR community, come join us for an evening of fellowship. Bring a beverage and a dish to share, and be prepared for a great evening. RSVP to Susan Heath, sheath345@gmail.com or (212) 580-8109.

### COME MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH

**Sunday, November 27, 9:30 am and Noon  
before and after Morning Worship  
in Darlington Hall**

All are invited to participate in this creative and fun activity to mark the beginning of the Advent season. We will provide all materials, including a brass ring, which forms the base of the wreath, fresh greens, florists' wire, and candles. There is a cost for each wreath of \$25 to offset expenses, but, if you bring in your brass ring from last year, you will receive a discount of \$5.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CUT GREENS

**Saturday, November 26 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm  
in Darlington Hall**

We need helpers to cut and trim the greens for the Advent Wreath Making. Coffee, hot cocoa, and cookies will be provided for all helpers; (also, community service forms can be signed!) We also need helpers to assist at the wreath-making tables on Sunday. If you can help, contact Caren Miles at 212-289-3400, ext. 207 or [cmiles@heavenlyrest.org](mailto:cmiles@heavenlyrest.org).

### CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Anyone wishing to memorialize a family member, friend, or occasion through the Christmas greens and flowers in the church may notify Krysl Valentin at 212-289-3400, ext. 210 by **Tuesday, December 6**. Contributions to the Flower Fund may be made at any time and should be sent to the church office.

### 2011 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have requested offering envelopes for 2012, you may pick them up in the Narthex on Sundays starting Sunday, December 11. If you have any questions, please contact Elinor Loveridge at 212-289-3400, ext.216 or email [eloveridge@heavenlyrest.org](mailto:eloveridge@heavenlyrest.org).

### YEAR-END GIVING DEADLINE

The IRS has reminded us that all 2011 contributions to CHR must be received by an authorized church representative or online no later than Friday, December 31, or by mail postmarked no later than **December 31, 2011**.



## Coffee Hour with Jim and Nancy

**Sunday morning, December 18,  
following the 10:30 am service,**

Join us for a special parish brunch in Darlington Hall.  
Come to church for worship and stay for brunch! The whole family is invited.

This is a wonderful opportunity to wish Jim and Nancy Godspeed.  
Please mark your calendars now!

### Celebration Volunteers Needed

Join Us! We are looking for parishioners who like to get involved:  
Help needed to decorate, greet guests and clean up after both the December 8 and December 18 parties.  
If you are able to help, please email Jo Dare Mitchell at [jodaremittell@hotmail.com](mailto:jodaremittell@hotmail.com)  
or Judi Counts at [jcounts@houseoftheredeemer.org](mailto:jcounts@houseoftheredeemer.org)

# ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

*Come thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free.*

## Sunday, November 27 Advent I

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

## Sunday, December 4 Advent II

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

## Sunday, December 11 Advent III

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

## 5:00 pm Candlelight Festival of Lessons and Carols

*Traditional Carols with the combined Choirs  
of CHR, Harp, and Organ.*

## Sunday, December 18 Advent IV

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

## Saturday, December 24 EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

3:30 pm Christmas Pageant  
5:00 pm Christmas Pageant  
10:30 pm Musical Prelude  
11:00 pm Festival Holy Eucharist

## Sunday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

*(There will be no 8:00 am or 9:00 am service  
on Christmas Day)*

10:30 am Festival Holy Eucharist



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### RECTOR'S FORUMS

**Sundays at 9:30 am in Darlington Hall**

**November 6** – The Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey: “Report from Jerusalem and the West Bank”

**November 13** – The Rev. Tom Synan: “What is Indaba and why did I go all the way to Darby, England for it?”

**November 20** – The Rev. Jim Burns: “Ten Parables of Jesus Everyone Should Know.”

**November 27** – TBA

**December 4 – December 18** The Rev. Jim Burns: “Advent Meditations (and other thoughts on Faith, the Church, Religion, and the 21st Century)”

### ADVENT QUIET DAY

**Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Chapel**

Our Seminary Intern, the Rev. Deacon Cathy Carpenter, will lead an Advent Quiet Day on the theme of “Awake.” The session will be held in the Chapel of the Beloved Disciple and will include meditations followed by intervals of silent prayer and contemplation. Plan to take a break from the busyness of the holiday season and partake of some nourishment for the Spirit and Soul.

