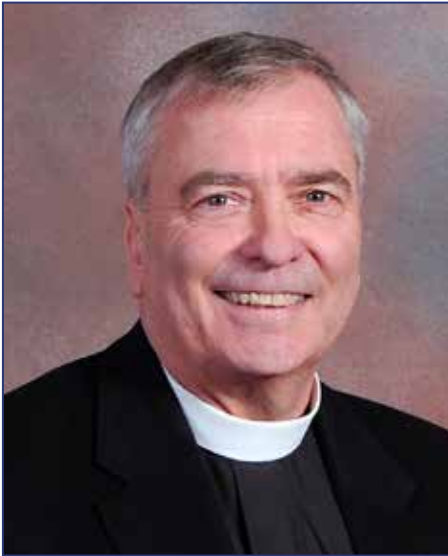


# The Epistle

*June, 2018*



## A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

There will be a new addition in the printed version of our Sunday liturgy. After the Confession – “Most merciful God...” and the Absolution – “Almighty God...forgive you all your sins...” the addition will be “Thank you God for forgiving me. I accept your forgiveness.”

It has taken me all these years to realize forgiveness is not forgiveness until I’ve declared it! The gift of forgiveness isn’t a gift until I have received the gift. Otherwise, it resides with the giver (God.) Have you ever asked for forgiveness for the same offense more than once? Doesn’t that suggest you haven’t accepted forgiveness?

Believe it or not, this has been a huge breakthrough in my spiritual life! I no longer carry around some of that old “stuff,” which used to burden me. God has forgiven me; I’ve accepted (and declared) myself forgiven. Yes, I trust you, God, that you forgive. Thank you for forgiving me. I accept your forgiveness.

Take this on in your own spiritual journey, and notice how freeing it is!

*Warmly*

*Father Stephen*

## May Vestry Meeting Highlights:

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The actions of the Little Lamb, Shepherd’s Haven and the Thrift Shoppe Management Groups were ratified. The report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit.

- The Income & Expense Report for the period ending April 30, 2018 was distributed.

- The 2015 Audit is complete. The 2016 Audit is in process.

- There was discussion about having more adult education and fellowship events including the possibility of a men’s outing.

- There will be a Mother’s Day/Father’s Day pot luck brunch on June 17.

- There will be a meeting on June 26 at 6:30 pm to brainstorm about fundraisers.

- Mass in the Grass and Parish Picnic will be on July 22.

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, June 26, 2018.

## Diocese of Newark Elects XI Bishop

The Reverend Carlye J. Hughes was chosen XI Bishop of the Diocese of Newark during a special convention on May 19, 2018 at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Morristown. Hughes, 59, is the first woman and first African-American to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Newark. Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, Hughes will be ordained and consecrated September 22, 2018, at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside.



## 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.

## In A World Of Need

*In a world where  
many are lonely*

*we thank you for friends  
and family.*

*In a world where  
many are captive,*

*we thank you for our freedom.*

*In a world where  
many are hungry,*

*we thank you for provision.*

*We pray that you will  
enlarge our sympathy,*

*Deepen our compassion*

*And give us grateful hearts,*

*In Christ's name. Amen.*

By Terry Waite, Englishman

Held captive 5 years by Hezbollah,  
mostly in solitary confinement, chained  
to a wall 23 1/2 hours each day.

*"His faith was essential to the wellness  
He came out with. They could chain  
his body but never his brain"*

Submitted by Deacon Barbara



## Christ Church is on Facebook

Christ Church is now on  
Facebook. Go to [www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton) to become a fan.

## Calling all Garage Sale People!

We need your help! This year's garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, July 14th. The Chairs are Alison Thornhill and Nancy Dalzell – any Q's – just find us and ask...

We are in need of the following:

**Donations** – You drop it, we sell it! Items needed include: jewelry, hand bags, brick-a-brac, tools, dishes, cups, mugs, books, records, cd's, dvd's, toys, sports equipment, and other household items you might find at a garage sale. The only clothing we will sell is baby clothing but feel free to donate other items in good condition to Florence next door at the Thrift Shop. Please donate all items to the Guild Hall, back by the fireplace area. Donation cut-off date is Sunday July 8th. We cannot accept furniture unless it is a small item such as a chair or side table, or unless you can come pick it up if it does not sell. All items that do not sell are donated to the Veteran's and their truck will not accept large items.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

**Kitchen Crew** - We need a manager, purchaser, and cooks - there will never be too many cooks for our kitchen!

**Sorting/Pricing** - Volunteers needed to sort, clean, arrange, and price the items as they come in.

**Cashiers** - Math minded people are needed the day of the event to work our various cashier stations (3-4 total).

**Sellers/Floor managers** - Several people are needed to simply walk the floor the day of the event, assist customers, arrange tables as items are sold, and help out in general.

**Clean up Crew** - Have to work that day? No problem, we need a crew at 3:30pm to clean up, bag up, and deliver the unwanted items to the dumpster (and/or schedule a truck and pack up items for pick up).

