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What If We Never Know

You cannot now know the fullness of mercy,
nor the infinite extent of a grace given,
the wonder of any good work done,
nor the lament of things undone;
outcomes of wrongs and rights,
words that softened a heart,
a hand once holding a Saint,
soothing some unseen scar,
prayers to open eternity,
And a holy redemption
And restoration that
was given birth by
the Instrument
of You.

You may never know the effect within so many
commingled lives, just like the drop of water
into wine: A sign of our life into the Life.
That little unseen action at the Altar,
largely unobserved, under-considered,
contained in the chalice of Christ;
the fathomless depths of hours,
days, years and lives,
mixed, combined,
meaningful:
Meaning
Full.

When after a continuity of callings, with their trails,
patterns worn deeply from all the occasions and
after decades of pilgrimage there comes
a pause to mark the time,
but not to mark time.
There is a moment
of becoming:
Twilight
and Day
Break.

This is a respite from the known,
a walk that beckons after
an exhale of acceptance.
A breath comes in:
You're never done.
You aren't ever.
You Become.
Again and
Again.

On the Occasion of the Retirement of Fr. Jack Zamboni, friend and priest.

Philip Carr-Jones†

News:

On January 28th, The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey elected the Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French to serve as its 13th bishop. French, the first woman to be selected for the position, will be ordained on June 24th. She presently serves as Canon for Regional Ministry and Collaborative Innovation in the Diocese of North Carolina. Prior to joining diocesan staff, she spent 20 years in parish ministry, serving congregations of many sizes and types. Raised in Toronto, Canada, French earned a bachelor's degree from Trinity College, University of Toronto (Economics, History), a Master of Divinity through the Toronto School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. She was ordained in 2001. She and her husband Clarke have two children. Our current bishop, William H. "Chip" Stokes, is retiring.



Random Notes

Thanks to Liz Cannizzaro, who has joined Susan Kane in overseeing the We Care group. We're all busy, but if you have space for a new project, you might want to consider:

- † Driving someone to an appointment (add your contact information to Liz and Susan's list)
- † Taking communion to a shut-in. There are a number of folks who no longer drive or are not able to sit comfortably in church due to their physical conditions. Deacon Dot can familiarize you with Lay Ministry if you are interested.
- † Bringing a favorite dish to coffee hour or monthly breakfast.
- † Joining Knit & Chat at the church Mondays from 1-3 pm. Other areas for community and service are now displayed in the Narthex. Check them out!
- † Remember The Open Cupboard Food Pantry in the form of donations for food and household supplies, or treasures to its excellent thrift shop on Old 22. Checks are welcome: Open Cupboard Food Pantry, [PO Box 5071, Clinton 08809]. Website is [Opencupboardfoodpantry.org](https://www.opencupboardfoodpantry.org). Suzanne and Katie Higgins post periodic information about specific food/domestic items needed. You can drop food donations in the Red Wagon at CHS. By the way, Shoprite's CanCan Sale has begun!
- † And speaking of food, are you aware that we have an **indoor** farm market at the Clinton Community Center on Sundays from 10:00 am—1:00 pm? Others open year-round include: In Flemington Thursday—Saturday at the Amish Market and Saturday at Stangl Factory, and daily at Phillips Farms in Milford. All have websites that you can access for information.
- † Congratulations to our own Dave Dabour for his Best of 2022 selection in *Behind the Shutter* magazine!



What's Been Happening?



All Saints Sunday 2022
Fr. John photo



St. Nicholas and Mrs. Claus in the house!



Christmas Eve Children's Service
Dave Dabour Photo



Auction winners Laura and her daughter pick up their Christmas cookies. Andra Taylor Photo

I Bli nked

To all you parents of 20-somethings out there, this is your time to laugh, rub it in, and make the face you always make that says "I told you so" and "I'm so glad I recorded you when you said that thing 10 years ago" — all packaged into one look without actually saying it.

Did anyone else blink? I graduated college and blinked and now I am here. No one tells you when time begins to escape you. Maybe it is different for everyone. For me it happened the day I graduated. In the morning I woke up with the feeling that this one single day was the Mt. Everest of my life. I'm starting to think I was right. I reached the top that day.

