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The Trumpeter

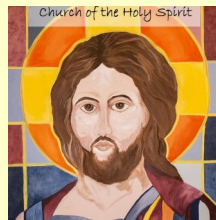
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OUR MISSION: To know Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in The Spirit.

BREAKING NEWS



The 2019 Photo Directory is now available!! If you purchased a printed copy it is available in the Narthex with your name on it.

If you didn't purchase one or want an additional copy, a limited number are available for sale. See Dave Dabour, our terrific, award-winning photographer, or go to <https://mkt.com/dabour-photography/item/chs-photo-directory> to purchase one.

You can view the directory online: The short link is: <http://directory.churchholyspirit.net>. Note: it needs to be **.net**. If you don't recall, go to the CHS web page, churchholyspirit.org. Near the bottom on the right are two links for the online church directory: CHS Pictorial Directory, and Tips on How to Use. If you continue to have difficulty, send Dave an email dave@dabourphotography.com.

As time permits, Dave will be updating the online directory with new photos that were not available in time for the printed version.

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From the Rector's Desk

Luke's Gospel shares more information about the beginnings of Jesus' ministry as Messiah than do the other three. Only in Luke do we have a story from his childhood, for instance. And we have Jesus in the synagogue preaching and teaching, where Luke gives us more content as well. Luke has a pretty straight-line choreography of the mission of Christ as well as the mission of the early Church as chronicled in his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. Luke starts Jesus out in Galilee with a single destination of Jerusalem, and the Church, through Paul the Apostle, makes a beeline from Jerusalem to Rome. Our story is one that travels from the outskirts of an empire to the very center of power, Paul offering the story of Christ to Caesar himself!



From Luke's initial stories of Jesus beginning his preaching, we might find ourselves in a very similar place. The townsfolk in Nazareth just won't take Jesus seriously and he leaves there to seek more fertile ears and hearts. While our members experience the presence of God in ways inspiring and instructive, through worship and song, study and conversation, and find it thrilling and even more inspiring to serve others in a variety of circumstance, we wonder about the many, many more who find Church unimportant and irrelevant. What we do is taken for granted. Perhaps the meaning of what we do, who we are, and how we do it is lost on a busy people scrabbling for their own betterment. The way of love is just dismissed and the church is patronized by those who might not really know what, who, and how we are.

Given the flaws of the Church, so obvious and widespread, it makes the cynically minded even more so. Be it the child abuse scandal in Roman Catholicism, or the anti-intellectualism of the strict fundamentalist Protestants, or the sidling up of church leaders to political factions, in these and other ways, we the Church, through our own humanity, haven't just hurt the brand but reduced the whole category. I would imagine the non-churched folks have a pretty dismal stereotype of churchgoers. None of which has any relation to any of you reading this. None of you practice any of this judgmental, cruel, and mean-spiritedness, which many are assumed to practice. And yet, that's the thinking, that's the not-so hidden resentment, that's the underwhelming reputation and the undercut motivation that has results in what, who and how we are being wholly misunderstood by so many.

The only answer here is the way of love, person by person, conversation by conversation, compassionate action by compassionate action. And it means an ability and willingness to be able to say WHY! Why are we who, what, and how we are.

I invite you to claim your own story, and spend a moment in your head imagining trying to explain it at a neighborhood barbeque. Why do you love the way you do? Why do you find worship and song important? Why do you meet, learn, listen, talk with others, and spend your time in the way you do? Why do you expend your resources of money and time here at Church of the Holy Spirit?

You have the answer to all these questions. What you might not realize is that so many, many others in your world have no idea. We just assume because this is how we are, and how it has been for a long time, that folks just know. But think again. We have to go back to the basics of loving others. We at Holy Spirit are pretty good at showing it. But others, just like you, need to hear it said, "You are loved." We can say, "You can find a greater love, a healing love, a meaningful love, a purpose-giving love, an explaining love, a waiting love, a patient love, a fire-burning love beyond yourself." Sometimes, people need to hear it said. We live in an age when we need to speak up. Please find someone to share your story with and invite them to find that same love that gives you so much why, who, what and how!

