



The Dove

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



Life is bristling with thorns, and I know no other remedy than to cultivate one's garden. — Voltaire

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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.

Philip Carr-Jones On the Occasion of the Retirement of Fr. Jack Zamboni, friend and priest.

This poem and the one on the next page have appeared in The Dove before. They bear repeating, especially as we all prepare our farewells to Fr. Phil. Now begins his transition to a life that will, by the grace of God, provide him and his family more time to enjoy each other, new adventures and some well-earned leisure. I suspect Fr. Phil has revisited both of these writings in recent weeks (actually, I was just informed that he used this one as the opening prayer at the most recent vestry meeting). Photo on page 2 taken on May 19, Pentecost Sunday 2024 — Ed.

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.

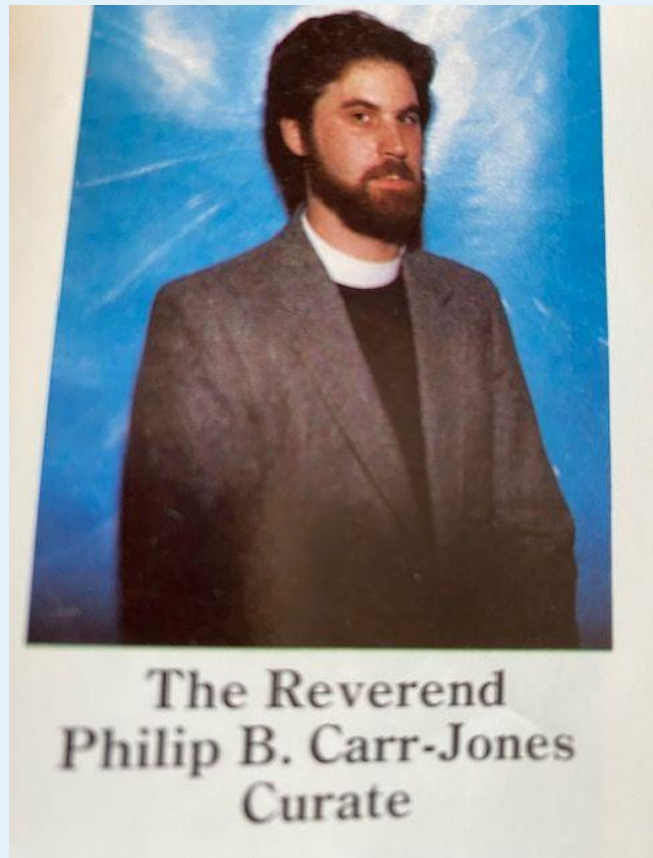


Photo taken at St. Peter's Perth Amboy nearly four decades ago. Provided by Fr. Rod Croes, the rector then.

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

We Care

WE CARE met on Sunday, May 5. Susan and I wanted to thank the team for their amazing response to requests that go out. It's incredible how an email request goes out and quickly volunteers jump in to meet the need, showing that WE CARE really does care.

John Andrews brought up restarting Lay Eucharistic Visitors to take communion to those who are home bound. Deacon Dot volunteered to train and organize any parishioners interested in the LEV ministry. WE CARE will advise Dot of those who might like communion brought to them.

John has a therapy dog, Ella, a beautiful collie. He offered to take her to visit anyone who might like a meeting with a furry friend. If you or somebody you know would like this, please let us know below.

If WE CARE can help in any way, please reach out to Susan Kane (sueandbob95@gmail.com) 908-528-1788 or Liz Cannizzaro (jemcan1@comcast.net) 908-797-0020.

[Eva Lesniak's photo, above, shows only some of the many volunteers who attended this meeting between the services.] The group currently has about two dozen members who help out as they are able with visits, chauffeur service, meals, calls and notes. If you'd like to join, there are no rules about how many times you are available or for the type of kindness you can offer. And you need not answer a request if you know it's not for you.



