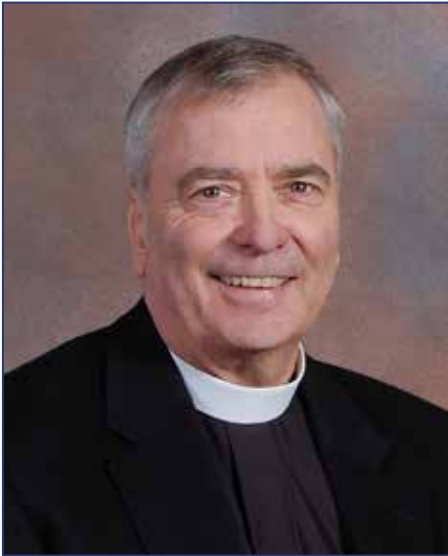


A detailed oil painting of a forest path in autumn. The path is covered in fallen yellow and orange leaves, leading through tall, dark trees. The foliage is dense and vibrant, with some red leaves visible. The lighting is soft, creating a warm and serene atmosphere. The path curves gently into the distance, where a small wooden structure is visible through the trees.

The Epistle

Fall 2020

**A Message from
Your Priest in Charge**



Dear Friends,

Below is one of my favorites.
I want to share it with you.

*The person who is a master
in the art of living
makes little distinction
between their work
and their play,
their labor and their leisure,
their mind and their body,
their education and
their recreation,
their love and their religion.*

*They hardly know
which is which.
They simply pursue their
vision of excellence
and grace in whatever
they do,
leaving others to
decide whether they
are working or playing.*

*To them, they are
always doing both.*

From the Zen Buddhist text

*Warmly
Father Stephen*

Reservations are required for our Sunday Services

If you would like to attend the 8:00 am or the 9:30 am Sunday service, please make your reservation by calling the Parish Office each week at 973-835-2207 or by sending an email to christchurchpomptonoffice@gmail.com. You will need to give the name and phone number of each person attending. Attendance is limited to 30 people so please remember to call ahead. Don't forget your mask!

Sunday Service on Facebook Live at 9:30 am

If you can't come to the services, you can join us on Facebook live at 9:30 am. If you haven't already "liked" Christ Church Pompton's Facebook page, you can go to www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton. It's the next best thing to being together in person!

Treasurers Commentary for 8/31/20

- Expenses exceeded income this month by almost ~\$500.
- Total Income (Year to date) is below budget by about ~\$9,300.
- Net (Year to date) is about \$-20,900.



*People are unreasonable,
illogical, and self-centered.*

Love them anyway.

*If you are kind, people
may accuse you of selfish
ulterior motives.*

Be kind anyway.

*If you are successful, you
will win some false friends
and true enemies.*

Succeed anyway.

*The good you do today will
be forgotten tomorrow.*

Do good anyway.

*Honestly and frankness will
make you vulnerable.*

Be honest and frank anyway.

*What you spend years
building may be
destroyed overnight.*

Build anyway.

*People need help, but
may attack you if you
try to help them.*

Help them, anyway.

*In the final analysis, it is
between you and God.*

*It was never between you
and them anyway.*

Mother Teresa.

Near the end of her life, Mother Teresa was approached by a member of the press who asked her how she felt, after working for so many years to erase suffering in the world, that people still suffered. She answered, God never asked me to be successful. God asked me to be faithful.

Submitted by Deacon Barbara

Open Enrollment at Little Lamb Children's Center

Little Lamb Children's Center has reopened and is now accepting enrollment for all ages, 3 months to Kindergarten. We have implemented all of the State guidelines for keeping your children safe and healthy. 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.



The Thrift Shoppe is Now Open

The Thrift Shoppe, located at 420 Ramapo Avenue, has reopened! Put on your masks and come in to shop. The hours of operation are Tuesdays 3:15 - 7:00 pm, Thursdays 4:00 - 8:00 pm, Saturdays 10:00 am - 3:00 pm, Sundays (second and fourth) 11:00 am - noon. Donations can be left in the shed in the church parking lot. For more information please call Florence at 973-962-6289 or 925-640-3421.



Parish Family Birthdays

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

September

- 2 - Paige LoBue
- 6 - Judy Loeb
- 13 - Vicky Witterschein
- 18 - Louise Hanania
- 19 - Chris Thornhill
- 25 - Caroline Kearney
- 25 - Lyn Lowndes
- 25 - Rudy Sellitti
- 26 - Abby Novak
- 27 - Marian DeRemer

October

- 2 - Neal Onderlinde
- 7 - Nicholas Pugsley
- 10 - Emily Simone
- 15 - Adele Falk
- 19 - Sayyora Tintera
- 26 - Cathy Prekel
- 28 - Andrew Tintera



Please Give Us Your Blank and Birthday Greeting Cards!

