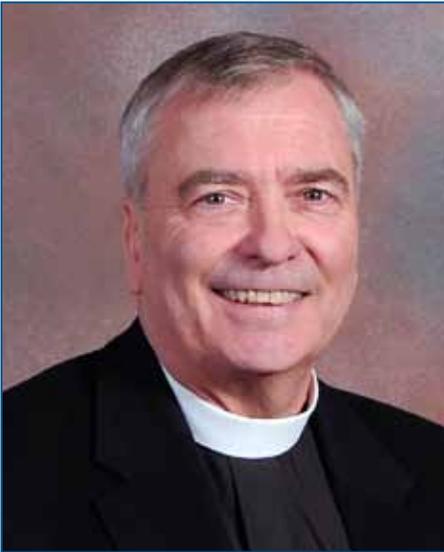
A photograph of a forest stream flowing over mossy rocks. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery. The rocks are covered in vibrant green moss, and the background is a dense forest with tall trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy.

The Epistle

September 2016

A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

One of my commitments in life is to have fun! Whether it is Church, being with my family, making a house call or shopping for groceries, my not so hidden agenda is to make it fun.

We are designing a new Sunday School program with the first priority being fun! How fun does this sound? Pokemon Sunday School. Can you imagine how much fun it will be to find the Pokemon in the Statue of St. Francis in the Memorial Garden as a means of learning about the Saints. Or finding the Pokemon behind one of the Stations of the Cross and learning about forgiveness. Every week our children will be invited to go to a new section in or outside the Church where new Pokemon and new lessons will be waiting for them. I will be in Church but I really want to go back to Sunday School. Several choir members have said the same thing.

The children will need to bring their iPad or their smart phone. If they have neither, we can share so that everyone gets to have fun.

Gianna Trivisani is teaching me about Pokemon and designing this exhilarating new project with her mother, Joyce. I think I may have to get a new phone and get rid of my ole jalopy.

This is for children of all ages. The only requirement for attendance is that you want to have fun! We will begin Pokemon Sunday School on September 18. Oh my gosh!! This will be the most fun you ever had in Church. Yea Sunday School! Yea Sunday School teachers! Most of all, Yea Fun!

Speaking of fun, Confirmation Class will begin Saturday, September 24, at 11:00 am in my office, for all of you 14 years and over who wish to be Confirmed. We might not play Pokemon but we will have fun!
Father Stephen

Warmly,

Father Stephen

“Welcome Back” Brunch

The traditional “Welcome Back” brunch which heralds the end of summer and the beginning of a new program year for Christ Church will be held on Sunday, September 11th. The brunch will begin at 8:30 a.m, between the services. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. Please add your name[s] so we’ll know for how many to prepare.

Welcome Barbara and Al Harriman

Several years ago I learned the meaning of the word “serendipitous.” It is an unexpected gift. Serendipitous was my first thought when Barbara and Al Harriman came to Christ Church. Barbara is a vocational deacon in the Episcopal Church. A deacon is an ordained member of the Church, along with priests and bishops, who have a calling to serve. Barbara does that extremely well! Her full time job is prison ministry, which Barbara does in Newark. She takes seriously Christ’s admonition to visit those in prison. More than that, she is a delightful human being who will begin serving in Christ Church the first week in September.

Barbara’s husband, Al, is a gem as well – a quiet gem. He occurs for me as a man full of compassion, keen intellectually, with the gift of humility.

We will announce a “meet and greet” coffee hour for Barbara and Al. Please welcome them, personally.

Every person I’ve spoken to who knows Al and Barbara squeals with delight about them!



