

Ministry Close-Up

Altar Guild: Sacred and Common Space

Christ the Redeemer is filled with spaces that are both sacred and common. The sanctuary and the baptistery are two areas where the two come into beautiful contact with each other; places where we worship our Lord and receive his presence and blessings in our life. Access to the altar area is limited because this is a sacred space, a place that communicates the awe, rever-



ence, and majesty of the God we worship. This is not a place to hang out and relax, but a place of teaching, healing, and mercy; a place where heaven and earth connect. In order for teaching, healing, and mercy to take place we need a place to prepare for that to happen. That place is the sacristy. The sacristy is a small room located behind the altar. Here we store all the linens,

vestments, and sacred vessels that contribute to our distinctly Anglican style of worship. Entering into the room you are greeted with several large closets, dozens of drawers and cabinets, a table, and two sinks (one is very special).

In our closets we hang the robes, vestments, and linens that are used throughout the church year. We are currently in "ordinary time" (a season in which there are no major feast days) which means green vestments for the celebrant, deacon, and sub-deacon. Soon we will move into Advent and will change over to purple. We use colors to designate the types of services we are celebrating: white is for feast days and special celebrations; purple is for penitential seasons where we focus on preparing ourselves for coming into a deeper relationship with God; red is to remember martyrs, the Holy Spirit, and ordinations; rose and black vestments are for special occasions.

We have drawers of linens for our services and use an average of 15-20 linens per week for all of our services. We have supplies of Holy Oils used in confirmations, baptisms, and healing

ministry. We have a variety of candles and a supply of water from the Jordan River that is added to our baptismal water. There is a special cabinet for incense and even blow torches for readying the coals quickly!

The area that is used to empty and clean sacred vessels after each service has two sinks. One sink is for washing, just like in your home. The other sink is called a piscina and is a special sink



that drains directly into the earth. The piscina is used only for the disposal of Holy Water or consecrated wine. The sacristy is a staging area for each service and is a place where we enter, leaving the common and preparing ourselves to step into the sacred. As you can imagine, it takes a small team to take care of all the things used during the service; keeping linens clean, robes and vestments in order, incense stocked and dishes polished. The Altar Guild invites you to join them and become part of making Sunday worship happen in our distinctly Anglican way.

By Fr Scott Donis

Today at CTR

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:

Sunday October 9th after the 11am service.

SENIOR HIGH LUNCH: Lunch and discussion together with Fr. Brian, following the 11 a.m. service (12:30-1:30 p.m.). Meeting in the Sacristy.

THE ANCHOR: Junior High Youth

group today at the Keifer home from 2-4pm. Refreshments, games, and a Bible Study. Contact Fr Brian for more info brian.barry@ctr-anglican.org.

COLLEGE STUDENTS LUNCH: Meet other students and have lunch together. Valine and Devin host a table in the Parish Hall after 11am service. Come say hi!

Interested in joining the Altar Guild? Please contact Fr Scott Donis for more information: scott.donis@ctr-anglican.org

This Week at CTR

RECTOR'S FORUM: Sunday, October 16th at 10am we continue talking about CTR's Vision/Mission, focussing on Mission.

BAND OF BROTHERS: For Christ the Redeemer men in their 20s and 30s; meets on Monday nights. Contact Michael Schwandt mschwandt90@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: The Women's Ministry offers a weekly Bible study for women of all ages. The group meets in the Parish Hall every Thursday, from 10 AM until 11:30 AM for fellowship, refreshments, Scripture study, discussion, and shared prayer. Led by Carol Powers Sheridan, we will walk in gratitude, unity, and joy as we study the book of Philippians. Contact Kim Ober kimwober@msn.com with questions or to request materials.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY meets in the sacristy Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Richard Thorndike (978-922-3618) for more information.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: Our next fellowship breakfast will take place on Saturday, October 15, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Join us as we talk and pray together about God's call to walk as men of faith. and to seek His purpose for our lives. All ages welcome. If you can provide a breakfast food item, please email David (david.greening@ctr-anglican.org)

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES: God gives us gifts with which to serve him; use your musical talents by participating with Christ the Redeemer music ensembles:

Choir of Christ the Redeemer, for adults and high school students, rehearses in the church, 7:15-9:15 p.m., Thursdays. New members are welcome and needed. Child care might be available on request. The choir will sing the 11:00 a.m. service most Sundays, September 11 through Trinity Sunday in June, as well as special services Contact Minister of Music Dan 978-774-3163x105; dan.mckinley@ctr-anglican.org.

