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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.**



January 5-6 Bless This House!!!  
[Every house in the parish is the goal]  
**No morning services Sunday 1/6.**  
Come at 5 pm for service and pot luck

**January 27 Annual Meeting.** Please come!!  
This is YOUR parish and we need your suggestions so that we can serve God in the most meaningful way. [Dave Dabour photo]

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## *From the Rector's Desk*

### **Post-Christmas Reflections**

When do you take down your Christmas Tree (assuming you put one up)? Even if not this year, you'll remember the taking down in years past. On New Year's Day before you head back to the normal post-holiday routine? The weekend following, or sometime on the 12<sup>th</sup> day, Epiphany? Most of us take it down when convenient, as time allows. Given that we didn't suddenly not like precious decades-old ornaments with connections to long memories, they can't just be thrown into a box quickly. Each takes its own time. Each needs consideration. It's not like we generally put it up on Christmas Eve: it's been up for a week or two, if not since Thanksgiving. The taking down, then, isn't really much of an issue. Well. Except emotionally. I often get a bit moody about it. Or is it just thoughtful, more than sad. It's a change moment, one season is gone and another will follow, and this year's now past. Yeah, it has a tinge of sadness, to be honest. Annoyance too, that all these little charms need repacking; the pleasure has been gotten out of them and this is now just a labor, a job needing doing. And the task has some urgency about it, after all. The tree is bone dry by now, in spite of all watering efforts, and it's now a plain old fire hazard, as well as a mess to clean up. The vacuum bag will fill up with needles before long.

This year I'll reframe the moment with a new meaning: we ought to care enough about the smaller things as we do the bigger ones. Within the handling of a little ornament is our care for cosmos itself—a stewardship of life is demonstrated thereby. Fulfillment in a mission is the activity, more so than just a drudge. Can I bring that reframe to the other little side streets of my life, the must-dos on the job that I've put off? How much of our day is spent in the little things that we've thought of dismissively, and can we reframe them into meaning. There's ministry in the washing of a dish, the drafting of a memo, the shopping for groceries, the filing of records, the checking through of emails. It's not me being forced to waste time on stuff I'd rather not do. How about finding Christ in the doing of all things? Just a thought.

### **On the Diaconate**

This month Michelleslie is going to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. In the Anglican Communion of which this Episcopal Church is a part, Holy Orders include Bishop, Priest and Deacon. Historically, they were in the inverse order as far as importance. In the early church Bishops were essentially Sunday School Teachers. There were no priests, and deacons ran things. How did we go so wrong? [kidding!]

Some of us in the liturgical movement have championed and cheered the redevelopment of a robust diaconate. For many of us, the church is not represented in its fullness unless there is a deacon present. Deacons most fully represent the service and dedication to redemptive action that is the center of the meaning of Christ's life among us. In this sense, any hierarchical structure that fails to honor the role and meaning of the diaconate is simply foolish. It was a great joy to have Bishop Chip with us on December 23<sup>rd</sup>: a last-minute opening came up and he simply wanted to be with us, as it had been a couple years since he had visited. To have the three orders present and with ML on her way to ordination on January 19th (see page 8)—this was a special moment. All three orders are themselves derivative of Baptism, of course. All three orders are themselves ordered, as it were, by the identity of all the faithful as followers and disciples of Christ. No follower is more important than another. Some have unique roles to play within the body, but none, not even the Bishop, stands over another so much as they stand within, in humble service to the whole. Any Bishop, Priest or Deacon who wants to be other than within a community is fooling himself. Certainly, the example of Jesus, who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, says St. Paul to the Philippians, is our model. So welcome to the diaconate, ML. Glad you can be of service!



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## *From the Rector's Desk (continued)*

### **On Vocations**

As you know, it is my privilege to be invited weekly as priest visitor to our convent in Mendham. The sisters visited with us throughout our extended Advent. Fr. John and Jan Paxton and I are all associates of their order. Some are surprised to find out we have monastic orders of men and women in the Episcopal Church. But we long have and, in some ways, never stopped, even through the Reformation turmoil. Devotion to a call of a life of prayer and service is something all Christians are offered. The very baptismal covenant we make promises the same. But here are some along the way who find community in such devoted service to be of immense meaning and give their whole scope of life definition and purpose. Some find themselves answering that call after years of married life, some from very early on. Just know it is my privilege and honor to serve at their altar weekly and I find great definition, purpose and meaning there.

