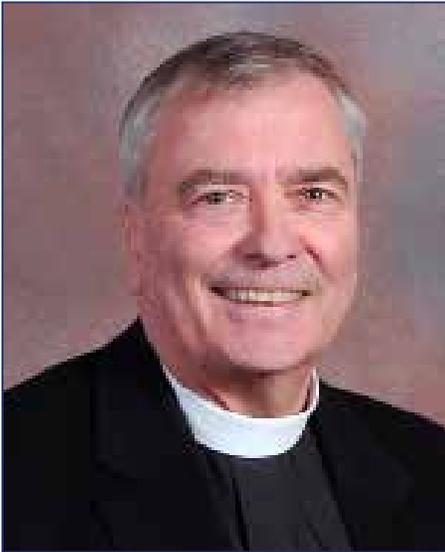


The Epistle

November, 2018



A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

For the past several years I have involved myself with weekly seminars for the purpose of supporting my ministry. They are not religious seminars, per se, but invaluable for my own spiritual journey as well as those in my care.

We were asked the question last Monday, "What is your intention for the seminar?" My response was that every person in my church "gets it" that he or she is God's gift to the world. A gift as I've mentioned numerous times, is intended to bring joy to the other. A gift is not intended to be fixed.

The seminar leader, a brilliant Ph.D. from Iran, responded to my intention, "When your parishioners discover that there is no "fixed" them, they can get present to the gift and possibility they can be for the world.

And now I'm all revved up! (pardon the pun.)

There is no "fixed" them! This is the key. It refers to how I hold myself. Something's wrong with me, not good enough, no good at all. These are the ways of being we often hold ourselves to. Then the spiritual journey becomes one of "fixing" ourselves.

There's a note on my bathroom mirror that designs my day. It reads, "I promise you, God, that I will be loving and generous today." This is who I am as God's possibility in the world. Notice in my promise that there's nothing "wrong" to be fixed. Now I am the gift of God waiting to show up in the world as loving and generous.

This is my intention for every single one of you here in Christ Church. To reinvent yourself as God's gift to the world being the possibility of _____ and _____.

It is so exciting to reinvent myself as "what's next" as a possibility, not "what's wrong" leftover from my past.

Come and talk to me if you'd like. This is too precious not to be shared!

Warmly,

Father Stephen

*We can do no
great things -
only small things
with great love.*

Mother Teresa

Submitted by Deacon Barbara

October Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, October 23, 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 September 30, 2018 was distributed.

- We have received a draft of the 2106 Audit. We will look for an auditor to do the 2017 audit.

- As the Capital Campaign comes to an end, a reminder will be sent to those whose pledges are not yet complete.

- A schedule of Nursery Attendants is being prepared.

- Dates for fundraising and fellowship events are being reserved on the calendar. There will be a blood drive next March.

- There is a lot of interest in a photo directory. We will check into the best way to do it.

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, November 27, 2018.





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



Christ Church is on Facebook

Christ Church is now on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton to become a fan.



Annual Christmas Pageant

The Children's Christmas Pageant sign-ups will be held Sunday, November 18 after the 9:30 service. No audition necessary! Available parts include Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, Angel Gabriel, Emperor Caesar Augustus, Roman guard, the Star of Bethlehem, shepherds, sheep, angels, Narrators. The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 16 during the 9:30 service. Pageant practice will be held immediately following the 9:30 service on December 2nd and 9th. Any questions, please see Karen Bogert or email her at kjbogert@msn.com.

A Reminder...

If you have not already done so, please renew your commitment to our Christ Church ministries by filling out and returning a 2019 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!

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!

Breakfast With Santa!

