



CHURCH *of the*  
REDEEMER  
*Chestnut Hill*

**Tuesday, November 9, 2021**





William, de Brailes, active 13th century. Hannah Prays in the Temple and Hannah gives birth to Samuel, from [Art in the Christian Tradition](#), a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. Original source: [Flickr](#)

## From Darkness Into Light: A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

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Advent will soon be upon us, bringing a new season of preparation for the coming Light of Christ.

On Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm, the Church of the Redeemer invites you to celebrate the arrival of Advent with a service of lessons, carols, anthems and hymns. As with Christmas Lessons and Carols, this service will welcome Advent with tidings of joy.

Please join us!

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Advent is a season of both quiet reflection and joyful expectation. The service of Advent Lessons and Carols is intended to be a time of spiritual preparation, as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. Through our experience of sacred Word and music, the story of the coming of Christ gradually unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's message of love and redemption. The liturgy itself embodies the sense of Advent movement — through the choir's procession and in the increasingly powerful prophecies and promises of Holy Scripture. We invite you to experience this service, and we hope the words and music propel you quietly toward the true joy of Christmas.

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## Update from the 2021 Christmas Market!



## **Another 2021 Christmas Market Update!**

The 2021 Christmas Market is now just three weeks away! The idea of trimming Christmas trees does seem odd in this never-ending Indian Summer that we are enjoying but those are worries that we can cope with.

You should be receiving the 2021 Auction Brochure in the mail this week, together with information about this year's vendors and how to order a charcuterie plate for Friday night's virtual cocktail party. Meanwhile, here's a quick preview of coming attractions.

The centerpiece of this year's Christmas Market will be the driveway area between the Rectory, the garage and the Old Parish House. Between Friday and Sunday, that area will be transformed into a glittering pavilion displaying the wares of eighteen wonderful vendors, including old favorites like the Andover Shop, Dean's Sweets and Dede Cadieux. We will also be selling wreaths in the tent area.

Christmas trees will be offered for sale in the usual area adjoining the entrance to the church offices. We will have able-bodied volunteers on hand to help you pick out a perfect Balsam fir and load it on your car or you can arrange with us for home delivery for a small charge.

Friday night's proceedings begin with a virtual cocktail party from 6 to 7, during which we will present some new videos that the Social Ministries Committee has created describing the incredible work that our ministry partners are doing. At 7 p.m. sharp, Dan McCarthy and Mike Aylward will hammer the gavel as we begin the 2021 Live Auction. There are golfing events, home entertainment and exercise equipment and other items that you quite literally could not

buy anywhere else. Where else, for instance, could you have a bouquet of flowers delivered once a month by green-thumbed Redeemerites, including 3 past and present Presidents of the Newton and Brookline Garden Clubs? Or respond a lazy summer afternoon kayaking around World's End in Hull with the world renowned mariner/theologian Michael Dangelo?

We also have wonderful homes to offer this year through the generosity of parishioners such as Tish and Steve Mead (Sugar Hill, NH), Chris and Paul Szal (Deer Isle, ME) and Donna Robinson and Chris Zook (Prouts Neck, ME).

So watch your mail and the Redeemer web site and brush off those fancy red blazers and cocktail dresses. Meanwhile, here is the [Friday night Live Auction and cocktail party registration link](#) that you **must use to register in order to participate in the Friday night Live Auction and cocktail party.**

The Christmas Market is traditionally the event that kicks off the Christmas season at the Church of the Redeemer. It is also a crucially important part of the finances for our Social Ministries efforts. Even if we cannot be fully participating in person, we are going to have a lot of fun and raise some money while we're at

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**2021 Redeemer Christmas Market Co-Chairs**



**Thanksgiving Treats for FUEL**

Again this year, FUEL bags would like to provide some special items for our Thanksgiving deliveries to Epiphany, St. Stephen's and Newton Public Schools. To be packed for delivery, **items need to be in the FUEL box outside the Office door no later than Sunday, November 14.** We will **need 150 of each** of the following:

- Instant mashed potatoes, bag or box
- Cranberry sauce
- Turkey gravy mix packets
- Pie crust mix
- Stuffing mix, bag or box
- Pie filling

**Grateful thanks for your help**

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**Christmas Poinsettia and Music Donations**  
**Due Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

Please consider a donation for the beautiful flowers which adorn the Church of the Redeemer's nave at Christmas as well as the special brass music that is heard at our 6:00pm and 9:00pm services on Christmas Eve. These donations are recognized in the Christmas

Christmas Eve. These donations are recognized in the Christmas worship service leaflets, and are a lovely way to remember those who are important to us.

**Names received by December 12th will be printed in the Christmas worship service leaflets. We suggest \$50 for the first listing and \$10 for each additional one, but of course, will accept any amount.** We hope that you will contribute to the glorious celebration of Christmas at the Redeemer with a donation. The results of your generosity will be enjoyed by all who visit our parish. Thank you.

**[Click here for the online Poinsettia and Brass donation form.](#)**

Please mail your check to the church or put the check in Suzy Westcott's box. Hard copies of the form are also available in the Narthex and next to the parish offices.

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## **For Those in Need of Prayer**





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Juliette Cobian, Susan Crown and her family, Nina Hayes, Sara Katz, Ginny Troutman, Brent Wakefield, Betsy, Bill, Brett, Brian, Christopher, Daniel, Diane A., Doris, Eve, Fanny, Glenda, Jane, John, Karen, Kevin, Liam, Margo, Medora, Nick, Nico, Nicole P, Olivia, Tom, Wai Ling, Will

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## Join us for Bible Study this fall!

