

**NORTH PARISH
JANUARY/FEBRUARY
2024
NEWSLETTER**

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



Musings from the priest's computer.....January-February 2024

Gregory Boyle is a Roman Catholic priest based in Los Angeles. He is the director of a program known as Homeboy Industries. Homeboy is a multi-faceted gang-mitigation agency that provides services to and with men and women who had been gang members, to steer them to a life free from gangs, substance abuse and violence. He has written several books about the ministry and the participants. (We actually studied one of them a few years back.). His latest is one titled "The Whole Language", and the book details the lives and times of some of his participants before and during their times with Homeboy. The title comes from using the whole language of love to one another.

The Whole Language of Love is found in Jesus Christ. We recently celebrated the birth of the Savior, as the Christ Child. Because God-so-loved is what we hear. We witness the Whole Language of Love in Jesus as strangers come to him, recognizing the Messiah. This is one aspect of the Epiphany, the revelation and recognition of Jesus as the Messiah. The other is in His ministry. Jesus did not set up boundaries to his love, he expanded understanding to include the excluded, the marginalized, the scorned sinners, and the harshly judged. That caused extreme anxiety for the ruling class, yet that lesson of inclusivity is one we are to emulate. Fr. Boyle notes ""What was ultimately treasonous about Jesus was his inclusivity. He ignored boundaries,". Jesus did not tolerate bad behavior yet welcomed the sinner with compassion and grace.

We can reflect and practice this radical love of Christ Jesus daily. It seems to start with loving God, our neighbors then moving to loving self. Yes, we all carry guilt and Lent calls us to confess and be restored. Yet, every day is a day to amend. Fr. Boyle states "Guilt, of course, is feeling bad about one's actions, but shame is feeling bad about oneself."

As we traverse these days of Epiphany into the beginning of Lent, it will do us well to cast away our shame, stand tall, and speak the Whole Language of Love that is Jesus Christ.

Fr. Kurt



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 - Jude Salata	11 - Boyd Shaqfeh	17 - Harley Hynoski
4 - Jessica Hynoski	Ava Correll	21 - Elaine Ulceski
7 - William Noble	12 - Warren Lane	22 - Robert J. Higgins
9 - Bruce Goodman	Donald Clamser, Sr.	Lexie Scanlan
11 - Heike Elizabeth Goodman	13 - Marsha Dudash	23 - Betty Chappell
Shelley Price	17 - John Dresch	Meghan McGlone

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



2 - Connor Demcher	15 - Matthew R. Price	21 - Rebecca Higgins
8 - James Willard	17 - Joseph Burns	25 - Holden Andrewcavage
14 - Angela Neary	21 - Bonnie Baker	26 - Margaret Scheuren

If your birthday is listed incorrectly or it is not included on the birthday list, please notify the church office. Thank you.



NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS are needed for our Food Cupboards. If you are unable to donate food items, you can give a monetary donation. Please write your check to North Parish and designate Food Cupboards. Thank you.



JANUARY MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Cole Joshua Lauver by the Hynoski Family.



FEBURARY MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Jim Lecher by wife Bonnie.

BULLETINS: In memory of Jim Lecher by wife Bonnie.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Emily Morris by the Hynoski Family.

2024 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2024. 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 also give your memorials to your church treasurer:

Holy Apostles – Marsha Dudash, St. John's – Elaine Ulceski

The donations for monthly memorials are as follows: Sanctuary Candles - \$5.00

Bulletins - \$10.00; Wine & Wafers - \$10.00, Newsletters - \$10.00



All articles for the March/April Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Shannon, no later than Monday, February 5th.



Vestry Meeting
Holy Apostles, St. Clair, PA
February 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jason
Jennier J.
Jeff
Laura
Mia
Joseph Roy
Jonathan Mark
Tara Compinski
Charles Davenport
Delores Frantz
Donna Frantz
Emily Frantz

Gerard Frantz
Jennifer Frantz
Becky Higgins
Donna Horning
Harley Hynoski
McKenzie Kline
Dolores Kozlosky
Joshua Lauver
Landry Lauver
Mary Levan
Jennifer Mackeravage
Jeff Maurer

Shirley Moyer
Catherine Mozdy
Polly Orth
Jack Orth
Kathleen S.
Gerry Salata
David Strunk
Bob Tiley
Eddie Ulceski

PRAYER LIST POLICY

We will begin a new prayer list beginning January 1st. If you would like your name to remain on the prayer list or you need to add someone, please notify the office before then.

We ask that you call the church office at 570-429-7107 or email us at nparish@ptd.net. Please leave your name, phone number and the name of the person for the prayer list.