Liz Cannizzaro

Ascension Thursday Bonfire, May 9

Three years worth of old Pascal candles, tattered prayer books and desiccated blessed palms were dispatched with love at this wonderful bonfire; those in attendance then shared a potluck supper with the choir before their weekly rehearsal.



Mother's Day Breakfast May 12

On Mother's Day, families gathered to produce a pancake and bacon feast between the services to benefit our taste buds and the youth programming at CHS. Nearly \$300 was raised to aid the children in their fellowship and service endeavors in the '24-'25 school year. Thank you to all who attended and contributed!

Lindsay Wyglendowski

Photo by Alison Schnaudt



Confirmation

On Saturday May 18th, four of our members were confirmed at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton. Grayson was sponsored by Chris Wyglendowski, Luke by Michelle Marlow, Lily by Janet Matts, and Jasmine by Meg McKenna. Fr. Phil and Deacon Dot, along with many family members, gathered to celebrate these special teens. Ten churches from around the diocese attended the Pentecost-weekend service. The families enjoyed Fr. Phil's brief explanation of his September 11th memorial votive table and sitting area in the cathedral space. (see photo of the table on page 10)

Lindsay Wyglendowski

Low Country Boil

The Cajun Chef (aka Fr. Phil) fulfilled his 2023 Auction offering of another fabulous Low Country Boil on Saturday evening, May 18th. He has contributed more of these than his 37 years at Holy Spirit — somewhere around 55? — and they have all been spectacular. What a lot of love goes into each one, as evidenced in this Janet Matts photo of the flaming Bananas Foster being readied as the finale. Laissez les bon temps rouler!



Pentecost

Sunday May 19th we welcomed Noelle into the household of God at the 10:00 service (see page 2 for a baptismal photo). Afterwards we shared a wonderful cake with the new confirmands, Noelle and their proud families. (Note the timely red and white icing).

Children's Formation held a joyful party in Dove Hall to celebrate the end of our school year together. Red balloons abounded and pink strawberry/orange/banana smoothies were enjoyed. Our gatherings will resume in September.

Lindsay Wyglendowski

Please Share Your Opinions About Our Future

The CHS Community of Faith is invited to a conversation hosted by the Rector Search Committee to share your thoughts about our future rector — **whether or not you completed the survey**.

Join us at any of three in-person gatherings to be held at the church over the next 10 days. We will meet in Dove Hall or in another church location should circumstances dictate.

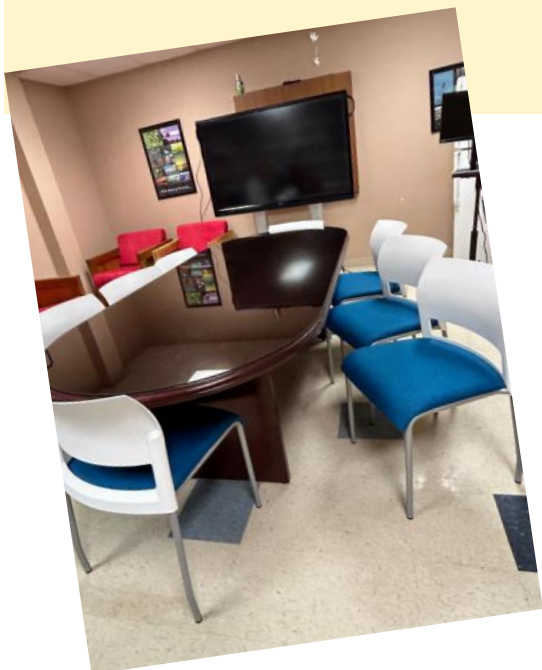
The dates are:

Monday June 3, 7:00-8:00 pm

Sunday June 9, 11:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday June 11, 7:00-8:00pm.

No RSVP necessary. Thank you in advance for your consideration.



Rex A. vanVeldhuisen

Thank You!