### **On Baptism**

I made a series on film about how we might prepare for the baptism of a child. The film series is more than just about what happens on any given baptismal service. I recommend those who haven't seen them, take a look and especially those new to our Church, to see what really guides us on our mission and how we organize our common life. It really does come down to being a disciple and what discipleship means. Here's the link

<https://www.churchholyspirit.org/baptisms.html>

*Philip+*

## ***Martin Luther King, Jr. Still Speaks***



On Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
**January 21, 2019, at 7:00 PM, CHS**

Music and Readings:

selected portions of

*Letter from a Birmingham Jail*

**"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.** We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." - *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1963

Offered by *Wrestling with Racism*

*Wrestling with Racism* is a group of Hunterdon County faith leaders and community members struggling with the challenge of racism in our day.

## ***From the Deacon's Corner: Mary***

What traits do we look for in a mother? What traits would God look for in a woman to mother His only Son?

**MARY:**

- † A woman created, a woman set apart.
- † She stands as a model of chastity, of inner beauty, of humility and of purity; the golden vessel, chosen to carry the most important life the world will ever know.
- † She is blessed because she believes.
- † Are we not called every day to live for God?
- † Did Mary not model openness to God in every conceivable way?
- † Did she leave any doubt that God's will was more important than her own?
- † Did she run when it was difficult?
- † Did she flee from discomfort?
- † Did she trust in God even when the future was uncertain?
- † Did she not allow our Lord to live within her?

**MARY:**

- † She swaddled Him.
- † She nursed Him.
- † She guided Him through his early years.
- † Did Mary hide her son away or share Him with the world?
- † Did she not know Jesus more intimately than anyone else on Earth, even His closest followers?
- † She stood beside Him... never abandoning Him even in the most difficult moments.
- † She remains with her Son at the Cross when other disciples run away.
- † She ponders the events of her Son's life in her heart.

**MARY:**

- † Jesus listened to her, loved her, and honored her because she was different.
- † It was her 'yes' to God that forever changed the world.
- † 'May it be done to me according to Thy will.'
- † One 'yes' opened the door to hope: hope for redemption, hope for life after death, and hope for even the most wretched of us.

**MARY:**

- † She reflects Jesus' light more radiantly and more fully than any other human in history.
- † We are called as children of the light to reflect and radiate the love and heart of Christ to all the world.
- † In the light, it began with a courageous young teenage woman.
- † In the light, God became man and walked among us.
- † In the light of a bright Sunday, death was destroyed forever.
- † In the light of the Spirit's flame, a beautiful young Church was born.

And it is in the light still today that we truly become brothers and sisters — sons and daughters; that we become the family of God that we were formed, designed and created to be — one holy, pleasing, and perfect family, encountering the love of the Father, the Son, and, indeed, Mary.



*Peace, Dot*

[Deacon Dot's meditation from Lessons & Carols on December 23, 2018]

## *Musings from the Senior Warden*

Merry Christmas!

I hope everyone felt the Christmas services, from Advent Lessons and Carols through all the Christmas Eve services, were as special as I thought they were. The gifts of music, song and reading really enhanced the season for me. The spontaneous visit from our Bishop was a lovely addition. I loved seeing the children who grew up in the church returning home to spend the holidays with their families. I was also grateful to have Chris recovering and back at the keyboard. The joy and love were palpable in our sanctuary!



I want to publicly thank Michelleslie for her Advent contribution of arranging for the Sisters from the Convent of St John to share their knowledge of contemplative prayer. I still have to work on quieting the “chatter”, but the skills they taught are so useful during these tumultuous times. We have both men’s and women’s retreats coming up at their convent, and I encourage you to attend if possible.

