

NORTH PARISH JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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



From Fr. Tim's Desk

"I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."

- John 1:31

In 1990, Kevin Costner directed and starred in the Academy Award winning film "Dances With Wolves", maybe you remember it. The film begins with Costner as despondent Union Army Lieutenant John Dunbar who seeks to end his life through suicide, but is instead launched into a journey of discovery to the frontier of the Dakota Territory where he encounters a tribe of Lakota Sioux Indians. Dunbar learns that everything he has been told about the Indians is incorrect. Likewise, the Indians too learn much about the white man who is in their midst. Lt. John Dunbar is transformed into a Sioux named "Dances with Wolves." He states "I had never really known who John Dunbar was, perhaps the name itself had no meaning, but as I heard my Sioux name being called over and over, I knew for the first time who I really was." Dunbar learns a new language, learns new stories, and learns to tell his story in a new way. The film is a story about identity, and new life, and transformation.

As we enter the season of Epiphany we find that it too offers stories about identity, and new life, and transformation. The name "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word *Epiphania*, and means "to show, to make known, or to reveal. It begins with the visit of the three Magi to Bethlehem who reveal Christ as "Lord and King" to all of humanity. It continues with Christ's baptism in the Jordan River revealing his divinity as the Son of God, with a voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." And the season ends in the dazzling white light of the Transfiguration revealing the glorious divinity of Christ in the material world and the transforming power of His love.

Learning the language of salvation, learning new stories, and learning how to tell their own stories in a new way is very much the way that Jesus trained his first disciples and it is during the season of Epiphany that we too are urged to reflect upon our own stories and discover who we are called to be, how we have written new pages in our lives, how we have been transformed. It is during the season of Epiphany that we are called to tell our stories about how we have encountered the Christ, to tell what we have seen and heard. It is during the season of Epiphany that we are encouraged to listen to what others tell us about the Christ, so that He might be better revealed to us.

And after all of the stories have been told, might we understand better WHO we are and WHOSE we are.

Fr. Tim +



JANUARY MEMORIALS



SANCTUARY CANDLES: In loving memory of Irene and Stephen J. Rasimowicz Sr. by Janis and Barry Idell.

NEWSLETTER: In loving memory of William Miller Jr. by Linda Gerlott

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2014. If you are interested in memorials please contact the church office by phone (570-874-4532) 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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the February Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than January 8th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, January 22nd at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Frackville to help fold the newsletter.



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

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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<https://www.facebook.com/Northparisepiscopalchurch>

2014 Episcopal Kalendars are still available for purchase. Please call the church office if interested.



“Sharing Thoughts from the Senior Warden”

As we enter a New Year after a season of giving, we need to be mindful of the continued needs of those less fortunate. In 2014, North Parish will continue to partner with local organizations by contributing non-perishable and winter clothing for distribution. When you are out shopping, please keep in mind those in need and bring your donations with you to church. Also, if you know of someone in need, please speak to a member of our vestry.

Each month we mail out a newsletter to you mentioning events at North Parish. Our active members are trying to keep our doors open by providing exciting and interesting social activities and fundraisers. As we begin 2014, I would like to invite ALL our parishioners, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT to be involved by volunteering, supporting and/or attending our events. Our future is in your hands! Come out and be a part of YOUR North Parish!

Happy New Year and God’s blessings be upon you.

Barry Idell
Senior Warden



Vestry Highlights – November 17, 2013

The minutes and Treasurer's report of the September 22, 2013 meeting were approved and accepted as printed.

Plans and preparation for the Thanksgiving Free Dinner were discussed and progressing along as planned.

Christmas Eve services are all set and an ad was approved to be run in the Republican Herald on 12/14 & 12/21.

Refreshments will be served after the final service at Christ Church on 12/29.

A \$50 cash donation and many non-perishables, collected at the haunted house night at Holy Apostles were presented to Kathy Burda for Operation We Care.

Planned fundraising for 2014 are: March - corned beef and cabbage dinner, April - country line dancing and Paska eggs, and May – Mother’s Day flowers sale.

Next Vestry Meeting is a special meeting on December 22nd.



The Vestry and Clergy of North Parish wishes you and your family a New Year filled with health, joy and happiness.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alma Davis, Martha Semar, Sherese Gavenport, Donna Phillips, Howard Hauk, Michele Esposito, Jessica Rhein, Mabel, Brittany Evans, Rich Wertz, Kyle M., Alice Sapp, Arlene Davis, Mckenzie Rose, Rafael Ramos, Henry Koller, Shirley Moyer, Kay Collier, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., Bob C., John Hauk, Todd Leshar, Darlene Frye, Pastor James Bowers, Floyd Kimmel, Darryl Corewell, Matthew Miggins, Edith Hoffman, Gary Boose, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Mary Price, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, 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, 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 (570-874-4532) 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.



SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for Marion Vidal who entered eternal life on December 12, 2013. Marion attended Holy Apostles. May God grant Marion eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 – Karl Schu
7 – William Noble
9 – Bruce Goodman
11 – Heike Elizabeth Goodman
Shelley Price
Boyd Shaqfeh
Ava Correll
12 – Warren Lane
Kelsey Shanoskie
Marina Shanoskie
Donald Clamser, Sr.
13 – Cade Bleashka
Verna Bosak

13 - Marsha Dudash
15 – Cora Lynn Ortiz
17 – John Dresch
19 – Tracie Miller
21 – Steven Leshar
Elaine Ulceski
22 – Robert J. Higgins
Lexie Scanlan
23 – Andrea Chapman
Meghan McGlone
25 – Logan Lombel
29 – Kenneth Brennan Jr.
31 – Rylan Walchak



NOVEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
Nov-13		\$ 5,082.65
Year to Date Gen. Rec.		\$ 61,036.08
Transfer in from M&I		\$ 5,000.00
Transfer in from M&I Year to Date		\$ 10,000.00

M&I Account		
Nov-13		\$ 1,396.30
Year to date		\$ 15,292.48

Memorial Account		
Nov-13		\$ 1.34
Year to date		\$ 13.19

Balances		
General Account		\$ 7,680.86
M&I Account		\$17,117.27
Total Funds available		\$ 24,798.13

Memorial Account		\$ 14,375.11
Temp. Restricted Fund		

North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
Nov-13		\$ 7,942.95
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 73,659.07

M&I Account		
Nov-13		\$ 5,007.00
Year to date		\$ 10,085.08

Memorial Account		
Nov-13		\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



2014 PLEDGE REPORT

2014 received 18 pledge cards totaling \$19,084.00
2013 received 14 pledge cards totaling \$17,064.00

Increase of 3 pledge cards
Increase of \$2020.00

If you did not return a 2014 Pledge card, please do so today.
We have an operating budget of \$88,490.00 for 2014.

Thank you for your continued financial support to North Parish.

2014 Church Offering Envelopes: Our church treasurers will soon be distributing the 2014 envelopes. This is the most effective way to keep track of your offerings. If you are currently not using envelopes please call the church office at 570-874-4532 or if you are a member currently attending Christ Church, please call the office to let us know if we should include your envelopes with St. John's, Ashland or Holy Apostles, St. Clair. Thank you!

NEWS FROM THE MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND

December 5 was the 35th anniversary of the late Marion C. Price's death. Many of us did not know her but have felt the impact of her legacy through the years.

Marion was one of two daughters born to William Cowhen, the first registered pharmacist in Pottsville. His drug store was in the Cowhen building which is now Dr. Forester's office.

Marion married Frank Price of Minersville. Neither she nor her sister Anita had any children. Marion was the last surviving member of her family.

It is rumored that Marion had many cats and loved music. She was very devoted to her Church, Trinity, and donated funds over the years to repair the roof and doors.

When Marion died December 5, 1978 her wish was for her home to become a nursing home for elderly Episcopalians in Schuylkill County. For several reasons that was not feasible.

The Marion C. Price Trust Fund was established about August 1980. Six years later a Cy Pres was granted to authorize the use of the funds for elderly Episcopalians in maintaining themselves in their own homes as well as in nursing homes.

Since its inception the Marion Price Trust Fund has allocated approximately \$280,000 as far as I can research. For hearing aids to personal care, eyeglasses to chair glides, prescriptions to roof repairs. All measures that improve the quality of life of elderly Episcopalians in Schuylkill County.

The current Board member from North Parish is Jane Shaqfeh. Other members are Doris Kauffman, Sue Wagner, Allen Brennan, Jim Dix & Karen Gildersleeve. Of course a big part of the inner gears and workings of the Marion Price Trust Fund are Edna Rauco and Father Jim.

The faces of Marion Price Trust Fund have changed over the years but never the mission of providing a community of support to elderly Schuylkill County Episcopalians and their families. To assist clients in their efforts to maintain their dignity as an adjunct to the spiritual ministry offered by each parish with Schuylkill County.

We have been doing our Senior Adventures since 2002 and have recently expanded to include games in the lounge after our lunch. We will be having a Christmas luncheon and in January we will be starting Winter Wednesdays to get people together to make the long days of winter just a little brighter.

I have been the Parish Nurse and Administrator of the Marion C. Price Trust Fund since August of 1996. When I answered an ad for a Parish Nurse and met with Father Morris and then the complete Marion Price Trust Fund Board firing questions at me from all angles.

When I first started to call the parishioners they were skeptical and weren't sure why I wanted to visit. I received many excuses at first. One that I remember was that they just had their furniture shampooed and couldn't possibly see me. I persisted, then one Sunday I heard a parishioner from Trinity say to the person sitting next to him that I was his parish nurse, I knew I had arrived.

