

NORTH PARISH MARCH/APRIL 2021 NEWSLETTER



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

Dear Church Members and Friends,

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and until further notice, services will be held at 9:30am through the Zoom platform.

Although we are unable to be physically together at this time, we are spiritually together. Fr. Kurt and the Rev. Dolores Smith have been providing services on the internet through Zoom and many of our parishioners have attended. If you would like to join these services and do not have the information on how to join them, please email the church office at nparish@ptd.net and directions will be emailed to you.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to mail their pledges. This has been a big help since we still have bills to pay. If you have not done so, please consider mailing your envelopes.

St. John's members should mail their donations to Elaine Ulceski.
Please call the church office for Elaine's contact information.

Holy Apostles members should mail their donations to the church office at:
North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931.

Sincerely,
The Vestry of North Parish

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Easter Collect:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.





In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Deborah Strunk by the Strunk and Ulceski Families.

APRIL MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Betty Noble and Cole Joshua Lauver
by the Hynoski Family.**



DEADLINE



All articles for the MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than Monday, April 5th.



Rita Laspina
Kristin Lecher
Carlo Lombardi
Tracey Miller
Susan Noble
Kimberly Olsen
Raymond Moyer
Shirley Moyer
Gertrude Newman
Anthony Palizzotto
Mary Price
Jim Reed
Sandi Riedel
Joe Scheuren

Bill Simmendinger
Linda Simmendinger
Charlotte Smith
Rev. Dolores Smith
James Spieles Jr.
Kathleen Swiss
Easton Ulceski
Eddie Ulceski
Elaine Ulceski
Mary Umlauf
Judith Wright
Mary Zuk



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Gage Harkins
2 – Michael Capparell
David Hewes
4 – Lisa Brennan
6 – Hayley Snyder
7 – Erin Germany
Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

9 – Rev. Dolores Smith
11 – Mary Faith Goodman
15 – Rev. Eric Snyder
16 – Robert W. Price
17 – Samantha Miller
19 – Courtney Evans
Lauren Shanoskie

20 – Pamela Dresch Androshick
22 – Brandy Scheuren
25 – Scott Price
26 – Florence Hollick
Tracy James

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



1 – John Brennan
2 – Sheryle Martin
3 – Michelle Price
7 – James Demcher
9 – Cheryl McGlone
14 – Ross Shanoskie

16 – Ruby Powanda
Michael Scanlan
17 – Emily Koinski
18 – Liana Evans
Zackary Harkins
21 – Lois Smith

22 – Denise Brennan
Richard Clamser
24 – Abigail Snyder
27 – Thomas Foerster

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

2021 Pledge Card Report

2021 received 11 pledge cards totaling: \$10,360.00

2020 received 14 pledge cards totaling: \$14,928.00

Decrease of - \$4,568.00

Please note we have an operating budget of \$72,040.00 for 2021. If you did not return a pledge card, you can still mail one to the church office.

DECEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

December	\$ 5,316.61
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 55,413.73
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ 3,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 10,000.00

M&I Account

December	\$ 3,239.18
Year to date	\$ 7,711.06

Memorial Account

December	\$.50
Year to date	\$ 8.41

Balances

General Account	\$ 5,055.71
M&I Account	\$ 27,575.10
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,813.42
Temp. Restricted Fund	

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

December	\$ 7,038.14
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 67,983.90

M&I Account

December	\$ 3,000.00
Year to date	\$ 10,000.00

Memorial Account

December	\$ -
Year to date	\$ -



JANUARY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

January	\$ 4,645.46
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 4,645.46
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ -

M&I Account

January	\$ 23.79
Year to date	\$ 23.79

Memorial Account

January	\$.34
Year to date	\$.34

Balances

General Account	\$ 5,750.88
M&I Account	\$ 27,598.86
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,813.76
Temp. Restricted Fund	

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

January	\$ 3,950.29
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 3,950.29

M&I Account

January	\$ -
Year to date	\$ -

Memorial Account

January	\$ -
Year to date	\$ -



If you are financially able, we ask that you mail your contributions to the church during the suspension of services. Please make your checks payable to North Parish and mail to the church office: P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931 or to Elaine Ulceski. Thank you!!

