



Christmastide 2021/2022

Dear Parishioners,

You wouldn't know it by the Christmas trees at the curb and artificial light strands taken down and packed away, but in the church, we celebrate an entire season of Christmas. Christmastide begins Christmas Day and extends through the Twelfth Night on January 5.

This is one of my favorite times of year. The hustle and bustle of Advent has quieted, and it is a good time to reflect on the year past and look with hope to what lies ahead. Jesus Christ born among us means that God is truly with us, no matter where we find ourselves at the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022.

The pandemic continues to impact us in many ways, but gratefully nearly every member eligible for a vaccination has received one and many are boosted. One doctor remarked that she considers our church to be one of the safest places for her family to gather with people outside of her household at this time thanks to our continued mask protocol.

I'd like to invite you to take part in the life of the church in 2022. Here are a few things to look forward to:

- **The Annual Meeting of Calvary Parish** is on **Sunday, January 30** in Hannaford Hall, and will follow one unified worship service at 10:00 a.m. Worship will feature the leadership of many of Calvary's Youth and an opportunity to thank Youth Minister Miriam McKenney for her ministry to our parish as she steps down from this role and the Rev. Olivia Hamilton assumes this work.
- **Calvary Community Hour** resumes in the 10:00 hour on Sunday, January 9 with Choir Rehearsal, Sunday School, Youth Group, and Adult Formation. See the enclosed listing of Adult Formation offerings.
- **Coffee Hour** will restart after both the 9:15 and 11:00 services, with the 11:00 coffee hour taking place in the North Transept of the church. Please sign up to bring a tray of goodies to share. Coffee cart will be provided after the 11:00 service. Only vaccinated persons may remove their masks.

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace.

Christmas Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison English" with a small cross symbol at the end.

The Reverend Allison English
Rector