Did I peak? No, I couldn't have... I'm only 22 years old, so there is no way I've peaked. Then why does it feel as if I am on the everlasting descent from the top of Everest? When I received my diploma, I was proud of myself for what I managed to accomplish between 5 major changes and 2 schools in 4 years. Now I feel like a total imposter. Questioning if I learned anything or if all I learned was to fake it 'till you make it. When I was in middle school I wanted to be on Broadway! Who knew by the end of my communications degree I'd be an amazing actress? I've questioned every bullet on my resume as if I didn't live through every second of bussing, hosting, serving, shift beers, clean hotel rooms, energy drinks, and wardrobe changes listed in 12-point font 'Playfair Display' for a bit of flair.

Fortunately, I found a job right out of college—the first one I interviewed for, in fact! Not a lot of people have the opportunity that I did and still do. I'm sure I could write an entire book on what NOT to do after graduation.

I'm quickly realizing that the "potential" for six figures in six years was not enough for me personally. I am results driven. If my actions do not have results, either I need to find a new way to proceed or change the goal. I was quickly frustrated because I chose a job that you have little to no control in and your business could at any point crumble to dust. If you know me at all I'm sure you can guess how that went over. Control might as well be my middle name.

Flash forward to now, I am a jobless owner of a \$50,000+ piece of paper who is ultimately happier since leaving her job but thinks maybe I'm not qualified to do anything besides BS a 10-page research paper, as I had to do in college.

Go to college they said... you can't make any money unless you go to college they said. THEY were WRONG. I get a doctor, lawyer, scientist, they need schooling. But I feel gipped. I feel sick to my stomach. I don't want what I wanted 5 years ago. Heck, I don't even want what I wanted 6 months ago. I wanted my degree to prove to myself that I could do it and now I don't have anything to prove my abilities because my degree can't really get me anywhere. I need 3-5 years of experience that my degree didn't give me, for an "entry" level position that requires an "expert level knowledge". And forget it if you would be perfectly content getting paid enough to live and do what you love. Forgive me if I thought that was possible.

I'm realizing that this post may sound bitter. I don't speak for all of us 20-somethings out there; however my 20's have gone from exciting new adventures toNow what am I supposed to do?

I understand why we pay so much to go to college, because even though I never thought I'd utter these words, I honestly would rather be in college than a new graduate. So to all you college juniors and seniors who are applying to grad school because the first four years of college didn't help you figure out the rest of your life, I applaud you. You realized something I did not in those four years. I still don't know how to do life. Maybe when I was mocking those self help books like "how to adult" I should have been reading them.

As a closing remark, here is the only fact I remembered from freshman year biology class. I learned that jellyfish ingest and poop from the same hole.

Thanks for reading.

Your Jobless blogger with imposter syndrome,

Harley Varga

[Ed. Note:] Harley is my older of two NJ grand-daughters. She currently lives in VA., having graduated from UNC last May. She was home briefly at Christmas. I know whatever she eventually chooses as a vocation, she'll excel. In the meanwhile, she is working to support herself and enjoying some travel—recently to Greece to visit her Navy boyfriend, I love my grands—all five of them! Can't take any credit for their DNA, but I'm so grateful and blessed to be their step-grandma! Below you'll find evidence that our college-age and beyond kids do visit occasionally, and isn't it wonderful!



Michelle Marlow photo

Holy Spirited Ghost Stories

On October 30th, members of the P6 literature group read aloud ghost stories between the services. Our "Holy Spirited Ghost Stories" are stories about Saints of the church in preparation for All Saints Day. Did you know that Halloween traces its roots to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The festival featured bonfires and folks wore costumes to ward off ghosts. November 1st was declared to be All Saints Day by Pope Gregory III in the eighth century, combining All Martyrs Day with honoring the saints. The night before became known as All Hallows Eve, and eventually just Halloween. Like many Christian traditions, All Saints and Halloween adapted pagan rituals for church purposes. In this case, the rituals associated with Samhain. (note 1 for more information)

