

NORTH PARISH AUGUST 2014 NEWSLETTER

**THRU THE HANDS OF GOD -
ONE HAND HELPING ANOTHER
(North Parish's Mission Statement)**



From Fr. Tim's Desk

"Yes, LORD, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Matthew 15:27

Did you ever have a bad day? Maybe you're having one right now. One of those days that you're just plain tired and cranky and ready to bite someone's head off. All you want to do is just retreat from the world and be left alone and enjoy some peace and quiet. It seems that Jesus might have been having one of those days in Matthew's account of his encounter with a Canaanite woman. He just learned that his cousin John the Baptist has been murdered by King Herod and he just wanted to get away and be able to rest and grieve so he left Israel and headed north to Phoenicia. He retreated to a small house along the coast to be alone with his disciples and even there he couldn't rest. The Canaanite woman approached him and shouted "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David;" but he ignored her. She kept on shouting and his disciples pressed him to send her away. Finally, he told her I am not here for YOU. She knelt and cried "Lord help me". Jesus insulted her calling her a dog. She pressed on. "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Was it Jesus the man or Jesus the Son of God having the exchange? If it was Jesus the man then it was in that tired, and exasperated and hostile exchange of words that Jesus the man had a learning moment. Because of this woman's tenacity and boldness on the behalf of her child he came to the realization that his ministry as the Messiah might include everyone, not just his own Jewish brothers and sisters. If it was Jesus the Son of God having the exchange then Jesus knew exactly what he was doing when he left Israel and traveled into Gentile territory. It wasn't to get away and rest and it wasn't by accident. He ventured into Phoenicia to show his disciples that the Messiah was sent by God for all nations of the world, and that his grace and mercy were not limited only to the children of Israel.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has his feet planted firmly in two worlds. He lived and died as one of us and took on our human nature. He was fully human and yet he is fully God. We too have our feet planted firmly in two worlds. We are human with all of our frailties and imperfections and we have bad days, but we are also children of God, heirs to an eternal kingdom. God's grace and mercy has been freely bestowed upon all of us whether we deserve it or not.

If someone were to chronicle a day in the life of one of us, what would they write? Would they write a story about our human nature, about how we had neat, cozy, clear cut boundaries in our lives? Would they write that we were too absorbed in ourselves and didn't really bother with anyone that we thought beneath us? Would they write that it was just too inconvenient to help the poor and needy and those less fortunate than ourselves and that our pride strangled our compassion and mercy? OR, would they write about a child of God? Would they write about someone who treated everybody with respect and reached out in love and compassion to all those who needed it? Would they write about someone who acknowledged that they had done nothing to earn God's grace and mercy and were ever mindful about how that grace and mercy was shared with others? Would they write about someone, who even when they were having a bad day, shared the bread from the masters table?

Fr. Tim+



AUGUST MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In loving memory of Naomi and George Amour by son Roy.

SANCTUARY CANDLE: In loving memory of Irene and Stephen J. Rasimowicz Sr. by Janis and Barry Idell.
Anna Mae Krebs by Bob and Kay Ann Kalbach.
Walter Kohler by Steve, Bonnie, Jamie and Ben Hynsoki.

The August & September Bulletins are available for sponsorship. If you are interested in sponsoring the bulletins please call the church office at 570-429-7107. Bulletins are \$10.00

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the September Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Shannon no later than August 6th. If you would like to sponsor the newsletter (\$10) call the church office by the deadline. Volunteers are needed on Thursday, August 21st at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair to help fold the newsletter.



THANK YOU



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How can we say **THANK YOU**? Your donation is greatly appreciated. Your donation will help us assist several individuals that are finding it difficult to make ends meet. Your continued support and generosity is very much appreciated.

If you would like more information on how your donation is helping, please contact our office. We thank you for having lending a helping hand to your fellow man and for having God in your heart.

May God bless you and your church family, as you have blessed others.

In His Service,
Captain Tammy J. Hench
Commanding Officer
The Salvation Army
Pottsville, PA
570-622-5252

A donation of \$107.50 was donated from North Parish, which was one half of the Good Friday offering North Parish received from our members. The other half of \$107.50 was given to the Ashland Food Bank.



Sharing Thoughts from the Senior Warden

During my travels, in and out of our area, I speak with folks of many varied religious beliefs. When I inquire about attendance at their church or place of worship, there is one common response. I hear that attendance is down and religion is not as it was years ago. Parents do not stress the importance of religion in the lives of their children. Sports, whether college or professional – little league baseball or boy's football, takes precedence over Sunday worship.

Throughout my childhood years, all organized children's sports were after school on weekdays or on Saturday – never on Sunday! Parents would not stand for their children playing sports on a Sunday. With the deterioration of religion within the family structure, until parents restore emphasis on religion, our churches are doomed to struggling along each service with the few faithful folks who have retained those values instilled in them by their parents.

My dear readers, the future of our church and religion in general is in the hands of parents and their children! Society needs a revival of those core values of yesteryear. We hear of the weather or clothing styles going through cycles – years of warmer winters, then extremely cold – clothing from the 1960's coming back in style – Folks, religion needs to cycle back into our lives - Restoring family worship on Sundays – every Sunday – not just Palm Sunday, Easter and Christmas. Food for thought – that's how I see it.

