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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.



A group of our wonderful young folks at Good News Home on Good Friday Day of Service 2018. Kiki Mehner photo

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From the Rector's Desk

Friends,

One of the great blessings of being committed to this community of faith is experiencing the community itself: the deep and meaningful friendships, the groups of ministers working on common purpose for specific ministries, and of course, the assembly of saints gathered to enact worship, embodying the real presence of the living Christ.

Community life takes time to coalesce, time to become, time to be formed in patterns of health, wholeness and redemption. It's quite easy for a church to go off the rails in its interpersonal life. Jesus said that when 2 or 3 come together, he is in their midst. I often wonder that he didn't say 9 or 10 because it just gets that much harder. One of the ways we've been able to navigate the challenges of community life is through disciplines of clarity and charity. It is basically following our Jesus in this way. For me, one proof of the divinity of Christ is the record of his relationships. Centuries before psychology, before self-help gurus, before childhood development experts, before Freud, Jung, Piaget Rogers and Ellis, before all that, we have story after story of Jesus in clear, direct, honest and transparent relationship, no sticky enmeshments, or dependencies, no projections or dishonesties, nothing disingenuous, no denial syndromes, or harsh judgments, none of the tangles to which all the rest of us mere mortals fall prey. We can take care to repeat his example in our lives and the life of this community of faith. It's important to consider repeatedly the lessons learned, as we need the reminder of who we are.

In no particular order of priority, I offer these disciplines of community life just as a reminder — I need them as much as anyone, though frankly, we have a very healthy community life. Still, this list is worth our consideration. The elements all hang together as a way of living after the pattern of Christ's life:

Everyone is equal. The radical democratic nature of the Eucharistic gathering should be visible in our interpersonal lives as well. Strangers come to our worship? NO, not strangers, but friends we haven't met yet. We move beyond known long timers to include recent comers. **The Peace is a time to include.** The Peace is only about including, expanding, embracing. The hospitality of Christ is offered without exception. Beyond politics, sexuality and gender, status, or age, this community of faith must strive to understand ourselves as a community of divine love. That takes hard work.

I get to choose how I experience the encounter. Others don't control our emotional response. When I hit my thumb with a hammer, it hurts. However, I can choose to get angry about it. I can even choose to curse about it. Or I can just admit it hurts and try not to hit my thumb again. With people, it's more difficult but still true. When someone says my sermon stunk, I don't have to get upset or take it personally. Of course, much of the time, I am not fully composed and even-keeled but as a goal, if I can decide not to take a difficult encounter personally, I can actually be that much better an icon of Christ.

Not taking things personally means that I listen to another person's complaint without making it about me, even if it is spoken in the harshest of terms. Instead of making it about myself -- and getting defensive or guilty --it is better to listen and respond from the other's point of view. "So, when you heard me say XYZ in the sermon, you felt really ZYX about it, did I hear you correctly?" Note there's no caving into or apology, nothing personalizing it, but simply being present to another person's sense of disappointment or injury. I usually find -- even when folks are most aggressive in tone -- they are expressing a wound. **Being present to the hurt** frequently disarms the moment quickly.



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From the Rector's Desk (continued)

Beneath every complaint is a commitment. When someone complains, I could get annoyed. Remember the hammer and thumb. Being annoyed is not going to help. I can reframe my response by actively listening for a commitment, "So when you wish people would stop. XYZ, you really are wanting to have a better ZYX."

Which gets us to **courage**. It takes courage to say what you're feeling and become clear about asking for what you want. When doing so, it is always good to refrain from externalizing: "You make me feel XYZ (mad, worried, upset)," to internalizing, "When this happened (or that was said), I felt XYZ." This is more honest. This is more courageous. I don't need to blame anyone for how I feel. I don't blame the hammer for my thumb. I don't even blame myself. Stuff happens. Hurt happens. But I can choose how to respond. I do need to express it in ways that help heal. That takes courage. And some **clarity in our speaking** to become and remain in healthy Christ-like relationships.

Patience is the means by which the Kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Being patient is critical to our common life. If a person is compromised physically by age or illness, then patience is key. If a child or teen is acting as they do as a child or a teen, then patience is key. **Children are not pre-adults**, neither are teens. We celebrate them as they are in their formation. And the only means to do so here is patience.

