



UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

December 15	8:00 a.m.	<i>Gaudete Sunday with Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	<i>Blue Christmas Prayer Service with Slideshow Presentation</i>	Parish Hall
December 24	4:40 p.m.	<i>Christmas Prelude with Full Choir, Brass and Harp</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	5:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Full Choir, Brass and Harp</i>	
	8:40 p.m.	<i>Christmas Prelude with Choral Ensemble, Brass and Harp</i>	
	9:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i>	
December 25	11:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Organ and Carols</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
December 29	8:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
January 5, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Epiphany Sunday (transferred) with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	<i>Children's Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Festive Reception in the Welcome Center</i>	Immanuel Chapel

Join with fellow Immanuelites in Richmond for the Virginia Interfaith Center "*Day for All People*" January 15, 2025

The Day for All People is the annual "lobby day" for the Interfaith Center, and Immanuel has long sent a sizable group to meet with our state representatives to learn about the legislative process and support legislation that advances issues of concern to a wide range of faith communities. We will once again rent a motor coach that we will share with folks coming from other Alexandria congregations. The Virginia Interfaith Center will be focusing its interaction with the General Assembly in part on two issues that the Vestry recently adopted as Immanuel policy:

- (1) legislation to make it easier for churches to build affordable housing on their property (a.k.a., "Yes in God's Back Yard"); this has been difficult for churches (such as nearby Resurrection) because of zoning restrictions (Immanuel has no such plans!); and
- (2) expanding prisoners' access to higher education, a priority of our Governor.

You can register on the Interfaith Center's website (go to www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org and scroll down). The Social Justice Committee can reimburse you if you'd like.

In this time of turmoil at the national level, it's rewarding to know that we can (and do) have a material impact on issues at the state level. Questions? Contact Jamie Conrad at jwc58@comcast.net.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

December 8, 2024

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Both chapels offer a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Joan, Joseph, Ken and Mia Mason, Kenny, Lynn Gas, Mable Randolph, Margaret Messenger, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Felicia Balzano, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Sarah Glassco, Maggie Goodyear, Joy McLaughlin, Ryan Rodriguez, Liam Kirby, Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Celeste Rush, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, and Katherine Warlick.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Those who have died: Shelby Ochs Owen, sister of Celia Ochs; and the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT TODAY Sunday, December 8th **3:00 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel, followed by** **RECEPTION in the Parish Hall**



Immanuel's tenant, the **DC Concert Orchestra Society**, will hold its final Chamber Concert of the season today at 3:00 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel, followed by a reception of light fare to follow in the parish hall. Tickets are \$7.50 for Seniors aged 65+ (or those with an AARP card) and Students under age 25, and \$10 for Adults. Children 12 and under are free with an accompanying adult. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door.

On the program for this evening: Alexander Tansman **Suite for Oboe, Clarinet and Bassoon**
Ludwig van Beethoven **Octet in E-flat Major, Op. 103**
Daniel Collins **Tanglewood Quartet**

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, December 10th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, December 11th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”
Thursday, December 12th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, December 13th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

All Immanuelites are cordially invited to *Lessons and Carols with The Seminary Choir* this evening from 4:30 to 6p.m. in Immanuel Chapel. A reception in the Welcome Center will follow.

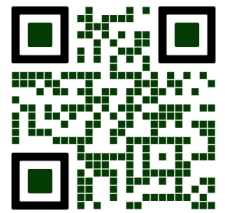


UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”

As of Friday, November 29th, we had received 84 pledges for a total of over \$501,000. This is a strong start, but we still have a ways to go, as we imagine this figure to be about half of those who will pledge, and roughly 72% of our pledge goal. This is an opportunity for all of us to give back to God from all we have been given.

Prayerful and intentional pledging expresses our thanks for God’s many gifts, and it supports our beloved parish church in all of its many vital ministries and our life together in Christ.

In addition to filling out a hardcopy pledge form and mailing it to the church — or dropping it in the alms basis during a service — you can pledge online using Immanuel’s [website](#) and click the green *Pledge Here* button, or by scanning the QR code below at right.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* *We will gather again this Wednesday, December 11th*

Join her this Wednesday from **10:00a.m. - 12 noon** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



All parishioners are reminded of the opportunity for private confession to a priest. This sacramental offering is always available, but is perhaps especially appropriate during seasons of preparation such as Advent. Our Anglican approach to private confession is summed up well in the old saying: “*All may, none must, some should.*” Please reach out to any of the clergy directory if you would like to avail yourself of this opportunity.

CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS and SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



GREENS/FLOWERS: \$ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: ()

In Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of: _____



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL \$ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: ()

In Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of: _____



Christmas Brass Quartet and Harp at Immanuel

Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark.