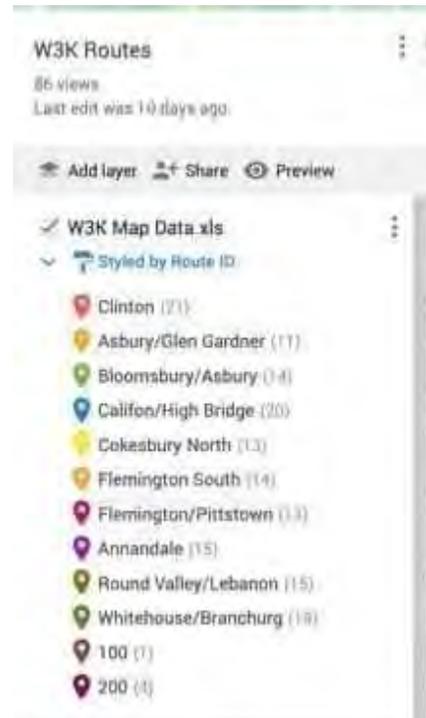
Janet Matts, G-J Waller, Roberta Maas-Wester, and I read stories about Saints Columba, Princesses Elizabeth and Mildred, Lucy and Francis of Assisi. — Wendy Hallstrom

Note 1: *Halloween 2022*, History.com editors, <https://www.history.com/topics/halloween/history-of-halloween>





Evan Wyglendowski's introduction as an acolyte. Great job, Evan! He was quick to give credit to his teacher, Chloe Shive, who shepherded him through his debut. June Filipski photo



Blessings continue through February 18th

Food for Thought?

“Over the past 100 years, while living standards have risen steadily, personal, family, and life satisfaction haven’t budged —people liberated by prosperity are not fulfilled by it—and they are resolving the paradox by searching for meaning.” — Daniel Pink , *A Whole New Mind*

(Thanks to Fr. Phil for posting on his FB page).

Brief Annual Meeting Notes

in case you weren’t with us on January 22/2023, the meeting was spirited; Email admin@churchholyspirit.net for copies of the annual report and the budget if you weren't on hand to receive them.

- Fr. Phil is now “The Very Reverend” Philip Carr-Jones with his recent selection as Dean of the Watchung Convocation....In June he will become the longest-serving priest in our diocese. WOW.
- Congratulations to Marge Keller, recipient of the second annual Holy Spirit Service Award. I’ll bet we can all agree on the choice!
- Welcome to our new vestry members and kudos to those who have served so well and faithfully. The current vestry list is displayed on the last page of this newsletter. Thanks for the tireless work of those who have stepped down:

Marge Keller

Tracy MacGeorge

Marianne Van Deursen

Ignorant Before the Heavens of My Life

Ignorant before the heavens of my life,
 I stand and gaze in wonder. Oh the vastness
 of the stars. Their rising and descent. How still.
 As if I didn't exist. Do I have any
 share in this? Have I somehow dispensed with
 their pure effect? Does my blood's ebb and flow
 change with their changes? Let me put aside
 every desire, every relationship
 except this one, so that my heart grows used to
 its farthest spaces. Better that it live
 fully aware, in the terror of its stars, than
 as if protected, soothed by what is near. — Rainer Maria Rilke



The CHS Choir in Full Voice—January 29
Eva Lesniak Photo

At the vestry retreat this past weekend, which was held at the Community of St. John the Baptist in Mendham (csjb.org), members identified Holy Spirit's ten (10) areas of ministry focus. If you are curious to find out more or feel called to get involved in one or two (or more) areas of ministry, drop your name and contact info in one of the bags (or email us at admin@churchholyspirit.net) and a member of vestry will contact you. — Eva Lesniak



Beginning Art with Whitney Wetherill — CHSchool

The first mention of Whitney Wetherill’s art class for beginners as part of the CHSchool “curriculum” appears in the September 2020 issue of The Trumpeter, which indicates that it was begun in the summer of our first Covid year. Here we are in February 2023 and not only is her class still going strong online, but the results speak for themselves. Most of the parishioners who joined early on are still “Zooming in” on her twice-weekly meetings whenever possible. The class is split between CHS members and friends in the area and as far away as Indiana (hi, Jane!). Some of the folks had never raised a brush or colored pencil before, and all of those beginner students swore that they had no talent. Hah! Thanks to Whitney for her wonderful teaching style and for proving beyond a doubt that talent knows no bounds.

Cheers to what we think is the oldest CHSchool “class” and to the enthusiastic participation of its members. Here are samples of the work of CHS parishioners. Stay tuned for a summer exhibit at the church that will include the entire class.