Speaking of food, please remember those less fortunate when you are food shopping. Your donations are so appreciated by these families! As the hot days of summer continue, I pray you are keeping as cool and safe as possible.

May God bless you and your families.
Barry Idell



Vestry Highlights – June 22, 2014

- Donald Clamser Sr. will be our delegate to the Convention in October.
- Organ at St. John's to be repaired with funds from the \$4000 grant received from the Society of the Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in PA, funds received and set aside from the Lehn Society and funds contributed by members for the organ repair fund.
- Peach Festival will be at St. John's Church on Wednesday, August 20th from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00
- Pioneer Day in Ashland is on Saturday, August 16th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. North Parish will be selling food items and refreshments.
- The 2013 Financial Audit was approved and accepted and is available to any member by calling the church office.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Joe Brennan, David Gerlott, Walter Marchos, Pat Hefner, Tamme Kehres, Molly Fry, Spencer Dougherty, Daniel Jenkins Sr., Matthew Foerster, Tania Miller, Ray Moyer, Deb Anderson, Kathy Dunham, Fawn Eisenhart, Kyle & Karl Schu, Laura Kennedy, Bill Goodrich, William Moore, Lori Kahler, Mary Moyer, Linda Regal, Christopher Albright, Jason Noble, Alma Davis, Martha Semar, Sherese Gavenport, Howard Hauk, Jessica Rhein, Mabel, Arlene Davis, Mckenzie Rose, Rafael Ramos, Shirley Moyer, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., John Hauk, Todd Leshner, Bob Jones, Sr., Mary Price, Virginia M. Bushyager, Theresa Price, Jackie Jones-Allison, Theresa Robbins, Suzanne Glick Connor, Charlotte Smith, Thelma Morgan, Jim Spieles, Jr., June Leshner, Steven Leshner, Russell Leshner, Kristin Lecher, Suzette Pogash, Mary Catherine Glick, Kay Fertig, Charles J. Wylam, Mary Faith Goodman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS SERVING HERE AND ABROAD.

PRAYER LIST POLICY: To request a person to be placed on the prayer list, please call the church office (570-429-7107) with the person's full name; also the person who is making the request must leave their name and phone number. There will be no time limit to how long a person can stay on the prayer list, however, please call the office when your prayer request has been met so the list will stay updated. Thank you.

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS: You may have noticed that during Sunday services our priests have designated a spot in the service for birthday and anniversary blessings. If you would like a birthday or anniversary blessing, please let our priests know during the announcements that it is your special day.



SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for Edith L. Hoffman who entered eternal life on July 1, 2014. May God grant Edith eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her. Edith attended St. John's, Ashland.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

3 – Enrique Ortiz, III
4 – Nancy Davis
9 – Sally Leibig
10 – Robert Davis
15 – Benjamin Hynoski
16 – Amanda Marie Jacobs
18 – Lois Hewes
20 – Matthew Foerster
21 – Roland Price, Jr.

23 – Daniel Vidal
24 – Ann Hanson
Jack Dudash
26 – Taryn Harris
29 – Darren McGlone
31 – Peter Umlauf



If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly please call the church office at 570-429-7107.

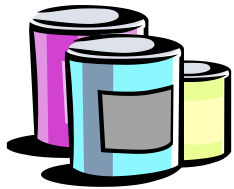


ORGAN REPAIR FUND

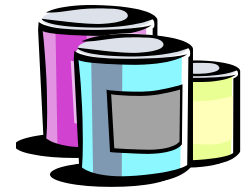


St. John's and Holy Apostles Churches each have very old antique, pipe organs. If anything major were to render these beautiful organs inoperative we would not have the finances to replace them. To maintain them in working order the replacement parts and specialized labor is very expensive. That being said, you will find donation envelopes with your Sunday bulletins. These envelopes are for donations to specifically set aside funds for organ repairs for both St. John's and Holy Apostles organs. You may also specify as to which church your donation is to be applied. If you do not have access to these donation envelopes, please mail your donations to our parish office and again specify which church to apply your donation.

Thank you for your donations. As of June 30th we received \$1011.00



FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of August we will be collecting all varieties of canned fruit for the local food banks. Any non-perishable food items are always welcome! Thank you to everyone who donated products in July. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 570-429-7107 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.



Pioneer Day Celebration: NORTH PARISH will participate in the Annual "Pioneer Day" Celebration on Saturday, August 16th at Higher Up Park, Ashland from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Food items will be available for purchase. Again we ask our church members to help with this fundraiser. Proceeds will benefit our general operating expenses. If you can help, see Elaine Ulceski or a vestry member.