**Advertisers** - Create posters and signs for the day of the event as well as to put on social media.

**Bakers/Foodies** - Volunteers needed to provide baked items to sell, as well as lunch items - such as pulled pork, chili etc. You will coordinate with members of the kitchen crew.

**Sign-up sheets** will be posted in the Parish Hall. No amount of time or effort is too small, any and all help is greatly appreciated.

Questions? Call or text Alison Thornhill 973-886-9728 or email [Agard11287@aol.com](mailto:Agard11287@aol.com) or Nancy Dalzell - 973-202-7704

## A Reminder

If you have not already done so, please renew your commitment to our Christ Church ministries by filling out and returning a 2018 Pledge Card. Extra pledge cards are available in the Vestry Room and in the Parish Office. You can put your card in the collection plate on Sunday, or bring it or mail it to the Parish Office, 400 Ramapo Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. Thank you very much for your stewardship of our congregation and of those who are served by our ministries!

## Two-Year Planners for Sale

We are selling two year planners for the years 2017 and 2018. The cost is \$3.00 each and they can be purchased through Erica Stewart or the Parish Office.

## 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- June, July & August

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

- 1 - Randy Garb
- 5 - Ashley Tintera Garb
- 5 - Andrew Conklin
- 6 - Kim Pugsley
- 8 - Dylan Thornhill
- 9 - Kevin Gottheiner
- 11 - Hailey Conklin
- 13 - Kurt Wagner
- 14 - Nathan Hanania
- 14 - Caitlin Liston
- 15 - Dawn Milligan
- 16 - Stephen Rozzelle
- 17 - Karen Cahill
- 18 - Krista Lilienthal
- 20 - Priscilla Elliott
- 23 - Jessica Schmidt
- 23 - Olivia Elliott
- 24 - Keith Porter

### Looking ahead to July Birthdays:

- 1 - Cherise Coleburn
- 1 - Christopher Geresi
- 7 - Erica Stewart
- 7 - Chris Marviny
- 8 - Lela Novak
- 10 - Debbie Hoeflinger
- 17 - Tony LoBue
- 18 - Tammy Longo
- 19 - Norman Coleburn

- 19 - Evan Cassaleggio
- 21 - Jacquelyn Kida
- 24 - Christina Coleburn
- 25 - Alyssa Gottheiner
- 25 - Linda Meyer
- 26 - Bailey Gottheiner
- 28 - Raymond Van Dunk
- 28 - Mikayla Shepard
- 28 - Robert Maass
- 31 - Bill Nagel
- 31 - Susan Miller

### Looking ahead to August Birthdays:

- 3 - Alan Hanenberg
- 4 - Karen Simone
- 5 - Michael Milligan
- 5 - John G. Tintera
- 5 - Megan Miller
- 8 - Joe Stewart
- 8 - Erin Porter
- 14 - Lisa Fitzgerald
- 21 - Karen Bogert
- 22 - Teddy Tintera
- 24 - Debbie DeFreese
- 27 - Donna Stewart
- 30 - Ryan Tintera

## Tent Rental Reminder

Just a reminder to book your tent early for any upcoming Spring and Summer outdoor events. Call the church office for availability and associated fees. The dates get booked quickly... so don't get left standing out in the rain!



## Book of Remembrance

You may have noticed the red book on the Prayer Desk on November 2, and when the Lay Reader read the Prayers of the People, names you haven't heard in a while were read along with the names of those in whose memory altar flowers were given, or who were recently deceased.



Once a year, on All Saints' Day, or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, names added to the Book of Remembrance over the past 5 years or so are read.

If you would like a loved one's name inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, which normally resides in the case on the wall to the right of the Baptismal Font, please see Erica Stewart or any one of the Altar Guild members. The person's name, as you would like it to appear (for example, with or without a middle initial or name, etc.), and their birth and death year, will be inscribed in the book and read aloud next year during the Prayers of the People on All Saints' Day. A \$5.00 donation to the Altar Guild is requested.



## News from the Sunday School

In April, Communion classes began and Kathy Shepherd taught our class of seven students to prepare for the sacrament. By mid-May the students were ready and the celebration of Early Communion took place on May 13th, on Mother's Day. On this Sunday, we also celebrated Youth Sunday. The families of the children making their Early Communion were in attendance and the church was quite full with many new and many familiar faces. It was a wonderful day and the occa-

sion was celebrated with a cake and lots of pictures during coffee hour. Congratulations to Gennaro Hazelman, Robert Kitchell, Brianna Lilienthal, Christopher and Olivia Loewrigkeit, Anthony Simone and Amanda Penncavage!

We also began our food drive for St Mary's Food pantry in April, which will finish with a walk to St. Mary's with all the bags of food for drop off and a quick tour of the pantry for anyone who is interested. We are so thankful to continue this wonderful outreach program! And our fundraiser for Seeing Eye Dogs is nearly finished so we will keep everyone posted on our final totals!

Thank you for your support, as always!