## FROM THE VESTRY

Here is a brief summary of business conducted at the Vestry meeting of September 21, 2011:

- **Received the Treasurer's Report.** Year-to-Date income was below budget but ahead of the corresponding point in 2010. Other revenues and reimbursements for August were slightly less than budget. Expenses continue to be under budget for the year. As of August 31, 2011, they were more than \$371,000 under budget. Although \$199,000 of this difference came from the decision to defer payment of the diocesan assessment, lower than budget payments for buildings and grounds and utilities also helped. The endowment was valued at \$8.6 million as of August 31, 2011.
- **Received a Report from the Wardens.** Andrew Horrocks reported that work was beginning on the budget and stewardship efforts for the coming year. In November work will begin on a “five year plan” and the Stewardship Committee will be reconstituted. New members are being sought. Looking to the end of the year, the Vestry agreed to take steps to make members aware of the current status of stewardship. It was reported that a meeting will be held with Allen Barnett, Chief of Finance and Operations of the Diocese, to discuss the Diocese's assessment of the Church. Such assessment is subject to reconsideration by the Assessment Review Board.
- **Received a Report on Administration** Ruth Anne Cary and Andrew Horrocks reported that the Audit Committee had met with the auditors to review the proposed financial statements for 2010 and the auditor's accompanying report. Also reviewed at the meeting was the auditor's Management Letter. It was reported that a number of minor changes are being proposed in administration to conform Church practices to the auditor's recommendations with respect to internal controls.
- **Received a Report from the Real Estate Task Force.** Clara Dale reported to the Vestry on behalf of the Real Estate Task Force. She stated that the RETF is close to selecting a commercial real estate broker, and that in making the selection a requirement was that there would be no conflicts of interest. She also said that it was hoped that any tenant would be a not-for-profit entity.

For more information, see the Minutes of the Vestry Meeting, which are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway inside the 90th Street entrance of the church and on our website at [www.heavenlyrest.org](http://www.heavenlyrest.org).

## OUTREACH



### CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE Through Thursday, December 8

We are again collecting new, unwrapped Christmas presents for the children in two of the Outreach programs we support in East Harlem: Little Sisters of the Assumption and Steps to End Family Violence. For many years the generosity of CHR parishioners has been an important part of Christmas for children who have been displaced from their homes, are living in at-risk situations, or who have an incarcerated parent. Ornaments describing the age and gender of children or gift suggestions for them, are located in the back of the church. Please take at least one ornament, purchase an appropriate gift, and help make a child's Christmas more joyful. If you would prefer to contribute to this effort by writing a check to CHR, (please write "Toy Drive" in the memo line of the check), and we will shop for you. All toys and checks must be at the church no later than Thursday, December 8 in order to distribute the gifts to the agencies in time for their Christmas celebrations. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 212-289-3400.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEAL

**Friday, December 23 and Saturday, December 24**

Volunteers are needed Friday, December 23 at 9:00 am for three to four hours (or whatever you can spare) and Saturday, December 24 from 10:00 am until Noon. **Donations of cookies needed**—Bake (or buy) your favorite Christmas cookies for dessert. Drop them off at the church office the week of December 20.

### HAT AND SCARF COLLECTION DRIVE

At the Christmas Day Holiday Meal, CHR serves as many as 400 guests a feast of roast beef and all the holiday trimmings. Once again, we would also like to offer our guests the gift of a hat and scarf to help keep them warm in the winter months. Throughout the Advent Season, CHR is collecting wool hats and scarves for men and women. New or gently used hats and scarves can be brought to the church office. For further information please contact the Rev. Tom Synan at 212-289-3400, ext. 214 or [tsynan@heavenlyrest.org](mailto:tsynan@heavenlyrest.org).