We have a Vestry retreat coming up **January 11th and 12th**. New Vestry members are invited as well as retiring members. We are going to be focusing on the “Big Picture”. How do we split up duties for a functioning, effective team so we can accomplish the most without undue stress on any one person. Once again, I am reaching out to ask people to consider joining us. It is a wonderful group of people, and our discussions are always keeping the best for the whole congregation in mind. Newer church members are equally welcome!

Ongoing business: our elevator project. When we wrote the checks this past fall, we understood the week’s estimate for production to be the total time. Unfortunately, we didn’t realize that there was down time applying for permits, discussion between contractors, and little delays common with building projects. We are scheduling weekly updates with the contractors so the project doesn’t linger any longer than necessary. I am hoping for a Lenten delivery.

Hope to see you all at our Epiphany pot luck! Happy New Year!

*Cate Mattison, Sr. Warden*

### *A note from the CHS Finance Committee:*

*We will keep the 2018 books open until Sunday January 6th. Any envelope or check that is mailed to the office or is in the collection plate with a 2018 date on it will be credited to 2018 as long as it reaches us by the 5 pm service on Sunday. After that date all donations will be credited to 2019. If you have any questions or special requests please contact Sally Bird at [sallybird@comcast.net](mailto:sallybird@comcast.net) or by phone 908-328-2925.*

## Stewardship Update



Dear Holy Spirit community:

It has been six weeks since Holy Spirit's 2018 stewardship campaign culminated with our New Consecration Sunday celebration. We have continued to receive Estimate of Giving cards from parishioners who were unable to attend on November 18<sup>th</sup>. I am so pleased to share the latest Estimated Giving for 2019 with you, with figures from previous years for comparison:

Holy Spirit Households	<b>78</b>	80	85	77
Estimate of Giving	<b>\$182,702</b>	\$208,433	\$210,883	\$183,882
for the calendar year	<b>2019</b>	2018	2017	2016

We do pray that we receive a few more Estimates of Giving in the upcoming weeks. Please don't hesitate to reach out ([elesniak@mac.com](mailto:elesniak@mac.com), 908-420-3613) if you need an Estimate of Giving card or have any questions or concerns. Your estimate is confidential and can be changed during the course of the year if circumstances dictate. I look forward to submitting an update for the year-end report that will be distributed at the Annual Meeting on **January 27<sup>th</sup>**.

*Eva Lesniak*

## Epiphany Potluck Dinner January 6th

On Saturday and Sunday **January 5-6<sup>th</sup>**, Father Phil will be out blessing homes. At the conclusion of his journey, we will have one service at 5pm Sunday to be followed at 6pm by a potluck supper and bonfire. [Watch your email for a schedule of areas to be covered]. This event is for all, young or old, newcomers or not so new. Contributions are welcome as follows: If your last name begins with...

- A - D Beverages, hot or cold, alcoholic or not
- E - I Salads or Sides, hot or cold
- J - O Entrees, with or without meat, vegetarian or vegan
- P - T Desserts, cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, fruit
- U - Z Bread and butter, rolls or biscuits

*Marge Keller*

## Photo Directory Update

If you have not picked up pictures that you ordered, they are in a box in the Narthex under the Dove. The printed directory will be available on/before the annual meeting (**January 27<sup>th</sup>**). If you ordered one, your name will be on a label on the front cover of the directory in the same box. There will be extras available for purchase if you did not order one.

*Dave Dabour*



June Filipski photo

## ENCORE at Mirota House

As part of our outreach work, we will be hosting a luncheon at Mirota Senior Housing on **Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us as we again provide fellowship and food to these lovely people. We must have impressed everyone with our generosity of spirit as the luncheon was the talk of the House for weeks after.

We need your help in several ways:

- ◆ Volunteer to help set up and serve at the luncheon.
- ◆ Volunteer to help prepare food on Saturday morning January 26 at CHS and transport same
- ◆ Donate money for purchase of ingredients at Restaurant Depot or other stores.
- ◆ Be an entertainer, especially our very talented Youth, to provide music and singing.
- ◆ Volunteers to help spread joy by attending on that afternoon.