Harp and Brass **SPONSOR \$100** Harp and Brass **PATRON \$200**

Given by:

Phone Number: ()

In Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of: _____



**Christmas Families Needs Much Help. Last call for sign-ups this Sunday
Special Collection next Sunday, December 15th: *We still have a way to go***

This table shows the latest count of families referred to us by Community and Human Services and a few others

	Families	Parents	Children	All people
On our list from DCHS +	80	99	205	304
Signed up for	39	48	89	137
Remaining	41	51	116	167

Keep in mind that we are still expecting referrals — some from the Lazarus Ministry (Episcopal Region IV) — especially at the last minute. So we hope for many more sign-ups today. Large families are divided; you can sign up for part or team up with another parishioner for a whole family. **The special collection is used to buy nice lasting gifts for the remaining children and books for all.** This requires a lot of money, so please be generous.

The books will have been assigned on Saturday, December 7 at a work party to sort books in the parish hall from 9 am to 4 pm, organized by Connie Kurz and Laura Snow. (We'll wrap gifts at church on December 15).

Used bicycles in any shape are also welcome. Take to Vélocity Bicycle Cooperative (velocitycoop.org/donate-stuff/), 2111 Mt Vernon Avenue, Tuesday – Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm church any time. **Vélocity provides beautifully refurbished bikes for many of the children on our list (last year 70 bikes).**

Clean out your closets and attics to give a new life to good used items: used computers, cleaning out of all data provided), **new toys and children's books, calendars you receive in the mail, and gently used clothing and blankets** (for children and adults) — especially warm winter coats and adult work clothes to wear to a new-found job. You can include good used items unwrapped with your gifts or just bring them to church (label packages of clothing as to kind and size) to be displayed at our **boutique** at Human Services where social workers can pick them up for families they work with. Extra hangers are also needed.

The boutique still can use helpers. Setting up the Boutique involves unpacking and sorting all the used items contributed, laying them out on a table, and hanging up clothes sorted by gender and size. All this happens on December 16 during the hours of 9 am to 12 pm at the new site of Social Services 4850 Mark Center Drive. Contact Dorothy Kellogg djaskellogg@gmail.com.

Ingathering and blessings of the gifts Gaudete Sunday, December 15. This will be a very special day in our life as a parish. We will praise god and lift our own spirits as the Immanuel Choir leads us in *Lessons and Carols*, and bless the gifts with which we bring the good news of Christmas into the world. Meet us in the Zabriskie Parish beginning at 9am — we will pause to attend the 10:30am mass — to help wrap gifts for children who were not "adopted". See you all there.

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DECEMBER 2024 - JANUARY 2025 IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services **through DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2025 ONLINE** — including Gaudete Sunday and Christmastide masses — by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.



THANK YOU for your participation!

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION Opportunities This ADVENT
“Advent prayer as waiting and longing”

Immanuel will offer three opportunities for quiet devotion on Tuesday evenings this Advent: December 10th, and 17th from 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Oratory Chapel at the Seminary, led by **the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley**.

These sessions will be a continuation of the quiet prayer group that formed last Lent, and newcomers are particularly welcomed. A few minutes of simple advice about the practice of silence will start the series, and our third session will consist of a short corporate silence followed by a simple, contemplative eucharist. If you would like to deepen your prayer, with the support of others, during this very busy time of year, do come along and be surprised by the profundity of this shared act of attention and adoration.

Dr. Coakley will also give a Forum Hour **TODAY, December 8th at 11:45 a.m.** in the **Oratory Chapel** inside of Immanuel Chapel, with a connected presentation and open discussion on: *“Re-thinking Advent as a Spiritual Project: Repentance, Longing and Hope.”*



DECEMBER 15th : All Youth Invited to Tour VTS’ Saint Nicholas Exhibit at VTS

Immanuel’s Children and Youth of all ages are invited to tour VTS’ St. Nicholas Exhibit, on Gaudete Sunday, December 15th at 12:15p.m. in the Welcome Center. After the tour, please stay to enjoy Santa-themed snacks.



BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE WITH SLIDESHOW

The grief and pain of life do not have to be left at the church door at Christmas, but can sit alongside the hope and light at the heart of the Christmas message. Please join us on **Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm** in **Zabriskie Parish Hall** for a service of prayer, lament, and hope.



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21st @ 8:00 AM Held Online via Zoom

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 16th** online via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the “Worship” tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our new theme for 2024 is *Anxiety!* This month we will read **Psalm 62 “Rest in God alone, my soul! He is the source of my hope...trust in him...pour out your hearts to him”** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 /Passcode: 027913



CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING: Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop’s visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, March 16, 2025. We will form a Youth Confirmation Class and a separate track for adults who want to be Confirmed or Received. Please reach out to any of the clergy if you are interested.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Julie Bruns Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
 Mark Fearer Social Justice and Pastoral Care
 Brian Rush Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar, Communications
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, and Isabelle Young-Smith Youth Representatives

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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