### SUPPORT THE CARPENTER'S KIDS THIS SEASON

Through the Carpenter's Kids program, CHR parishioners support the education of children throughout five villages in Tanzania. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated. For information, please contact the Rev. Tom Synan, [tsynan@heavenlyrest.org](mailto:tsynan@heavenlyrest.org), or 212-289-3400, ext. 214. Do it for the children, do it in honor of someone, do it for yourself.

## THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

**CAST:** Over 100 children tell the story of Christ's Nativity in two performances, which are held each Christmas Eve, at 3:30 pm and at 5:00 pm. Children from age 5 through 8th grade are welcome to participate as angels, shepherds, tumblers, and principal characters in the story. Attention 7th and 8th Graders: Please sign up for roles by calling or emailing Mollie Nichols by **Sunday, November 20**. For all others interested in participating in the pageant, please sign up by **Wednesday, November 30**

#### Pageant Rehearsal Schedule for all participants:

**Wednesday, November 30**, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm in the Chapel  
**Wednesday, December 7**, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm in the Chapel  
**Wednesday, December 14**, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm in the Chapel  
**Wednesday, December 21**, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Stage Rehearsal in the church  
**Thursday, December 22**, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Stage Rehearsal in the church  
**Friday, December 23**, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Stage Rehearsal in the church  
**Saturday, December 24** - Pageant Performances  
Call time is 2:30 pm for both the 3:30 pm and 5:00 pm Pageants.



**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** There is ample opportunity for children who play instruments with some ease and proficiency to take part in the Pageant—as well as in worship services throughout the year.

**CREW:** Adults and teenagers are needed as technical crew, costume/make-up helpers, and organizers. For more information about the Pageant, and to sign up to play an instrument, or to work on the crew, please contact Mollie Nichols at 212-289-3400, ext. 204 or e-mail [mnichols@heavenlyrest.org](mailto:mnichols@heavenlyrest.org).

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

Emilyn Paige Insley  
Stella Elisabeth Leaver

### WEDDINGS

Lauren Jane Iovino &  
Christopher Lee Dawson

Natasha Fekula &  
Harvard Anthony Winters III

Kendra Maureen Kimball &  
David Robert Henry Chapman

### TRANSFERS OUT

Melissa Kalt *to a local parish*  
Paul A. Randour *to a local parish*  
Cyrus Townsend Frelinghuysen  
*to Christ Church; Washington DC*

### DEATHS

Deirdre Preston Collins

## DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT

Written by

The Rev. James L. Burns  
The Rev. Thomas N. J. Synan  
The Rev. Elizabeth Garnsey

You may have a  
timely meditation,  
written by one of our CHR clergy,  
delivered to you digitally  
each day during the season of Advent.

Simply  
subscribe to our Blog  
(found at [www.heavenlyrest.org](http://www.heavenlyrest.org))

or

Join the Church of the Heavenly Rest  
Facebook Group.

Printed booklets of  
Advent Meditations  
will be available in the Narthex  
Sunday, November 27. If you would like  
a booklet mailed to you, please call the  
church office at 212-289-3400.

# Sunday Afternoon Music & Arts

## Sunday, November 6 at 5 pm All Saints' Day Concert at Evensong

Brahms *Schicksalslied (Song of Fate)*  
Choir of the Church of the Heavenly Rest;  
Mollie Nichols, conductor; Steven Lawson, organ.  
(Free-will offering.)



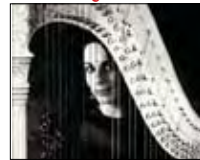
## Sunday, November 13 at 3 pm

### New York Classical Players Chamber Concert



Kim Kashkashian, viola  
Grieg: *Holberg Suite Op. 40*  
Britten: *Lachrymae*  
Nicolas Bacri: *Folia for Viola and Strings Op. 30b*  
Elgar: *Introduction and Allegro Op. 47*  
(Donation at the door.)

## Sunday, November 20 at 2 pm (Chapel concert)



### Rita Costanzi, harp

Renowned harpist Rita Costanzi will perform a solo harp recital including Celtic, French, and Spanish songs with guest artist, soprano Jenny Hayden.  
(Donation at the door.)

