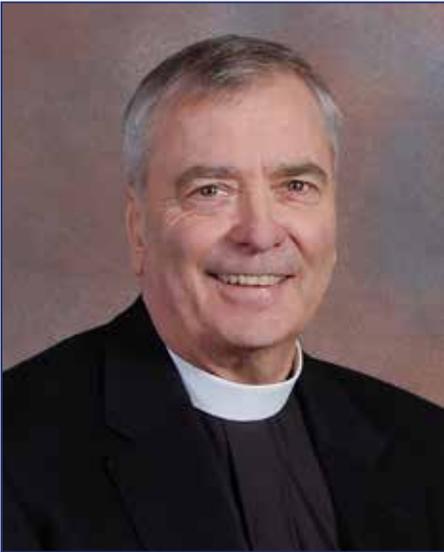
A vibrant field of yellow daffodils in full bloom, stretching towards a horizon under a clear sky. The flowers are the central focus, with some in sharp focus in the foreground and others blurred in the background, creating a sense of depth. The green stems and leaves of the flowers are visible, adding texture to the scene.

The Epistle

April, 2019

A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

The soul grows by subtraction, not addition. It's letting go of the story we have about ourselves. Our story keeps us in prison. It causes us to do damage to ourselves.

Church looks like taking on responsibilities. No! It's letting go of our story.

Warmly,

Father Stephen

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The actions of the Little Lamb, Shepherd's Haven, and Thrift Shoppe Management Groups were ratified. The report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit.

- The Income & Expense Report for the period ending February 28, 2019 was distributed.

-The 2016 Audit is complete. The 2017 and 2018 Audits will be done by a parishioner.

-Bill Calcagno was a guest at the Vestry meeting. There was a discussion about handicap accessibility. Several options are being explored.

-The Blood Drive was successful. Twenty-eight units of blood were collected.

-We will start working on a new photo directory. Everyone will be encouraged to have an updated photo taken.

The minutes of the Vestry meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall as they become available. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Treasurers Commentary for February 28, 2019

- Expenses exceeded income this month by about \$16,500
- Income (Year to date) is below budget by about \$1,300.
- Total Expenses are over budget (YTD) by about \$2,800.
- Net (YTD) is about - \$25,100



Holy Week and Easter Services

Thursday, April 18, Maundy Thursday, service at 7:30 pm.

Friday, April 19, Good Friday, service at 12:00 pm and Mary's Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm.

Saturday, April 20, Jazz Concert in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm and The Great Vigil of Easter, service at 7:30 pm.

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:00 am Holy Communion,

9:30 am Festival Holy Communion & Music, with hypoallergenic incense

11:00 am Family Celebration of Holy Communion & Music

He who knows not and knows not that he knows not,

He is a fool - shun him;

He who knows not and knows he knows not,

He is simple - teach him;

He who knows and knows not he knows,

He is asleep - wake him;

He who knows and knows he knows,

He is wise - follow him.

An Arabian Proverb

Submitted by Deacon Barbara

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

On Good Friday at 7:30 pm we will be reading "Mary's Way of the Cross" by Richard Furey. This version of the Stations of the Cross is amazing. In these stations we see through Mary's eyes what Jesus was going through on the way of Calvary. It shows the full humanity and divinity of Jesus as well as the conflict within Mary as she sees the inevitable happen to her son. It is impossible to read this without being moved.

Christ Church T-Shirts for Sale

T-shirts with a Christ Church logo are available to be purchased. Take a look at the shirt in the Guild Hall. It is a nice quality grey t-shirt with a black logo in the corner. Sizes small, medium and large are \$10 each. The extra-large size is \$12 each. There are also a couple of polo style t-shirts that are \$25 each. You can give your payment to Sue Helm or Alison Thornhill, or leave it in the Parish Office labeled for t-shirts.

