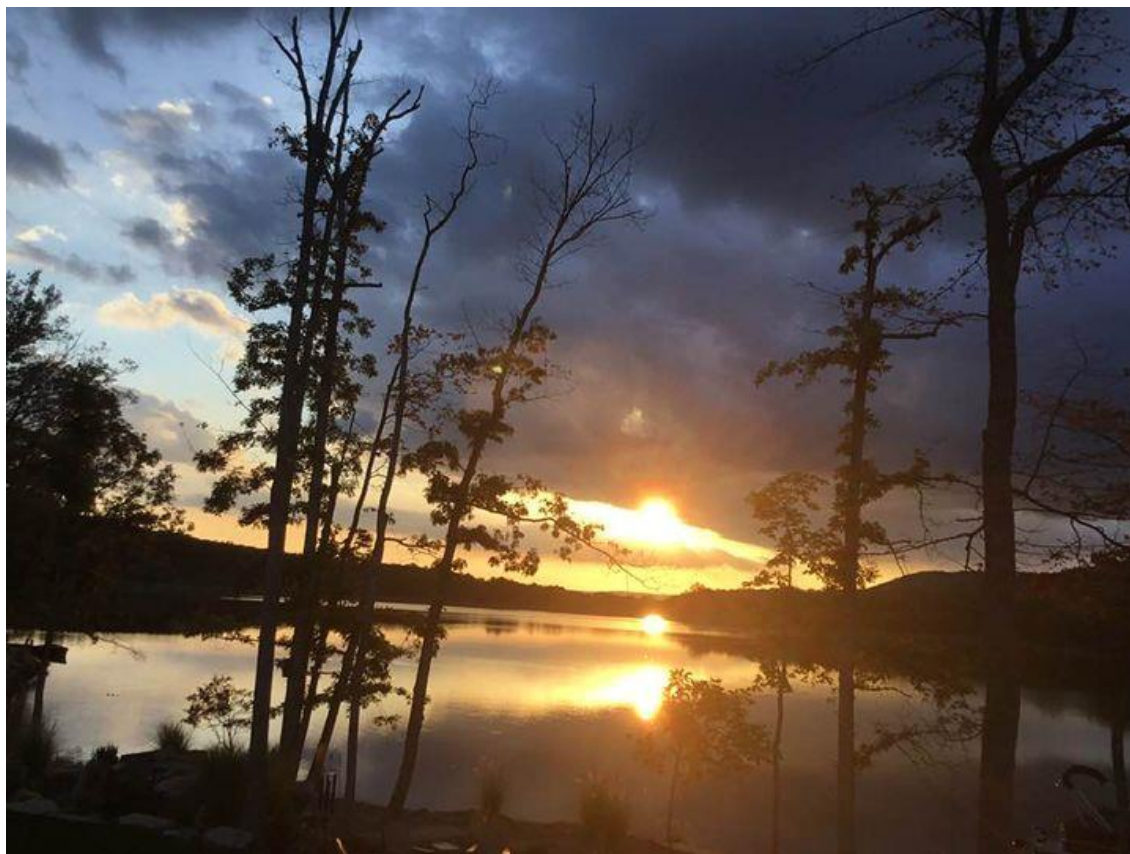




# The Dove

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*Photo: Sharon Tripodi [View from her Pennsylvania back yard]*

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## ***Ephphatha***

Several months ago, I was sitting one Sunday in my “great room”, as we call it in my home, when suddenly I saw this young man at the door, and he was motioning me to come to the door. At first, I figured he was a salesperson or even a Jehovah Witness, who often come by in our area. So, I went to the door, and he was trying to communicate with me, but I could not understand him. He held up his cell phone and showed me that this was his way of speaking. I was not sure what he wanted, but then my wife came in and told me his name was Jason and he and his wife and child lived next door in the rear of our house. My wife knew how to use sign language and what he was trying to tell me was a tree behind my house fell and landed on his fence. I felt bad, from the standpoint my tree had fallen on his fence, but also because I did not realize he was deaf and mute.

In today’s Gospel, we have two parts to the narrative in Mark. First is about a woman who comes upon Jesus to seek his help because her daughter is possessed. He of course takes pity on her and her daughter is healed of her infirmity.

