



The Dove

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OUR MISSION: to become Christ as we serve others, proclaim God's love, and grow in the Spirit



"Wallflowers" — June Filipski photo

Entered and selected into June's debut juried exhibit: Philadelphia Sketch Club's "The Art of the Flower."

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A Well-Meaning Priest

After thirty-eight years of this
 I've come to see that we are nothing more
 than a well-meaning priest.
 Nothing less though.
 And that's all the difference.
 Well-Meaning.
 Well.
 Meaning.
 Try as you might,
 (and please don't),
 You might become many things,
 few of which will honor others,
 nor God,
 nor even you.
 You are not a family chaplain,
 though you will listen and tend.
 You are not the cruise director on the Love Boat,
 though you will encourage loving friendships.
 You are not a magician,
 though you will practice a great mystery.
 You are not a physician,
 though you will bind wounds.
 You are not a therapist
 though you will offer a Gospel reframing
 of thoughts and feelings.
 You are not a social worker
 Though you will work for justice and dignity
 in every setting.
 You are not a dignified dilettante of the elite class,
 though you will defend the faith with
 a honed virtuosity of words.
 Instead, you may end up
 telling a truth than opens and cleanses wounds;
 standing in places where few would muster
 the courage to be found;
 holding a hand of someone most would prefer
 to forget;
 containing the pain of loss few could bear alone.
 You may also end up
 smiling with a joy unsharable due to a trust given;
 laughing at your own foolishness,
 used for redemption anyway;
 surprised by a grace that got you to a victory
 you could not or would not
 have accomplished on your own.
 Oh, you are only a well-meaning priest.
 But you are never less than that.



Philip Carr-Jones [On the occasion of the ordination of the Reverend Celeste Geldreich]

*"Sometimes at a house blessing I'm the one getting blessed" - PCJ+
 Elizabeth Van Veldhuisen photo*

Facebook Friends at CHS: Don't Just "Like" - "Share"!

Many folks at Church of the Holy Spirit are Facebook people and often "like" posts that show activities which take place within the CHS community. That's good, and it gives the one who posted a bit of encouragement.

But if you want more folks to know about what's happening at CHS, you need to "Share"!

When you click on "Share", the post appears in your personal news feed, which means that all your Facebook friends will see it also. You've just multiplied the number of recipients who see it and might be interested. And should they "share" it, even more can know of our activities and spread the news.



So, don't just "Like": "Share"!

Fr. John Rollins

Consumer Church

Church is seen as a dispenser of religious goods and services. People come to church to be "fed", to have their needs met through quality programs, and to have the professionals teach their children about God.

I go to church

Is different from

Missional Church

A body of people sent on mission who gather in community for worship, community encouragement and teaching from the Word in addition to what they are self-feeding themselves throughout the week.

I am the church

Speaking of Missional Church, what better time to contribute to the mission than on our Good Friday Service Day? As Fr. Phil so wonderfully put it in the Palm Sunday Bulletin, "Hey, time to get up and get out. Sure, it's been a tough time. But now is the right time. Give a day over to helping somebody else. No more hanging around, being tired and overwhelmed. To heck with that. Just get up! Be here on Good Friday. Serve somebody. Just sayin'."

Speaking of Sharing and Reaching Out to Others



Youth Group prepares Irish Soda Bread for St. Paddy's. And Fr Phil's steed is adorned with St Patrick lore — and snakes all over the float! Eva Lesniak photos



(L) The Formation Class works on a recent Lenten service project — making cards to send to folks on the We Care list. Wendy Hallstrom photo.

And see page 10 for addresses of the Burtons and Aaron Murray, who would be delighted to hear from their friends in New Jersey.

Ed. Note: Apologies to the CHS photographers for converting some of their pics to b&w. It's all in the service of respecting bytes to make room for the exhibit on pages 7-9 (and June's cover shot. Many, many more pictorial memories await at churchholyspirit.org.

Evening at Pops

Music Director and pianist extraordinaire Alexei Tartakovsky offered a delightful respite from the humdrum on February 11th, complete with food, drink and camaraderie.

This fundraiser was his contribution to our most recent service auction. According to Marge Keller, one of whose photos appears at the right, a lovely time was had by all. Thank you, Alex!