JUNE 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Jun-14	\$ 7,642.25
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 41,336.08
Transfer in from M&I		\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 5,000.00

M&I Account		
	Jun-14	\$ 6,344.37
Year to date		\$ 10,576.67

Memorial Account		
	Jun-14	\$ 1.19
Year to date		\$ 37.85

Balances		
General Account		\$ 8,585.45
M&I Account		\$ 26,895.49

Total Funds available \$ 35,480.94

Memorial Account		\$ 14,414.10
Temp. Restricted Fund		

North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Jun-14	\$ 7,333.81
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 42,982.87

M&I Account		
	Jun-14	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 5,029.00

Memorial Account		
	Jun-14	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



Please call the church office if:

- your address changes
- if a loved one has been admitted to the hospital
- if you have a prayer concern
- if there is any way we can assist you

Church Office Phone: 570-429-7107 - PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW PHONE NUMBER!

Church Office Address: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Church Office Email Address: nparish@ptd.net

**Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:30-5:15 p.m.; Fridays: 1:30-4:30 p.m.
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIMES!**

Website: www.northparish.com

Clergy – The Reverend Timothy Albright; The Reverend James C. Smith

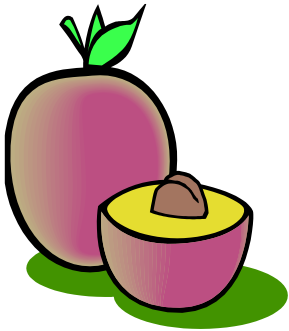
Senior Warden – Barry Idell – (570) 385-7978; cell – (732) 690-5862

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Please note: No items shall be removed from Christ Church worship areas and the undercroft without the permission of the Vestry.

NORTH PARISH PEACH FESTIVAL

Wednesday, August 20, 2014



St. John's Episcopal Church
13th & Market Streets
Ashland
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Tickets - \$5.00

Come enjoy peaches, ice cream, baked good and a beverage.
Eat in or take outs available.

For tickets, call the church office at 570-429-7107 or see a vestry member.

Volunteers are needed to set up, bake treats, to sell tickets and to clean up.

If you can help set up and peel peaches, please arrive at the church the day of the festival by 9:00 a.m. Baked goods can be dropped off at that time. If you can help that evening, please arrive by 4:00 p.m.

Please use the sign- up sheets available in each church if you can help or speak to Senior Warden, Barry Idell or any vestry member.

Please note this fundraiser is to benefit North Parish's General Operating Expenses. We will need all church members to help make this fundraiser a success!



THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who supported the Strawberry Festival in June. We had a profit of \$856.50 which was designated for North Parish's General Operating Expenses. Thank you again for your support!

NEWS FROM MARION C PRICE TRUST FUND

Summertime is a time of fun and relaxation for most people. But for seniors, the heat and sun can be dangerous if the proper precautions aren't taken. On hot days, elderly skin is not able to produce sweat and cool the body as efficiently as younger skin. Some medications can hinder the body's ability to regulate temperatures. Here are some tips that the elderly and their care givers can use to have a safe summer.

1. Stay hydrated. Seniors are more susceptible to dehydration because we lose our ability to conserve water as we age & become less aware of thirst. Limit tea, coffee and alcohol in hot weather.
2. Replace electrolytes. Drink liquids that contain salt and potassium.
3. Keep your cool. Have air conditioners and fans available for those hot days. If able, go to the mall, movies or grocery store on extremely hot days. Or call Trinity Church Office at 570-622-8720 to make arrangements to come in to the air conditioning.
4. Stay in touch. Check in with friends and family or make arrangements for them to check in with you.
5. Know who to call. Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers and place them in an accessible area.
6. Wear the right stuff. When it's warm outside wear neutral colored, natural light weight fabrics.
7. Protect your eyes. Wearing sunglasses when outside can protect your eyes from harmful UV rays and preserve your vision.
8. Know the signs of heat stress. Be sure to get medical attention if you experience any of the following: hot or dry skin, paleness, rapid heart rate, muscle cramps, nausea & vomiting, disorientation & confusion, delirium, fainting or coma, and worsening of medical conditions. If you or an elderly loved one starts to feel any of these symptoms, seek medical help, get out of the heat, lie down and place ice packs on your body.
9. Rub on sunscreen and wear hats. Everyone should use sunscreen when outdoors. If you have been using the same bottle of sunscreen for a few years, recycle it and get a new one. After the expiration dates the ingredients degrade and aren't as effective. Be sure it protects against UVA and UVB radiation. In addition to the term "broad spectrum" you should select a sunscreen with a sun-protection factor (SPF) of at least 30 SPF. Reapply all sunscreen at least every 2 hours.
10. Apply bug spray when outside. The elderly are particularly prone to West Nile Virus and Encephalitis.
11. Exercise smart. If you enjoy outdoor activities such as walking or gardening, make sure to wear the proper clothing and protective gear. Do not stay out for long periods of time and consider going out early in the morning or later in the evening when the sun is not at its peak.

Blueberries & strawberries are in season. They contain a substance that can help dilate arteries, which fights plaque buildup. This antioxidant power helps fight inflammation in the cardiovascular system, strengthens cells and increases oxygen levels in the body. This can have a positive effect on brain health.

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

AUGUST 2014

August 3	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith
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August 10	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
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August 17	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Robert Tiley The Rev. James C. Smith
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August 24	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
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August 31	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith
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August 3	The Eight Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 10	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 17	The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 24	The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Green
August 31	The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Green