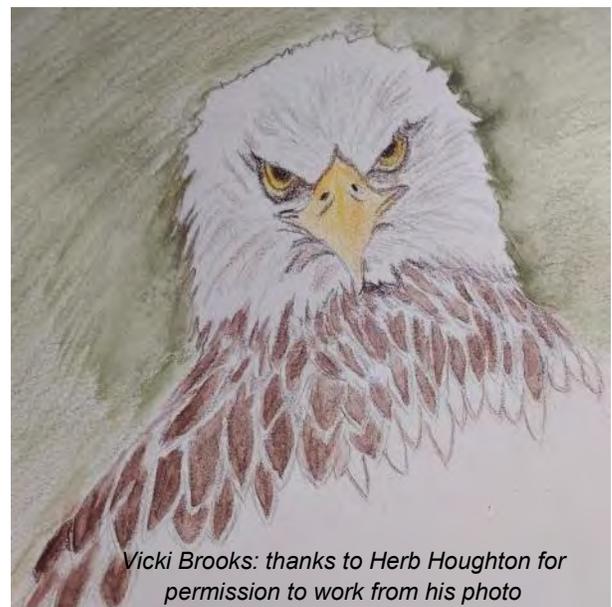
Whitney Wetherill: sample spoon drawing



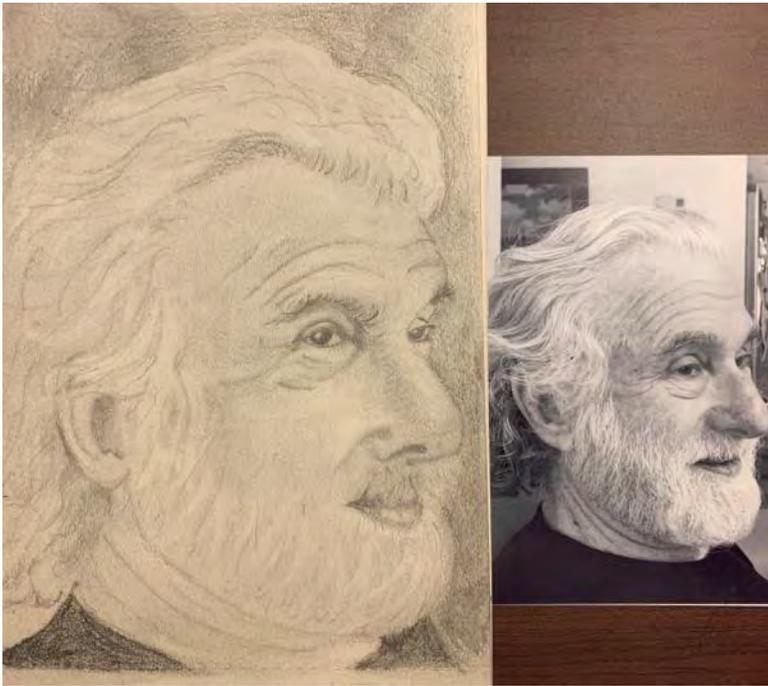
Cecilie Bulcha: Flowers



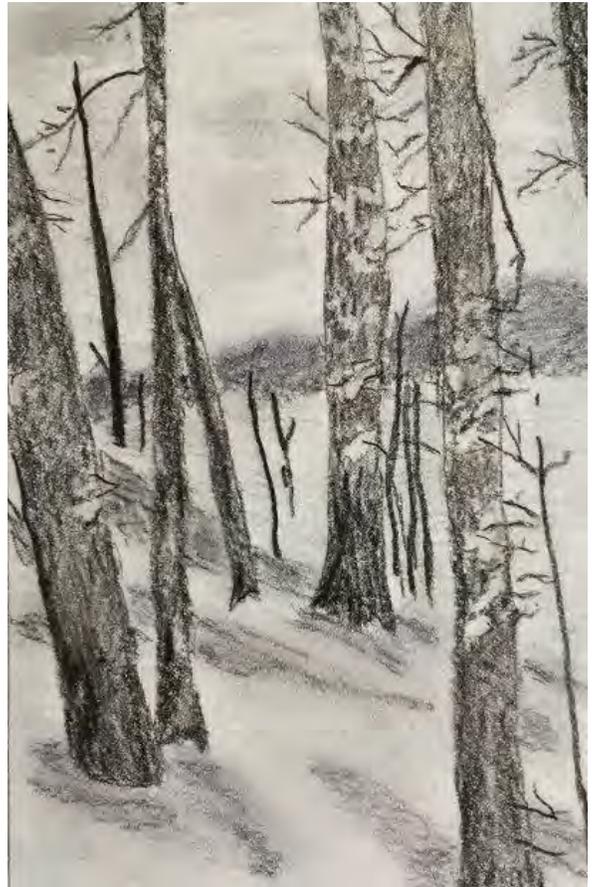
Roberta Maas Wester: Daisies



Vicki Brooks: thanks to Herb Houghton for permission to work from his photo



Judy Linger: Joe



Diane Bendahmane: Winter



Karen Holmes: Blind Contour Exercise

"What are you seeking? Expectations and Epiphany"