The Holy Trinity is core doctrine. Interpersonal triangles, on the other hand, not so much. One very good thing about our church is that folks do feel the courage to speak directly to the person with whom they have an open issue, rather than talking to someone else about them. Go directly to the one who causes you concern. A great discipline to practice in community is redirection. When someone comes to you and says, "I'm really bored by Phil's sermons," the best response is not to feed the wound but properly direct it. "I hear you saying you have concerns about Phil's sermon, so I think you should go talk to him. He doesn't bite. You can help him be a better priest this way." **Don't make or engage triangles**, go direct, and again we come back to courage.

Catch someone doing something right. It's easy to spend a day feeling slights and things not right. On any given day most people only hear negatives: no, don't, stop, quit, get going, fix this or that, better hurry, watch out, ouch, oh no, not again. The most formative thing a parent says to a child is a specific compliment for a specific act when the child wasn't expecting it. Adults could use an unexpected compliment just as much. Catch someone doing something right and tell them in near proximity to the event. That changes a person.

Connect life to Jesus. Lastly, (for now) we might make more connections. We can concretely connect what we do with the life of Christ and become more capable of naming it. We might do better at combining courage with this one and develop a facility to name our faith in healthy ways. Look, I'd never in a million years have spent this much time crocheting in prison. I mean, seriously, that was never ever an idea of a life plan. I enjoy telling others stories about what we do and am quite pleased to connect this action with my faith. Sure, I'm a priest, but if *everyone is equal*, then everyone has the same opportunity. Connecting life to Jesus is discipline very worth encouraging among us. We can think about what we do and what's happening in the moment and always remember Christ is present. **We are never alone.** Forgetting that and thinking we're alone is the font of many a mistake in life. Oh no, all our lives are connected. Work at naming and claiming that connection with clarity.

From the Deacon's Corner: Sermon for Pentecost Sunday



There's no better time to celebrate the virtue of the diversity of the Kingdom of God than on the Day of Pentecost. Separately, our differences are too diverse to list, but put together, our individual uniqueness creates a beautiful kaleidoscope we call the Body of Christ.

Sadly, today we see people and nations torn apart by politics, racism, religious intolerance, human borders and cultural bigotry. We have become a culture of us-versus-them, where the "other" is to be feared and never trusted.

This is not a new occurrence, but one would have hoped that humanity would have learned from its past mistakes and recurrent genocides over the ages. Yet here we are in the 21st century, repeating history again with chilling efficiency and cruelty. We as Christians must be different. We must respect the dignity of every human being. PERIOD!

Pentecost is a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is given freely to all with no respecting of race, culture, socioeconomic standing, gender or any other distinguishing mark used by people to differentiate one person from another.

In God we are one.

On the Day of Pentecost, reported in the Book of Acts, people gathered in Jerusalem from all corners of the Roman Empire. They represented competing economic interests, diverse cultures, a myriad of languages and different religious traditions.

Nevertheless, God's grace was given freely to all who heard and believed the message preached by St. Peter, as people too many to count converted to Christ.

These aliens who converged on Jerusalem returned to their homes and spread the message of Christ, and the church began to spread — against all odds, obstacles and precautions. From its beginning the church was a diverse group of people who hailed from a variety of cultures and languages. And it was in the midst of this great diversity that God sent the Holy Spirit upon his church and started a movement that would change the history of the world forever.

One of the challenges facing Christians today isn't necessarily losing our passion for Jesus, but rather, losing our generosity and embrace toward those who differ — the fact that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, male nor female nor transgender, servant nor master, not 95% nor 1%, lay person nor bishop nor priest, and there are no blue states or red states.

In God's kingdom there are only citizens. There is a radical equality before God, and we are not allowed to do anything but celebrate that. Just as our Diversity is a gift, so too are the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit themselves very diverse.

Jesus promised his disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit, whose gifts of fruit vary in their display among each person; love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control.

These fruits are the qualities of Jesus that the Holy Spirit develops in our lives as we grow in our faith.

That's who we are, and who we are to become, as Christians, starting right from the beginning, in the waters of new birth. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome new believers into the blessed family we call the Body of Christ. As they pass through the waters of baptism, we are asked to do all in our power to support them in their life in Christ.

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All of us have an important role to play in our spiritual development. It is no small thing what we do around the baptismal font, since all of us take solemn vows for which God will hold us accountable.

The Holy Spirit also transforms the believer into the image of Christ and moves the Christian to share in the Church's missionary activity. The Holy Spirit compels us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves.