From Our Deacons' Corners:

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, at Trinity Cathedral, Michelleslie Maltese-Nehrbass was ordained into the Sacred Order of Deacons. I was honored to be one of Michelleslie's presenters, along with Father Harry Mazujian and her son and daughter. It was a magnificent service and the cathedral was full. The music and singing were wonderful (Fr. Phil sang in the choir).

Michelleslie served her first time as a deacon on January 27th. There was also a reception following the service for Michelleslie in honor of her ordination. She was presented with a gift from Church of the Holy Spirit – a communion kit for her visitations. Michelleslie was overwhelmed and most grateful. She also enjoyed the gluten-free delights at the reception (thank you, Marge and Cate!).



Diocese of NJ photo

Deacon Dot



Jack Daniels Photo

Dear Church of the Holy Spirit Family,

Thank you so much for the past 18 months of kindness and fellowship. It has been a joy and a pleasure to be with all of you.

Thank you all so very much for the wonderful gift of a communion kit which will enable me to give communion when I visit the sick or those unable to leave their homes.

Thank you for the scrumptious reception that included gluten-free options for me. It was all so delicious and the carrot cake was fantastic!

I am looking forward to continuing our work together in the months ahead.

Peace and Blessings,

Deacon Michelleslie



Dave Dabour photos



Musings from the Senior Warden

The year of our Lord two thousand nineteen is already a month old. Time is flying too quickly.

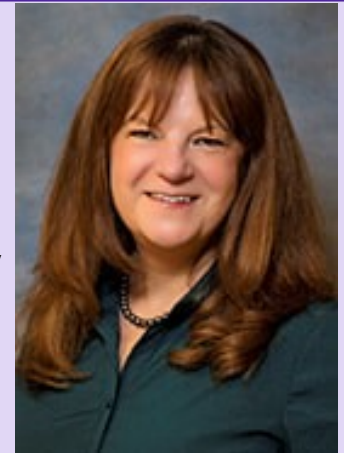
At the start of the year, we all take stock of the past year and make resolutions for the new. Will I be able to Marie Kondo my home? Will I get back to “fighting” weight? Stay tuned!

The Vestry met over the weekend of January 11th and we pretty much did the same thing. We took stock of what was working and what we needed to focus on this coming year. We have a vibrant, active community at CHS, but at times it feels a bit uneven. Focus on property projects can mean that focus on communication falls short, for example. We outlined 9 areas of focus, and have put a vestry member as the head of a potential task force for each area. You’ve seen our worksheets posted around the Narthex. We are hoping that each of you will find an area you have an interest in and put your name down. Realistically, we know that most of our lives are overbooked and overcommitted. If Phil had asked me to be on Vestry 10 years ago, I would have had to say no because of other commitments. But, I would have been able to help out on a single project. This is what we are trying to accomplish. Many hands make light work is the old adage, and it is very true. The benefit? You can get to know the people behind the faces you see on Sunday, or meet people from the other service. In the coming weeks, we will put the focus areas and people involved on the website so you can follow our progress.

Thank you to those who attended our annual meeting/celebration for Michelleslie. Thanks to Jane Paradiso and Marge Keller for organizing the food – it was delicious! There wasn’t a single Barb Burton devilled egg left! (I had two!) It was a good time for fellowship and discussion. As of this writing, I’m not sure where copies of the annual report will be, but it will either be available on the website, or we will have hard copies available in the Narthex for those who could not attend. We have some challenges this year, but I have faith in the members of this church.

Since no one moved to impeach me, I remain

Your Senior Warden



Cate Mattison

Ed Notes: Please thank the following vestry members who contribute so much to our parish and are leaving the vestry this year. We will miss them, although we know that they will continue to support CHS ministries!

Eva Lesniak

Susan Kane

Ron Schroeder

And the following new members who have agreed to join the vestry in various capacities:

Sally Bird

Jeff Gora

Marianne Van Deursen

The current vestry list with contact information can be found on the last page of this issue. But these folks aren’t super heroes: they cannot do everything. Please prayerfully consider helping in one or another capacity. Father Phil’s current message (page 2) is a good place to start. Helping others can reward us immeasurably, and doing one small task at CHS can be life-changing.