But today I would like to dwell on the second part which tells us of this poor deaf mute. Our blessed Lord was undoubtedly tired and spent from his travels. He was just hoping to find a place to rest and find some peace. Imagine that in those days people traveled by horse or mule-pulled carts. Some folks rode on the backs of camels, but mainly a number of them simply walked from place to place.

This man who was a mute he had difficulties communicating. He was closed off from the world, withdrawn, and his life was surely one of isolation. So, some folks bring him to Jesus who then takes the man off to be alone with him and he knows what must be done. He puts his hands in the man’s ears and touches his tongue with a spittle. Now, unbelievably, back in those times, people regarded that spittle had curative powers. So, the man is healed. Our Lord saw this poor soul as not just another case; he considered him as an individual, who had special needs and so he took pity upon him and as was and still is his *modus operandi*, compassion.

Okay, so why am I relating all this which we just heard in the Gospel. It is to remind us of how fully human divine Jesus was, for he spoke the languages of his times and lived in the real world. Fast forward to today, he lives in our real world. He understands us and everything there is about what we face and must endure every day.

Mark tells us that when he healed this man, Jesus let out a sigh. What was that all about? It was because he was tired, or he was sad about the man’s condition. Today, that sigh can still be heard and has been for many years. Not so long ago, a famous theologian said: “If Jesus was to come back to earth today and observe all of what has been going on, he would probably begin to weep, lean against a tree and let out a SIGH.”

In the past few months, even longer, many of us have felt anger, frustration and sadness because of events that have occurred both here and elsewhere in the world. Most recently, another mass shooting at a school in Georgia. There is crime, corruption, war. There was much of the same back in his times too. But we must take the time to ask ourselves, okay what do we do? More important, what does he want us to do? I came across recently a comment made by a Jesuit who said: “Like Jesus, we are asked not to shrink before these things and events which are disturbing; not to falter in doing the right thing, and never doubt that God has the power to heal, to cast out what is bad, and to change things utterly for the better.” Even with something that may seem hopeless to overcome, as this deaf man’s illnesses were back then, we must not despair.

Here I am, this being my first Sunday here in this wonderful parish with all of you, and I feel blessed. You are a wonderful community, united in living and proclaiming the Gospel message. You are so involved in so many activities, missions, and charitable works, both here and outside the walls of this church. Be proud of yourselves for what you have done and what you still can do in the future, and again, I feel blessed to join with you.

My belief has been that Jesus works through us in so many ways and we must never be deaf and mute as to what he has called us to, for he still sighs over the fact that there are many who are deaf and mute to what is going on around us and more importantly to his message. He asks all of us to open our ears; to listen and to bring our witness to him and his message out into the open.

There is sickness all around us and much healing to be done, and this community is on the right track. Have faith, courage, hope, justice, love, and compassion. Only if we remain open will we be able to see, hear and speak. Let it all out! For he is a good listener.

In the Gospel passage, when he healed the man who is deaf and nonspeaking, he uttered a word in Aramaic, and he wants us also to be mindful of what it means: "Ephphatha!" Be opened!

*Fr. Andrew Calandriello*



### ***Prayer in a Time of Transition***

God of all ages and keeper of our days, we lay before you this season in which we find ourselves. What has been has ended and we know not what lies ahead. Be with us in this time and give us the courage and patience to live these days of losing and finding mindful, as Jesus taught his friends, that the grain of wheat must be planted in the earth and die in order to bear much fruit. Amen.

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## Have You Met?

*CHS is blessed to have welcomed a number of new members to its parish rolls in the past year or so. It occurred to us that folks who haven't yet met them would appreciate an introduction, though at this point we're a bit tardy in starting to do so. But I hope you will find this first mini-biography interesting and we trust we will have more to come in following issues. If you are a new member and I haven't reached out to you, please return the favor. It would be terrific to get to know you and to include your mini-bio in a future issue if you would like. — Ed.*

### Jennifer Ayer

I am so happy to finally be a member of CHS. I have lived in Whitehouse Station and Readington Township since 1993 and have scoped you out for years. I love your bright worship space and congregation's appreciation for the arts. I am struck that besides being an incredibly warm place full of positive people, CHS also has many opportunities to give back to the congregation and community.

Personally, I have three children and three stepchildren, with potential there for lots of grandchildren. My late husband John Ayer was a choral director and organist with a real passion for life that I will always admire. Just ask me about his music!