One way we do this is by reaching out to the unloved, the hard to love, and the rejected in our midst and loving them, emulating our Heavenly Father's love for us who are called by His name.

Just as the disciples' bold and fearless witness at Pentecost led to the conversion of thousands of people, so too are we called to bear witness to God's love for the world today.

Just as the Holy Spirit was poured out on peoples of every language at the first Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit today continues to draw people from every culture, language and ethnicity into the family we call the church.

Just as the Holy Spirit called to everyone willing to listen and accept the message of reconciliation through Christ, we too welcome strangers into our midst and become family, and we welcome the Holy Spirit into our lives and become transformed into the image of Christ.

Just as the gift of the Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost to create the church, we are renewed today, spiritual fruits bestowed upon us, with which God has so richly and freely given to us that we might grow and serve anew.

Pentecost is an awe-inspiring day of joy and celebration. Just as it was 2000 years ago, so it is for us right now.

Peace, Deacon Dot
May 20, 2018

Prayer Circle

Deacon Dot will be holding a prayer circle after each service. It is called a "prayer circle" because we will hold hands as we pray together. It will be a time to pray with others who are feeling a need for extra prayer. We will meet in the alcove across from the organ. Anyone interested is welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please speak with Dot.



Musings from the Senior Warden

Greeting to the Congregation,

The past few months have been exciting times for the CHS community. Here are a few of the highlights:

The auction was a great success, and we exceeded our expectations and results from last year. You can read about it in other sections in this issue. Kudos to the entire team that put the event together.

There were a few issues with our facilities. As some of you know from a very cold service, the heat went out in the upstairs of the church. This was due to a faulty capacitor on the pump that circulates the hot water. In a strange bit of timing, this occurred a day after the main well pump for the church also stopped working. Both issues were addressed promptly and professionally by local service companies.

The Emmitts moved in to the renovated rectory and, with the exception of a few odds and ends, the project is complete.

Clinton Township has a new fire inspector, and he is significantly more thorough than the previous, state-based fire inspector. As such, we have a laundry list of fire code issues that we are addressing. None of these are major; however adding them up it has been a significant amount of work. Many thanks to John Higgins and Father Phil for addressing the list and keeping the inspector happy. Also, many thanks to the Youth Group for spearheading a clean-out campaign that is making the inspections go better.

With respect to the church CO, we are waiting on the signed and sealed prints back from the town. We have covered nearly everything on the list of requirements, and will schedule a meeting with the town engineer at her earliest possible convenience. The final CO is in sight...just a little more red tape. I hope.

The elevator project is well underway. While confirming the location, our architect found an issue with a few electrical conduits that were in a different place. The plans have been redrawn and new quotes are being generated for the construction. Work should begin very soon.

It is with a heavy heart that I will be stepping down as the Senior Warden in August, as we will be relocating out of the area. My family and I are grateful for the way the CHS community took us into their fold and cared for us when we needed it. As a community, you have enriched our lives and we are better for it. We have made friends who will last a lifetime, and will miss you all.

Everyone enjoy a safe and happy summer, and we will see you on Sunday.

Yours in faith,



Jonothan Babek

A Message from the Junior Warden

My plans for this first article as Junior Warden were originally simple — talking about what I was hoping to accomplish this year. However, life at Church of the Holy Spirit is much like what farmers say about the weather in New England: If you don't like it, wait an hour because it will change!

You will already have read that the Babek family will be moving from the area — likely in late summer. I want to take this space to thank Jon for his tireless work on behalf of our parish. He has spent countless hours working with planners, engineers, township officials, and so many others to make sure that our Church has covered all the bases regarding property and finances. These efforts take place behind the scenes — things that many of us never consider when we come to worship on Sunday. But some of the things he did had previously lagged for a long while and Jon gently and patiently nudged them to completion. I will be forever grateful. His presence will be sorely missed, and I will also miss him as a friend. We all wish Jon, Lawren, Liam and Hazel Mae joy and success in their new adventures!



That leaves me to step up to the Senior Warden position, and we are still sorting the rest out. Thankfully, we have a wonderful Vestry team with a mix of long-term parishioners along with some newer folks. I am excited about the plans for this coming year and beyond and am confident that this team is ready for the task.

As Jon said, this year's Service Auction was a great success. We met our financial goal, but even more importantly, it was a wonderful night of fellowship. I watched tables of people laughing, chatting, and enjoying themselves. We will be looking at opportunities for more fellowship events during the coming year. I've heard that my Cherries Jubilee for Pentecost was a hit. We'll keep thinking of things to encourage us to spend just a little more time together, enjoying this very special community of faith.