## Sunday, December 4 at 5 pm Heavenly Rest Players Present

### A Child's Christmas in Wales by Dylan Thomas



### & A Christmas Memory by Truman Capote

Directed by Nancy Fisher

These two dramatic readings performed by The Heavenly Rest Players are an annual holiday tradition. Come and enjoy these stories of Christmas as seen through the eyes of a child.  
(Donation at the door.)

## Sunday, December 11 at 5 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

Traditional carols of the season for congregation, choir, and instruments will be presented by the Choir of the Church of the Heavenly Rest.  
Mollie Nichols, Director and Steven Lawson, Organ  
(Free-will offering.)



## Sunday, December 18 at 4 pm



### Canterbury Choral Society Concert A Program of French Christmas Music

Charles Dodsley Walker, Conductor.

With orchestra and the children's choruses from St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's School and St. Michael's Church, Jonathan DeVries, Conductor.  
Marc-Antoine Charpentier *Messe de Minuit pour Noël*  
Francis Poulenc *Quatre Motets Pour le Temps de Noël*  
(Tickets: \$20 regular, \$10 student/senior.)

# *Gala Dinner and Cabaret, Thursday, October 13, 2011*

The Gala on October 14 was a resounding success, raising \$55,000 for the Church, as well as celebrating and honoring Jim and Nancy Burns. Highlights of the evening were a surprise visit by Jim and Nancy's son and daughter (who traveled from Portland, Oregon and Washington DC to be there), and a wonderful rendition of "You're The Top!" artfully reworded by Adam MacDonald (see lyrics printed below.) Thank you to all who came and supported the event, and special thanks to those who underwrote parts of the festivities, thereby lowering the Church's organizing costs. The Gala has become a very popular and much-enjoyed date on the Church calendar each year because it gives us a unique opportunity for fellowship and another opportunity for fund-raising in support of the Church's mission.

Photos top to bottom: Jim's surprise at his children's arrival, Sarah Burns Cambell, Nancy Burns, Eric Burns, and Jim Burns; The Gala Dinner, Cabaret performers: Janine Ulyette, Erin Kemp, Jack Blackhall, and Adam MacDonald. See more photos at [www.heavenlyrest.org](http://www.heavenlyrest.org), or see them on the bulletin boards at the 90th Street entrance of the church.



## YOU'RE THE TOP – JIM BURNS REDUX

Music by Cole Porter Lyrics by Adam MacDonald

With words poetic and energetic we begin to bid you adieu  
And wonder what it is we will do  
To cure the blues – without you  
Because the years were great we ought to celebrate and  
Raise a glass you've earned!  
I hope this song'll help say so long till we  
See you again down the road – Jim Burns  
You're the top. You're the Sunday Preacher  
You're the top. You're the scripture teacher  
You're a reading in the Corinthians – top notch  
You're a humble dude – a beatitude – you're twelve year Scotch!

You're the top. You're the sermon say-er  
You're the top. You're communion prayer  
You have served with grace in this holy place – don't stop!  
And if baby we're the bottom you're the top  
Your words are fitting and while I was sitting there  
I thought I should take the floor  
And chime in for this man we adore  
I've got some rhymes un-heard heretofore  
Yes, things won't be the same – but we've some great acclaim  
To offer here tonight –

So lets get to it – I say lets do it  
And honor our light that shines so bright!  
You're the man. Who needs no contrition  
You've a plan, for the parish mission  
You're the celebrant who's most relevant – the best  
You're a fixture here kind and true and dear – Mr. Heavenly Rest!

You're the king, of the Balanced Budget  
When you sing, You can always fudge-it  
You're the parish dream, the supreme cream of the crop  
And if baby we're the bottom you're the top

You're the guy, Giving word from heaven  
You know why, That's the bread's unleavened  
You're a title in the church bulletin – a lark  
You're a favorite hymn sung with strength and vim o'er Central Park!