You can also mail the form below to the church office at:
North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Name on the prayer list: _____

Person making the request: _____

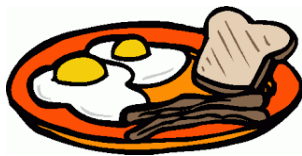
Please note: The prayer list will be updated at the end of June also.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - Holy Apostles

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

January 7, 2024

February 4, 2024



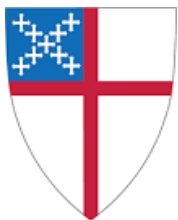
Menu includes: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,
home-fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea, etc.

Cost is \$10.00 at the door

The breakfasts are fundraisers for North Parish's general fund.

Our profit from November - \$827.73 and December - \$931.65

Thank you for your support.



HOLY APOSTLES SATURDAY SERVICES

January 6, 2024 – Holy Eucharist
February 3, 2024 - Holy Eucharist
Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Services are at 5:00 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 14, 2024

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:20

9:00 a.m. - St. John's, Ashland – Holy Eucharist and Ashes
6:00 or 7:00 p.m. – Trinity, in St. Luke's Chapel – Holy Eucharist and Ashes
Ashes in a flash: Watch your bulletins for more information.

LENTEN SUPPER AND THURSDAY EVENING LITURGY



We will be having a light supper and Thursday evening service during Lent at rotating churches. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. and the service will follow at 6:30 p.m. Services are as follows:

February 15: St. James, Schuylkill Haven
February 22: Holy Apostles, St. Clair
February 29: Trinity, Pottsville
March 7: St. John's, Ashland
March 14: St. James, Schuylkill Haven
March 21: Holy Apostles, St. Clair

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER FINANCES

North Parish Receipts			North Parish Disbursements	
General Account			General Account	
	23-Oct	\$ 5,267.01		23-Oct \$ 8,325.79
Year to Date		\$ 58,496.87	Year to Date Exp.	\$ 80,125.22
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ -		
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ 8,000.00		
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ -		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 2,200.00		
Transfer in from St. Elizabeth's Guild		\$ -		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 7,000.00		
M&I Account			M&I Account	
	23-Oct	\$ 88.21		23-Oct \$ -
Year to date		\$ 3,617.43	Year to date	\$ 8,000.00
Memorial Account			Memorial Account	
	23-Oct	\$ 0.19		23-Oct \$ -
Year to date		\$ 616.93	Year to date	\$ 2,200.00
Balances				
General Account		\$ 633.03		
M&I Account		\$ 12,626.56		
Minus M&I designated funds		\$ (7,663.41)		
Total funds available		\$ 5,596.18		
General Account			General Account	
	23-Nov	\$ 8,576.20		23-Nov \$ 6,759.03
Year to Date		\$ 67,073.07	Year to Date Exp.	\$ 86,884.25
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ 500.00		
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ 8,500.00		
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ -		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 2,200.00		
Transfer in from St. Elizabeth's Guild		\$ -		
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 7,000.00		
M&I Account			M&I Account	
	23-Nov	\$ 82.21		23-Nov \$ 500.00
Year to date		\$ 3,699.64	Year to date	\$ 8,500.00
Memorial Account			Memorial Account	
	23-Nov	\$ 0.17		23-Nov \$ -
Year to date		\$ 617.10	Year to date	\$ 2,200.00
Balances				
General Account		\$ 2,950.20		
M&I Account		\$ 12,208.77		
Minus M&I designated funds		\$ (7,663.41)		
Total funds available		\$ 7,495.56		
Memorial Account		\$ 10,676.31		
Temp. Restricted Fund				

News from Marion C Price

Happy New Year! New Year represents a time when many people set new goals for the year ahead. New year pledges or promises are not new. Most ancient cultures practiced some type of religious tradition or festival at the beginning of the new year.

Historically, the first recorded people to set new year pledges (now known as resolutions) are the Ancient Babylonians about 4,000 years ago. Babylonians celebrated their new year in mid-March when the crops were being planted. During a 12-day new year's festival they planted crops, pledged their allegiance to the reigning king or crowned a new king, and made promises to repay debts in the year ahead. They believed if they fulfilled their promises the gods would look favorably upon them in the new year.