As this goes to press, we are having a meeting on Christian formation to make plans for the fall and beyond. Our goal is to have a cohesive program, so our learning can be a family activity. Please stay tuned to the website and emails so we can hit the ground running in September.



Get Ready for a Treat!

Ana Hernandez, singer, songwriter, retreat leader, will be a special guest and assisting at the 10:00 am service on Sunday, June 10th. After the service she and Father Phil will be heading out to lead a retreat for the inmates at Edna Mahon Correctional Facility.

From our Deacon-in-Training, Michelleslie Maltese-Nehrbass



In the Gospel this morning we hear the word Sabbath used. The word Sabbath is taken from the Hebrew word “Shabbat” which literally means “rest.”

Here are a few examples of rest and the Sabbath found in the Bible:

In story of creation in Genesis we hear, *“On the seventh day God finished his work that he had done and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation (Genesis 2:2-3).”* This tells us that God both works and rests.

In the first reading this morning, Deuteronomy tells us that the Sabbath suggests that the Sabbath is most fully used as a day of worship by the demonstration of compassion and justice. After all, the Sabbath itself is a remembrance of God’s justice and compassion in delivering Israel from slavery in Egypt.

Let’s hear what the fourth commandant states:

- * *(“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and RESTED the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it. God’s pattern of working six days and RESTING on the seventh, making an explicit link between creation and Sabbath observance.)*
- * The history of the Sabbath is the weekly observance of the Sabbath to be a constant reminder to the Jews of God’s continuing presence in creation and in history. The Sabbath is a vivid dramatization of the reality that all of our life is holy and filled with wonder and meaning in the sight of God. The strict practices of the Sabbath were meant to ensure that every Jew treat the day as special. Six of these days God has given to us for work, and one for prayer, rest and making reparation for our sins, so that also on the Lord’s Day we may atone with God.
- * In the first century of the church, the Sabbath as a Sunday observance is found in the Gospels Matthew and John establishing the proclamation of the resurrection as occurring “after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week” which would be our Sunday. Christians marked the day of the resurrection as their day of celebration. The high point of their celebration was the “breaking of the bread,” which is the term used for the Eucharist and the fellowship meal that was a part of the Eucharistic celebration.

Today, we see the results of this practice in our present Eucharistic liturgy. The first half of our liturgy, the Liturgy of the Word, is basically the synagogue service of Scripture, praise, prayer and interpretation of Scripture. At the offertory, we leave the synagogue service to join our Lord at the altar, as our ancestors did “on the first day of the week.” This is the liturgy of the Holy Communion, or the Liturgy of the Bread.

The Sabbath principle is that we must consecrate a portion of our time and keep it free from the demands of work or productivity, allowing it to take on a distinctive character of worship. The Sabbath principle allows us time to focus on God in a different way than the working week allows, and to enjoy his blessing in a distinctive way. Importantly, it also gives us space to allow our worship of God to manifest itself in social compassion, care and love. Our worship on the Sabbath flavors our work during the rest of the week.

Human beings need a rhythm of work and REST in order to live up to their God-given potential. Just as God gives people important work to do, God also asks people to rest periodically from their labor. Work gives each individual the opportunity to partner with God in his goals for creation, while rest lets each person enter into communion with God in enjoyment of creation. Ideally, all people would work and rest in comfortable alternation, leaving humanity physically healthy, mentally stimulated and spiritually fulfilled.

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From our Deacon-in-Training (continued)

The Sabbath can be viewed as counter-cultural, an alternative to the demanding, chattering and pervasive presence of advertising, television, sports, cell phones and all electronic devices that constantly devour all of our “rest time.” The rest we need is not sleeping late even though that’s very good for your body and who wouldn’t want the opportunity to sleep late. The true rest that we all need is to be able to CLEAR OUR MINDS. Today, we live in a frenzied culture that puts demands on us in every area of our lives. An added bonus to taking time for silence and rest is that it restores the nervous system, helps sustain energy, and conditions our minds to be more adaptive and responsive to our complex environments. The true rest that we all need is to be able to CLEAR OUR MINDS.