You're no dope. Nope, you're very witty  
And we hope, that you've liked this ditty  
So it's time to end, cheers to you my friend, chop chop!  
So if baby we're the bottom  
You're the top!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Here is list of people in our parish community who celebrate their birthday in November and December

<i>November 1</i>	Christopher Warren	<i>November 24</i>	John Marcos	<i>December 17</i>
Dash Pinger	John Nordeman	Cheryl Udell	Lillie Marcos	Katie Kurz
Nicholas Jacobsson	Robin Sharp	Nathaniel Attwell	Lillyann Sherrington	Isabelle Patalino
Anna Lee	Iris Colburn	<i>November 25</i>	<i>December 7</i>	Amelia McQuade
Joshua Lee	Teddy Busser	Victoria Pettibone	Wendy Collins	Gustav Neubohn
Isabel Alfageme	Matthew Vertin	Jane Lilly	Brendan Burgess	<i>December 18</i>
<i>November 2</i>	<i>November 13</i>	Cecile Donhauser	Jack Carlson	Morgan Brock-Smith
Kent Gibbons	Blair Hoyt	Addison Valente	Dashiell Schulte	<i>December 19</i>
<i>November 3</i>	Anne Gray	Sophie Corner	<i>December 8</i>	Elise Knight
Boyce Bennett	Lynette Matthews	<i>November 26</i>	Carlos Davila	John Walthausen
Arden Pennell	Alexandra Mac Callum	Kimberly Purvis	Leland Price	Howland Murphy
Tyler Pennell	<i>November 14</i>	John Reboul	Grace Foley	Max Nadler
Robbie Webster	Michael Feng	Sara Elliott	William Mitchell	<i>December 20</i>
<i>November 4</i>	Katharine Smith	Charlotte Davis	Isabelle Karam	Holly Riley
Ann Lindgren	John Flinn	<i>November 27</i>	<i>December 9</i>	Danielle Violi
Andrew Sylvester	Neill Mac Callum	Fredric Leopold	Mary Sachs	Helen Johannesen
<i>November 5</i>	<i>November 15</i>	Christopher Pfeifer	Sara Walsh	Andrea Pemberton
Arthur Bingham	Richard Brewster	Scott Caraher	Paul Johnson	Eliza Milstead
Evelyn Benjamin	Allison Bryt	John Holmes	Julie Brannan	<i>December 21</i>
Robert Youngman	Celeste Ford	Caroline Leopold	Fabiola Rolfe	Patricia McIntyre
Ian Schneider	Gioia Della Rosa Fritz	<i>November 28</i>	Zachary Tripp	John Ryan
Dominic Elias	Avanish Bhavsar	Malcolm Mc Lean	<i>December 10</i>	<i>December 22</i>
Elizabeth Riley	<i>November 16</i>	Nina Thomas	Suzanne Matthews	Vanessa Billotti
Nicholas Swett	Oliver Pennington	Mary Lett	<i>December 11</i>	Sarah Vallimarescu
James Seiler	Andrew duPont	Cecilia Bolte	Marie Miller	Margaret Ball
Belle Champion	Elias Giangrande	<i>November 29</i>	Peter Pettibone	May Collins
<i>November 6</i>	Athena Rogers	Robert Ward	Beth Andrews	<i>December 23</i>
Sarah Nash Sylvester	<i>November 17</i>	Natalya DeCherrie	Marilyn Mc Lean	Craig Goldberg
David Halliwill	Timothy Eland	<i>November 30</i>	Mary Quillen	John Case
Elizabeth Fisher	Grant Ohrstrom	J.S. Cline	Paul Williams	Chesley Stetten Correia
James Michaelis	Anne Huffines	Hannah Ferenbach	Elizabeth Mc Lean	<i>December 24</i>
Casimir Maksymowicz	<i>November 18</i>	Melinda Harris	Caroline Soussloff	Rudolph Newkirk
<i>November 7</i>	Emily Primm	Gina Zae Henderson	Charlotte Cunningham	Nancy Treuhold
Phindile Kekana	Jonathan Gates	Kenneth Hannan	Reid Cunningham	<i>December 25</i>
Isabella Rivera	<i>November 19</i>	Adam Tewell	Selgei Falk	Hans Morris
Lydia Saylor	John Correia	Max Uribe	<i>December 12</i>	<i>December 26</i>
Lucy Reid	Graham Stroh	Sophia Uribe	Diana Townsend Butterworth	Susan Vitucci
Julius Wentrup	Christopher Sachs	<i>December 1</i>	Liza Magee	David Del Principe
<i>November 8</i>	Ava Lindsay	Carol Springstun	Leslie Blau	Michael Getzler
Jon Nagel	Christian Freed	Carson Gray	James Townsend Butterworth	Anna Montgomery
Barbara Brewster	Ridley Phillips	Will Foley	William Reid	<i>December 27</i>
Arlie Correia	<i>November 20</i>	<i>December 2</i>	<i>December 13</i>	Charles Stockley
<i>November 9</i>	Megan Schuster	Cynthia Wallace	Ruth Newkirk	Brooke Horowitz
Madeleine Evans	Kristen Wachenfeldt	Jane Klein	Mollie Nichols	<i>December 28</i>
Thais Washam	Robert Morse	Mary Tyler	Lucinda Bhavsar	Susan Perkins
<i>November 10</i>	Natacha Ross	Haley Hardin	<i>December 14</i>	Beryl Haigney
Jefferson Hughes	<i>November 21</i>	Nick Adam	James Hunt	Arthur Murray
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<i>November 11</i>	<i>November 22</i>	Ken Franklin	Mary Wallach	Milo Corner
William Niles	Marcia Whitaker	<i>December 4</i>	Lisa Frelinghuysen	<i>December 29</i>
Peter Blanchard	Gregorij von Leitis	Richard Lindgren	Corinna Lamb	Elizabeth Flinn
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Michael Iovino	Oscar Anderson	Anne Kaplan	Julie Sykes	Madelaine Anagnostopoulos
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Sofia Tonelli	<i>November 23</i>	<i>December 5</i>	Allison Saxe	Heather Brandes
<i>November 12</i>	Betsy Rigo	Katherine Schmitt	Lillian Millhiser	<i>December 31</i>
John Reboul	John Gordon	Caroline Quillen	Nick Ciomperlik	Karen Giannelli
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## Events at House of the Redeemer