Women's Retreat

On March 18th, Rev. Barbara Crafton headlined a Women's Retreat at CHS. As is evident in GJ Waller's photo below, Rev. Crafton is well known to many of us in the wider church family as well as at Holy Spirit. Thank you to our Daughters of the King chapter for hosting, providing food and drink, and organizing a wonderful program. Thanks also to the Rev. Kristen C Foley, Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul's Bound Brook, for guiding us in Morning Prayer.

And last but certainly not least, to Gloria Jean Waller (who likes to be called GJ) for the wonderful slide presentation (L) that she spent many hours compiling after the day. If you weren't able to be with us in person, check the CHS website. And If you are curious about Daughters of the King, Wendy Hallstrom can assist. whhallstrom@gmail.com

**Recovering
OUR
BALANCE**

Keynote Speaker

**Reverend Barbara
Cawthorne Crafton**

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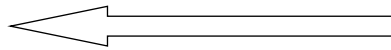
What's Coming Up?

Important events such as those below are given lots of space in the twice-weekly email blasts, the Sunday Bulletins, and on the CHS web page: churchholyspirit.org. *The Dove*, being published periodically rather than weekly, can't possibly keep up. We do our best to make sure the dates are posted: (see page 11 of this issue as well as below). But caveat emptor. An editorial note: from my perspective, Holy Spirit does a superb job of broadcasting our mission and our meetings. So if you aren't aware of what's going on, let us know how we can help you. We are all God's children and thus all important. Lots of folks are available to answer your questions. They are listed in our broadcast emails, bulletins and on the website. Use 'em. So here's what's coming up soon.

Holy Spirit Based

Easter — See Father Phil's letter, which was mailed to all parishioners. Holy Week is here!

Painting with Linda Schroeder — April 28



Grounds for Sculpture — June 3, carpooling from Flemington

CHS Picnic — June 25, Pickell Park

Somerset Patriots Play Ball! — July 9, Somerville



In The Wider Community

Hunterdon County Library Book Sale — April 22-24

Faith-based Youth Yoga — April 28 Deacon Michelleleslie is organizing (this is an ecumenical meeting for grades 8-12).

Art Throwdown — Wendy and Anne Hallstrom participating — April 30th at the Center for Contemporary Art, Bedminster. (Wendy teaches several classes at CCA - ask her about it!)

Feed My Starving Children — May 19, 20

Good News Home Golf Classic — May 22 at Beaver Brook

Memorial Day Parade — May 29, Whitehouse Station

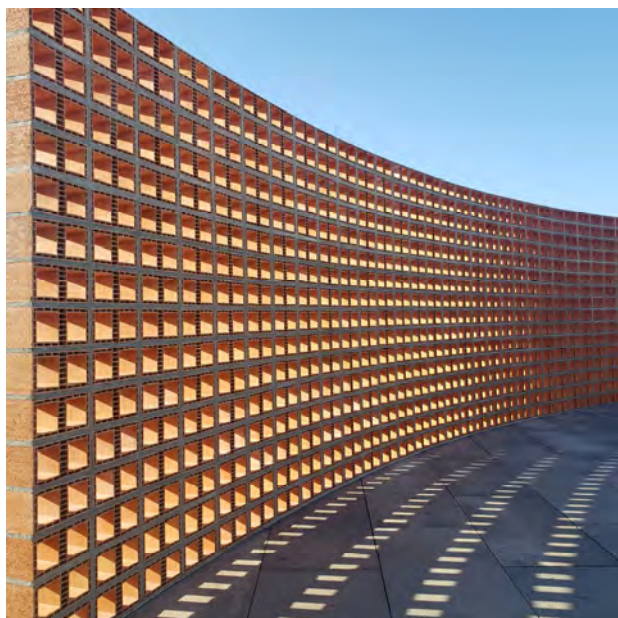


Many of the events require registration in advance. Please check if you plan to join us. Thanks as ever to Jan Paxton and John Rollins, whose expert IT support is so critical in keeping all this information flowing out to the community.