*Our diocese will hold its annual convention in Cherry Hill on **Saturday March 2nd**. If you are interested in becoming a delegate there is a slot available. Let Father Phil or Deacon Dot know if you might like to attend.*

ENCORE at Mirota House

The Mirota Senior Housing luncheon was a wonderful event which the residents enjoyed very much. There were about 30 residents in attendance and many CHS hands on deck to serve, entertain and assist those who needed a helping hand. The youth formation group made lovely centerpieces plus game placemats. We also gave away nine shawls made by the Shawl Ministry. Jeff and Jane Anderson were the masterminds behind this project for its second year. If you would like to help with this or another project, contact the Outreach team, headed by Deacon Dot and new vestry member Marianne Van Deursen, or Jeff and Jane Anderson.

Marge Keller



GJ Waller Photo



GJ Waller Photo

We Care

The Guardian Angel system we have in place for our WE CARE group is working well. As I have stated many times, please don't panic if you are asked to be a Guardian Angel. If you feel it is more than you can handle, just say so. Nothing is written in stone. It is simply so we have one person coordinating assistance to avoid duplication of care. Our CHS family is so very willing and giving wherever help is needed.

Sometimes we don't know of a need until something is mentioned in a snippet of conversation. Call me (908-528-1788) if you feel there is something we can help you with. Even if I'm out of the State/Country I can summon help. Our members are always ready and prepared. Just knowing somebody cares is sometimes all that's needed to lift morale. We can help with the grocery shopping, prepare a heartwarming meal or drive to doctors office/hospital. It's the simple acts of kindness we do for each other which create our wonderful family.

There have been challenges throughout the past year, but we got through them all remembering, as we battled these challenges, that God is always at our side. It all works out in the end.

So please let us know if there is help needed. We're here. And if you would like to join our merry band, don't hesitate to let me know!

Respectfully in Jesus,

Susan Kane

LIGHT!

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An All-media Juried Art Show on **Light!**

Visible light is electromagnetic radiation within a small portion of the overall spectrum. Your alternate expressions and perceptions of **Light!** are solicited.

March 29-30, 2019
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 3 Haytown Road, Lebanon, NJ

ARTISTS:

The event will be juried.

Submit information and .jpgs for acceptance by online form

The url for the online form is <https://goo.gl/forms/o68o9vAiYVY8ch413>

Submission deadline : February 28th Fee: \$10 for up to five submissions

Full details, including categories of works to be accepted:

www.churchholyspirit.org/events/march-29-30-second-biennial-art-show

SCHEDULE:

Delivery of Art: March 27th, 4 to 8 pm; Church of the Holy Spirit,

Artist Reception: March 29th, 6-9 pm. open to the public, refreshments

Public Exhibition: March 29th, 6-9 pm & March 30th , 1 pm. to 9 pm. 2019

Collection of Art: March 31 from Noon to 2 pm

Jurors

Phillip Carr-Jones, M. Div. D.Min project (2020): Beauty and the Infinite, Episcopal Divinity School/Drew University Curator and Juror of "Light in a Time of Darkness", 2017. Creative artist with interest in music and fabric/glass/metal work. Pieces on permanent display and/or sacred use at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Trenton, NJ; Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon, NJ; Trinity Church, Asbury Park, NJ; St Peter's, Perth Amboy, NJ.

Diane Bouchard Bendahmane, M.A. English, University of Minnesota Retired teacher, writer, publisher and Peace Corps worker; author of two biographical books, "Prone to Wander" and "Many a Stormy Year." Brings to job on jury lifelong love for literature, art, and music; extensive travel; and an open and inquiring mind.

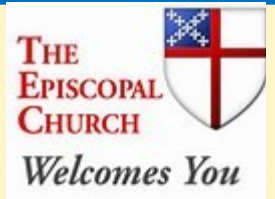
Robert Maas-Wester BA Visual Communications - Kean Univ. Retired Graphic Artist/Art Director primarily with Health Care and Pharmaceuticals Now Painting in watercolors, 1st Place, Oils as 2018 Hunterdon County Senior Artists

Confirmation Classes Have Resumed

We will meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month from now through April from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at CHS.

Dinner will be served. All 6th grade through 12th grade students are invited to attend whether you are just starting the journey or have already been confirmed.

We hope to see you at the next meeting, **February 19th** at 6pm!



Fr. Phil and Pat Egan



Hello All!