Santa is coming to Christ Church on Saturday, December 1st! There will be one seating at 9:00 am. Tickets are \$7 per person. Ticket price includes a pancake breakfast and a gift for each child. We will have a special Santa Shack (No Adults Allowed!) where the children can buy inexpensive gifts for their family and friends. We are looking for donations for the Santa Shack. We need small inexpensive gifts that would be good for siblings, parents, grandparents, etc. We are also accepting cash donations so that we can purchase some items. The children very much look forward to buying these gifts and the looks on their faces when they are finished making their purchases are priceless. For tickets contact Debbie Onderlinde at 973-271-6562 or nealndeb@aol.com or call the Parish Office at 973-835-2207.



Thinking of You

The following Christ Church parishioners usually can't get to Church, but would love to receive a card saying that you are thinking of them:

- Mary Babb, 81 Burnside Place, Haskell, NJ 07420
- Marge Babyak, 5 Hill Court, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442
- Quinnie Chillson, 506 Riverdale Boulevard, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442
- Fran Kamer, 44 Lincoln Road, Kinnelon, NJ 07405
- Judy Loeb, Emeritus, 820 Hamburg Turnpike, Room 309, Wayne, NJ 07470
- Pat Sondermeyer, 31 Matthews Terrace, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403

If you know of anyone else that would like to receive a card, please let the Parish Office know, 973-835-2207.

Christ Church T-Shirts for Sale

T-shirts with a Christ Church logo are available to be purchased. Take a look at them 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.



Sunday School Update

During our September Sunday School registration we were happy to meet some new students, as well as to greet a few former students returning to our fold, so welcome to everyone! We are delighted to see our numbers grow and to have some new families join our Parish. We of course welcome back our returning students as well; it is always wonderful to see how everyone has grown and matured over the summer! One aspect we particularly enjoy is watching the older Sunday School students take on helping roles within the Sunday School and other area of the church as they mature; this is a wonderful expression of their talents!

Exciting events in October for the Sunday School include the next Family Sunday, to be held on October 28th. Family Sunday is always very joyous and includes great singing and the celebration of our Church Family. The annual Sunday School Halloween party is also being held on October 28th, following the 9:30 service. For this event, the children (and adults) are encouraged to come in costume and to bring a friend or two! The Parish is also being invited to Name a Seeing Eye Dog, since we were able to raise \$6000 last year for the Seeing Eye Foundation. Sue Cook has been collecting ideas

for names and the winning name will be shared once it is decided. Be sure you have voted!

The Sunday School is solidifying ideas for this year's Outreach Program and this will be communicated soon but it will involve helping local communities in need of food and clothing and other support. As always, we count on our wonderful parishioners to support us in our fundraising efforts to help with our Sunday School Outreach.

*Respectfully submitted by
Karen Cahill for the*

Pompton Lakes Woman's Club

The Pompton Lakes Woman's Club, a volunteer woman's service organization provides opportunities to serve the community. By becoming a member you can make a difference in the lives of others through educational programs, leadership and service projects. Meetings are scheduled October through June on the first Thursday, of the month beginning at 7:00 pm in Christ Church Parish Hall. If you are interested in becoming a member and supporting various local community services, please join us at a meeting. For additional information contact Judy Manegold, Membership Chair, at 973-809-5654 or email to jamanegold@hotmail.com.



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.

Wellness Ministry Begins

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!"

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.



Parish Family Birthdays- November

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

1 - Jim Birch

7 - Sue Cook

10 - Mary Ann Salerno-Fitzgerald

11 - Chloe Bogert

11 - Amanda Onderlinde

14 - Zachary Stewart

15 - Carol Egan

18 - Tom Filipi

19 - Barbara Hanenberg

20 - Megan Milligan

25 - Gary Stewart

25 - Janet Furness

29 - Janet Gottheiner

30 - Shamiera Milligan



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.



Book of Remembrance

If you would like a loved one's name inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, which 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. 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. A \$5.00 donation to the Altar Guild is requested.

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:

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

October 7

Stella Grace Stefanic
Brooklyn Clara Grayson

October 27

Robert David Zimmermann

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!



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



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.

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Empowering people...
Engaging the world...
...with the hope and
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