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**Here are the many opportunities for Bible Study this fall. All are invited!**

Sunday Mornings, 9-9:45am - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Wednesday morning Men's Bible Study, 7-8am - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Thursday morning Women's Bible Study, 9-10:30am - [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

First Monday of the month Downtown Bible Study over lunch (Offsite), 12:15 - 1:30pm. For more information, please email [Graeme Mills](#).

## **Becoming Beloved Community**

**Redeemer's Becoming Beloved Community (BBC) group has resumed weekly gatherings via Zoom on Thursdays at 7:30pm.**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for joining us Thursday night!

We discussed Chapter #2 and the narrative that shifting attitudes in the 1950-60's led to reduced funding of public goods. We discussed the example of public pools, the history of and some lasting legacies of slavery, and federal legislation from 1790-1940's that disproportionately benefitted white families.

At our gathering next **Thursday, 11/11/2021 @ 7:30pm** we will discuss **Chapter #3** of "[\*The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We can Prosper Together\*](#)". **Even if you don't have time to read it, you are welcome to come** and share your thoughts, questions, or perspective. We will gather via the same Zoom link:

**[Join Zoom Meeting:](#)**

Meeting ID: 897 6136 5367

Passcode: cDtR1lkR

The following week we plan to cover Chapter #4.

As always, we approach these discussions through the lens of our Christian faith and with charity for one another.

We hope you will join us!

Debby, James, & Mike+

**P.S.** Boston opened six "river baths" in the Charles River in 1862 as baths for the urban poor, and in 1868 it opened the first municipal pool on Cabot St. in Roxbury. Public pools began to proliferate in the 1920s as workers had more leisure time. To learn more about the history of pools, including the impact of desegregation, attached are several resources from NPR, National Geographic, and the MN Journal of Law & Inequality.



## **Help Haitian families newly arrived in Massachusetts!**

Through Redeemer's weekly prayer group with St. Stephen's, we have learned just how desperate the situation is in Haiti, and how urgently Haitians need our help. One of our members, Fabienne, has introduced us to the **Immigrant Family Services Institute (IFSI)** in Mattapan, a group working hard to address the needs of arriving families.

At latest count, around 195 families displaced from Haiti have

migrated to Norwood, Randolph, Cape Cod, Sudbury, Brockton, and the Boston area. Many have babies from 2 months to 18 months. The needs are many and include diapers, baby formula, clothes, shoes, and winter jackets. Here is the [list of needed items](#) for more details.

Please bring whatever you can to the Redeemer and place in the marked bins. We will deliver to IFSI in Mattapan as the bins fill up! Thank you for your generous support.

Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted, either through Redeemer or directly through the [IFSI website](#).

More information can be found [here](#): Please contact Leslie Williams, [leswill@gmail.com](mailto:leswill@gmail.com), with any questions. Thank you!

## **On Sunday, November 14th at 1pm, join us for the panel on Zoom: Mindfulness and Mental Health in a Time of Pandemic**

Next Sunday at 1 p.m., November 14 the Church Service League is presenting a panel on "Mindfulness and Mental Health in a Time of Pandemic," the latest in its series of Fellowship Forums on Zoom at 1 p.m. Following up on the program that we presented last May discussing the difficulties that the pandemic has created for educating our children, this program will focus on the "reentry" problems that children, adolescents and young adults are now facing as they are expected to come back to school or college or the office and resume their "normal" lives in a time that is still far from "normal." We will also discuss strategies that we can also employ to stay calm in

these confusing times through the right balance of medical care, mindfulness, exercise, diet, sleep and social support.

Our panelists will be John Finley, the founder and head of school of the Epiphany School in Dorchester, Louisa Sylvia, who is a staff psychologist at MGH and Director of Mental Health and Wellness for the Red Sox Foundation and Christina Baker Wood, who is also a psychologist and therapist who is in private practice here in Newton. [Here is the link to join.](#)

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## **More Opportunities for Parish Involvement**

### **Joint Drop-in Prayer Tuesdays and Thursdays On Zoom**

Please join us as we pray for our own needs and those of others. Drop in Tuesday and/or Thursday for ten minutes at noon to pray together with parishioners from St. Stephen's and Redeemer. Contact Leslie Williams with questions, or for the zoom link. Contact [Leslie Williams](#) with questions, or for the zoom link.

## **Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer Services**

Morning Prayer, M-S 9:30 - 10:00am

Evening Prayer, M-S 4:30 - 5:00pm

Morning and Evening Prayer are very short services. A perfect spiritual practice to start or end your day!

## Strategic Ministries



**Thank you to those who regularly send cotton socks and underwear for commoncathedral. Your donations are very much appreciated, and we hope you will continue.**

Commoncathedral is still in need of multi-packs of cotton socks and cotton underwear briefs for both Men and Women S, M, L & XL.

These items can be ordered online and **shipped to the Redeemer, 379 Hammond St. Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.**

We have also put a donation bin at the exterior office door for those that wish to pick them up at a store and drop them off at the church.

*Please keep these requests, all our mission partners and the communities they serve in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity!*

## Redeemer Calendar

For the most up-to-date calendar listings at the Redeemer, [click here.](#)

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