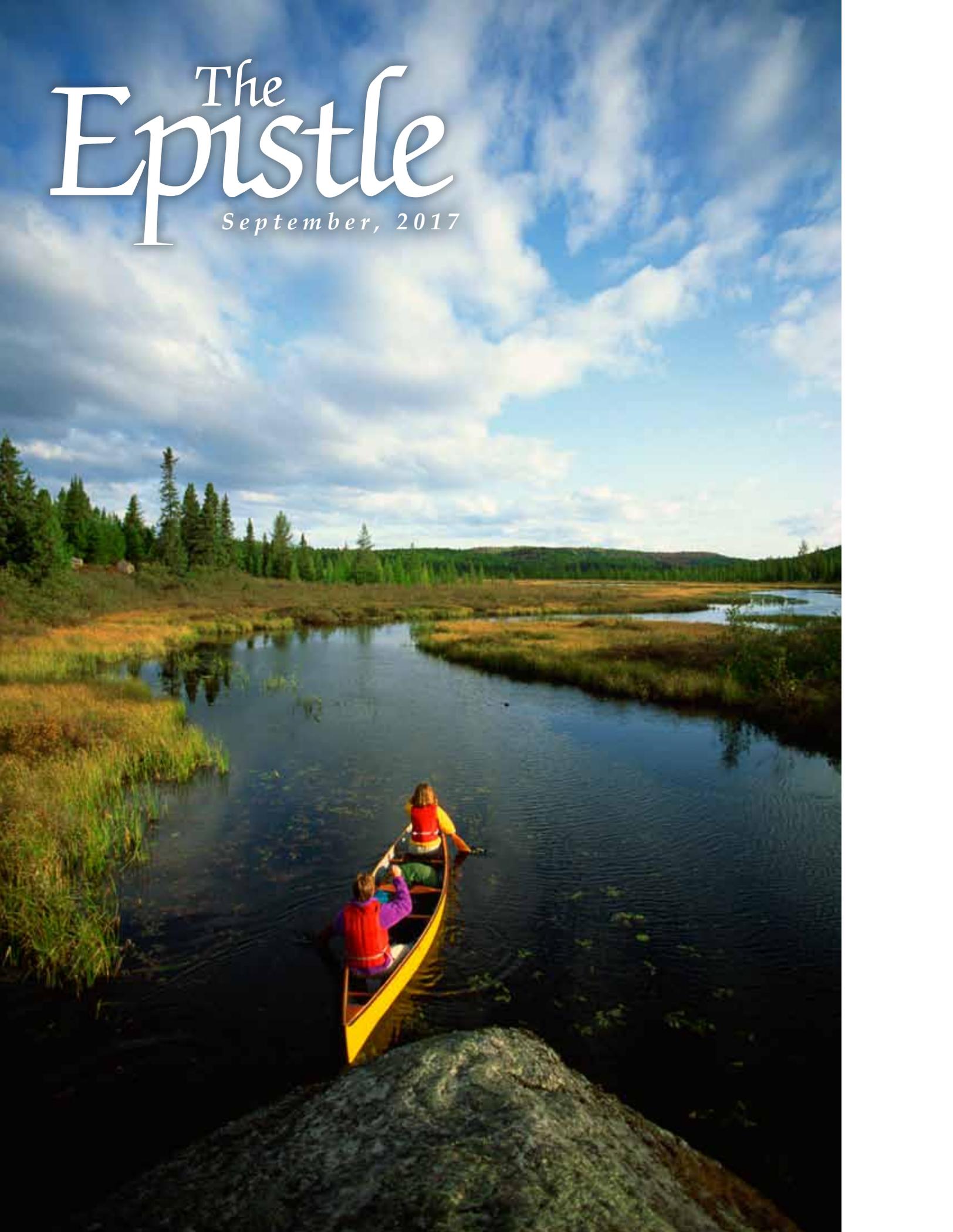
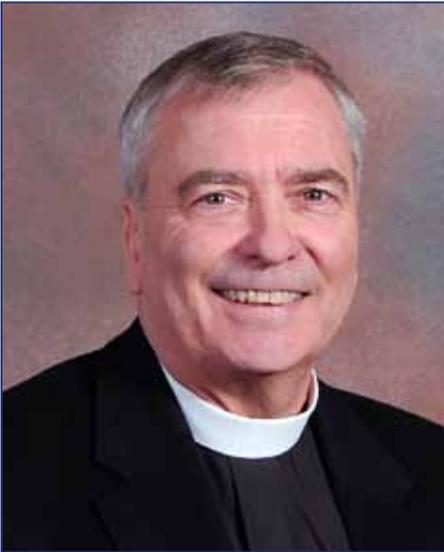


The Epistle

September, 2017



A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

We begin again. September is like the beginning of the New Year for Church. The choir begins again, and the Sunday School. Attendance is back to its usual capacity – which is wonderful. Your generosity shows up especially at the 8 am service when 45 in attendance is not unusual. Wednesday morning's attendance has been increasing as well, sometimes as much as 18!