If you look around CHS, you will notice a number of new items, comfortable, matching chairs in the St. Martin and St. Julian rooms (what, we don't have to sit on that crazy assortment anymore!???) as well as a very large computer monitor to be used for Zoom calls, movies for the Youth Group, etc., in the St. Julian room. Additionally, there are new folding tables and chairs in the closet in Dove Hall. A big round of applause to Diane Hrozencik and her friend John who made that possible with many trips back and forth to the Johnson and Johnson facility to pick them up and deliver them.

Thank you Diane, John and to J&J for continuing to make CHS more comfortable!!! We appreciate you!!

Janet Matts

June is LGBTQ Pride Month

From the Episcopal Church headquarters comes word of a new Pride logo.

Pride month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. This was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States.

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Around the Area

Stockton Market

The Stockton Market, once a fixture near the Delaware River, had a year-round farmers market that at its high point had 30 vendors. From *My Central Jersey* comes word that the market will reopen by late this month at 19 Bridge Street as a single vendor, but will offer many of the goods that were previously available at separate stalls. Current plans call for the market to be open from 8:00am-6:00pm Wednesday through Sunday.

Other Local Markets:

We hope you're enjoying fresh produce from the area's many local farm stalls and buildings. The asparagus this spring has been lovely, and we hear that Phillips Farms in Milford is now offering you-pick strawberries if you're of a mind to get your own. If you have a favorite market, let me know and I'll list it next month.

Wild Fest 2024

A festival to benefit Woodlands Wildlife Refuge is planned for Sunday, June 23 from 12:00-6:00pm at the Clinton Elks Lodge, 205 Sydney Road. There will be food trucks, live bands, and lots of fun for the kids, including face painting, balloon animals, giant bubbles, a pond for fishing, and lawn games. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, but leave your own food at home, please. Tickets are \$10 per person for adults; kids 12 and under are free. Check out the 501C3 website, www.wild-fest.org, for more information.

Lebanon Township Fire Department Carnival, June 19-22

More than 20 rides, lots of food trucks, games, and Friday night fireworks are on the agenda for this annual fête. Another great start to summer!



McCoy Landscaping.

This local firm can create new outdoor living spaces for you or maintain the ones you already have. They offer regular maintenance, can create new garden areas and are well versed in using both annuals and perennials for color and contrast. {Ed note: one of their staff, Connor McGeary, is a family friend. He is fairly new to the business and is taking regular classes to bolster his knowledge.} The company is very near CHS at 67 Haytown Road and is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. Check out their website, www.mccoylandscaping.com for more information.



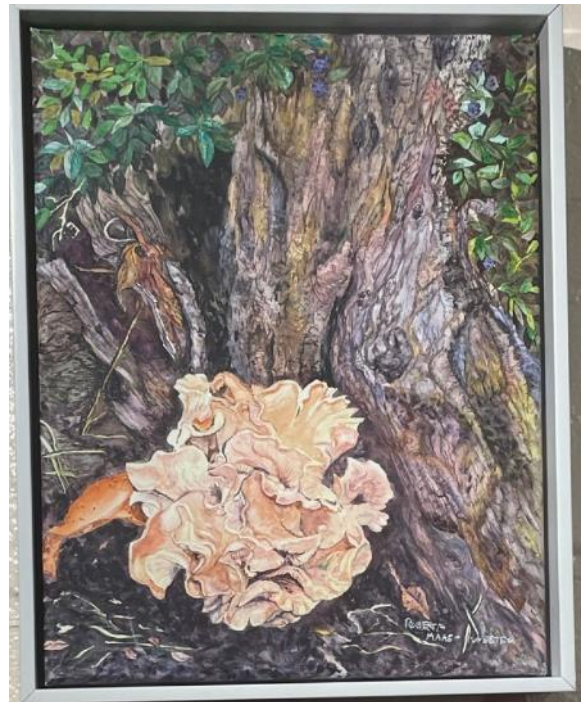
CHS Artists Abound



Trees

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing
breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.
Joyce Kilmer, 1913

Photo by Jaime Lyn Gora



[Above, Left] June Filipski received First Place at the Hunterdon Senior Art Show for her photograph, "Caught You Peeking." In September, this photograph will be entered into the state contest. [Right] Roberta Maas-Wester was awarded Second Place in her category for this lovely watercolor, Mushroom. These and other works are on view at the Flemington Senior Center through June 28th; in July and August, each artist will have one piece on display at the Hunterdon County Courthouse, and in September at the Hunterdon County Library HQ on Route 12.