If you have questions, see Jeff or Jane Anderson or Marge Keller ([marge.keller@churchholyspirit.net](mailto:marge.keller@churchholyspirit.net))

## We Care Group

Father Phil's Christmas message confirmed what we all know — the importance of caring for others. This is the “calling” our CHS family lives. We really don't need a WE CARE list in our parish. It is very obvious that we ALL care. \*\*

While the Christmas season is fast closing, the needs of others continue.

It was wonderful seeing Director of Music Chris Williams at the organ/piano during the Christmas Eve services. He is slowly on the mend following back surgery, although not quickly enough for him! Greta Tump, living at Independence Manor at age 98, continues to give thanks to God for her life and always enjoys a visitor. Just mention you are a member of CHS and you're guaranteed a warm welcome.

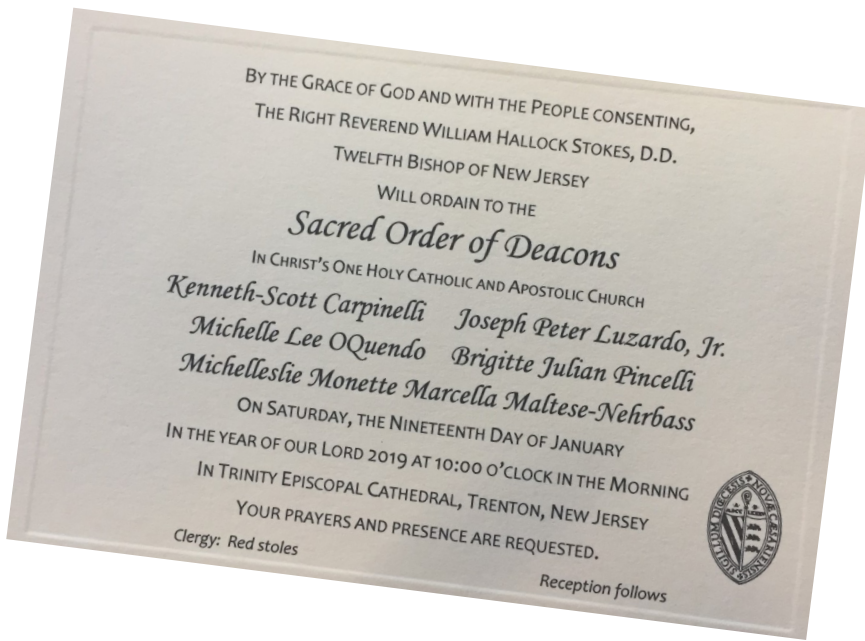
As John Lennon said, “Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans”. Life events can take us completely by surprise, but how fortunate we are to have our Lord and Savior to see us through. And speaking of life events, we must say a very fond farewell to Sue Quinlan at this time. She is moving to another chapter in her life, one where she will be closer to growing family (currently 4 grandchildren with another on the way), She will be sorely missed although we look forward to her visits to NJ.

So ... a New Year begins. I pray it's healthy and happy for us all.

*Susan Kane*

\*\* Ed. Note: We do have a list, however, and if you would like to become a member of the We Care group and feel you could volunteer some time as appropriate: to visit someone housebound or in hospital, drive someone to keep a local appointment, or prepare an occasional meal, let Susan know. [sueandbob95@gmail.com](mailto:sueandbob95@gmail.com)