Why is rest so difficult? Unfortunately, rest is difficult and elusive for some of us. We all can come up with many reasons not to rest or we get distracted from taking a rest due to possibly feelings of fear, uncertainty or guilt if we rest. We don’t want to feel we are unproductive or unaccomplished. For some of us taking a rest means we are no longer self-sufficient and no longer in charge of our lives. Can you name what is distracting you from RESTING?

REST is not passive, but active and full of faith. REST is sitting before the Lord, laying all your desires and concerns before Him. It is drawing all your needs from HIM. Mother Teresa was once asked, “What does God do when you pray?” She responded, “He listens” and then she was asked, “What do you do when you pray?” She said, “I listen.” Listening to the Lord is active and full of faith, clearing your mind and RESTING. How can WE listen when we are just being so busy?

How can we observe the Sabbath and REST? We can attend church with our family and friends, which can help instill certain holiness to the time of rest and renewal. We should keep it simple and keep it restful allowing the opportunity to clear our minds. We can participate in restful activities that complement a close relationship with God. Appreciating God’s creation in some easy, leisurely way is an inspiring activity quite appropriate for us to do on our Sabbath day.

God gives us the gift of the Sabbath to provide us with an opportunity to Rest, Recharge, Renew, Enrich and Refresh our souls and our bodies. WE must be intentional about making time to REST and enjoy God’s wonderful gift of the Sabbath.

The Sabbath law is not designed to burden us, but to provide an opportunity to rest. Rest, the Sabbath, puts us in direct contact with eternity. The Sabbath rest prefigures the coming day of God’s eternal rest. The Sabbath puts us in direct contact with eternity a place where we are not judged for what we DO or MAKE or ACCOMPLISH. The Sabbath is God’s day for loving us for who we are — beloved of God.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Michelleslie
Sermon June 3 2018
2nd Sunday after Pentecost

April in Paris — Reprise

The service auction held at the end of April was a beautiful evening of wonderful food, outstanding decorations and awesome bidding. We made a little over our goal financially, with net proceeds of \$22,600. We would not have had that success without the generosity of all the donors who came up with some unique and creative ideas and those who came to bid and support this annual fundraiser. Thank you!



Thanks to all who helped in putting the event together, especially Cate Mattison (beautiful decorations and table arrangements), Jan Paxton (managed all the online activities from registration to close-out), John Rollins (his poster was spot-on for our theme), Susan Kane, Alice Hrebella and Cecile Bulcha (Silent Auction), Father Phil (awesome *boeuf bourguignon*) and so many others who helped in so many ways to get us ready, set and going! And the servers who got us organized in the kitchen and at the food stations — thank you!

Marge Keller

Ed Note: Kudos to Marge for her expert organization of this terrific event. What a fun evening we had!



Photos by Cate Mattison

We Care

On May 27 Fanta delivered a message to us all at the close of the 10:00 service. She has agreed to have it included here for those who didn't attend.

"I thank all people in the Church of the Holy Spirit for spending time and money helping me and my children through this most challenging time in our lives. I thank you because I could never repay all that you have done.

If you had asked me a couple of months ago how I thought my family would come out of this, I would have had no idea. Most of all I thank God because he is healing me — I'm in remission!

God heard your prayers, my children's prayers, and he answered them.

We appreciate your kindness and love. You have given me hope and I knew that I was never alone. I and my kids thank you so much for your concern, your presence. Glory to God for his work and continued work in our lives. Thank you!.



Fanta

Ed Note: On June 3rd Father Phil blessed this glorious lap blanket for Fanta and her children. It is an original design that was lovingly crocheted just for her by one of the women in Maximum Security at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility. Jack Daniels photo

Confirmation Camp

Confirmation Camp will be held on the weekend of **August 24, 25, 26**.

We will gather from 5pm to 9pm on Friday, August 24. Supper to be included!

Saturday, August 25, we will meet at 9am for a light breakfast and remain the entire day until 4pm. Lunch included!

Sunday, August 26, we will begin by attending 10am Eucharist followed by a day of activities at Holy Spirit.

All students entering Grades 6 through 12 are welcome, and we also invite anyone who has already been confirmed to join us.

Stay tuned for more details and an enrollment form that will be available on line through the Church website.

We are working with the Diocese on a Confirmation date, and we will share that as soon as plans have been finalized.

Hope to see our fabulous youth gather for a weekend of fellowship and study....with some fun thrown in as well!