Birthdays

JUNE

Owen	Feeley	6	3
Jasmine	Marlow	6	3
Cate	Mattison	6	6
Paul	Chardoussin	6	9
Barbara	Livingston	6	10
Chris	Wygkendowski	6	11
Jordan	Altom	6	16
Tracy	MacGeorge	6	16
Suzanne	Higgins	6	18
Jennifer	Feeley	6	19
Bintou	Fofana	6	20
Lossenie	Fofana	6	20
Robert	Zeh	6	21
Karen	Chardoussin	6	24
Andy	Follansbee	6	24
Evan	Wygkendowski	6	25
David	Cahall	6	30

JULY

Alyssa	vanVeldhuisen	7	2
Gabrielle	Bolarakis	7	4
Gina	Shaughnessy	7	4
Dorothy	Deitz	7	5
Anne	Simpson	7	9
Amy	Schmelz	7	10
Chuck	Bierswirth	7	13
Anne	Hallstrom	7	15
Judy	Emmitt	7	16
Jeff	Gora	7	18
Ed	Filipski	7	18
Charles	Van Deursen	7	24
Joseph	Rocchietti	7	24
Sally	Bird	7	28
Caroline	Fofana	7	30
Susan	Hager	7	31
Oscar	Jones	7	31



The welded 9/11 Memorial Luminary Table crafted by Fr. Phil for Trinity Cathedral in Trenton.

JUNE-JULY DATES TO NOTE [COMMUNITY EVENTS IN BOLD]

JUNE

- 1 — **Feed My Starving Children, Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick**
- 2 — Special Welcome Newcomers service and coffee hour following; 10:00am
- 3 — Community Conversation about the future 7:00-8:00pm at the church
Caregiver Support Group ZOOM meeting, 7:00pm
- 9 — Community Conversation about the future 11:30am-12:30pm
Help complete the Care Parcel Project for HMC in Dove hall (after 10:00am service)
- 10 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm
- 11 — Community Conversation about the future, 7:00-8:00pm at the church [last chance]
- 16 — Father's Day Breakfast, 9:00-10:00am [**Pot Luck**]
- 19 — **Juneteenth**
- 20 — Vestry Meeting, 7:00-9:00pm
- 23 — Father Phil presides at his last service as Rector.
- 24 — Sangha Meditation in the Sanctuary, 6:30-7:15pm
- 25 — **General Convention of the Episcopal Church with Election of the new Presiding Bishop**
- 27 — Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 29 — **A PARTY TO CELEBRATE 37 YEARS, 4:00pm—??**

JULY

- 14 — Diocesan Choir Camp begins (ends on Thursday the 18th)
- 15 — Larry Grantham Charity Golf Classic (benefits Freedom House); at Fiddler's Elbow
- 20 — Take Me Out to the Ballgame: CHS at the Somerset Patriots — again!!!

RECURRING MEETINGS

- Mondays — 1:00-3:00pm, Knit/Crochet and Chat at the church
- Tuesdays — 7:00am, Bible Study at The Spinning Wheel Diner
9:00am-noon, Father Phil Office Hours
7:30-9:00pm—Theology on Tap (all Mondays in June)
- Wednesdays —9:00am-noon, Father Phil Office Hours
7:00-8:30pm Theology on Tap, St. Martin Room and Zoom
- Third Thursdays — Vestry; 7:00-9:00pm Regular meeting open to all—check website for special Zoom link.
- Fridays — 10:15am, Second Friday Prayers with CSJB
- Sundays — 8:00 & 10:00 am, Virtual or in-person services (Eucharist can be delivered at home if requested).
9:30 & 11:15am, Choir Rehearsal, St. Francis

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