Good news for those who are available during the day! Knit and Chat will now gather on Monday *mornings* from 10am to noon in the St. Martin room across from the office.

We will have hot water ready for tea; feel free to bring your lunch if that suits your schedule.

Please join us next on **February 11th** (and you're free to crochet — we also teach! Thanks,

Karen Murray c 908 391 1842; h 908 479 6042

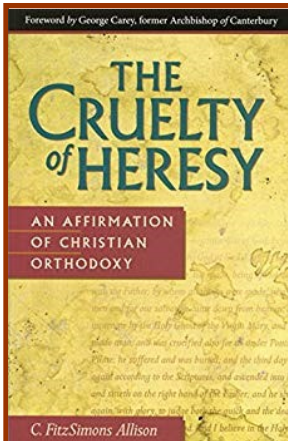
Men's Retreat Scheduled

Brand-new deacon Michelleslie is working on the final touches for the first CHS men's retreat, which will be held **March 8th and 9th** at St. Marguerite's Retreat House in Mendham. The retreat facilitator will be Reverend Jack Zamboni of St Francis Church Dunellen, who will invite exploration of the (often helpful) role of questions and doubts in spiritual life. More information will be made available in the weekly email blast and Sunday bulletins.

Raising Resilient Teens in Challenging Times

Deacon Michelleslie is also working on a presentation of timely concern both to our parishioners and members of the wider community. Scheduled for **March 26th**, this meeting will be facilitated by the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide. It is meant to educate parents on the warning signs and risk factors of suicide, dispel myths, answer common questions and encourage Q&A following a one-hour presentation. More information will be forthcoming soon.





Theology on Tap

The next weekly meeting of Theology on Tap will be **Wednesday February 6th** at the Bistro at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel (off I78 on Cokesbury Road). We will continue our discussion of *The Cruelty of Heresy. An Affirmation of Christian Orthodoxy* by C. FitzSimons Allison.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 and end around 8:30 pm, with some people gathering earlier to eat. This latest venue is quiet and comfortable, and we don't need to shout to hear each other.

We welcome your participation.

Diane Bendahmane

Easter Flower Donations

Easter flower donation envelopes will be available on the table in the Narthex during Lent for those of you who would like to make a donation toward this year's Easter flowers. Please submit the names of loved ones, memorials, or thanksgivings, with your donation (\$35 is suggested) by placing the envelope in the Sunday collection plate or the Altar Guild mailbox by the door in the undercroft **no later than Palm Sunday, April 14, to guarantee that the names are included in the Easter bulletin.** (Checks can be made out to Church of the Holy Spirit Altar Guild). Thank you!



Sue Landgraf

Ed note: If you missed Sue's announcement at the annual meeting on January 27th, we welcome new members of the Altar Guild. Many hands make light work and some of the veterans of this ministry have moved away. Please consider this if you are searching for ways to contribute to our life at CHS. It certainly is a beautiful way to do so.



Have You Marked Your Calendar for the 2019 Auction?

Saturday May 11th (the day before Mother's Day—there will be great presents available....)

And how about bringing a friend or two? Perhaps you know someone who is looking for a new church home: could there be a better introduction to CHS? More details will be forthcoming in the next *Trumpeter*.

Marge Keller

Filling the Red Wagon

Judging from the Open Cupboard Food Pantry's list of current needs, February's suggested offerings will continue to be canned fruit and/or decaf coffee and we'll add canned soup and beef stew.

Our food collection gift suggestions also include ShopRite gift cards (your donation of gift cards enables the Pantry to purchase perishable items such as meat, fish, milk, eggs, cheese etc.) or you can access the pantry's website: <http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/>. Click on the "Current Needs" tab for ideas.

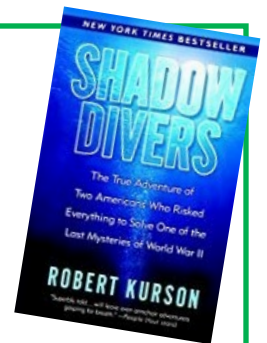
As always, Julie and Katie are grateful to the parishioners of CHS for their continued generosity. There but for the grace of God.....