*The House of the Redeemer, located at 7 East 95th Street, is a unique setting for reflection, study, fellowship, and prayer. The House is affiliated with the Episcopal Church and welcomes people of all faiths. For reservations/information call 212-289-0399 or email [info@redeem.org](mailto:info@redeem.org).*

**Monday November 7, 6:00 pm - Footsteps in Faith** The Rev. Sandra McCann, MD has served in Africa as a missionary of The Episcopal Church for the past eight years. Rev. McCann's presentation will be entitled Footsteps in Faith which is the name of an endowment fund for Msalato theological students. Sandy will present a glimpse of daily mission life and faith in Tanzania through her eyes, those of her physician husband Martin, and through the story of a young Tanzanian pastor, the Reverend Ayuba Mazengo. The presentation will take place at 6:00 pm and will be followed by light refreshments. The lecture and reception are free of charge, but please do RSVP to the House so we can have enough refreshments for everyone! Free of Charge.

**Wednesday November 9, 6:30 pm Reception & 7:30 pm Dinner - Winter Benefit** Our Winter Benefit raises much-needed funds for the restoration of this important historic property. This year we are proud to honor The Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Mark Sisk. Invitations will be mailed in September. Please call for further information.

**Monday December 5, 6:00 pm - Annual House Christmas Party.** Anthony Newfield, Broadway performer and artistic director of the I Fabbri Players, will continue the House tradition of a Christmas presentation with caroling and a reception to follow in the Refectory. Suggested donation: \$20.

**Saturday December 10, 8:45 am-3:00 pm - The Advent Call of the Prophets: Wait on the Lord!** Brother James Michael Dowd, OHC will lead the House's Advent Retreat. Brother James was born in Queens, NY and, prior to entering the Order, pursued a more than twenty-five year career as a director in the theater and in live events staged for television. For our Advent Quiet Day Brother James Dowd will explore the lives and teachings of some of the great Prophets of the Advent season, from Isaiah to John the Baptist. Digging into their messages, we will focus on how those messages apply to our lives in the 21st century and how they call us to experience a new type of Christmas. Lunch Provided. Please call for reservations. Fee: \$25.



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