Every year Christ Church adopts a theme to live into and support. Last year we focused on Special Olympics and Huntington's Disease. Before that was Cystic Fibrosis, Food for the Poor in Haiti, and building water wells in the Dominican Republic.

I would like to propose this theme to focus on in the coming months. It comes from our Baptismal Covenant in the Book of Common Prayer, page 417, something we all have in common!

"Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"

This may be enacted, for some of us, by addressing issues of injustice, prejudice, bigotry etc. on the national level, through our Congress men and women – those who represent us on a national level.

And there are many opportunities within our local communities where our Baptismal Covenant may be applied. We have long had racial prejudice in Passaic County, especially directed at many in the Ringwood Community. We are adopting a Syrian family to take care of their needs. We emphasize dignity in our Church. Have you acknowledged anyone yet with "Celebrating God's Presents" the last Sunday of every month? There was a hunger drive in Ringwood this past June. The first one ever! Thanks to Ellen Ewing, Sue Helm and others.

This is the business of the church: "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?"

This is the responsibility of the Church and the responsibility of everyone living into the Baptismal Covenant. Take it on nationally. Take it on locally. The whole purpose of the Church, any Church, is to contribute to the well-being of others.

Warmly,
Father Stephen

"Come to Our Cabaret"

You all probably remember the Italian Night fundraiser put on by Shepherd's Haven a year ago. It was a huge success and another fundraiser, this time called "Come to Our Cabaret" is planned for Friday, September 29th at 7:30pm. In addition to the entertainment, light refreshments and desserts will be served. It's BYOB affair as well. We have many talented performers scheduled to perform. Tickets are available by calling Shepherd's Haven at 973-835-4747.

*There is a destiny that
makes us brothers,
none go their way alone.
What we send into the
lives of others,
comes back into our own.*

from Elsie Scott,
Kathy Klauser's Mother

*Charity
There is so much good
in the worst of us,
and so much bad
in the best of us,
that it ill behooves any of us
to find fault with the rest of us.*

Unknown author

submitted by Deacon Barbara





“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 10th. The brunch will begin at 8:30 a.m, between the services. Everyone is invited to come. We are also looking for people to contribute food and drink. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for attendance and donations.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes for children in the eighth grade or older will begin in mid-September. Please call the Parish Office to register, 973-835-2207. 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.

Mark Your Calendars for “A Ghostly Gathering”

On October 28, 2017 we will have “A Ghostly Gathering,” a masquerade ball, buffet dinner and auction! Mark your calendars now and starting planning your costume – there will be prizes! Ticket price has been reduced to \$45 per person, BYOB. Tickets are available by calling the Parish Office at 973-835-2207. Fr. Stephen will be the auctioneer! Don’t miss this exciting event! We hope you will make a donation of an item or service for our live auction and silent auction. An accountant could donate tax preparation; a teacher could offer to tutor; a cook could make a special meal; a dentist could offer a free cleaning, a baker - a special cake, a photographer – a family portrait. There are lots of possibilities – you could do yard work for someone, or offer 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. We thank you in advance for your generosity!



Christ Church Graduates

Following are our Christ Church family 2017 Graduates. Congratulations everyone, and good luck!

Benjamin Bristol (grandson of Sue Pikaart) graduated from Bowdoin College with a degree in Political Science and Government. Ben was on the Squash team for 4 years.

Jessie Bristol (granddaughter of Sue Pikaart) graduated from Duke University with a Master’s Degree in Public Policy/Education. Jessie and Clark are moving to the Boston area.

Dakota Carfello (grandson of Tom & Adele Falk) graduated from Pequannock High School. He will be attending Fairleigh Dickerson University, Madison Campus, majoring in Marketing. He will also be a member of the Cross Country team.

Dan Giannone graduated from Rutgers University-Mason Gross with a degree in Music Education and Jazz Studies. Dan will be teaching in the Harrison Public School District and will be continuing performing.

Patrick Ingram (grandson of Sue Pikaart) graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in Anthropology.