Father Phil and Pat Egan

Filling the Red Wagon

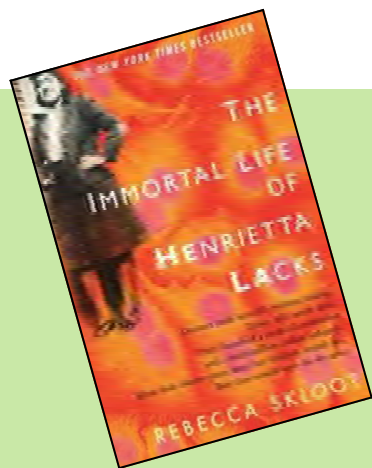
There is a collection basket/wagon in the Narthex of CHS that accepts dry food supplies in grocery bags weekly for **The Open Cupboard of Clinton**. This local food pantry serves an ever-increasing number of clients who are experiencing extended periods of unemployment and/or whose benefits checks don't extend enough to cover food for the month.

During June, Katie Higgins and Julie Schmidt would appreciate your help filling it on Sunday mornings with **canned ravioli and canned spaghetti**.



Our food collection gift suggestions also include ShopRite gift cards (Your donation of gift cards enables us to purchase perishable items such as Meat, Fish, Milk, Eggs, Cheese). Alternately you can access the pantry's website: <http://opencupboardfoodpantry.org/>. Click on the "Current Needs" tab for ideas. Please help stock the Food Pantry shelves. Thank you!!!

Suzanne Higgins



Spirited Readers Book Club

Our next selection will be, "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks," the true story of how a cancer victim's cells were studied and, remarkably, kept alive over the course of several decades. We will meet on **Sunday, June 24**, after the 10am service.

Suzanne Higgins

First Sunday Breakfasts

April breakfast was hosted by Carol Crawford-Jones, Diane Hrozencik, and June Filipski - and eggs from Bob Jones's chickens. Tasty treats included eggs, egg casseroles, sausage, fresh fruit, cheese, and delicious baked goodies.



May breakfast was hosted by Eva Lesniak, Linda Schroeder, and newcomer Kristina Cagno. We feasted on oatmeal with bananas, blueberries, fresh fruit, bacon, gluten-free casserole, sausage casserole, crumb buns, bagels, donuts donated by Jim West. Thank you, Kristina, for joining the breakfast team!

Note: There were some disappointed folks on June 3rd who hoped to find breakfast between the services. No one had signed up. We take a hiatus during the summer. Please consider getting together with some friends to take a month in the fall. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you haven't volunteered before, talk to me for ideas. There's no need to be a gourmet chef! And thanks in advance.

Carol Crawford-Jones



Music at CHS

The Jane Self Burnham Memorial Music Scholars Program once again welcomed soprano Sarah Riddle, originally from West Virginia, who studied voice at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. She graduated in May 2017 with a Masters degree and resides in the Princeton area. Sarah was also a featured soloist at the Trinity Chorale Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6th. (below)



Trinity Chorale 2018 Sandy Burton Photo

Summer Musical Offerings:

Beginning or advanced musicians of the Parish have an opportunity to play/sing to the Glory of God during the summer months when the "Choirs" are on hiatus. During the year, Jane Roxbury has offered her flute sounds during the service. The summer is a good time to offer *your* sounds during the service.

Contact the Director of Music for scheduling or more information. After scheduling the date, you will need to prepare and rehearse with the director at least one time and the morning of the Sunday service.

Chris Williams



Jane Roxbury came back for a visit on Memorial Day Weekend and she and Jimmy Reyes, one of the Jane Self Burnham Memorial Scholars, provided glorious music at both services on Trinity Sunday.



Beyond Our Doors

VETERAN'S HAVEN NORTH is a facility in Glen Gardner for homeless veterans. Their "wish list" for consumable items was recently updated. There is a labeled bin in the Narthex where donations may be left. If items don't fit in the bin please **CLEARLY LABEL** donations for VHN and leave near the bin.

Continued needs:

- * NEW twin XL comforters or sheet sets
- * NEW standard bed pillows
- * Toiletries (Body wash, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, etc.)
- * Flip flops sizes X and XL
- * Reusable laundry bags
- * Single use laundry pods (Laundry Detergent)
- * NEW clothing including
 - i. Men's boxers - all sizes
 - ii. Sweatpants - sizes medium, large, XL
 - iii. Jeans/pants - sizes 32 waist and above
 - iv. Shirts - sizes medium and higher
- * NEW men's sneakers - sizes 7.5 and above
- * USB thumb drives
- * AM/FM alarm clocks
- * Travel coffee mugs with lids
- * Sun protection lotions and hats

Monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Any questions, comments, or suggestions may be left with Judy Linger at judy.linger@gmail.com or Nanette Chardoussin.