The theme of the latest Episcopal Church & Visual Arts online exhibition reminds us of the question Jesus asked of his first disciples (John 1:38), and a question that many persons ask on a regular basis.

I commend the exhibition <<https://ecva.org/index.html>> as a way to see how others have visually responded to the question. As the curator, Julie Bender wrote: "The artistic process is a vote for life... By spending time looking thoroughly at each entry, we will find friends."

(Full disclosure: I am the webmaster for ecva.org). — Fr. John Rollins

Pulse of the Parish

Birth days

February

Floriene	Garrabrant	2
Richard	Emmitt	4
Ellie	Curtin	7
Jack	Daniels	9
David	Marlow	9
Elizabeth	Van Veldhuisen	15
Deanne	Altom	18
Blessing	Fofana	21
Erin	Rocchietti	24
Erik	Anderson	26
Ron	Schroeder	29

March

Judy	Linger	1
Arden	Olson	1
Melissa	Olsen	6
Debbie	Canty	8
Pat	Egan	19
Rex	Van Veldhuisen	20
Eva	Lesniak	22
Ethan	Rocchietti	24
Lindsay	Wygłendowski	24
June	Filipski	28
Mary	Scott	29

Moved:

John and Susan Rivers to DE, the Mehners to TX, the Burtons to Heath Village and soon to Ohio.

We welcome into the household of God (birth announcements appeared in previous issues)

Dashiell Page Cahall, baptized December 4th

Antonia Grace Mastroianni, baptized December 27th

May They Rest in Peace

Lydia S. Eckman, mother of Jane Paradiso

Richard Haldeman, brother of June Filipski

Anna Lou McNeill, mother of Judy Linger

John C. Holt, husband of Rev. Ann Holt

Marion Staniull, mother of Karen Chardoussin

Andy Smetana, husband of Marilyn Smetana

Doris Brome, mother of Cate Brome Mattison

Making a Prayer Request

You may enter a request for prayer or thanksgiving on the CHS Website. On-line requests go to the CHS Prayer Chain. Requests sent to the church office by email (to admin@churchholyspirit.net) or phone (908-236-6301) do not. If you receive the twice-weekly emails you will find a link to prayer requests there. You can also enter a special request before the services on Sunday (check the Narthex for the sign-up sheet) and it will be included in the Prayers of the People.

Hold the Dates

February 7—March 7; 4-5 pm — Communion Class for ages 7-8. St. Julian Room

February 12 — Breakfast Sunday

February 16 — Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm

February 22 — Ash Wednesday (did you get your poster of suggestions for our Lenten journey together?)

March 4 — Diocese of NJ annual meeting

March 12 — Breakfast Sunday

March 16 — Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm

April 2 — Palm Sunday

The Great Three Days

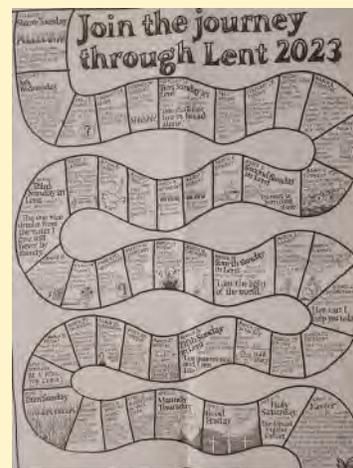
April 6 — Maundy Thursday (dinner service)

April 7 — Good Friday Service Day and Liturgy

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

April 9 — Easter Sunday — services at 8 and 10

April 20 — Vestry Meeting 7:30 pm



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) **P6 inside where it's warm (may change due to conflict with 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

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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 third Thursday of each month in the St. Julian Room (7:30 pm).*

Check the online calendar for confirmation.