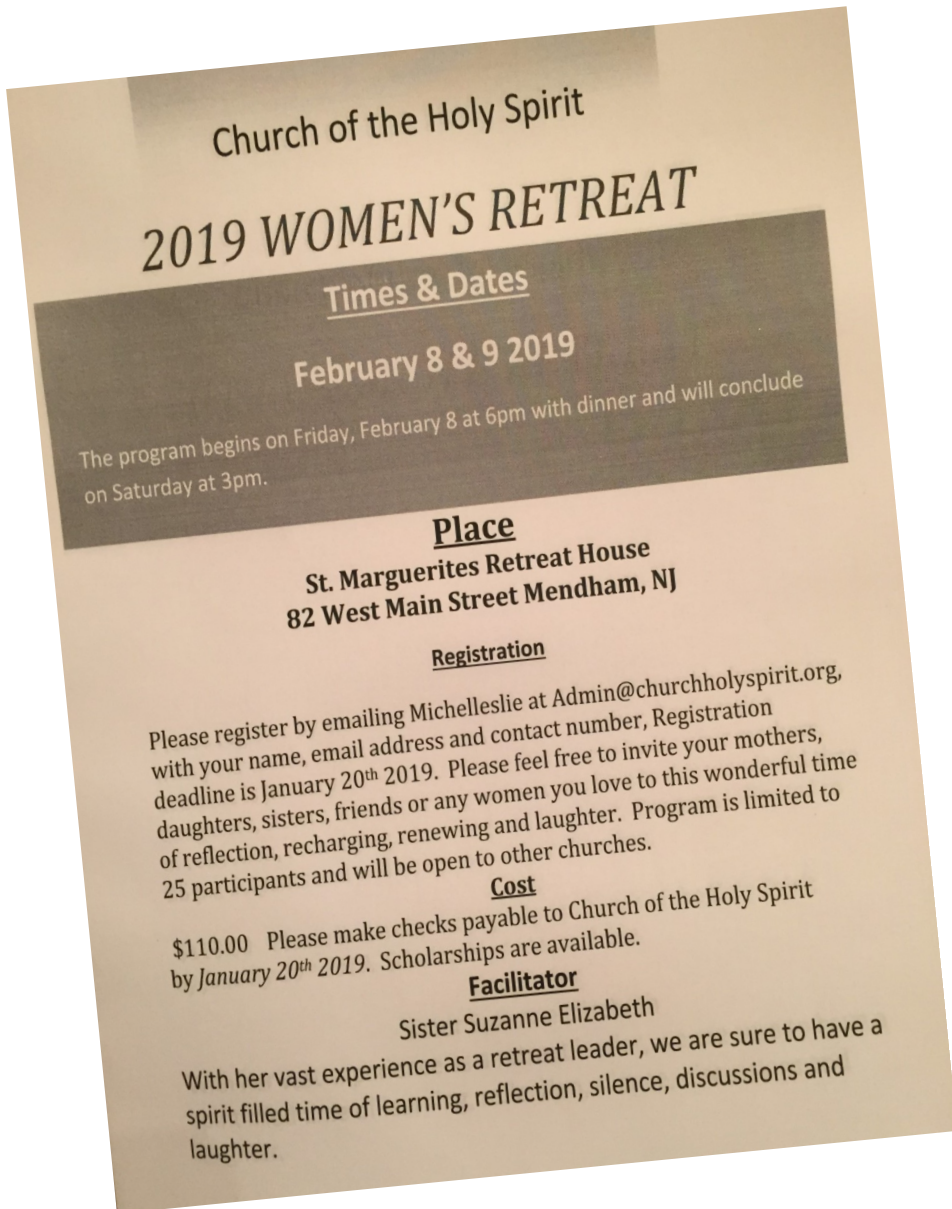




**Reception for Michelleslie Maltese-Nehrbass**

As you'll see by the invitation (left), Michelleslie, our deacon-in-training, will be ordained at Trinity Cathedral on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We will host a reception for her at Dove Hall on Sunday, **January 20<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:00 am service. We hope you will attend and celebrate this great occasion in Michelleleslie's life.

If you care to help make this festivity awesome, you can provide some finger sandwiches or small desserts. We will provide a beverage. Please contact Jane Paradiso or Marge Keller if you can help.





## Christmas at Sea

As part of our extended Advent focus, children in Sunday school worked with June Filipski to write Christmas cards for the staff of the Seaman's Church Institute (SCI) to give out to mariners who come into Port Newark as part of their Christmas at Sea program. These cards, along with donations of sample size toiletries, game books, cards, candy, and hand-knitted scarfs and hats, were collected throughout the fall. On December 1, a few of our youth from Church of the Holy Spirit met with others at Calvary Episcopal Church in Flemington to package these donations into "ditty bags" for the chaplains from SCI to bring on board to ships and distribute to the mariners. Joanne Bartosik, Manager of Christmas at Sea for SCI, was onsite to give a brief overview of the ministry and program and, the seaman served. These small acts of kindness support SCI's mission to demonstrate God's love by offering hospitality to those who come into the port from all over the world. Thank you to all who knitted, wrote cards, donated items, and sorted items for distribution.