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND

I am Cathy Clouser and I am excited to join you as the new Schuylkill County Episcopal Health Care Advocate. I am planning to meet you at your respective churches as they reopen. Kathy Burda will be returning to introduce me to you through in-home visits once it becomes safe to do so. As I look forward to getting to know all of you, please let me know if there are any new programs/adventures you would be interested in trying. If you have any ideas you would like to discuss please contact me. I continue to be available by phone and email at the office, 570-621-3220, mptfund@gmail.com

National Save Your Vision month designates March as the month to promote eye health. This year the American Optometric Association (AOA) is promoting awareness around digital eyestrain and the importance of receiving regular, comprehensive eye exams from a doctor of optometry. The AOA's campaign is focusing specifically on blue lights impact on overall health. According to 2016 AOA Eye Q survey data, the average American spends seven hours per day using digital devices. Overexposure to blue light due to smart phones, tablets, and other technology used for extended periods of time can cause vision damage, sleep problems, and more.

Some tips to protect your eyes from blue light damage:

- Limit screen time when you are not working.
- If using your devices at night, download a blue light filter app – this will reduce glare and help reduce eye fatigue.
- Try not to use your devices directly before bedtime to avoid restlessness and insomnia.
- Blink, Blink, Blink – put a post it note on your computer screen that says “BLINK”. Blinking more often will keep your eyes moist and refreshed.
- Get regular comprehensive eye exams. Schedule regular exams to ensure your vision stays clear and healthy. You may also talk to you doctor about prescribing protective lenses with blue light filters to reduce eye strain.

Your eyes are important so remember to schedule your regular comprehensive eye exam, not only for your vision, but for your overall health.

COVID-19 information:

Pennsylvania is currently in the Phase 1A vaccine rollout and beginning to open up more distribution sites in our area. Phase 1A includes those most at risk of illness, such as health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities, people age 65 and older, and age 16-64 with high-risk conditions.

As more vaccines become available for distribution more appointments will open up. I have enclosed the current information I have at this time but things are changing and new information may be available when you read this. The current vaccine is a two-part vaccine and you must receive both for the vaccine to be effective.

Remember even after receiving your vaccine you still must mask up, practice social distancing, and wash your hands. Vaccinated people may still spread the virus even if they don't feel sick.

The vaccine is not 100% effective and it may take up to 2 weeks for your immune system to make the antibodies so results are not immediate.

If you are in need of assistance in scheduling a vaccine appointment please contact me at 570-621-3220 and I will do my best to help get you vaccinated.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Sites Schuylkill County (as of 1/21/21)

Site	Address	City	Contact Information
St. Luke's Miners Memorial Hospital	360 West Ruddle Street	Coaldale PA 18218	Phone: 1-866-785-8537
Geisinger St.Luke's Hospital	100 Paramount Blvd.	Orwigsburg PA 17961	Website: https://www.slnh.org/covid-19/protect-yourself/covid-19-vaccine Contact Name: St. Luke's InfoLink Email: infolink@sluhn.org Phone: 866STLUKES, option 7
Surgery Center of Pottsville	1544 Route 61 Suite 6192	Pottsville PA 17901	Phone: 570-385-7000
Lehigh Valley Hospital Schuylkill	700 E Norwegian Street	Pottsville PA 17901	Website: https://www.LVHN.org/vaccines Contact Name: Luis Puentes Email: COVID-Vaccine-Request@lvhn.org Phone: 833-584-6283
Schuylkill Community Health Center	210 Sunbury Street	Minersville PA 17954	Website: https://primary-health.net/covid-vaccine-clinic.aspx Contact Name: Ashlee Montgomery Email: amontgomery@primary-health.net Phone: 724-699-9211
Family Practice Center	105 W Main Street	Valley View PA 17983	Phone: 570-682-8026
Redner's Pharmacy	22 Forest Drive	Hegins PA 17938	Call store phone currently for scheduling; Updating website
Redner's Pharmacy	3 Gold Star Plaza	Shenandoah PA 17976	Call store phone currently for scheduling; Updating website
Rite Aid	15 S Main Street	Shenandoah PA 17976	Link: https://sr.reportsonline.com/sr/riteaid/PS2021 Use this listed link to schedule your appointment. The pharmacy team is not able to schedule appointments on the phone
Shenandoah Health Center	624 W. Centre Street	Shenandoah, PA 17976	Website: https://primary-health.net/covid-vaccine-clinic.aspx Contact Name: Ashlee Montgomery Email: amontgomery@primary-health.net Phone: 724-699-9211