Parishioners with Cameras



I interpret signs like these, at a field across from my church, as a blessing crossing my path.
Philip Carr-Jones



Metropolitan Museum of Art: temporary exhibit on the rooftop terrace.
Rich Southwick



Rain Dance “Asking a photographer to pick [a] photo is like asking a dad to pick their favorite child! — Dave Dabour

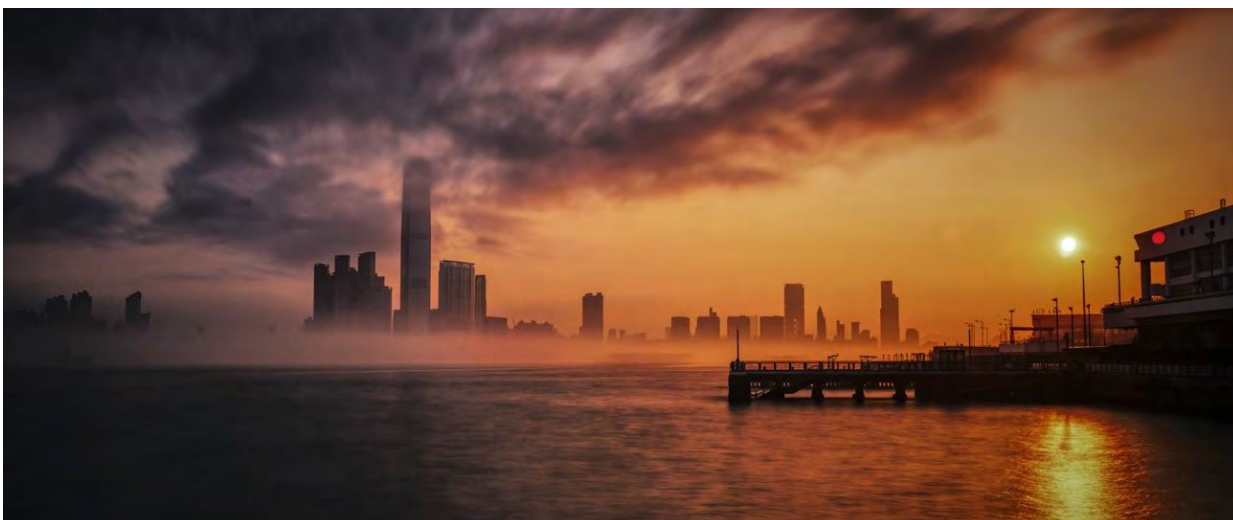
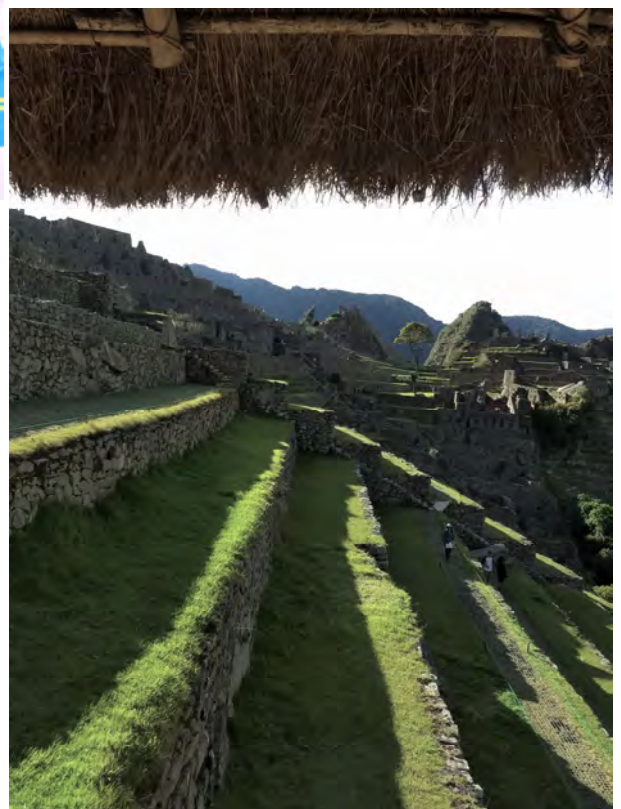


Parade Boy (Clinton with the CHS Float). Gloria Jean Waller (professional credit GJAW glorijeau)

(Right) Machu Picchu, 2018. Vicki Brooks

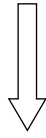
(Below)

Burnoff. Jon Babek (Singapore Harbor from ground level of the Babeks' apartment building). Jon and his family relocated to Singapore before Covid. They stay in touch with their CHS family, though, and we miss them.