**Save the Date for Christmas at Sea 2019:** Joanne Bartosik was excited to meet us and is setting a date in November for members of CHS and Calvary to travel to Seaman's Institute. We will be going either Thursday or Friday, November 8 or 9, from 1030 am- 230 pm. We will be bringing any donations and hats or scarves that are knitted to pack into ditty bags, and we will be taken on a tour of the port to be able to see where a majority of imports come into our country. These dates are during the NJ Teacher's Convention of 2019, so schools will be closed, allowing our young people to go. Further details will be shared as the date is closer.

*Michelle Marlow*

## 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 on **January 15th** at 6pm!

*Fr. Phil and Pat Egan*



## 2019 Acolyte Festival Set for February 9th

All acolytes and those who work with them and/or loves them are invited to the cathedral in Trenton next month. The event will feature a Eucharist, lunch, an event t-shirt and workshops on topics such as "You're an Acolyte — Now What?"; Reindeer Games — Working Together as a Team; I Wonder as I Wander Scavenger Hunt; The Bishop's Roundtable (for acolyte masters, clergy, and other adults working with acolytes); and more. For more information and to register, talk to Jack Daniels, Acolyte Master (908-337-3228) or [jdaniels\\_fire@yahoo.com](mailto:jdaniels_fire@yahoo.com)

## Knit & Chat

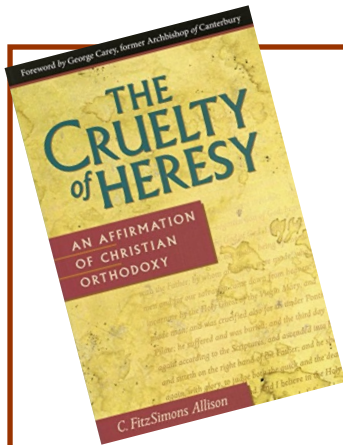
This lively group now meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:00 pm in the St. Martin Room. This ministry is open to all; men and women, experienced or novice. Prayer shawls, lap blankets and scarves are knitted or crocheted. We can teach, and you are welcome regardless of whether or not you are part of the CHS prison ministry. Contact me at [kjbmurray@embarqmail.com](mailto:kjbmurray@embarqmail.com) or 908-478-6032.

*Karen Murray*

*Ed note: A reminder that these shawls are available to you for friends and loved ones who could use some extra comfort when sickness or death visits someone close to them and for joy when a new soul comes into the world — or for any other reason you deem appropriate. You have only to ask Karen, Deacon Dot, or one of the other folks who are part of this ministry of outreach to our community.*



June Filipski photo: shawls ready for Christmas at Sea (see previous page)



## Theology on Tap

The next meeting of Theology on Tap will be Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the Bistro at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel (off I78 on Cokesbury Road).

The meeting will be at 7:00 to 8:30 pm, with some people gathering earlier to eat.

Fr. Philip has recommended a new book for the group: *The Cruelty of Heresy. An Affirmation of Christian Orthodoxy* by C. FitzSimons Allison. A blurb from the back cover:

*"Ancient heresies have modern expressions that influence our churches and culture, creating cruel dilemmas for today's Christian in the form of error, sin, and various distortions of orthodox faith. In this book, Bishop Allison captures the drama and relevance of the Councils of the fourth and fifth centuries and shows how the remarkable achievements of these early struggles provide valuable guidelines for believers today."*

*Diane Bendahmane*

## Second Biennial Art Show—March 29-30, 2019

If you are interested in working on our second art show, please make sure you're getting updated information. Our first display of creativity both within and without CHS was a great success in February of 2017, and we look forward to an even more meaningful event in 2019. Email me at [bendahmane.robinson@comcast.net](mailto:bendahmane.robinson@comcast.net) to be added to our mailing list for announcements.