Help honor
Christ Church birthdays

Do you have a drawerful of birthday or blank cards that you've received from a charitable organization that was seeking your support? Cards you didn't ask for--but didn't want to throw away? Or maybe you overbought cards at some point? We want them, please! The Birthday Card Gang has started sending birthday greetings to parishioners for whom the church knows a birthdate (month and day only - no year necessary). We'd like to do this as a low-cost project, so save your cards for us and drop them off in the Guild Hall. Thank you for your support!

Fish & Chips Fundraiser

Christ Church will host a Fish & Chips Dinner, catered by Tastefully British, on Friday, November 20 from 5:15pm until 7:00pm! This will be a perfect time to have a fish dinner, right before you get stuffed with turkey! It will be take-out only, with drive through pick-up at the driveway on Passaic Avenue. Tickets are only \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. Ticket includes your choice of fish or chicken, french fries and coleslaw.

You may place your order by calling 973-835-2207 or by sending an email to christchurchpomptonoffice@gmail.com. Your pick up time will be confirmed when you place your order.

September Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 via Zoom. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Income & Expense Report for the period ending August 31, 2020 was distributed. The report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit.

- The actions of the Little Lamb and Shepherd's Haven management groups were ratified.

- The Tricky Tray was on August 28. There were some technical difficulties, but overall the process went smoothly. It made \$6,100!

- The garage sale will be in a few days. Masks will be required, entrance to the hall will be limited to 25% of capacity. We are accepting donations

- There will be two Fish & Chips fundraisers this fall. The first one on October 5.

- Janet Furness was acknowledged for playing the organ every Sunday. The music is delightful and very much appreciated.

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 27, 2020.



A Message from Your Wardens

A message – this one from Jesus himself: “Where your treasure is, there is your heart also.”

During this time when we can't be together, your treasure is a necessity for the well-being of Christ Church. Please consider mailing your pledge or taking the required steps to donate on-line. Your pledges and donations are a vital part of the welfare of our Church. Your pledge can be mailed to the Church at 400 Ramapo Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ 07442. To make a donation on-line, click on this link to go to our donation page. https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Van-co_ver3.vps?appver3=wWsk-24ZWJSTZKsGd1RMKlg0BD-vsSG3VIWQCPJNNxD8upkiY7JIDavDsozUE7KGO0nFx2NSo8L-dUKGuGuF396vbVZO8d9V69XDBOQuTKH4BPciYnTg5dP4O6rpX5QvPEWIBhHDN59kLZFffwKfYERpOmkkwp8Xt5Crzq4gI3rKkOg=&ver=3

While we all are being inconvenienced in major ways, the love of God, the life of Jesus and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit will guide and sustain us!

Diocesan Pop Up Youth Event

Join other youth in the Diocese for a “fang”tastic Zoom event on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 3:00 pm. For more information, go to <https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/spook-tacular-pop-youth-event>.



Prayers of Pandemic from the Diocese of Newark

Bishop Hughes has invited members of the diocese to write and share their own prayers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prayers can be sent to Canon Wright at awright@dioceseofnewark.org for posting. Please include the name and town of your church. The following prayer is taken from the Diocesan website.

Dear God - For this day, help me to keep my heart open.

Help me to observe the beauty around me; to appreciate all that I see. Help me to notice the blessings in my life, and to ignore those things that do not measure up to my expectations. Guide me dear God to be of service to others, and to go through this day with humor and grace, and no regrets.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord we pray. Amen

*Joyce Hart
St. George's Maplewood*

Bishop Hughes' Messages

Bishop Hughes posts regular messages, including videos, online at dioceseofnewark.org/bishops-vlog.

Diocesan Speaker Series on Race

The Diocese of Newark is hosting a Speaker Series on Race co-hosted by Bishop Hughes and the Namaste Anti-Racism Commission. On three consecutive Mondays in November, three leaders from within The Episcopal Church will reflect on the question "How are we talking about race in The Episcopal Church?" Each speaker will provide a unique understanding and an opportunity for reflections on race. Registration is not required, and there is no fee to attend. For more information go to <https://dioceseofnewark.org/event/speaker-series-race-2020-11-02>.