For over 20 years I worked in laboratory research at the medical school and Rutgers University on the Piscataway campus and have two Rutgers degrees. My car barely knows where else to drive. Nice challenges for me now are pursuing a new career in health and integrated nutrition coaching, spending time gardening, creating art (especially portraits) and paying my life forward. Nice to meet you all!



Pope Francis to children in Singapore: "All religions are paths to reach God. They are —to make a comparison—like different languages, different dialects, to get there. But God is God for everyone. If you start to fight saying 'my religion is more important than yours, mine is true and yours isn't', where will this lead us? There is only one God, and each of us has a language to arrive at God. Some are Sheik, Muslim, Hindu, Christians; they are different ways to God."

## Children's Formation Begins This Sunday


CHS Sunday Children's Formation meets at 10:00am in the St. Nicholas Room off the Narthex. We will meet the first three Sundays of each month starting October 6 and continuing through May. All ages are welcome. Children will rejoin the service at The Peace. Please contact Lindsay Wyglendowski for more information at [wyglos@gmail.com](mailto:wyglos@gmail.com).

We need adult teachers and aides. The curriculum is provided to you. Teachers/aides can sign up for as many (or as few) Sundays as they wish. If you have a question, please email Lindsay Wyglendowski at [wyglos@gmail.com](mailto:wyglos@gmail.com). If you would like to help out, [please sign up here](#).

*Thanks to Lindsay for her faithful and creative ministry with our children. She is a wonder!*


Love Your  
Neighbor

who doesn't


 Look like you

 Think like you

 Love like you

 Speak like you

 Pray like you

 Vote like you

Love Your Neighbor

No exceptions



### Where Were They?

We welcomed the Rev. Andrew Calandriello as our Interim Rector on September 8th. You can read his inaugural sermon on pages 2-3 of this issue. We are fortunate to have him with us!



In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the Episcopal church (this past July), CHS hosted a viewing of the documentary, **The Philadelphia Eleven**, on September 17th. The Rev. Elizabeth Wigg-Maxwell hosted a Q&A following. GJ Glorijeau photo.

An Interfaith Vigil for Peace was held at the Flemington Baptist Church on September 28th. Thanks to **St. Thomas Alexandria** for sponsoring.



**Pattie and Chuck Bierworth** are on a three-month trek across the US and Canada, visiting many parts of this glorious continent. You may recall that Pattie recently retired from her terrific shop in Califon, Flowers by the River. Her view of the various flora and fauna would be fascinating to hear. [Pattie — how about a show-and-tell when you return?]

**Alex and Elisabeth Van Veldhuisen** were hosted by son Jared at the University of Maryland on his September birthday. He graduates next spring. Where do the years go?



And back at home, Pat Egan and Arden Olson went pumpkin picking at Phillips Farm in Milford. Looks as though they got a good one!

## Around the Area

### October

**Haunted Red Mill** “UFO: Unidentified Frightening Objects”. This iconic fall treat runs each Friday and Saturday in October at 7:00pm/ For complete information go to [www.theredmill.org](http://www.theredmill.org).

**Blessing of the Animals:** CHS doesn't have a plan this year as far as your editor is aware, but **Clinton Presbyterian Church** invites us to their event on Saturday October 5th at 4:00pm.

**Woodlands Wildlife Refuge Community Day** is Sunday October 6th from 1:00-5:00pm at 876 County Road 513, Pittstown. Kids 12 and under are free. For information: [www.woodlandswildlife.org](http://www.woodlandswildlife.org)

**Grill Night** The next Clinton Fire Company grill night is scheduled for Friday October 18th at the Firehouse. You might even see Jack Daniels, Acolyte Trainer Extraordinaire, flipping a burger or two!. And that night the town of Clinton has its annual **Pumpkin Fest** from 6:00-9:00 pm. You can enter your painted, illuminated and carved pumpkin from 4:30-6:30pm at the tent on Main Street, which will be closed for the event.



*Dave Dabour Photo*



**The Empty Bowl**, in its 27th year benefitting the Flemington Food Pantry, will take place on Friday, October 25th from 11:00am to 2:30pm at the Pantry - 154 Route 31, Flemington, across the parking lot from the Walmart entrance. \$30 donation. Order in advance (take-out only) [www.flemingtonfoodpantry.org](http://www.flemingtonfoodpantry.org).