## Filling the Red Wagon

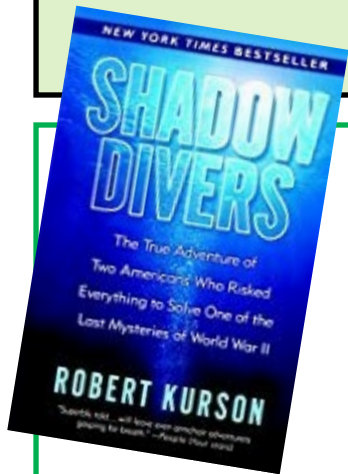


Judging from the Open Cupboard Food Pantry's list of current needs, January's suggested offerings will be canned fruit and/or decaf coffee. And please note: While it is tempting to "donate" leftover holiday items to the Food Pantry, (cookies, candy, or even fruitcake), these items are not nutritionally sound for our area residents who rely upon the Pantry for healthy meals. Please refrain from giving away unwanted items. Their policy is to discard anything that is high in sugar and low in nutritional value. Thank you for your continued support!

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

Some of the guys got together on December 2nd to show us what breakfast is all about: Bob's (farm-fresh) famous scrambled eggs, Andy's waffles made to order, David's wonderful French toast casserole, sausage, bacon, fresh fruit, coffee cake, and bagels.

What a feast! Thank you!!



*Carol Crawford-Jones*

*Ed note: No breakfast in January [come for pot luck dinner on the first Sunday—Epiphany—instead].*

*The youth of the parish will be hosting breakfast on **February 3rd**.*

## Derek's Hugs

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." MATTHEW 25: 35-36*

Annually, as part of the Papa Panov module during Advent, children in Sunday School have knotted fleece blankets to be given to an organization called Derek's Hugs that collects and gives blankets to children who are in hospitals. Andra Taylor has taught the children about the help that a soft warm blanket gives to a child who is sick. Andra met Michele Graffis, who leads Derek's Hugs, when she was Craig Taylor's 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher. By connecting our outreach of caring for others and preparing our hearts to walk with Jesus to Derek's Hugs, our children have helped others receive the warmth of blankets made by their hands.

This year on Sunday, December 16, Michele joined our Sunday school group to help them finish the blankets they had been working on during Advent. She shared the story of how Derek's Hugs was started by her son while he was undergoing treatments for Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. The children were able to meet the person who helped give their blankets to children who need them, celebrate Michele's birthday by singing "God Grant Her Many Years," and observe Derek's Angel Day, as Michele shared his story. The blankets were delivered to the altar before communion, where they were blessed by Father Phil, and Michele share the story of her son, Derek, and her plan to honor his legacy by continuing to give blankets to children in hospitals. The blankets the children made will have an embroidered orange heart with the words "Derek's Hugs" added to them before they are sent to hospitals. What a wonderful experience for our children as they learned the joy of serving others and gained insight as to how their work in Sunday school reaches a wider world!

*Michelle Marlow*



## Mark Your Calendars for the 2019 Auction

On **Saturday May 11th** from 6-10 pm Dove Hall will be transformed into a New Orleans street scene as we present "*Laissez les bon temps rouler*" for the 2019 Service Auction fundraiser.

There will again be LIVE and SILENT auctions. Our auctioneer will be Rod Donovan, back for a third year. There will be food and drink that helps set the theme for the evening and we'll have a signature cocktail served in a souvenir glass.

Information about ticket sales, donations and how you can help will be forthcoming. Watch for articles in the next Trumpeter, along with posters and other ticklers.

*Marge Keller*



## *Greetings from Janet Wulster (from her address to the congregation in November)*

Greetings to my CHS family; it is good to be back here after leaving Hunterdon County in June.

I will report that:

- ◆ life is good in Princeton
- ◆ I am settling in and sampling the Episcopal churches in the area
- ◆ hopefully, eventually, I will find a church home that is as wonderful as the home I have here.

I came to CHS about 20 years ago:

- ◆ before the beautiful sanctuary we're in now was built
- ◆ when I had teenage children
- ◆ when my spiritual growth was just beginning.

Little by little, I began to feel comfortable at CHS and started to participate in the community, including an attempt at teaching Sunday School and serving on the Vestry.