Ryan Ingram (grandson of Sue Pikaart) graduated from Western Albemarle High School in Charlottesville, VA and will be attending Swarthmore College where he will join the basketball team.

Guest Choir

On August 20th, the St Paul's Choir School from Englewood sang beautifully at the 9:30 service, a special summertime gift to the Christ Church parishioners. The choir sang pieces during worship and included, among others, "Medieval Gloria" by Vijah Singh, "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" arranged by Craig Curry, and "Psalm 23" arranged by Malcolm Archer, a truly diverse selection of music that we all enjoyed. The St Paul's Choir School is a tuition-

free program for children ages 8 through high school. It offers a unique after-school program that includes professional choral training, voice and piano lessons, leadership development, academic tutoring, and mentoring to children and teenagers. Students come from Englewood and surrounding towns, representing a wide range of cultural communities, and from all faith traditions. Thank you so much for coming! We will never forget your visit! And thanks to everyone who joined in giving them a warm welcome!



Poor Me! an anonymous story about our Neighbor- hood Initiative

I have a storage unit, and it's time to use the rental money for Christmas shopping. One day this summer, I went to begin working and suddenly realized how much there still is to do! Oh my, I wrung my hands and shuddered at the task. Here I am with no local family and no one to help me. Poor me. How will I ever clean out my storage unit!!!! I went home for a cup of tea and wondered how other people master a huge job like this all alone? Then the dawn broke! I'm part of the Christ Church neighborhood! I remembered the Neighborhood Initiative and contacted my local Neighborhood Leader. We agreed to set a date together as soon as summer vacations are over. She and other friends promised to help, too.

Moral of the Story: YOU are the reason for the Neighborhood Initiative. If YOU need help, there's a connection waiting for you. Contact Alison (agard11287@aol.com), Janet (janetfurness@gmail.com) or Sue (sue_teeple@yahoo.com), or Maureen in the church office if you need to know who your Neighborhood Leader is. Regardless of your need, the Leader can't help unless the need is shared. This supportive community is here for everyone.

Jason's Jazz Night for Huntington's Disease

On Saturday, June 17th our family hosted Jason's Jazz Night for Huntington's Disease fundraiser at Christ Church. Our goal was to continue supporting the Huntington's Disease Society's campaign for bringing awareness to our community. We strongly believe that with knowledge about this disease the more our community works together hand in hand. Our family, friends, the HD Society and especially you, our church family, embraced our event once again. You listened to Denise Zukow and Jason's mother, Colleen, about how HD has affected their families. The outpouring of love and support has been overwhelming for all of us in the Giannone and Walsh families helping us raise approximately \$9,700.00.

It was quite emotional for all of us to have Jason attend as our guest of honor. Even though he can't speak, walk, talk, eat solid food, or get from one place to another on his own we saw he was excited to be surrounded by his family and caring people that came in support of this evening of music and fundraising. The funds raised from this event is to support research and to assist families who need help with caring for their family members with HD.

Although this event was in honor of Jason, he will not benefit from it. Jason will not see a cure. He will not receive anything from the proceeds of this event. What he has received

from each of you is being recognized as a significant voice for fighting towards a cure for others. This past week while we were preparing for this event, his mother was making arrangements as requested by Jason to donate his brain to Columbia Presbyterian for research just as his brother did several years ago. Jason wants to do whatever he can to help those with HD have a chance to be a cured.

Whether you offered to donate a basket, a bottle of wine, made a donation or came to the event, Jason and the HD community were received with respect and dignity by your listening and acknowledging the impact Huntington's Disease has. Our families sincerely thank you for this precious gift.

To learn more about this disease or make a donation the website is: <https://hdsa.donor-drive.com/event/2017/jazznight>. This website will remain open until December 31, 2017.

*Dan, Joe & Pat Giannone,
Colleen Walsh Barnes,
Nicole Walsh Golossi*



Garage Sale 2017

The annual Christ Church garage sale was held on July 15th. We had many donations, and many volunteers who helped make the whole event come together. They sorted, cleaned, priced, hauled,

baked, cooked, grilled, and working tirelessly on the day of the event. Once again, the spirit of our parish was evident. People generously donated their time, and their talents, and made the day and the whole event a success. Many thanks to all who participated, we made over \$3,000, and continue to hear from our customers how they plan their day around our venue, to enjoy our lunch as well as our customer service. Well done Christ Church!

Life Line Screening Comes to Christ Church

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be here at Christ Church on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. Ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular disease include: Carotid Artery (plaque buildup-a leading cause of stroke), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body), Peripheral Arterial Disease (hardening of the arteries in the legs), a Heart Rhythm Screening (an EKG to detect Atrial Fibrillation-irregular heartbeat) and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online today at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle and receive your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment!



