

**NORTH PARISH  
JUNE 2014  
NEWSLETTER**

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



**From Fr. Tim's Desk**

**“Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.”  
Acts 2:3**

When I was a boy scout, many years ago, everybody wanted to be the ONE who built the fire. There was always a friendly competition. Who could build the best fire? What kind of a fire was it going to be? What kind of tinder would we use? How were we going to light it? What kind of fuel would we use? But once the fire was started, the competitiveness died down a bit and you got to the business at hand, whether it be cooking a meal or just enjoying each other's fellowship around the campfire.

The ancient Greeks believed that fire - - along with earth, water, and air - - was one of the four essential elements of the world. Today we know the world is a bit more complicated than that; with over 100 different elements of matter that can be combined in any number of ways. But fire . . . fire is not one of them. Fire is not anything at all. It is simply a chemical reaction that takes place between a fuel source and oxygen; a reaction that takes place when the fuel source reaches its ignition point, a reaction that releases energy in the form of heat and light, a reaction that TRANSFORMS. Fire is a reaction that transforms matter from one state into another.

As we enter the season of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, is there any question about WHO the fire builder will be? How will He go about it? What fuel will he use? How will He go about setting the elements in place to create a reaction that will transform us from one state of being into another? In his Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tells us that the fuel for the fire is already in place. We have all been given gifts of the Spirit – wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working miracles, prophecy, discernment and interpretation. All of them set into motion, activated, ignited, by one Spirit, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God. And the flames leap higher and higher, completing the task at hand, doing the work that God intended them to do.

On the Day of Pentecost, the disciples of Christ became apostles of Christ, no longer students of the Word, but rather doers of the Word. In this season of Pentecost may we all be open to the Spirit and allow it to kindle the flame that will ignite the gifts we have been given. May we be open to the Spirit and allow the Master fire builder to TRANSFORM us into the new creations He intended us to be from the foundation of the world.

*Fr. Tim+*



# JUNE MEMORIALS



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

**BULLETINS:** In loving memory of John and Isabelle Coddington by Lee, Mary and Peter Umlauf.

**SANCTUARY  
CANDLES:** In loving memory of Irene and Stephen J. Rasimowicz Sr. by Janis and Barry Idell.  
In loving memory of Bertha Price by Robert and Mary Price.  
In loving memory of Harold Strunk by the Ulceski and Strunk families.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the July Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Shannon no later than June 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair to help fold the newsletter.

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## THANK YOU NOTES



Dear Members of North Parish,

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement I received for Secretary's day. They made my day.

Thanks again,  
*Shannon Mozdy*  
Parish Secretary

A special thank you goes out to Bob Jones, Sr. and his helpers for preparing the delicious breakfast at St. John's on Mother's Day.



# **Sharing Thoughts from the Senior Warden**

Thinking about what I would write for my article for this month. After the meager and disappointing results of our Mother's Day flower sale fundraiser, I felt compelled to discuss the financial future of North Parish with each of you.

The financial stability has always weighed heavily on each of our Vestry members and Senior Wardens in the past. More so now, as I ponder and worry about our future, as I sign the checks each week to pay the bills for the services that keeps this parish functioning. Not knowing how much longer we can continue, my friends in Christ, I hope and pray that you DO read my article and CONSIDER the seriousness of which I speak. Included in this Newsletter is the financial statement. Please keep in mind when reading the report that we are responsible for three church buildings and the finances available are for all three churches. As you can see the figures you read before you are further evidence that the financial future of North Parish is bleak!

In addition to being your Senior Warden, I also chair the 2-3 year plan committee which looks at the past, present and financial future of North Parish. I am appealing to each and every member of North Parish to get involved both physically and financially for the survival of North Parish!

Our fundraisers are extremely necessary as the weekly collections are just not enough to sustain this parish. "Breaking-even" or "coming up short" when we have fundraisers is not acceptable! We have our Strawberry and Peach Festivals coming up and I need EVERYONE to step up and do their part to support and keep North Parish going!

Consider this, only one of our churches has an active Sunday school! The children and these young families are our future! Without these young people and a good, stable financial backbone, one by one our churches will fall the way of Christ Church and folks.

I'm not saying "if" but "when" this inevitably will happen! All of you need to help the few of us to insure our future! Prayer is not enough without action! I am always here to listen to your needs and open for ideas to keep our wonderful parish going. Please call or email me at any time!

May God bless you and your families!

*Barry Idell*

Senior Warden

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# Strawberry Festival



Wednesday, June 18, 2014  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Holy Apostles' Church, St. Clair, PA

Come enjoy:  
Strawberries and Ice Cream  
Baked Good  
Beverage

Tickets are \$5.00 – See any vestry member  
Or call the church office.