Time went on; eventually the kids graduated from high school, then college, and I had more time to participate at CHS.

I learned that my spiritual life grew very well, the more I participated with my CHS family.

And, at some point, I felt a wonderful change in my relationship with God and with the community of CHS. I also felt a stronger bond forming in our relationships with one another. I cannot pinpoint the day or month or year, but from my perspective we changed into a cohesive community loving:

- ◆ each other,
- ◆ the community around us,
- ◆ and those who very much need our love and support.

Some examples of ways we've grown as a community:

- ◆ We've changed the way we teach our children so that they enjoy the learning modules and can relate what they're learning to the needs our neighbors have. At the same time, adults are interacting more with the children and we've built our intergenerational relationships.
- ◆ We've moved to include others who do not know CHS and might not set foot in a church, but are enthusiastic about worship through events like the blessing of the animals in Pickell Park
- ◆ We've developed a very strong We Care program that touches each of us, whether we're the one in need or we're helping someone who has a need.

I now see, and have lived in a community, that freely gives of their time, talent, and treasure and works hard to practice what Jesus has taught us, that is, to LOVE ONE ANOTHER

As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says,

There is Power in Love—to help and heal when nothing else can;  
There is Power in Love —to lift up and liberate when nothing else  
will; There is Power in Love—to show us the way to live.

I see this Power in Love at CHS. God bless all of you.

*Janet Wulster*

## Pulse of the Parish

### We welcome into the household of God:

Giovanna Marie O'Connell, daughter of Kevin & Alisa, baptized on December 9th

### Welcome to the following folks who are worshiping with us:

Rex A. VanVeldhuisen of Whitehouse Station

Michelle Norelli, who has come back to us after a brief hiatus'

### Condolences to:

Kim Cahall, wife of John Cahall and daughter-in-law of David and Judy Cahall, on the untimely death of her sister's husband, Rob Wilkinson, on October 29, 2018.

Susan Kane on the death of her father, Walter Pritchard, on November 7, 2018 and on the passing of her dear Auntie Lily soon thereafter. Susan shared that her aunt was the disciple who led her back to the Lord, and aren't we glad of it?

Suzanne Higgins on the death of her sister, Robin Lee, on Thanksgiving Day.

Larry Ingram on the death of his mother, Jane Elizabeth Renghofer Ingram, in December.

Tony Shallo on the death of his mom, Patricia Jean, on New Year's Eve.



*Vicki Brooks*

## HOLD THE DATES

### JANUARY

- 5-6 **Epiphany: Parish-wide house blessings**
- 6 **5:00 pm service and pot luck supper (ONLY SERVICE)**
- 11-12 Vestry Retreat
- 15 Vestry Meeting
- 19 Ordination of Deacons at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton (our own Michelleslie will be ordained)
- 20 Reception for Michelleslie at CHS
- 21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (program 7 pm at CHS)
- 27 **ANNUAL MEETING**

### FEBRUARY

- 3 First Sunday Breakfast (Y2Y hosting)
- 8-9 Women's Retreat, Mendham
- 9 Acolyte Festival, Trenton
- 17 Holy Spirited Readers

### MARCH

- 2 Diocesan Convention
- 6 Ash Wednesday

### APRIL

- 18 Maundy Thursday
- 19 Good Friday Day of Service
- 20 Easter Vigil
- 21 Easter Sunday

### MAY

- 5 Trinity Chorale Spring Concert
- 11 Annual Service Auction

### ONGOING EVENTS

- Second and Fourth Mondays, 7 pm, 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



From Eva Lesniak: five of us attended the 2nd Annual Larry Helwig Memorial Golf Outing. From left: Bob Kane, Fr Phil, Janet Wulster, myself and Gary Scott.



Tree of Jesse gifts ready for distribution. Fr. Phil photo



Bishop Chip visits on December 23. Jack Daniels photo



Papa Panov—Christmas Eve 2018. Jack Daniels photo



December 16th. Presentation of Communion Class Jack Daniels photo.



Youth Sunday, November 18 Sandy Burton photo

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