Seraphim Choir (grades 4 +), Wednesdays, 4-5:15pm By participating in the choir program, children will be equipped to make music to the Lord their whole life. Contact Dan McKinley.

Cherubim Choir (grades 1-3), Wednesdays, 4-5:00pm Establish the foundation of music making with this engaging program. Contact Cyndi Kreyling kreylingc@gmail.com.

Other Notes

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST: To help keep our prayer list current we will refresh the list at the beginning of Advent and again at the beginning of Lent. At that time, please email or call us if you, or friends and relatives listed, wish to remain on the prayer list. emma.acker@ctr-anglican.org

HEALING PRAYER: During Communion, individual and confidential prayer for personal concerns is offered by trained prayer ministers in the prayer room at the back of the Church. Longer appointments will be available after the service: see the information printed beneath the Postlude.

AMIRAH VOLUNTEER TRAINING : Wednesday, October 19 6p-9p Living Hope Church (556 Cabot Street, Beverly). Amirah is a faith-based nonprofit organization located in the Boston area that strives "to provide a refuge for those seeking to break free from exploitation and heal in community on their journey toward lasting hope. For more info visit www.amirahboston.org or call 781-462-1758.

CARE: While at CTR, if you are approached directly by someone you don't know for financial or other kinds of help, please let one of the ushers or clergy know so that the church can respond with appropriate care.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR CROSSINGS: Please email emma.acker@ctr-anglican.org a concise announcement for your CTR, ADNE or affiliated event by Wednesday.

REQUIEM SERVICE NECROLOGY: During the All Souls Requiem service on November 6, names will be read of family members or friends who have died within the last year. To submit names to be included in The Necrology, please notify David Greening in the church office (978-774-3163 X 101; david.greening@ctr-anglican.org) not later than Wednesday, November 2; include a pronunciation if needed

Mark Your Calendars

Romania Presentation: Sunday 10am, October 23

Learn to cook Tamales! Fund Raiser: October TBD

Women's Brunch: Saturday 9-11am, November 5

Choral Requiem: Sunday 5pm, November 6

Advent Retreat: Saturday, December 10

Children's Classes

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Children of every age are encouraged to participate in the service as well as their age-related classes. Our classes follow the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum. Further information is available on our church website ctrnorthshore.org.

Nursery Atrium: Care is provided for children ages 0-3 throughout the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services.

9:00 AM — During the sermon, children of all ages are invited to gather in the Baptistry for a time of prayer, scripture, and song.

10:00 AM — Children's Formation Hour: Children ages 3-5 and 9-12 meet in the Sheepfold, our temporary modular classroom. Children ages 6-8 meet on the Parish Hall stage.

11:00 AM — At the singing of the Gloria, children depart for Catechesis in procession, following the Cross. Children ages 3-5 go left to the Sheepfold; children ages 6+ go right to the Parish Hall. They return during the Offertory for Holy Communion.

During all services, the Retreat Room (in the back of the church) is provided for you to use with a restless child. From there you can see and hear the service.