Your Sunday School  
Co-Superintendents:

*Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania  
and Debbie Onderlinde*



*Early communion participants Gennaro Hazelman, Robert Kitchell, Brianna Lilienthal, Christopher and Olivia Loewrigkeit, Anthony Simone, and Amanda Penncavage*



## Congratulations to our Graduates

Following are our Christ Church family 2018 Graduates. Congratulations everyone and good luck!

- Chloe Bogert graduated from Ramapo College with a Bachelor of Social Work.
- Jenny Bogert graduated from Bergen Community College with an Associate's degree in Theater Arts. She will attend Eastwick College in the fall to earn her AAS degree in Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography.
- Evan Casaleggio (Lyn Lowndes' son) graduated from Richard Butler School and will attend Butler High School in the fall.
- Sue Cook graduated from William Paterson University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Minor in Philosophy.
- Bailey Lynn Gottheiner (Janet and Bruce Gottheiner's granddaughter) graduated from Lawrence Manning Academy, in Manning, SC. She will attend Clemson University in the fall.
- Ryan Madsen (Marsha and Lou Speed's grandson) graduated from Lakeland High School with Honors. He will attend New Jersey Institute of Technology in the fall on a full scholarship.
- Michael Milligan graduated from Pompton Lakes High School and will attend Passaic County Community College in the fall.
- Samantha Louis Mouledoux (Paula Wootton's granddaughter) graduated from St. Angela Marci School and will go to high school in the fall.
- Sophia Novak graduated from Montclair State University with a Master of Arts in Early Elementary Education K-6 and Teacher of Students with Disabilities K-12.
- Shannon Mae Stewart graduated from the college of New Jersey, Magna Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Integrative STEM Education and Elementary Education. She is seeking a teacher position in Elementary Education.
- Rachael Swensen graduated from Boston College. She has accepted a position as Financial Analyst at the Corporate Headquarters of Converse in Boston, MA.
- Tyler VanDeursen graduated from Pompton Lakes High School and will attend Eastwick College in the fall, studying Computer Technology.



## Summer Music Program

Our choir goes on summer break after June 17, but we want the music to continue! Last summer, we started a Summer Music Program drawing special music from our congregation and visitors. This gives us the opportunity to enjoy one another's talents during the 9:30 worship service. We would like to keep the choir's spot in the worship program filled with music until the choir returns in September. Everyone is invited to share their music! We have many talented young people - and others whose talents would add so much. You don't have to be a professional! What would you like to offer to God? We will be delighted to share in that musical offering. Please speak to our Music Director Dave Christensen. He'd love to help you make this happen!

## Mass in the Grass

On Sunday, July 22, the 9:30 worship service will be held on the lawn behind Shepherd's Haven to be followed by our annual Church Family Picnic. Everyone is invited. John Niec will join us for music with his guitar. There will be a sign-up sheet for lunch. You may bring your salads, sandwiches, and desserts to the refrigerator in the church until after the service. Bring a lawn chair, plan to sit around and enjoy one another's company.



## 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

## 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.



## 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](http://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:

[www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com](http://www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com)

## 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 3:00 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*



## Baptisms

*May 19*

Sydney Marie Menezes

*June 10*

Sydney Lydia Simmons

## Weddings

*May 5*

Danielle Jessica Labady

John Justin Homentosky

*June 9*

Teri-Anne Foster

Andrew Francis Colurciello

## Just a Reminder

We recycle at Christ Church. Plastics, glass, and metal cans should be placed in the large white plastic containers with the red tops, near the dumpster outside the kitchen. Paper and card board should be flattened and stacked neatly in the blue wire cart, also outside the kitchen, next to the dumpster.

Your help with these items is greatly appreciated since there is no particular person in charge of these tasks, and they shouldn't accumulate in the kitchen. Thanks in advance!



## Grocery Gift Cards

*The painless fundraiser!*

When you buy Grocery Gift Cards today, you'll have a good feeling knowing that Christ Church receives a Nickel for every dollar you spend! Grocery gift cards are available from ShopRite and Stop & Shop in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. All of the cards will carry any unused balance until you use it up. Perhaps you would consider donating a Shop Rite gift card to Shepherd's Haven or to Food for Friends. Cards are available from Joe Blauvelt, Linda Meyer after the coffee hours and Maureen Kilian in the church office during the week.



## 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.

### The Episcopal Diocese of Newark Mission Statement

*Equipping congregations...*

*Empowering people...*

*Engaging the world...*

*...with the hope and justice of Jesus*

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

## The Epistle

*The newsletter  
of Christ Church,  
Pompton Lakes, New Jersey  
973.835.2207  
www.christchurchpompton.org*

*June 2018*

*Please submit all copy to Maureen Kilian, Parish Administrator in a typewritten format or e-mail to office@christchurchpompton.org by the 15th of each month.*

*The Epistle is designed by  
Graphic Innovations  
www.graphinn.com*

*Visit the parish calendar at the website at [www.christchurchpompton.org](http://www.christchurchpompton.org)*