Barbara Harriman, Deacon

Mark Your Calendar for Swing into the Night – 1940 USO

Saturday, November 5

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, Christ Church will host our second annual auction fundraiser, where items and services will be auctioned off. This year our theme will be "Swing into the Night – 1940 USO." There will be music, entertainment, and delicious hors d'oeuvres. Everyone had such a good time at last year's auction; you won't want to miss it this year! Tickets will be on sale soon! Mark your calendars and start thinking about what items or services you can donate and how you can be involved in this fun event! Maybe you have a time share to donate, a couple of tickets to a sporting event or the theater, or maybe a piece of artwork, a piece of jewelry, a homemade knit or crocheted item. You can also donate your services: an accountant could donate tax preparation, a cook could make a special meal, a baker - a special cake, a photographer - pictures of an event. There are lots of possibilities - yard work, computer help, babysitting, painting, piano lessons, a ride to the airport, present wrapping... everyone has a talent or skill to offer. Please fill out a form to let us know what you will donate. Donations forms are available in the back of the

Church, in the Vestry Room and in the Parish Office. For more information, see Fr. Stephen or call Maureen in the Parish Office. (2207) with questions or to volunteer.



Soup on Sunday

The *Soup on Sunday* program continues in to the fall with an expanded outreach. The proceeds from soup will be donated to Father Stephen's granddaughter who has cystic fibrosis.

To order, simply use the soup selection list that is available in the Parish Hall. When 12 pints of a particular soup have been ordered, that particular soup will be made during the week and have it ready for pick up on the next Sunday.

For those who don't always plan in advance, we will more than likely have some specials available from time to time and an inventory available from the freezer. Feel free to take what you like from the freezer and pay Maureen in the Parish Office, or Joel at the 8:00 coffee hour.

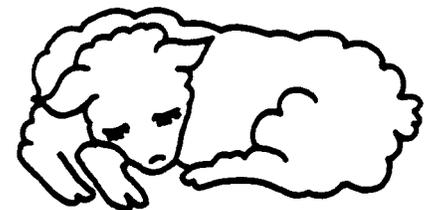
Look for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall if you would like to order soups and to support this special cause!

Joel Finger

Little Lamb's 25th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 17

We invite the congregation to join us in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Little Lamb Children's Center. We are extremely proud of having provided 25 years of quality, affordable childcare to the surrounding communities. In celebration, we invite you to stop by on Saturday, September 17th, from 12pm to 3pm, to help us celebrate this milestone occasion. Please come and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs and other assorted refreshments. We will have a petting zoo as well as face painting, games and prizes for the kids. Perhaps you would like to tour our daycare facility, which is geared specifically towards the young child? Tours will be provided throughout the afternoon for interested parties. We will also be dedicating our brand new playground! Call the Parish Office at 973-835-2207 to reserve your free tickets. We hope you will come and enjoy the afternoon with us as we begin our next 25 years providing the community with extraordinary daycare services.



Choir Fund Raiser

Do you have old cellphones, ink cartridges or other small electronic devices such as games, MP3 players and Ipods? Don't toss them in the trash!! Bring them in and leave them in our box in the church office. The choir can recycle these items and receive cash for them! It's a win, win...the choir can buy more great music and you can help the environment at the same time.



Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes for children in the eighth grade or older will begin Saturday, September 24, at 11:00 am in Fr. Stephen's office. Please call the Parish Office to register, 973-835-2207. If you're interested in Confirmation, but cannot make the Saturday class, let Father Stephen know. Adults seeking Confirmation, and those of you already Confirmed that would like to be received into the Episcopal Church, should also contact the Parish Office. The service of Confirmation has been scheduled for Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral in Newark.

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

Sunday School News

Sunday School registration will be on Sunday, September 11th before and after the 9:30 service. Also on September 11 there will be an interactive lesson of "Jonah and the Whale" being offered during the 9:30 service for all of the Sunday School children.

Regular Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 18th. If there are any questions, please see one of the Sunday School Superintendents: Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania or Debbie Onderlinde. We look forward to another great year of Sunday School education with your children!



Parish Family Birthdays-September

Happy Birthday to all of you in our parish family having birthdays in the month of September. If you have not yet informed the parish office of your birthdate, please call Maureen at 973-835-2207.

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



Christ Church is on Facebook

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

Neighborhood Initiative Notes

Neighborhood Leaders will Meet

The first quarterly meeting of Neighborhood Leaders will be September 25th at 4:30pm in Guild Hall. Our Neighborhood Leaders support and encourage each other at a meeting once a quarter.