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

Please use the sign- up sheets available in each church if you can help or speak to  
Lois Hewes.

If you can help set up, 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 4:30 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit North Parish's General Operating Expenses.

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**Peach Festival is coming in August!**  
**Watch your bulletins and Newsletters for details!**

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The Spring UTO Offering will be taken on Sunday, June 1, 2014. You are invited to 'count your blessings' in thanksgiving for large and small daily gifts from God that brighten your life and the lives of those around you. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin that Sunday for your donations. Thank you!



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Jenn, Molly Fry, Jennifer Crawford, Edith Hoffman, 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, Kay Collier, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., John Hauk, Todd Leshar, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Mary Price, 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.

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2 – Skye Goodman    | 17 – Steven Goodman    |
| June Leshar         | 18 – Justin Ulceski    |
| Sean O’Neill        | Kyler Bowers           |
| 3 – Danielle Meade  | 19 – Albert Snyder     |
| 7 – Aidan Reppert   | 22 – Jason Noble       |
| Marilyn Spieles     | 23 – Spencer Dougherty |
| 11 – Tyler Scheuren | Zachery Willard        |
| 12 – Jaime Hynoski  | 24 – Lisa Lindenmuth   |
| Suzette Leibig      | 25 – Margaret Frantz   |
| Terry McGlone       | Bonnie Lecher          |
| Theresa Robbins     | Jeanne Capparell       |
|                     | 29 – Todd Leshar       |



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.

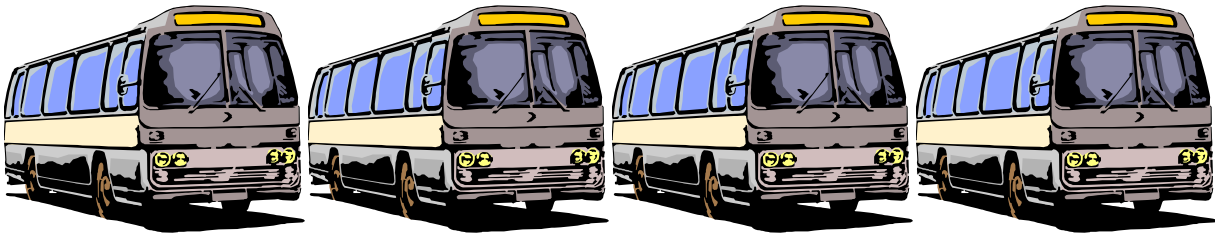


## ORGAN REPAIR FUND



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 donations 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 April 30<sup>th</sup> we received \$232.00.



**Bus Trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see  
"Moses"  
Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Price - \$76.00 - includes transportation & theater ticket  
We will stop at Hershey's Farms to eat.  
Meal is on your own.**

**Pick Up – Frackville mall, movie side of Kmart parking lot  
If you are interested in attending, see Bonnie Hynoski,  
Lois Hewes, Bonnie Baker or call the church office.**

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

# APRIL 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT

## North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Apr-14	\$ 13,242.46
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 28,472.00

M&I Account		
	Apr-14	\$ 2,063.25
Year to date		\$ 3,867.48

Memorial Account		
	Apr-14	\$ 1.18
Year to date		\$ 35.44

Balances		
General Account		\$ 4,605.58
M&I Account		\$ 25,201.30
Total Funds available		\$ 29,806.88

Memorial Account		\$ 14,411.69
Temp. Restricted Fund		

## North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	Apr-14	\$ 12,578.51
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 29,098.66

M&I Account		
	Apr-14	\$ 6.00
Year to date		\$ 14.00

Memorial Account		
	Apr-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) 874-4532

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

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

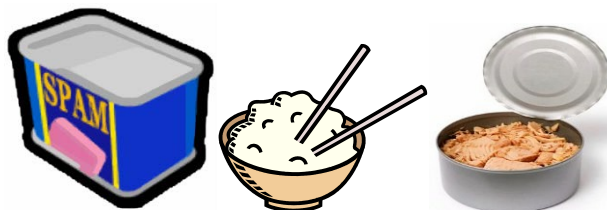
Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:00-5:15 p.m.; Fridays: 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Website: [www.northparish.com](http://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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## FOOD BANK MINISTRY

During the month of June we will be collecting canned chicken, spam and rice (all types) for the local food banks. Any non-perishable food items are always welcome! Thank you to everyone who donated products in May. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 570-874-4532 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.

# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## JUNE 2014

June 1	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
June 8	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
June 15	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Jane Shaqfeh
June 22	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
June 29	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

	Notes:	Color:
June 1	The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day	White
June 8	The Day of Pentecost Whitsunday	Red
June 15	The First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday – Father's Day	Green
June 22	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
June 29	The Third Sunday after Pentecost	Green