

**NORTH PARISH
February 2013
NEWSLETTER**

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



From Fr. Tim's Desk

Time seems to be moving so quickly as we enter the month of February. It was only several weeks ago that we celebrated the coming of the Christ child into human form and we joined in Gloria upon Gloria with all of the heavenly host. We followed a star until it stopped over Bethlehem and presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the newborn king and we entered into the season of Epiphany where the nature of God Incarnate is revealed to us; culminating this month on the Mount of Transfiguration. Since Christmas Day we have been learning about who the MESSIAH is.

This month, however, we begin the holy season of Lent where we switch gears and learn about who WE are, from the inside out. We take the time to look inward and ponder our human condition and come to the realization that the ONLY way that we can be saved is by grace from above.

Our inward journey begins with the words "Remember thou art dust and to dust thou shall return" and we are reminded that it is a loving God interested in a relationship with each and every one of us that took a handful of earth and breathed life into it. We are reminded that it is a loving God interested in a relationship that continues to breathe life into a handful of earth every time we call His name. We are reminded it is a loving God interested in a relationship that cared so much about saving his creatures from eternal death that he became like us, and suffered as one of us, and died as one of us, and was raised from the dead as one of us so that we too might share in new and glorious life.

Keep a holy Lent. As you venture through the wilderness for the forty days and forty nights earnestly reflect on those things or obstacles in your life past and present that stand in the way of having a right relationship with your God. He wants one and so do you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bob C., Melanie Boxter, John Hauk, Fr. Kimberly Brooks, Todd Leshar, Eleanor Mihal, Darlene Frye, Darryl Corewell, Matthew Miggins, Jason Noble, Anne Joyce, Fred Lane, Kimmel family, Edith Hoffman, Holly, Lana Dawn Lucas, Gary Boose, Kyle and Karl Schu, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Judee Sorrentino, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, Bonnie Lecher, Theresa Price, Jackie Jones-Allison, Theresa Robbins, Suzanne Glick Connor, Charlotte Smith, Thelma Morgan, Jim Spieles, Jr., Judy Demyan, June Leshar, Steven Leshar, Russell Leshar, Helen Tanis, Lois Blyler, Barbara Matern, Verna Bosak, Michael Lane, 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 (874-4532) 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.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 – Connor Demcher
8 – James Willard
12 – Hailey Foerster
14 – Angela (Neary) Cody
15 – Edith Bixler
 Matthew R. Price
18 – Kevin Jacobs

21 – Bonnie Baker
 Rebecca Higgins
25 – Holden Andrewcavage
26 – Nancy Lymaster
 Margaret Scheuren
27 – Robin Leibig

If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly please call the church office at 874-4532.



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Members of North Parish and Vestry,

Thank you for the generous Christmas gift I received. I truly appreciated it. I wish each one of you a Blessed 2013!

Thanks again,
Shannon Mozdy
Parish Secretary



FOOD BANK MINISTRY

During the month of February we will be collecting monetary donations for the local food banks. Please make your checks out to North Parish and on your check memo line: Food Bank offering. You can also designate a spot on your offering envelope for the Food Bank offering. Thank you for your generous support with this ministry. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 874-4532 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.



**LENT BEGINS ON
ASH WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 13, 2013**



A combined service of North Parish will be held at Christ Church, 140 W. Frack St., Frackville, PA at 7:00 p.m. The service will be a spoken service with Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes. The Reverend James C. Smith will be the celebrant.



PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER
Sunday, February 10th, 5:00 p.m.
Christ Church, Frackville

Donald Clamser, Sr., and his family have offered to have a pancake supper for the members of North Parish at Christ Church, Frackville on Sunday, Feb. 10th at 5:00 p.m. They will donate the pancakes, sausage, butter, syrup, ketchup, ice tea and coffee. Donations of desserts are needed. Also, volunteers will be needed to help with the serving. If you plan on attending or you can help please call Donald at 570-205-5014.

DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Dec-12	\$ 7,198.50
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$67,949.59
Transfer in from M&I Year to date		\$25,000.00

M&I Account		
	Dec-12	\$ 2,985.22
Year to date		\$ 9,874.77

Memorial Account		
	Dec-12	\$ 101.70
Year to date		\$ 241.36

North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Dec-12	\$ 7,680.50
Year to Date Exp.		\$93,506.84

M&I Account		
	Dec-12	\$ -
Year to date		\$25,032.75

Memorial Account		
	Dec-12	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 20.00

Current Balances

General Account	\$10,303.85
M&I Account	\$11,909.87
Memorial Account	\$14,361.92
Total Funds	\$36,575.64



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) 874-4532

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

Church Office Email Address: nparish@ptd.net

Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:00-5:15pm, Fridays: 1:00-4:30pm

Website: www.northparish.com

Senior Warden – Mary Umlauf – (570) 875-3559

Clergy – The Reverend Timothy Albright

The Reverend James C. Smith

Vestry Highlights January 20, 2012



The minutes of the December 2, 2012 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's reports for November and December 2012 were accepted as printed.

The organ motor from St. John's will be taken to Reading to be rebuilt. The Boiler tank at St. John's, the boiler at Christ Church and several other repairs were made by Bob Tiley. .

Volunteers are needed for the following committees: **Hospitality, Youth, and Fund Raising**. Please contact a vestry member if you can help.

A Pancake Supper will be held Sunday, February 10th at 5:00 p.m. at Christ Church.

Jane Shaqfeh will be our new representative on the Marion Price Trust Fund. Thank you to Claudia Moyer for serving this past year.

Barry Idell will conduct Prayer Meetings and Bible Study groups every Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 P.M. at Holy Apostles.

Next Vestry meeting will be held February 17, 2012 at 1:30 in Christ Church.

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

February 2013

February 3	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
February 10	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	Robert Tiley
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	Donald Clamser, Sr.
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith
February 13	Holy Eucharist	7:00 p.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Ash Wednesday Spoken Service – Combined Service of North Parish			
February 17	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. James C. Smith
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright
February 24	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith

	Notes:	Color:
February 3	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 10	The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 13	Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes – Combined Service of North Parish	Purple
February 17	The First Sunday in Lent	Purple
February 24	The Second Sunday in Lent	Purple