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weekly newsletter

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week..we start the season of Advent!*



## DRIVE THROUGH COMMUNION

*and prayers*

Sundays in Advent  
Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20  
10-11AM

**ALL are WELCOME!**

Every precaution will be taken to make sure that we care for the health of our community. Please wear a mask.

## Names of Jesus

An Advent guide and activity is coming to your home this week! Please contact the office if you have any questions or would like another copy for a friend, relation, or neighbor. ALL are Welcome to participate. Although we are not gathering our whole faith family together this season, this activity is a way that we can be together in our preparations. I would absolutely love it if you would send in pics of how you use this activity in your home: email [cana.hartman@gmail.com](mailto:cana.hartman@gmail.com) or text 302.354.3277



Thank you for wearing a mask in the church building. It protects those who are worshiping, and communing. Your mask protects the clergy, staff, faith family members, and community. Let's keep our church building safe, healthy, open, and a respectful place for all.

### **During the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Thomas's is alive and well.**

We are worshiping via live streaming on YouTube (See our YouTube Channel and hit Subscribe!). The full-text bulletins for our services can be found on our website, and by email request.

We also continue to respond to the needs of the Newark community through our collaboration with the Newark Empowerment Center and others. Those who would like to support our work may do so by going to our "Giving to St Thomas's" page.

Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always. For more, see the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware COVID-19 site.



# GREENING THE CHURCH

## *in a new way*

It is this time in Advent when we typically "Green" the church building.

Fragrant boughs of pine and gorgeous leafy green poinsettias with cheery pops of red flowers are an outward showing of the preparations that we make for the birth of our Savior.

*Of course, 2020 has to be different...*

This year, St Thomas Parish is getting green with **SOLAR PANELS!** That's right; the long anticipated project has begun. This long anticipated move was sparked by the generous memorial donation from our family member, Jerry Schultz, and has been continued by a wonderful team from the property committee and supported by the Vestry. We are all in this together as stewards of our Earth, and everyone's efforts are truly appreciated.

On Tuesday, Clean Energy USA began the installation. They have been hard at work all week. If you drive by the church building, you may see them up on the roof. We will be posting pictures soon on our website:  
[StThomasParish.org](http://StThomasParish.org).

Now, don't worry- the church building will still be decorated for the season.

The beautiful advent candles and wreath can already be seen at every service. The flower guild will be adding more to the display in the coming weeks. We are also participating in Newark's Festival of Lights, so please, continue to bring in your donations of outdoor Christmas lights and decorations so we can let our light shine!