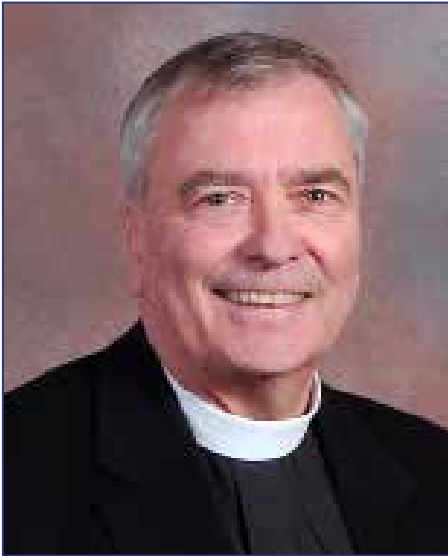


The Epistle

October, 2018



A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

Someone remarked to me after the service last Sunday that we should have a "Bring a friend to Church Sunday." What a great idea! I learned a long time ago that the value of anything comes from it being shared. The Gospel is a good example.

The idea was supported by a casual conversation I had this morning with a woman dropping off her grandson at Little Lamb. She is a Roman Catholic who knew nothing about the Episcopal Church, and seemed very intrigued and interested that we are a "Catholic" Church.

I mentioned that some refer to us as "Catholic Light." I prefer the expression "Catholic Progressive" a term I first heard from a parishioner at St. Mary's in town. We are Catholic in the sense that we have seven sacraments while the Protestant Churches have two. What makes us progressive is that everyone is welcome to receive communion: two year

old children, those in the LGBT community, people who are divorced, Muslims, Jews, everyone. Receiving communion is about being fed by God, regardless of our status, experiences, or beliefs. It is not about understanding the sacrament. I daresay pureed broccoli nurtures six month old babies without their understanding.

We have a different, not better, interpretation of the Mass, which we refer to as Holy Communion. Whereas the Roman Catholic Church holds the interpretation of Transubstantiation, which is that, at a specific time, the bread and wine literally become the Body and Blood of Christ, the Episcopal Church holds the interpretation: Christ is present in the Eucharist. Yes, it is the Body and Blood of Christ. How, when, why etc. I'm not exactly sure. I simply trust that this is one way I am fed by God.

We have just about the same structure as the Roman Catholic Church with Dioceses, Bishops, Convents, Monasteries, The Sacred Order of the Priesthood. One difference is that we have women bishops, priests and deacons; and all ordained people are allowed to be married. While we don't have a Pope, we recognize the Pope as the Bishop of Rome. The word Episcopal is actually derived from the word "Episkopos" which means "ruled by Bishops."

Apostolic succession is fundamental to our structure. It is an issue of authority. The Apostles are considered our first Bishops, who passed their authority over to the next Bishops. Protestant Churches don't hold this view, this interpretation. We have seven sacra-

ments, while Protestants have two, Baptism and Communion.

At Christ Church, the emphasis on the individual is one who is a gift from God. As such, a gift is meant to be shared in a way that brings joy to the world. A gift is not meant to be fixed. And yes, there is sin (or selfishness) that gets in the way of being the gift. Rather than focus on my awfulness, we simply acknowledge it, accept God's forgiveness, and refocus on being the gift in such a way that the spiritual journey is in front of us, (Thy Kingdom Come!) not behind us. The source of our suffering, struggling, being no good or not good enough, comes from holding onto the past. The kingdom is always presented as something in front of us, not behind.

One more thing: the initial meaning of the word faith means to trust God. Faith and belief are often presented as meaning the same thing. No! Faith is to trust God. Belief is more about "figuring it out" coupled with the question "why?" When there is an event I don't understand, it's a disguised way of maintaining control. Faith, on the other hand, is to trust God, no matter what! It's actually to be out of control.

With this in mind, I'm proposing that Sunday, November 4th be "Bring a Friend Sunday" at both the 8:00am and 9:30 am services. You might extend this invitation to someone looking for a "catholic" church.

We have many more similarities with Roman Catholics, than we have differences. Again, different, not better.

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It's time we begin to invite others into this wonderful and loving parish. We can begin by inviting those of the "Catholic" persuasion to be our guests on Sunday, November 4th.

And remember, the value of anything comes from it being shared!

Warmly,

Father Stephen



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

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!

May I be safe

May I find peace

May I be free of suffering

May you be safe

May you find peace

May you be free of suffering

Think of you

Think of a loved one

*Think of someone you
do not admire*

Heard recently at a
nearby temple

Submitted by Deacon Barbara

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.



September Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, September 25, 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 August 31, 2018 was distributed.

- Grace Thornhill will be the new Nursery Attendant.

- The number of children registered for Sunday School is higher this year than last year.

- Father Stephen is working on the Stewardship letter. They will be mailed in the beginning of October.

- Scott Heck will look into applying for a grant to replace light fixtures with energy efficient fixtures.

- There are some parishioners who can't come to church. We will put their addresses in the bulletin in case someone can send them a card.

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, October 30, 2018

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 is on Facebook

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



Sunday School Update

Welcome back to our new Sunday School year! Since we had a lot of activity at the end of the year, here is a recap. The Food Drive for Saint Mary's Food Pantry was successful, as always! Here we are getting ready for the long trek to the food pantry with our many bags of food and paper goods with some Sunday School helpers! As you can see, we had quite a full load to deliver, and this is always a wonderful event for the children.



In June we ended our annual Fundraiser, which was for Seeing Eye Dogs. The children received a visit from a local group who train their dogs for the Seeing Eye Foundation; they brought their dogs to church one Sunday and explained what is involved in the training. Also, the Seeing Eye Foundation came for a visit, with a woman who was using a Seeing

Eye Dog to aid her. With the generous donations from all of our outreach programs and parishioners, we were able to raise \$6,000 for this great organization last year! Sunday School registration for this year has begun but there is no such thing as late registration! See a teacher or superintendent for a registration form after the 9:30 service.

*Respectfully submitted by
Karen Cahill for the
Sunday School*

A Celebration of Joy

It's Stewardship time! Christ Church is God's gift to the world. On October 28, at both the 8:00 am and the 9:30 am services, we will have a joyful celebration of the gift Christ Church is to the community. We will celebrate by collecting our 2019 Pledge Cards along with the cards that indicate who brings you joy. Then on November 4 at both services, as we observe All Saints' Day, we will honor those who bring you joy. Also, November 4 is "Bring a Friend to Church Day." Reach out to a friend and ask them to join you. Maybe they have been waiting for an invitation! We hope you will join us on both days.



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-October

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

2 - Neal Onderlinde

7 - Nicholas Pugsley

10 - Emily Simone

15 - Adele Falk

19 - Sayyora Tintera

26 - Cathy Prekel

28 - Andrew Tintera

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.



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

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.

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

September 15

Brylynn Faith Arnau

Lexi Nicole Harget

September 16

Mikayla Leigh Leidig

Sienna Victoria Leidig

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 cardboard 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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