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Sunday School Update

March continued to bring cold weather and lots of snow! Despite the cold, many parishioners managed to attend the Wild Game Night on March 10th, an annual event hosted by Bill Calcagno. As has become the tradition at the Wild Game Night, a collection was taken to support this year's Sunday School Outreach Fundraiser, which is the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. We were thrilled and inspired by the amount raised, which was about \$1,200 for this worthy cause! Kudos to Bill, all of those who helped at the dinner, and all who chipped in! We cannot thank you all enough! The Sunday School also hosted our own Fundraiser this Spring; the annual Easter candy sale. Who doesn't love candy? So we hope that everyone had the opportunity to buy lots of delicious homemade chocolate to celebrate the Easter holiday! Also the annual Food Drive for St. Mary's is upcoming so please support the Sunday School by bring in many bags of food so the food pantry can help feed those who are in need. It must be terrible to be hungry, or know your loved ones are hungry, so let's try to show them how much we care by feeding

them! It is an age-old tradition! We hope you enjoy the Spring weather as everyone prepares for Easter. We look forward to a joyous Easter Sunday. If you have any questions or concerns about the Sunday School, please contact a Sunday School Superintendent: Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania and Debbie Onderlinde

*Superintendents: Karen Cahill,
Louise Hanania and
Debbie Onderlinde.*

Christ Church in our Community

On Sunday, March 17th, parishioners signed a card of concern and condolences for the Muslim Community Center on Passaic Ave. in solidarity after the massacre in New Zealand. Father Stephen delivered the card and a bouquet of flowers to the center the following Tuesday.



Choir Fund Raiser

We still want your electronics! The choir is still collecting electronics to recycle. We need old phones, Ipads, Ipods, hand-held games and of course used printer cartridges. The phones bring the most return but please remember to wipe them clean before you turn them in to us. We don't want your personal information to be vulnerable. Just bring in the old stuff and drop it in our box in the office. It's a win-win. They get recycled and we get some cash for new music.



Openings for New Clients at Shepherd's Haven

We would like to cordially invite you to come and spend time with us at Shepherd's Haven. We are a non-profit activity and social center, where there is good food, great conversations and a lot of laughs. Our clients are great at trivia, enjoy painting, bingo, gardening, cooking, and games of skill and so much more. Come and meet some new people, our fabulous volunteers, and excellent staff. We are offering you a free day, with no obligations. We would love to see you and share with you a fun filled day. We are open Monday through Friday until 3:30pm. Call Leigh at 973-835-4747.

Parish Family Birthdays-April

If you have not yet informed the parish office of your birthdate, please call Maureen at 973-835-2207.

- 1 - Jenny Bogert
- 2 - Anthony Longo
- 6 - Joe Blauvelt
- 6 - Terry Kearney
- 9 - Bruce Gottheiner
- 12 - Sean Porter
- 13 - Denise Pugsley
- 15 - Bill Sondermeyer
- 19 - Melanie Liston
- 26 - Pennie Waltz
- 26 - Jessica Kida Swanson
- 28 - Danielle Geresi
- 29 - Andy Shaw

Looking ahead to May Birthdays:

- 1 - Matt Hanania
- 1 - Tammy Buginsky
- 2 - Shannon Stewart
- 6 - Joel Finger
- 6 - Kevin Elliott
- 7 - Don Bogert
- 7 - Tim Helm
- 7 - Alexis Braun
- 7 - Nicole Braun
- 9 - Amanda Wolfson
- 13 - Lori Spataro
- 16 - Sophia Novak
- 18 - Kirsten Shepard
- 18 - Grace Thornhill
- 20 - Kathy Shepard
- 22 - Cindy LoBue
- 22 - Trevor Elliott
- 23 - Patricia Kida
- 25 - Chrissy Wolfson
- 27 - Stephanie Conklin
- 29 - Alison Thornhill
- 30 - Jeff Cahill
- 31 - John Miller
- 31 - Florence Loscalzo



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Christ Church is having a Krispy Kreme fundraiser. They offer a variety of doughnuts and coffee to suit your taste. You can order fresh Krispy Kreme Original Glazed doughnuts for a price of \$10 per dozen. They also offer special varieties of doughnuts for \$11 per dozen, available in Chocolate Iced, Lemon Filled, Raspberry Filled and Kreme Filled. Krispy Kreme Signature Coffee is \$9 for a 12 oz. bag, available in Rich, Smooth and Decaf. Order forms can be found in the Vestry Room and in the Parish Office. You can place your orders until April 17 for delivery in the end of April. If you have any questions, see Alison Thornhill or call the Parish Office at 973-835-2207.

Food for Friends

The second Sunday of each month is the traditional day to receive your contributions of canned or packaged food stuff and for personal hygiene items for distribution through our Food for Friends program. Items may be placed in baskets at the baptismal font or in the Children's Chapel. You may also bring items any time during the month and leave them by the box in the Guild Hall.