Suzanne Higgins

Spirited Readers Book Club

We had a lively discussion about Hemingway, the man, and his novel "For Whom the Bell Tolls" on December 9th. Our next meeting will be on **Sunday, February 17**. We will be discussing "Shadow Divers," by Robert Kurson, the true story of two wreckage divers who discover a sunken World War II German U-Boat 60 miles off the coast of New Jersey. Because there are no visual markings, a group of determined divers delve into the mystery of how the boat came to be there. There are human skeletons inside among tangled metal and wires, so the story is most intriguing!!

Deacon Dot offered to see if her brother would be interested in joining us to share his adventures as a professional diver. He very quickly agreed and will be bringing a colleague as well as some artifacts from their dives. Dot says once he gets started talking about his experiences, there's no stopping him! The meeting may well run over, so she has offered to bring sandwiches to sustain us.



Suzanne Higgins

First Sunday Breakfasts

On **February 3rd**, breakfast between the services will be prepared by participating members of the CHS Youth Group. A special menu has been designed by Mary Scott, featuring Belgian waffles, sausage, and scrambled eggs.

Julie Stine

Ed note: If you would like to flex your food muscles and join in preparation of another first Sunday, check the clipboard in the Narthex for empty spots or to see where you might help someone else. And there is always room for help in cleaning up afterwards!!!



Pulse of the Parish

We welcome into the household of God:

Porter Rose Lohman, granddaughter of Cynthia and Bill Schneider, born in January

Now Worshiping with Us:

Meg McKenna of Clinton

Farewell to:

Sue Quinlan, who will now be splitting her time between Massachusetts and Louisiana. We will miss her but hope that her travels will bring her back to us often.

Condolences to:

John and Susan Rivers on the death of John's mother, Joan, on January 12th.

Frank Hooper on the death of his dear wife, Joan on January 31st. Joan and Frank were founding members of Holy Spirit and although their health had not permitted them to worship with us often in recent years, they remain very much a part of this loving community. From Fr. Phil: "Dan Torrone, closest family friend, and I were able to be with Frank to inform him, pray with him, and talk about their 60 years of marriage. Frank had visited Joan just this morning. The Hoopers are models of ministry and sacrifice for the cause of Christ. I am honored to have known them together, and Joan in her own right. Plans to honor her life and celebrate her resurrection are yet to be decided. Please pray for Frank. He is a dear man."



Vicki Brooks

HOLD THE DATES

FEBRUARY

- 3 First Sunday Breakfast (Y2Y hosting)
- 8-9 Women's Retreat, Mendham
- 9 Acolyte Festival, Trenton
- 17 Holy Spirited Readers
- 19 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm

MARCH

- 2 Diocesan Convention Cherry Hill NJ
- 3 Compassio—sponsored by Wrestling with Racism 4-6 pm with soup supper
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 8-9 Men's Retreat, Mendham
- 26 Raising Resilient Teens in Challenging Times
- 29-30 LIGHT — All-Media Juried Art Show

APRIL

- 14 Palm Sunday (Easter flower donations due)
- 18-20 The Great Triduum (Maundy Thursday; Good Friday, Easter Vigil)
- 21 Easter Sunday

MAY

- 11 Annual Service Auction

ONGOING EVENTS

- Second and Fourth Mondays, 10 am, Knit & Chat
- Tuesdays, 6 am, Bible Study at Spinning Wheel Diner
- Tuesdays, 7:30 pm: Youth Bible Study
- 3rd Tuesday of the month through April: Confirmation Class, 6:00 pm
- Wednesdays, 7:00 pm: Theology on Tap at Courtyard Marriott
- First Sunday of the month: breakfast between the services (watch the Friday email blast for confirmation and if you would like to help, check the sign-up sheet in the Narthex)

Snapshots



John Altom Photo



Hal Murray Photo



Eva Lesniak Photo

[Above] Epiphany House Blessings January 5-6, 2019: 14 routes, 250+ miles; 154 homes; 40 chickens, 3 pets in extremis, and a brewery. Watch more of the story on Father Phil's terrific video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=se8hC_CrO8s&feature=share



Michelle Marlow Photo



Jan Paxton Photo



Jan Paxton Photo

[Above] Christmas 2018 at CHS: see churchholyspirit.org for many more!



Annual Meeting January 27, 2019.
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