*A big "hello" from Thomas in China.
Remember to pray for him and his parents.*

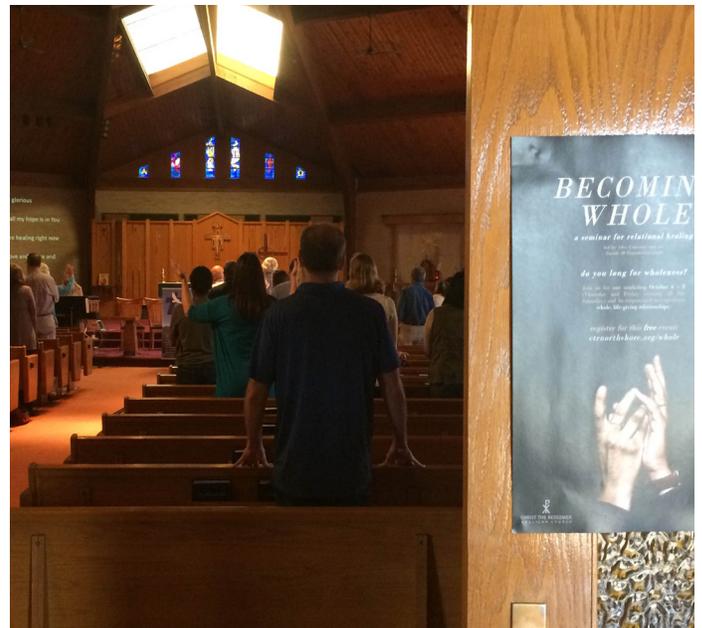
Youth Activities

Junior High students (grades 6-8) meet for Bible-study and worship while building relationships with mentors and young-adult leaders from our congregation. Every Sunday afternoon starting 9/25, from 2-4pm at the Keifer family home in Danvers, following the lunch after the 11am service. . Contact Fr Brian for more information: brian.barry@ctr-anglican.org

Senior High students (grades 9-12) have lunch and discussion together with Fr. Brian, following the 11 a.m. service (12:30-1:30 p.m.) every other Sunday beginning 9/25. Contact Fr Brian: brian.barry@ctr-anglican.org

College Students

College students meet for lunch after the 11 am service at a designated table in the Parish Hall. Other events happening through-out the year. Contact Valina for more information valinamullen@gmail.com.



*Saturday morning at the
Becoming Whole Conference.*

Upcoming Events

NINOS CON VALOR DINNER: Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30 CTR Parish Hall: Come join us for dinner, fellowship and a short program with Tyson Malo, Director of Niños Con Valor. This is the first time in 10 years of ministry that we have the opportunity to bring one of the girls who grew up in our programs to the United States! Aydee is currently a part of the Sendero de Esperanza transition program; she will talk about her experience growing up at Corazón del Pastor. Please contact Ericka Shepard shep181@comcast.net, or 603-560-4698, for more information and to receive an invite.

WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS: Saturday, October 15th at 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Lynch Park, 55 Ober Street in Beverly. Join neighbors and friends for a 3-mile stroll to support Family Promise in our mission to "End Homelessness, One Family at a Time." The walk begins and ends at seaside Lynch Park with a loop down Cabot Street. Helping families who experience homelessness has never been so easy or enjoyable. Please join us and show your support and join our First Church Team! Registration and information is available at www.familypromisensb.org.

INSPIRE WORKSHOP 2016: Are you an artist (visual, musical, literary, or theatrical), or are you interested in the arts academically or pastorally? This event has information and inspiration for those seeking to understand the arts in the context of Christian life and Spirit-filled expression. Celebrate, share and inspire God's creative gifts in this special arts and worship event. For visual artists, musicians, writers, fabric artists, actors, pastors and anyone seeking inspiration from the Holy Spirit. Presenters include: Fr Evan Pillsbury; Prof Jim Zingarelli. Saturday, October 29, at Anglican Church of the Redeemer, 31 Hayward Way, Franklin, MA. For more info and to register visit www.ad-ne.org/event/inspire-arts-conference/

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE: From September 28 to November 6, the Christian community on the North Shore will take part in 40 Days for Life ... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city – and beyond. (<https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/lynn/>) Interested in joining a group from Christ the Redeemer in participating in this important event? Some are hoping to attend the Vigil in Lynn as a group on Sunday afternoons, leaving the church parking lot around 2pm and praying from about 2:30 to 3:30, as often as possible through the month of October. If you have interest and are able to join in, it is very important to please contact the church office right away for more information - (978) 774-3163. Please pray with us!

INTERFAITH HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES: North Shore Messianic Fellowship invites you to celebrate the fall Jewish feasts from a unique perspective rooted in both the Jewish and Christian traditions. Yom Kippur on Tuesday October 11, 7pm and Sukkot on Saturday October 16th, 6pm. Dane Street Church Fellowship Hall, 10 Dane Street Beverly, MA For more info visit www.northshoremessianicfellowship.org

ALL SOULS REQUIEM: A Requiem Eucharist will be held in the Church, Sunday, November 6, 5:00 p.m., to observe All Souls Day (transferred from November 2). Fr. Brian will be the celebrant; Fr. Malcolm will preach. The Choir of Christ the Redeemer will sing the service music, Dan Forrest's acclaimed Requiem for the Living, accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. As part of the service, names will be read of family members or friends who have died within the last year. To submit names, please contact Emma Acker in the church office, 978-774-3163, emma.acker@ctr-anglican.org, and include the pronunciation, if needed. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