Neighborhood Initiative

YOU are the reason for the Neighborhood Initiative. When life happens, it means a lot to have a neighbor nearby who is connected to your parish community and ready to serve you. Increasingly, Christ Church participants are finding this true. One of the joys of serving each other and our communities is that needs, small or large, brief or over a long-term, can be addressed through the network of neighborhoods created by the Outside In/Inside Out Commission of the Vestry. Neighborhood Leaders cross-reference resources with each other and are building a web of compassion. Here is the current list of Neighborhood Leaders who meet quarterly to discuss and plan how best to serve our 15 neighborhoods. Please let us know if your town is not represented. Feel free to call your Neighborhood Leader just to say hello or thanks for being there!

- **Bloomington/Butler/Kinnelon** - Karen Bogert - 973-634-0190
- **GlenRock/North Haledon/Totowa** - Marianne Taylor - 201-741-8825

- **Haskell/Wanaque** - Joyce McDiarmid - 862-262-0719
- **Oakland/Wyckoff/Franklin Lakes** - Geri Sheehan - 201-337-7395
- **Pompton Lakes, Christ Church area** - Nancy Dalzell - 973-202-7704
- **Pompton Lakes, Colfax** - Matt & Louise Hanania - 973-616-1604
- **Pompton Lakes Hamburg Turnpike North** - Alison Thornhill - 973-886-9728
- **Pompton Lakes, Hamburg Turnpike North** - Mary Ann Salerno-Fitzgerald - 973-835-6553
- **Pompton Plains/Pequanock** - Megan & Kat Menezes - 201-575-9459
- **Ringwood** - Joan Van Splinter - 973-856-4978
- **Ringwood** - Sue Helm - 973-856-2129
- **Riverdale** - Bette Davis - 973-809-1384
- **Wayne** - Packanack Lake, Preakness - Cindy LoBue - 973-694-7813
- **Wayne** - Sheffield - Barbara Hazelwood - 973-696-4966
- **West Milford/Stockholm/Oak Ridge/Hewitt** - Barbara & Karl Schinke - 973-557-5465
- **Foreigners & Travelers** (SW Morris Cty/Somerset County/Princeton and beyond) - Andy Shaw - 973-927-0202



Wellness Ministry

On every first and third Sunday monthly, Carole Turner, RN will be available in the Guild Hall at 8:45 a.m. to check blood pressures and help anyone with health-related questions. Carole has been an emergency room nurse, a missionary nurse in Zimbabwe, a school nurse, and summer camp medical professional for the Girl Scouts. A member of the vestry here at Christ Church and on the Outside In/Inside Out Commission, Carole has made healing her mission in life. Recently she told us: "I welcome suggestions from anyone about health-related topics our community wants to hear about or support groups folks would be interested in or feel there is a need for. We have plans to begin a bereavement program this fall, including a support group." If you have ideas or messages for Carole Turner, leave a note in her mailbox outside the church office door or give the idea to Maureen in the office. And as Carole likes to say, "Be Well!"

Open Enrollment at Little Lamb Children's Center

Little Lamb Children's Center is now accepting enrollment for all ages, 3 months to Kindergarten. Little Lamb, open all year from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm, provides a safe and caring learning environment for your children. We are a State licensed, air-conditioned facility with an enclosed outdoor play yard. For information, registration forms and rates contact the director at 973-835-2236 or littlelambcc@gmail.com

Luxury Vacations in Mexico and the Dominican Republic

Luxurious accommodations await you at fabulous resorts in both Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Prices are extremely affordable. Dates and accommodations are quite flexible. Advance planning is advisable. For pricing, availability, and accommodation details please see or call Cheryl Finger at 973-723-5044.



Personalized Cards

If you are looking for a convenient way to send out cards to friends, family, and/or business relations...look no further!

Order personalized cards with your name or signature printed directly on the card and return address printed directly on the envelope! This is a huge time-saving convenience!

Best of all, these cards are offered at a 20% discount and, in addition, Christ Church receives 7% back on the order...making your order a win-win for everyone.

The entire line of cards are available online for perusal at www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com. On the website, you will be able to select a stock verse or create your own, select typestyles, and personalize it

further by adding your name.

There are cards available for all budgets – go on, have some fun! Call Cheryl Finger with any questions or if assistance is needed at 973-616-0309.

To preview products online:

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Our Communal Kitchen

There are many of us who use the kitchen at the church. Those who do should bear in mind the following guidelines:

- Leave the kitchen the way you found it. Everything should be cleaned, hand-dried, and put away. The counters and work surfaces should be clean and free of clutter. It's really nice to come into a clean kitchen.
- If you use cloth towels it would be greatly appreciated if you can bring them home, add them to your own laundry, and return them.
- Make sure the refrigerator doors are completely closed.
- Lock all lockable cabinets before your departure.
- Your help with maintenance is greatly appreciated since there is no particular person in charge of our kitchen; therefore, we all are. Thank you in advance!