**Grayrock 'n Roll Fall Festival**, Grayrock Farm Sanctuary, Annandale. October 26 10:00am-4:00pm There will be food, crafts, vendors and more to benefit the Sanctuary.

**Trick or Treat?** Halloween falls on a Thursday this year and our communities have various dates set for the kiddies' annual candy fest. So check with your local folks to determine what's what in your area.

### Early November

**High Bridge Fire Department** is sponsoring a Craft Event on November 2nd from 10:00am-3:00 pm at the firehouse, 7 Maryland Avenue. Free admission and raffles along with the vendors.

**Good News Home Gala** Nov 15, 2024, 6:30 PM – 11:00 PM  
Razberry's Banquet Center, 834 NJ-12, outside Frenchtown., For further information:  
[www.goodnewshome.org](http://www.goodnewshome.org).





# TEN WAYS

## YOU CAN HELP YOUR LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY



### GET (AND USE!) YOUR LIBRARY CARD

Actively using your library card to borrow books, ebooks, graphic novels, media, and other resources is critical to helping libraries maintain and expand their annual public funding sources.

# 01



### VOTE IN YOUR LOCAL ELECTIONS

Find out what elected body oversees your library - is it a city council, a library board, or some other group? Support, vote for, and advocate for elected officials who will support public libraries.

# 02



### SPEAK UP AT PUBLIC MEETINGS

Once you know who the decision makers are, attend public meetings and make public comments on the record. Not sure what your library needs? Get to know your director and staff, and ask them.

# 03



### REQUEST MATERIALS YOU WANT TO SEE

Most libraries accept - and indeed welcome! - patron requests for books or other media, and will buy those materials for the community. If you want to see a more diverse collection, submit a request!

# 04



### JOIN A LIBRARY SUPPORT GROUP

Most libraries have a Friends of the Library group or a foundation that helps support the library. Join other library lovers to help volunteer, fundraise, and get the word out to your neighbors!

# 05



### SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT LIBRARIES

Libraries work tirelessly to get the word out about programs and services - and you can help! Tell your friends and neighbors about what's happening at your local library and all it has to offer.

# 06



### SHOW UP TO PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Actively attend programs that your library is putting on, and bring a friend (or five). Branch out and try new options - many libraries depend on meeting attendance goals to maintain diverse programming.

# 07



### FIGHT CENSORSHIP AND BOOK BANS

Speak up locally for the freedom to access and read diverse materials - fight back against book bans and censorship. For more, visit [UniteAgainstBookBans.org](https://UniteAgainstBookBans.org) to learn about ongoing efforts you can join.

# 08



### DONATE TO SUPPORT GROUPS OR EFFORTS

Public funding rarely meets all the needs of a library - if you are able to give money, donate to support programs and services that matter to you.

# 09



### RUN FOR LOCAL ELECTED OFFICE

Become a decision maker! Run for your local library board, town council, or city government to pass policies and budgets that support and protect libraries.

# 10



## ***Vestry Meeting Highlights from September 19, 2024 Meeting***

We reviewed recent successes:

- The replacement of the roof on Dove Hall on budget. Thanks to Alex van Veldhuisen for his leadership on this project.
- Outing to the Somerset Patriots game. 45 people attended. We would like to make this an annual event. Thanks to Dale Dabour for her leadership on the outing.
- Showing of the Philadelphia 11 Documentary. 35 people attended. Rev. Elizabeth Wigg-Maxwell did an excellent job of introducing the Documentary and leading a discussion after the showing. Thanks to Jane and Jeff Anderson for providing refreshments and to Marge Keller for making the coffee.
- The Welcome Back Sunday breakfast hosted by the Vestry. Many people attended and had the opportunity to meet Fr. Andrew. Thanks to Eva Lesniak for organizing the breakfast.
- Our application for a loan of \$50,000 from the Diocese to fund the replacement of the roof on Dove Hall, upgrade our fire alarm system and repair the walkway to First Step was recently approved. The term of the loan is 10 years and the interest rate is 4%. Thanks to Sally Bird, our Treasurer, for completing and filing the Application.