News from the Sunday School

Welcome to fall, 2017! The end of the previous Sunday School Year was extremely successful! The Sunday School students finished their annual Food Drive for Saint Mary's on May 21st. On that Sunday, a group from Christ Church walked the bags of food over to St. Mary's food pantry for delivery. The children had collected more than 50 bags of non-perishable food for the food pantry, which we delivered. We also got our picture in the Newspaper! In June we ended our annual Fundraiser, which was for the Special Olympics. The Special Olympics provides funds for the athletes and their families to travel to competitions that they would not be able to otherwise. We were able to donate a total of \$4,689.00 that we collected from our donations and fundraisers last year to this amazing organization. Thank you to all who helped and donated!

Sunday School registration for the upcoming year will be on Sunday, September 10th, before and after the 9:30 service. The first official week of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 17th. Welcome back everyone!

Your Sunday School
Co-Superintendents:

*Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania
and Debbie Onderlinde*

Town Hall on Worship - Stage 2!

The Town Hall meeting on Worship of May 21st will be redesigned for a younger demographic of Christ Church parishioners and held on Sunday, October 1st. We're calling it Stage 2. Invitations will be forthcoming. At Stage 2, another group of worshipers will have the opportunity to reflect on the notion "I Like it When" from their unique point of view. Outcomes of May 21st were reported to Father Stephen and the vestry, and ideas are finding their way into programming as the weeks unfold. Stage 2 will contribute its own input to enhancing a deep, enriching, and fun worship experience at Christ Church, and we will report it right here.

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.

The Thrift Shoppe

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!

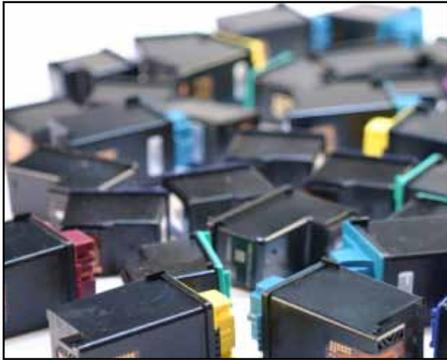
Food for Friends

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.



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.



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 nonprofit 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.

Inspire Worship!

The Worship Commission met in June to reorganize committees and chairs. First, the Commission has changed its name to *INSPIRE!* The mission of the *INSPIRE* Commission is to give oversight to all facets of church intended to glorify God and *INSPIRE* worship, praise, joy, and peacefulness. These facets are represented by several committees. Leaders for each committee serve on the Commission. In some cases, new members have been added to the Commission. Committee members may be invited or may volunteer by speaking to the Committee Leader or to Janet Furness, Chair of *INSPIRE!* Commission. The next meeting of *INSPIRE!* Commission will be September 12 at 7pm. Committees and Leaders are:

Altar Guild – Erica Stewart

Curb Appeal – Karen Bogert (to attract neighbors to worship and glorify God with the beauty of our property)

Family Sunday Planning – Linda Meyer, Janet Gottheiner

Music/Worship – Janet Furness

Training for all worship service participants – Linda Meyer

Ushers/Greeters – Maureen Kilian

Worship Servers – Maureen Kilian

Choir – Rachel Gasataya



Parish Family Birthdays-September

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
- 18 - Louise Hanania
- 19 - Chris Thornhill
- 25 - Caroline Kearney
- 25 - Lyn Lowndes
- 26 - Abby Novak
- 27 - Marian DeRemer

Bishop Search

As you may know Bishop Mark Beckwith has announced his retirement. Read about the search for the XI Bishop of Newark at www.dioceseofnewark.org/bishop-search.



Parish Classifieds

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:

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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 *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



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Baptisms

August, 6

Angelina Claire Florio

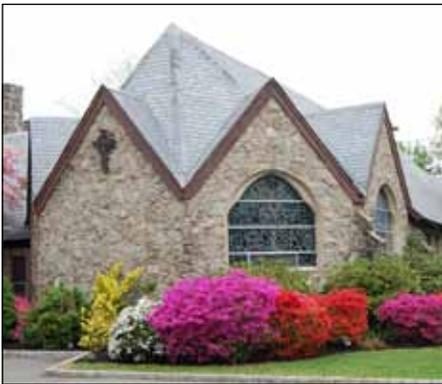
August, 12,

Ava Mae Halvorsen

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!



*Give God what is right,
not what is left*



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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