

# **NORTH PARISH DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER**

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



## **Sharing Thoughts from the Senior Warden**

With Christmas Eve and Christmas Day approaching, we are making plans to gather with family and friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior, sharing memories of Christmas past and creating new memories to cherish into the future. Our church family here at North Parish also celebrates Christmas with memories of services past.

This Christmas Eve, we will sit and await the Eucharist Service to begin. We will look around remembering family and friends who joined us long ago and have gone on to their heavenly reward. Precious memories! Young families with children seeing the church decorated with holly, candles, bows, and the crèche by the altar and singing songs of joy! Christmas Eve Eucharist was always so special to me as a child, and now, seeing that joy in my grandchildren's eyes brings those memories back to me!

As we celebrate Christmas once again, please think beyond this Christmas Eve service and all those fond memories. We need to keep that joy alive with the spiritual renewal that this season instills in us by attending our Sunday services once Christmas is over and 2015 has begun. Our spiritual commitment to our Lord does not stop after that last Christmas hymn is sung and gifts are exchanged. We need to maintain that commitment as baptized Christians in Christ by our presence in church each Sunday.

As you read this article I am asking all of you to think about YOUR parish – North Parish – and YOUR spiritual future. Experience the joy of Christmas with your family and friends at North Parish. I look forward to sharing that spiritual commitment with all of you as we move forward into 2015!

May you and your families have a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Barry Idell  
Senior Warden



# DECEMBER MEMORIALS



**WINE & WAFERS:** In memory of the birthday and in loving memory of Carol Dresch by sister Lois and family.  
In loving memory of Florence and Charles W. Weber and Charles A. Weber and Harry S. Weber by Wayne Weber.

**BULLETINS:** In loving memory of Harold and Deborah Strunk by the Ulceski and Strunk families.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** In loving memory of Irene and Stephen J. Rasimowicz Sr. by Janis and Barry Idell.  
In loving memory of Florence and Charles W. Weber and Charles A. Weber and Harry S. Weber by Wayne Weber.

THE ADVENT WREATH AT ST. JOHN'S is in loving memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski and Noble families.

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2015. If you are interested in memorials please contact the church office by phone (570-429-7107) or by sending a note to the church secretary: Shannon Mozdy, North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931 OR you can give your memorials to your church treasurer: Holy Apostles – Bonnie Baker, St. John's – Elaine Ulceski,  
The donations for memorials are as follows: Sanctuary Candles - \$5.00, Bulletins - \$10.00; Wine and Wafers - \$10.00, Newsletters - \$10.00

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER/MEMORIAL DONATION FORM:



Please fill out the form and place it in an envelope with your donation and place it in the collection or mail it to the church office: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Name of Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY November 30, 2014.**

All memorials will be published in the January Newsletter.  
**Please be mindful of the deadline date.**



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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.



**BAPTISM:** We welcomed into the Episcopal Church on October 26, 2014, through Holy Baptism at Holy Apostles, Owen Anthony Labie, son of Sherry Labie and Anthony Klocek. May God bless Owen and his family now and forever.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Joshua Jacobs  
4 – Jennifer Evans  
    Janis Idell  
8 – Randall Snyder  
10 – Brooklyn Hewes  
12 – Holly Noble  
    Sue O'Neill  
    Michael Leshar  
    Alicia Rathosky  
14 – Justin T. Hughes

14 - Albert Leibig  
15 – Dakotah Hewes  
18 – Robert Scheuren  
21 – Clayton Demcher  
23 – Jane Shaqfeh  
26 – John Price, Jr.  
    Stephen Ulceski  
27 – Mary Alice Reese





# CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

5:30 p.m. – St. John’s, Ashland  
Celebrant – The Rev. Timothy Albright

7:30 p.m. – Holy Apostles, St. Clair  
Celebrant – The Rev. James C. Smith

The Vestry and Clergy of North Parish wish each one of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas!



## CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR OUR SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH

Please remember the following shut-ins of our Parish this Christmas by sending them a Christmas Card. Please call Shannon, our Parish Secretary at 570-429-7107 for any addresses. If you are a shut-in and are not on our list please call the church office.

Roy Amour  
Verna Bosak  
Theresa Robbins

Thelma Morgan  
Ruby Powanda  
Mary Price

Anna Hesse  
Charlotte Smith  
Ray Umlauf



## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE



North Parish is hosting a winter clothing drive now until December 14. We are collecting hats, scarves, gloves and coats for all ages. Your donations will be given to a local charity. Thank you for helping those in need.



## 2015 EPISCOPAL KALENDAR

The 2015 church kalendars have arrived. Please call the church office at (570) 429-7107 to order your kalendar. Kalendar donations are \$3.00 each.



## 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 October 31st we received \$1,271.00

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## FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of December we will be collecting boxed potatoes, boxed stuffing, canned yams, canned vegetables, canned cranberry sauce and anything else non-perishable that could be used to enjoy the holiday meals! Thank you to everyone who donated products in November. 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.

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the UTO offering In October. We received \$83.00. **THANK YOU** also to everyone who supported the Haunted House at Holy Apostles and for the personal care donations for the soldiers of Operation We Care. We also received \$100.00 for Operation We Care.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the January Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair to help fold the newsletter.

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# OCTOBER 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

## North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Oct.-14	\$ 3,370.24
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 60,778.86
Transfer in from M&I		\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 14,000.00

M&I Account		
	Oct-14	\$ 172.33
Year to date		\$ 13,000.19

Memorial Account		
	Oct.-14	\$ 336.42
Year to date		\$ 2,608.15

Balances		
General Account		\$ 6,605.74
M&I Account		\$ 20,311.01
Memorial Fund		\$ 16,924.40
Temp. Restricted Fund		

## North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Oct-14	\$ 6,615.06
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 73,405.36

M&I Account		
	Oct-14	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 14,035.00

Memorial Account		
	Oct.-14	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 60.00



2015 PLEDGE FORMS – Please return your forms to you church treasurer at this time. Thank you for your continued financial support to North Parish! If you need a pledge card please all the church office.



**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**

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

**Church Office Email Address: [nparish@ptd.net](mailto:nparish@ptd.net)**

**Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:30-5:15 p.m.; Fridays: 1:30-4:30 p.m.**

**Website: [www.northparish.com](http://www.northparish.com)**

**Clergy – 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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## December 2014

December 7	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
December 14	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
December 21	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
December 24	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. James C. Smith
December 28	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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	<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Color:</b>
December 7	The Second Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 14	The Third Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 21	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Purple
December 24	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
December 28	The First Sunday after Christmas Day	White