1. We reviewed the annual Diocesan Marks of Mission assessment for 2025. The Assessment is \$40,752. The Vestry decided that given the uncertainties during this time of transition we will maintain the same level of commitment as we did for 2024, which is \$35,000.
2. Eva Lesniak reported on the Breakfast with Santa that is scheduled for Sunday, December 8. **There will be one service at 9:00 that day.**
3. Eva Lesniak reported on the Annual Pledge Campaign that will kick off on Sunday, November 24.
4. The Vestry is reviewing the Parish Profile produced by the Search Committee in preparation for submitting it to the Diocese for approval.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Andrews or Diane Hrozencik. [Contact information appears on the last page of this and every newsletter.]

*Thank you to John, Diane, and the rest of the vestry for all of their hard work in juggling all that needs juggling these days. Lots of hours are expended behind the scenes and we cannot be aware of the many tasks they handle on behalf of our parish. And thank you for these highlights, which are greatly appreciated.*

### PULSE OF THE PARISH

#### BIRTHDAYS

##### October

Lily	Wyglendowski	10	4
John	Chester	10	5
Larry	Robinson	10	5
Kevin	Hallstrom	10	8
Carolyn	Follansbee	10	11
Dave	Garrabrant	10	13
Vicki	Brooks	10	16
Erik	Schnaudt	10	19
Erin	Gora	10	23
John	Altom	10	25
Eleanor	Tessier	10	25
Marge	Keller	10	28

##### November

Sue	Gerish	11	4
Alex	van Veldhuisen	11	4
Phil	Carr-Jones	11	6
Levi	Chardoussin	11	15
Carolyn	Colitti	11	15
Daniel	Colitti	11	15
Robert	Jones	11	15
Linda	Schroeder	11	15
Trent	Marlow	11	19
Darla	Babcock	11	23
Charlie	Curtin	11	27

#### TRANSITIONS

##### We Welcome into the Household of God:

Eilidh (pronounced “Bailey without the B”) Kennedy Wilson, on September 4th. Eilidh is the granddaughter of Cate and Tom Mattison and their daughter Alyx and son-in-law Tom Wilson.

##### Congratulations!

Andra and Patrick Taylor on the marriage of their daughter, Karoline, to Greg Pappas this past weekend.

Logan Munro and Harley Varga (my granddaughter) on their engagement. The wedding is planned for September 13, 2025 in North Carolina. And before you ask me, I heartily approve! — Ed.



### FOR YOUR CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER

5 — Youth Group Special Meeting—Feed My Starving Children, 12:00-2:00pm offsite. Link is [www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=DD295L](http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=DD295L)

6 — Children’s Formation begins, 10:00am (Teachers Wanted)

7 — Caregiver Support Meeting via ZOOM

13 — Second Sunday Breakfast Between the Services

**4H Open House, Hunterdon County Fairgrounds, 1:00pm**

14 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30pm

**15 — Last day of voter registration for November 5th National Election (if you will be 18 by Election Day you can register).**

17 — Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm— all are welcome

**19 — Recycle Shredding at the County Complex 8:00-11:30am**

#### NOVEMBER

1 — All Saints Day

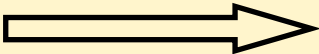
4 — Caregiver Support Meeting via ZOOM

10 — First Sunday of Expanded Advent

Second Sunday Breakfast Between the Services

**16 — Electronics Recycling at the County Complex 8:00-11:00am**

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21 — Vestry Meeting, 7:00pm—all are welcome

24 — Stewardship Sunday

**26 — Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Lebanon Reform**

28 — Thanksgiving Day

**Schedule**  
 6 pm - Hors d'oeuvres  
 6-7pm - Silent Auction  
 7 pm - Live Auction

**Tickets**  
 \$30 per person

**To Eat and Drink**  
 Foods of Many Nations  
 Beer, Wine, Soda

**2024 Service Auction - November 16 - 6 p.m.**  
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### RECURRING MEETINGS

Mondays — 1:00-3:00pm, Knit/Crochet and Chat at the church

Tuesdays — 7:00am, Bible Study at The Spinning Wheel Diner

Theology on Tap — 7:00-8:30pm in Dove Hall or on ZOOM

Wednesdays — Fr. Andrew’s office hours, 11am-3:00pm

Third Thursdays — Vestry; 7:00-9:00pm [check website for special Zoom link].

Sundays — 8:00 & 10:00am, Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested).

9:30 & 11:15am, Choir Rehearsal, St. Francis Room



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