Thank you for your continued generous support of this ministry! We recently received a letter of appreciation from Edward J. Chrystal Jr., the superintendent of VHN, for our past generosity.



2019 Church Photo Directory

Believe it or not it's been over 4 years since our last photo directory! We are planning on refreshing our CHS photo directory this Fall! Look for more information over the Summer on dates and how to sign up to be included.



Dave Dabour, Parish Photographer

Several of Dave's best photos from the 2017 Freddy Awards are now on display at the State Theatre in Easton, PA. If you have occasion to attend a performance there before June 22, don't miss them! They are in the Gallery, which is sponsored by Easton Hospital and carries its name. The gallery is open 90 minutes prior to scheduled shows and a ticket isn't needed to see the photos.



In Our Community

Winnewald Day Camp

Red Cross Lifeguard and Water Safety Certification Courses at Winnewald:

Water Safety Instructor: June 11—15, 9:00 am—4:00 pm. Cost \$200 + 35.00 Manual. For more information or to register call 908-735-8336 or email winneday@ptd.net.

Lifeguarding: June 18—22, 1;00 pm—8;00 pm. Cost \$185 + \$35 Manual.

Limited enrollment available in both courses. For more information or to register, email winneday@ptd.net or call 908-735-8336.



Oldwick Community Players

Oldwick Community Players will be holding its eighth Summer Acting Workshop from July 9 to July 20. The two-week camp for kids ages 9 to 18 will be held at Church of the Holy Spirit. For information and to register, visit oldwickplayers.org. Registration deadline is June 25th. The camp is designed to develop creativity, focus, collaboration, and confidence on and off-stage. Combining theater games, script exploration, monologues, and scenes from plays and films, students will learn how professional actors build a character. This year's workshop will be run by former soap opera actress, Gwynn Press Anidjar. Gwynn was a regular on the long-running ABC daytime drama, *The Edge of Night* and has wide experience in film and television.



Father Phil joined other community leaders at a meeting on opioid addiction on April 25 in Flemington.
Michelleslie Maltese-Nehrbass photo

Pulse of the Parish

The Right Reverend George Edward Council, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey from 2003 until he retired in 2013, died May 21 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton, NJ. He was 68.

Bishop Council presided during a time of conflict in both The Episcopal Church and the Diocese of New Jersey. His gifts for listening, pastoral care, and healing became the hallmarks of his episcopate. ([read the whole tribute](#))

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 29, at 10 AM at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton. The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, Bishop of New Jersey, presided; the Right Reverend Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, offered the tribute; and The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, preached.

In lieu of flowers, the Council family requests donations be made to the George E. Council Fund for Urban Promise Ministries in the Diocese of New Jersey.

If you would like to send personal condolences to Ruth Council, please write to her in care of the Diocese at 808 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08618.



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Pulse of the Parish

We welcome into the household of God, Jasper Frances Cahall, infant daughter of John and Kimberly and granddaughter of parishioners Judy and David Cahall, who was sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever on May 13th.

Congratulations to:

Judy Linger on the birth of her grandson, Pete Edward Springer, on March 21st.

Arden Olsen on welcoming his first great-granddaughter to an ever-growing dynasty! Abigail Kate Nelson arrived March 30th.

Sue and George Landgraf on the birth May 2nd of Eliza May Treat, their 4th grandchild.

Health and happiness to all the families.

Best wishes to all our CHS youth who have recently graduated from high school and college and to whom the challenges of further education and/or new adventures are ahead.

We say farewell to:

Mary Haspell and her husband, John Everts, who have recently moved to Pennsylvania. Their new address is 4971 Windy Meadow Court, Pipersville, PA 18947.

Gil and Jo Quinton, who have moved out of the area into a senior complex. Their address is 31B Ethan Allen Drive, Monroe, NJ 08831 and Carol Crawford-Jones suggests they would love to hear from us.

Condolences to:

Sue Landgraf, on the death of her mother, Ida Mae Baker, on March 27th.

The family of the Right Reverend George Council, 11th Bishop of New Jersey, on May 21st. He was beloved by all and his presence will be missed (see opposite for more information and links to videos of his funeral service).

Best and enjoy the summer months ahead!