Neighborhood Leaders are appointed by Father Stephen to facilitate fellowship, communication, and collaboration among the church family outside the walls of the church. This strengthens the capacity of everyone in the church family to represent Christ Church as God's caring presence in local neighborhoods and to respond to needs in our communities.



Over the summer months, your Neighborhood Leaders have begun their work to connect the people in their neighborhoods. You may have received a phone call, text or email. Everyone in the congregation has a Neighborhood Leader. Your response is voluntary. The potential for the power of our neighborhoods is enormous and it's often the

small things that happen that deem this outreach successful.

For example, one of our leaders was busy helping someone in her life and ran into someone who is part of our congregation but hasn't been able to get to church for health reasons. Guess what? She now has a ride to church! It's just that simple ... Being who we are in the community in an intentional way we can change lives.

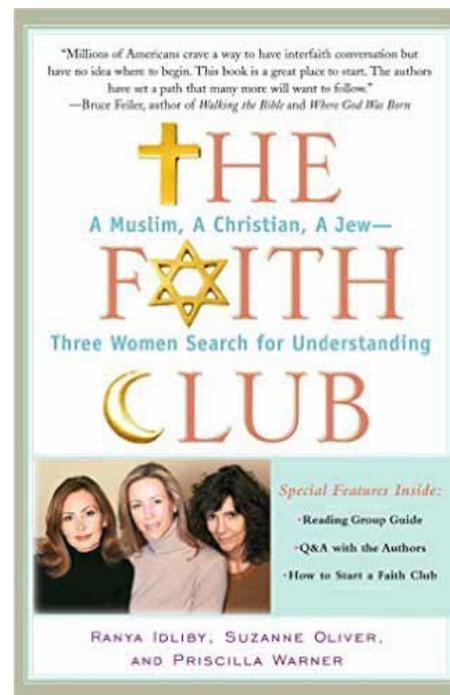
Be sure to thank our Neighborhood Leaders: Barbara Hazelwood, Cindy LoBue, Eufemia Campagna, Andy Shaw, Nancy Dalzell, Alison Thornhill, Mary Ann Salerno-Fitzgerald, Joan Van Splinter, Canaan and Melanie Bump, Romilly Liloia, Bette Davis, Karen Bognert, Helen Franke, Susan Roche, Joyce McDiarmid, Barbara Schinke, Ellen Ewing, Sue Helm.

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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 Al-

tar 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.



Ark Book Club

The next meeting of the ARK Book Club will be on Monday, October 3 at 7:30 PM. The Book Club will be reading "The Faith Club" by Ranya Idliby.

Capital Campaign Offering Envelopes

Capital Campaign Offering envelopes are available for your convenience, and can be found on the table in the Vestry Room or in the Parish Office.

Vacation Rental

Condo, hotel, or villa accommodations available for rent. Flexible Time and locations across the globe! These are our personal Time shares that we currently cannot use. I offer a NO obligation availability search, so please allow me to find you a great resort, at a location of your choice, at a cost that fits your budget.

Cheryl Finger
cheryl@graphinn.com
973-616-0451



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 11 One Step Up

The Thrift Shoppe is now open on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon. We are also 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

Yarn & Fabric Are Needed

The lovely senior woman who makes knitted and crocheted items such as slippers, scarves, booties, hats, baby blankets, etc. for charity events has expanded her outreach to making "coughing pillow teddy bears" for hospital patients who have had heart surgery. If you have any leftover yarn and fabric that she might be able to use, please consider donating it. Donations can be left in the Church office marked for Erica Stewart. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate - she greatly appreciates your donations!



Sunday School

*Coming soon to
Christ Church*

Stay tuned for details

Baptism

August 7

Andrew Paul Fallas

Wedding

June 25

Jordanna Gail Leiba

Stephen Michael Burke

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.



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 Stop & Shop, Shop Rite in \$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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