I am required to give monthly reports; number of telephone calls, home visits, hospital visits, etc. But recently, inspired by something Father Jim Rinehart said in one of his sermons I started including a report entitled "more than just numbers".

I hope Marion Price would be happy to hear that her vision has evolved but maintains the dignity of elderly Episcopalians in Schuylkill County: Like taking a parishioner to his doctor and then the emergency room because his family lives in New Jersey, taking a slice of pizza once a month to have lunch with a woman who recently lost her husband, taking a parishioner to see her dying friend, getting medic alert information for people living alone so if they fall they won't have to lay there hours until help finally arrives, helping a parishioner with poor eyesight do her pacemaker check, sitting with a parishioner when her friend of 30 years is being buried or helping with a living will, a pace or rent rebate application and getting a call from a delighted parishioner that saved \$80 on a prescription because the pace application we just submitted for him was accepted.

Through the years I have seen joy, sadness and fear but the quality I see repeatedly is inner strength and faith. It is these two qualities that have brought many of our parishioners through adversity.

Please know that the Marion Price Trust Fund is always available to serve the elderly and continue to follow the wishes of the late Marion Price. I would like to personally thank Marion Price and Father Jim for what they both have done for me and the blessings I have received through the years. It is an honor and privilege to serve the people I do.

Please remember I am available thru the holiday season for calls and visits.

***Merry Christmas,
Kathy Burda***

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

JANUARY 2014

January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
5	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright

January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
12	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright

January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. James C. Smith
19	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith

January	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
26	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright

	Notes:	Color:
January 5	The Second Sunday after Christmas Day	White
January 12	The First Sunday after Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
January 19	The Second Sunday after Epiphany	Green
January 26	The Third Sunday after Epiphany	Green

2013 NORTH PARISH CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS



MEMORIAL FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:



Christ Church

Elizabeth & Charles Blackwell
David G. Evans
Edythe & Kline Evans
Catherine (Blackwell)Garraway
Charlotte & Elmer Geiger
Thomas & Catherine Gibson
Katherine & Hower Glick
Joanne & William Glick
Raymond Paisley Sr.
Charlotte Paisley
Raymond Paisley Jr.
Ellet & Estella Reese
Jack & Ellet Reese
Thomas Reese
Francis Sapp
Catherine & William Sanner
(founding members)
Harry & Catherine Smith
Harry G. Smith
Sarah Smith
Phylis Reese Wood

In honor of:
The Glick and Sanner family.

The 2 White Poinsettias on the altar are in loving memory of the deceased members and in honor of the members of Christ Church's Episcopal Church Women.



St. John's

Amour, Hess
& Scheuren Families
Leona & Walter Briel
Margaret Briel
Beatrice Clews
John & Isabelle Coddington
Kenneth Heffner
Walter Hynoski
Lester & Madeline Jones
Jean Jordan
Ethel & Bert Kehler
Walter Kohler
Gladys Lally
Deceased Members of
Benjamin Lane Family
Marlin "Sparky" Miller
Dorothy Tiley Miller
William Miller, Jr.
Emily & Louis Morris (2)
William Morris
Louis & Agnes Morris
Betty Noble (2)
Mary Anne Clamser Orr
Stef Schafer
Harold & Deborah Strunk
Timothy Strunk
Hattie & Alfred Strunk
Margaret & John Stivetts
John Stivetts, Jr.
Mary Stokes
Parents, Annette & Mark Trautman
Brother, Richard Trautman
Alice Umlauf (3)
Anna & John Umlauf
Edward & Rosemary Ulceski

Flowers on the side altar are in loving memory of the Amour & Hess Families.

Holy Apostles

Jack Blake
Chattin Family
Carol Dresch
Bobby & Mary Dean
Oliver Dechert
Daniel & Evelyn Eisenhower
Frank A. Frantz
Charles & Maggie Frantz & Family
Frank & Ruth Frantz
Orme & Merle Frantz
Edward & Clara Gehring
Lewis & Myrle Goodman
Robert B. Goodman
Abram & Mary Jones
Abram & Geneva Jones
George & Dorothy Kimmel
Anna Mae Krebs
Alice & Albert Padfield
David Padfield
Margaret Ray Peterman & Family
Robert & Bertha Price
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Price
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rasimowicz, Sr.
Benjamin & Edith Ray
Evan & Emma Reese
Alfred & Dolly Roberts
John Salata
Dale Shanoskie
Dorothy K. Smith
Mrs. Edna Swartley
Charles & Laura Turnitsa
Florence & Charles W. Weber
Rosemary & Charles A. Weber
Dale & Harry Weber
Matthew Wylam