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. It's a win-win. They get recycled and we get some cash for new music. Please leave your items in the Parish Office. Thank you!

Used Book Collection

Looking for a place to donate your well-read and loved books? Please consider our new book bin in the parking lot on Ramapo Avenue. We accept books with ISBN numbers. That is the 13 digit number following the letters ISBN on the book near the bar code. No magazines or encyclopedias please. The books are resold and redistributed. They are only recycled if they are in very poor condition. This is a fundraiser for Christ Church, as we will receive some money for the books collected. Thank you for your support!

Electronic Giving Now Available to Christ Church!

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help Christ Church year-round. Consider making a contribution or scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today! It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received. Get started today! Visit the Christ Church website at www.christchurchpompton.org and look for the DONATE button on the lower right side. If you have questions, see Bruce Hetzel or call the Parish Office at 973-835-2207.

Parish Classifieds

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



**Please pray for those
who are homebound or
have a long term illness**



Sue Contos *Pat Giannone*

Christine Tafuri Lewis
Pat Giannone

David Wong *Bruce Hetzel*

Kim Hetzel *Bruce Hetzel*

Nora Reynolds *Debbie DeFreese*

Joe Stewart *Erica Stewart*

Bob Manegold *Lorrie Loeffler*

AJ DiGennaro *Carol Egan*

Daniel Bevilacqua, Sr. *Carol Egan*

Tony DiGennaro *Carol Egan*

Mike Egan *Carol Egan*

Philip Prekel *Cathy Prekel*

Suzanne Braun *Liz Kostyn*

Pablo Fallas *Javier Fallas*

Tom Filipi *Andy Shaw*

Timothy Falk *Tom Falk*

Dale Garafalo *Carol Egan*

Dinah Zacs *Zigi Zacs*

Rebecca Hough *Stephen Rozzelle*

Richard Russinko *Valerie Russinko*

Kathleen Caputo *Romilly Liloia*

Bill Brouhle *Cheryl Finger*

Richard Greco *Pat Giannone*

Donna Cook *Pat Giannone*

Cathy Tomcho *Linda Daly*

Charelle Zipay *Linda Daly*

Roxanna Parker *Shirley Van Dunk*

Alice Schmelzer *Carol Egan*

Jim Hester *Carol Egan*

Liz Unger *Natalie McCabe*

Joseph Hynes *Natalie McCabe*

Andrea Lentz *Wilma Ciaburri*

Anya Neugebauer *Cathy Prekel*

Jason Trovy *Barbara Hanenberg*

Mary Babb *Parish Care*

Scott Stoveken *Denise Pugsley*

Mike Abriola *Parish Care*

Rosemary Claeys *Parish Care*

Selma Schwartz *Elizabeth Kostyn*

Shirley Schanbacher *Linda Daly*

Judy Loeb *Parish Care*

**Please pray for those
serving in the military:**

FCA2 Peter Brower *Leigh Brower*

Master Sgt. Robert Preston Mason
Scott Heck

Chaplin Bill Kapr *Abby Novak*

Captain Ryan Tintera *John Tintera*

Petty Officer 1st Class Jake Smith
Abby Novak

Lt. Col. Andrew M. Niebel
Karen Bogert

1SG James Rivera *Carol Egan*

Major Matthew Getty
Florence Loscalzo

1st Lt. Daniel Wagner
Chris Kenyon

Richard Chambers
Patti & Jeff Mitchell



**Summer Gala
Tricky Tray**

The Tricky Tray was a great success! We reached our financial goal and made a lot of people happy! Many ticket holders were excited to have a fun and safe event to participate in. We would like to thank everyone who made donations and volunteered their time to make this event so successful.



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**
Sue Helm - 973-856-2129
- **Oakland/Wyckoff/Franklin Lakes** - Geri Sheehan - 201-337-7395
- **Pompton Lakes, Christ Church area & Colfax**
- **Pompton Lakes Hamburg Turnpike South** - Alison Thornhill - 973-886-9728
- **Pompton Lakes, Hamburg Turnpike North** - Mary Ann Salerno-Fitzgerald - 973-835-6553
- **Pompton Plains/Pequan-nock** - Megan & Kat Menezes - 201-575-9459
- **Ringwood/Wanaque** - Joan Van Splinter - 973-856-4978
- **Ringwood/Haskell** - Sue Helm - 973-856-2129
- **Riverdale** - Bette Davis - 973-809-1384
- **Wayne** - Packanack Lake, Preakness - Janet Furness - 585-734-0374
- **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

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

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