Barbara Burton

HOLD THE DATES

JUNE

- 10 Ana Hernandez will be performing at CHS on June 10th.
- 11 Knit and Chat 7:00 pm
- 12 North Hunterdon/Voorhees High School Graduations
- 13 Del Val High School Graduation
- 19 Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21 Hunterdon Central High School graduation
- 24 Holy Spirited Readers
- 25 Knit and Chat 8:00 pm

JULY

- 1-4 Philip in Austin, TX
- 17 Vestry Meeting (t) 7:30 pm
- 18-31 Philip vacation



AUGUST

- 5-9 Vacation Frisbee School
- 21 Vestry Meeting (t) 7:30 pm
- 24-26 Confirmation Camp



Theology on Tap



Does the artwork look familiar? If so, perhaps it's because of the artist — Pablo Picasso by name — and it's his rendition of Don Quixote. Will the ToT readers be tilting at windmills? (Ed.)

Theology on Tap will take a break for two weeks and then start a new book entitled *Discovering Girard*. By Michael Kirwan. Father Kirwan is a Jesuit priest who lectures at Heythrop College in the University of London. Copies of the book will be available from Father Phil for the modest price of \$10. René Girard was a 20th century philosopher, anthropologist, and literary critic who developed a theory that “memetic” or personalized rivalry is the root of human conflict and violence. He understands religion as a way to control this violence. Girard’s theories should be interesting to learn about and discuss. (Father Phil can tell you more about Girard.)



We will skip the next two Tuesdays (June 5 and 12) and resume our sessions on **June 19th**, at which time the books will be available. We'll meet for three or four weeks and then take most of July off while Philip does battle with Mount Kilimanjaro. After Phil returns, we will decide when to resume our sessions, perhaps changing to Wednesday evening.

The next meeting is **Tuesday, June 19**, 7 PM, [Nik's Wunderbar](#) to begin consideration of René Girard. Put it on your calendar.

Diane B. ([email](#) secretary, ToT)



Commissioning Service Friday morning
Dave Dabour photos



Fr. Phil photo



Pillowcases created (Vicki Brooks photo)

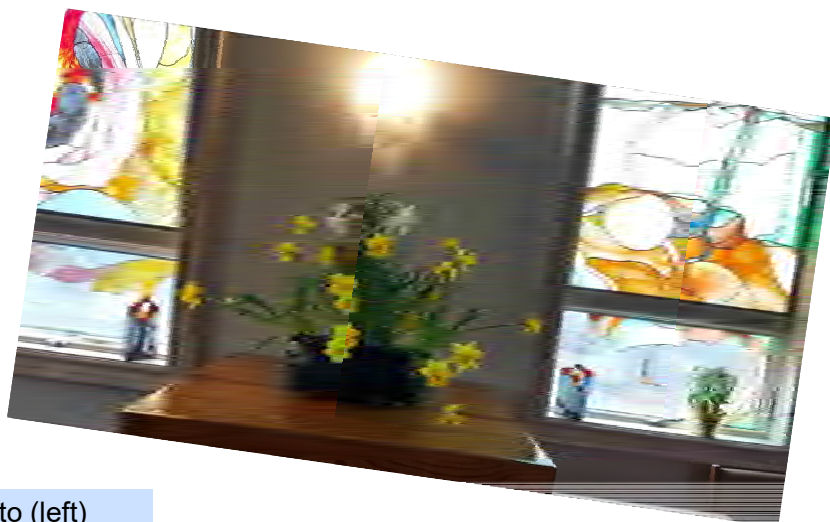


Jack Daniels photo

A very busy group on Good Friday. Over 100 parishioners and friends participated.
Dave Dabour photos except as noted



Easter Vigil. Michelle Marlow photos



Easter Sunday. Jack Daniels photo (left)
Vicki Brooks photos (above right and right)

Potpourri



Jasper Frances Cahall Baptism David Cahall photo



Katie and Julie, (with help from Suzanne Higgins) announce that the Open Cupboard Pantry received 2049 pounds of food from CHS donors in 2017. Wow!!



Jack Daniels photos





Watching Lock-in at All Saints
April 13. Destiny Daniels photos



Diocesan Choir Camp Reunion and Installation of Canons
Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, May 12. Marge Keller Photos

*Note: This year's Diocesan Choir Camp will be held **July 15—19**
in Cape May. The camp concludes with Choral Evensong on July
19 at Church of the Advent.*

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