The Thrift Shoppe

at 420 *One Step Up*



The Thrift Shoppe would like to invite you to visit our page on Facebook and on Yelp. We are in the process of trying to find new ways of advertising and are hoping to get you to help. If you are on Facebook or yelp, please visit our site and give us a review and Like our page. Please share our page with your Facebook friends. Our volunteers work very hard for an amazing cause and we want everyone to know about us!

The Thrift Shoppe is open Tuesdays from 3:15 pm until 7:00 pm, Thursdays from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Donations can be left in the shed located in the church parking lot to the right of the permanent storage shed. It is clearly marked with a sign for Thrift Shoppe drop-offs. The Thrift Shoppe is always in need of shopping bags. For more information please call Florence at 973-962-6289 or 925-640-3421.

Florence Loscalzo

A Jazz Concert to Celebrate Easter!

Saturday April 20

Christ Church Pompton Lakes

6 – 7:15pm in the Parish Hall

Church Service following at 7:30pm

About the Performers:

Arturo on Acoustic Guitar: Arturo is a well-known, local jazz guitarist. He has been playing guitar since he was 12 and performing since he was 13. He writes all of the arrangements that the band performs and also manages the sound system. Be sure to listen for his subtle, unique style that creates the foundation for the performance and highlights all of the musicians.

Anton Denner on Saxophone/Flute: Anton has worked with luminaries like Ray Charles, Rosemary Clooney, Rita Moreno, and Carol Channing, as well as an A-list of jazz artists including: Clifford Jordan, Mel Lewis, Al Foster, Terrel Stafford, Bill Stewart, and Dave Stryker. Anton's flute and saxophone can currently be heard on the acclaimed PBS educational TV series "Peg + Cat."

Jim Jacobus on Drums: Jim has been an active member of the New Jersey music scene for over fifty years. A protégé of his late friend and mentor jazz legend, Joe Morello, Jim has shared the stage with acts such as Earth, Wind and Fire, Rare Earth, Blue Oyster Cult and more. He currently performs regularly with outstanding local talents such as guitarist Arturo, vocalist Brynn Stanley, trumpeter Gordon James, and bassist Jeff Brown, among others.

Laura L. Wootton on Vocals: Laura is a writer, yoga teacher and singer. She started performing at the end of 2017, shortly after meeting Arturo. His musicianship and mentorship encouraged her to embrace her gentle, understated singing style. She is grateful for every opportunity to perform with such talented musicians.



Donations accepted but not required.

All offerings will be directed to our Syrian family, The Kanaans. They live in a church-sponsored home in Kearny. They have 5 children ranging in ages from 3-19 and have been extremely grateful for our past support.

Baptisms

March 24

Rowan Lawrence McCann

March 31

Gabriela Rose Trokan

Nursery Attendant

We once again have an attendant in the Nursery on Sundays during the 9:30 am service, where you may leave your little ones in capable hands if you so choose.

Financial Clerks Needed

Volunteers are needed to be Financial Clerks, those who count and deposit the Sunday offering. If you are interested, please see Bruce Hetzel, or call him at 973-800-2725.

Craig's List for Christ Church

If you have an item you would like to sell or donate, you can post it on the bulletin board on the wall outside of the kitchen door entering the Guild Hall. It's like a Craig's List for Christ Church! Remember, one man's trash is another man's treasure!

Please contact Andy Shaw for a prize if you were able to read this!



Prepaid Grocery Cards

A free donation

When you buy a prepaid card for ShopRite or Stop & Shop, Christ Church receives a donation of 5% of its value. Yet you still receive the whole face value of the card – you're donating for free! Like any prepaid card from a specific company, there are no additional fees and you don't have to use the entire card at one time. Don't shop at these grocery stores yourself? Since everyone has to eat, the cards make good gifts – including to Shepherd's Haven or Food for Friends. \$25 and \$50 cards are available from Pat O'Connor during the 8:00 coffee hour and Maureen Kilian in the church office during the week. Please purchase with a check or exact change. Thank you!

Cards of Remembrance

Cards of remembrance are for those who, on the death of a friend, desire to send a memorial offering to Christ Church, instead of sending flowers. The cards are available through the Parish Office.

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