Alice Springs. David Cahall 

Jean Wallace, knitter extraordinaire.
Susan Kane



Orion Nebula.
Howard Bird



PULSE OF THE PARISH

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

Blake	Masenoir	5
Patrick	Birdsall	6
Roberta	Maas-Wester	6
Rayleigh	Masenor	6
Brendan	Feeley	9
Kaylin	Feeley	9
Polly	Treut	9
Diane	Bendahmane	10
Aimee	Olsen	10
Joanne	Shallo	11
Dave	Dabour	12
Andra	Taylor	13
Jane	Anderson	15
Mollie	Gora	21
Bella	Shallo	23
Jane	Paradiso	24
Dot	Hospador	29
Sandy	Burton	30

MAY

Cynthia	Schneider	1
Colin	Gora	4
Debbie	Parker	4
Judy	Cahall	12
Matthew	Cagno	13
Peter	Wester	13
Joe	Gerish	14
David	Livingston	14
Chloe	Shive	17
Jake	Altom	20
William	Altom	20
David	Schnaudt	20
Alice	Hrebella	23
Gary	Scott	25
Katie	Higgins	27
Denise	Shaughnessy	27
Marianne	Van Deursen	27
Aubrey	Shive	31

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

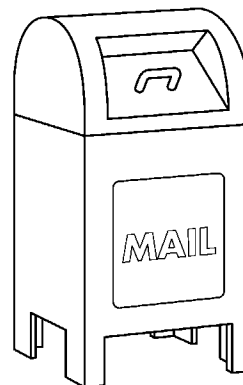
Charles Wayman, brother of Kiki Mehner
 Ernest Dorflinger, father of Linda West
 Louise Niemeyer, sister-in-law of Katie Nash (wife of her brother, Joe)

Keep in Touch: Aaron Murray is in Asia with the Peace Corps
 Barbara and Sandy Burton are in Ohio

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These folks love mail!!!



HOLD THE DATES (Please refer to the CHS Website and the email blasts and worship bulletins for details)

April 5, 20 — Vestry Meetings

The Great Three Days

April 6 — Maundy Thursday (dinner service)

April 7 — Good Friday Service Day and Liturgy (*sign up for projects*)

April 8 — 6:30 pm The Great Vigil of Easter

April 9 — Easter Sunday — services at 8 and 10

April 22-24 — Hunterdon County Library Book Sale

April 28 — Art with Linda *Registration and material fee required*

— Youth Faith-Based Yoga (see website for details) *Registration required*

May 3, 18 — Vestry Meetings

May 14 — Breakfast Sunday

May 21 — Farewell celebration for Bishop Chip

May 22 — Good News Home Golf Classic at Beaverbrook

May 27 — Pentecost Bonfire

May 29 — Memorial Day Parade, Whitehouse

June 24 — Ordination and installation of The Reverend Canon Dr. Sally French as the 13th Bishop of the NJ Diocese

June 25 — CHS Picnic at Pickell Park, Whitehouse Station. Invite your friends!!

July 8 — Patriots Game, Somerville

Recurring Meetings

Mondays	**1:00-3:00 pm. Knit/Crochet and Chat at the church
Tuesdays	**6:00 am, Bible Study (zoom link on the website) **4-5 pm Children's Communion Class
Wednesdays	**3:00 — 6:00 pm Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michelleslie Call 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE)
Thursday	**7:30 — 9:00 pm Vestry meeting, usually 3rd Thursday of the month. All welcome (see dates above)
Fridays	**10:15 am, Second Friday Prayers with CSJB **4:00 pm — 7:00 pm, Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michelleslie Call 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE)
Saturdays	**7:00—8:30 pm Youth Group Meeting
Sundays	**8:00 and 10:00 am, Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested). **9:00 am on second Sundays—breakfast between the services and Got Change Collection (see dates above) **12:00 pm — 6:00 pm, Virtual Chaplaincy with Deacon Michelleslie. Call 908-442-8063 (GIB TONE)

Meetings are held in person and/or on Facebook Live and Zoom where noted. Links are posted on the CHS Website, by email in Saturday's CHS News and in the Sunday bulletin. If you have questions or information to share, call the church at 908-236-6301 or email admin@churchholyspirit.net. While you're on the CHS website, see what else is going on. www.churchholyspirit.org Marge Keller keeps the calendar updated — thanks Marge!

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*Do you have a great idea for enriching our community? Want to find out who's who? Notice something that needs fixing? Contact any vestry member, or **just show up at a monthly meeting**. The Vestry generally meets on the first Tuesday and third Thursday of each month in the St. Julian Room (7pm).*

Check the online calendar for confirmation.