Ancient Rome continued the tradition of celebrating the new year and making new year pledges. The Roman new year was celebrated with a festival on March 15 (The Ides of March) as this was the time the most important Roman officials took office. January 1 became the start of the new year when Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar in 46 BC. Romans offered sacrifices to Janus and pledged renewed bonds between citizens, the state, and the deities. Blessings and gifts were exchanged, and allegiances pledged to the emperor. In the Middle Ages (around 500 to 1500 A.D.), medieval knights pledged their allegiance and renewed their vows of chivalry each new year. In the Middle Ages, new year was celebrated by different societies at different times of the year. Due to a timing miscalculation, the Julian calendar had resulted in 7 extra days by the year 1000. To solve this problem Pope Gregory XIII instigated the Gregorian calendar in 1582. The new year was officially reinstated to January 1.

Contemporary resolutions tend to be more secular than religious or societal in nature. However, new year's resolutions continue to capture people's imagination, hopes, and promises for betterment. Many of us make a resolution to improve our lives in some way but we all know how difficult it is to actually follow through and accomplish that goal. If you have trouble keeping a New Years resolution, you are not alone. A study conducted by researchers at the University of Scranton found that 23% of people quit their resolution after just one week. And only 19% of individuals are actually able to stick to their goals long term (two years in the case of this study). Old habits die hard, but other factors can contribute to our failure such as not being prepared to make the change, lack of planning, no self-monitoring, and overconfidence.

A new year's resolution is a promise you make to yourself to start doing something good or to stop doing something bad on the first day of the year. Naturally if you set a more realistic goal, it will be easier to achieve. This year may be a good time to break a bad habit, learn a new skill, visit a new place, or do a good deed. Maybe you made a resolution to lose weight, get healthier, or clean and organize your home. If you decide to make a resolution this year, be sure your heart is in it. It's easy to fail if you are not fully committed. Make yourself accountable. Include a friend in your plan and update them on your progress. Plan ahead to have the time or resources needed to achieve your goal. Be ready to make sacrifices, you may need to get rid of all the sweets in your house to lose weight. Setting time limits when cleaning your house may help you from feeling overwhelmed and giving up. Small steps will help you move forward towards your goal. Don't think it will be easy. Focus on the positive results of each small accomplishment. Don't give up! Even after 4,00 years, the new year is still an opportunity for a fresh start.



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

January 2024

January 6 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
January 7	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
January 14	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
January 21	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
January 28	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker

February 2024

February 3 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
February 4	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
February 11	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
February 14	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes				
February 18	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
February 22	Supper & Evening Prayer	6:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	Bonnie Baker
February 25	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Bonnie Baker

January 6	The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ	White
January 7	The Baptism of our Lord	White
January 14	The Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
January 21	The Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
January 28	The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 3 & 4	The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 11	The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Green
February 14	Ash Wednesday	Purple
February 18	The First Sunday in Lent	Purple
February 22	Soup & Lenten Service	Purple
February 25	The Second Sunday in Lent	Purple

2023 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

St. John's

Amour Families
 George & Naomi Amour
 Roy Amour
 Margaret Briel
 Walter & Leona Briel
 Anne Frankel
 Earl & Beverly Hess
 Hess Families
 Edith Hoffman
 Jimmy Hood
 Bob Jones (2)
 Ethel & Bert Kehler
 Gladys Lally
 Franklin Lane
 Ethel & Mike Lane
 Cole Joshua Lauver
 Geraldine Leibig - Mom
 Dorothy Tiley Miller
 Marlin "Sparky" Miller
 William Miller, Jr.
 Emily & Louis Morris (2)
 William Morris (2)
 Bill Neary
 Betty Noble (2)
 Mary Anne Clamser Orr
 Scheuren Families
 John Stivetts, Jr.
 Margaret & John Stivetts
 Harold & Deborah Strunk
 Timothy Strunk
 Martha & Robert "Red" Tiley
 Edward & Rosemary Ulceski
 Raymond & Alice Umlauf
 Mary Umlauf
 Anna & John Umlauf
 Donna Lee Tiley Wasko
 Clara & Edward Watters



Holy Apostles

Chattin Family
 Davie Families
 Carol Dresch
 Frank A. Frantz
 Harry Frantz
 Ruth Frantz
 Charles & Maggie Frantz
 Orme & Merle Frantz
 Edward & Clara Gehring
 Lewis & Myrle Goodman
 Robert B. Goodman
 Anna Hesse
 Abram & Geneva Jones
 Abram & Mary Jones
 Anna Mae Krebs
 Lecher Families
 Jim Lecher
 Raymond Moyer
 Helen & Roland Price
 Evan & Emma Reese
 Lois Smith
 Dorothy K. Smith
 Laura Turnitza

In honor of Jayne Theal.

In gratitude for all the people of St. John's and Holy Apostles by Father Kurt.

The flowers on the side altar at St. John's are in loving memory of members of the Amour & Hess Families.

