

**NORTH PARISH
MARCH/APRIL 2024
NEWSLETTER**

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



Musings from the priest's computer.....Lent-Easter 2024

Encounter God in all things, witnessing to the joy of the Gospel.
(From Ignatian Spirituality)

There will be a total solar eclipse on April 8. However, if there is a thick cloud cover here in Pennsylvania, we will see the sky darken more, and that's about it. If the clouds aren't there, then we may experience what is now being termed the "Great North American Eclipse". Mark your calendars.

We look for the razzle dazzle and often in that search we miss the spectacular right in front of our eyes! Yes, I understand how marvelous a rare event like a solar eclipse is. Yet the rising of Jupiter in the evening skies of March and the glittering of Venus before sunrise are just as wonderful. We ran through the Epiphany, the Revelation of Jesus, and now slug through Lent. Yet, the marvelous pause that Lent brings as we gather in Holy Week, and on Easter morning, is often tolerated rather than marveled at or even enjoyed.

We generally have to go through the gray darkness of winter for the blessing of a glorious, flower-filled, colorful spring. We also go through the seemingly grey Lent, which commences with the gray ash imposition, to sing "Alleluia, Alleluia" for the Easter season. But these pauses in the majesty and mystery of joyful celebrations give us time to look around, to contemplate, and to be awed again and again by the wonder and the marvel of our seemingly ordinary lives. This is also a wonderful time to renew, refresh, and to reconcile. Then, moving into the color and satisfaction that can be the Easter season, we approach Pentecost again uplifted and unburdened by difficulties, anxieties, and wrecked relationships. The ordinariness of living becomes dazzling and awe-inspiring when we are at peace.

Creation offers opportunism for wonder and awe. As part of creation, fellow humans also can be wonderful and awe-inspiring. Look around. The grey of life has dissipated and the joy of fellowship in this Body of Christ is right in front of you!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Kurt



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 – Gage Harkins

2 – Michael Capparell

David Hewes

Waverly Deeter

4 – Lisa Brennan

6 – Hayley Snyder

7 – Erin Germany

The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

9 – The Rev. Dolores Smith

11 – Mary Faith Goodman

15 – The Rev. Eric Snyder

16 – Robert W. Price

17 – Samantha Miller

19 – Courtney Evans

19 - Lauren Shanoskie

20 – Pamela Dresch Androshick

22 – Brandy Scheuren

25 – Scott Price

26 – Tracy James

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



2 – Sheryle Martin

3 – Michelle Price

7 – James Demcher

9 – Cheryl McGlone

14 – Ross Shanoskie

16 – Michael Scanlan

17 – Emily Koiniski

18 – Liana Evans

Zackary Harkins

22 – Denise Brennan

22 - 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.



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.

MARCH MEMORIALS

BULLETINS: In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

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



APRIL MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Jim Lecher by the Lecher Family

In memory of Robert J. Price by Robert and Mary Price.

BULLETINS: In memory of Jim Lecher by the Lecher Family.

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

2024 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

Wine & Wafers – March, August & December - \$10.00 per month

Bulletins - May, June, August, September, October & November - \$10 per month

Newsletter: May/June; July/August; September/October; November/ December - \$10.00

Please call the church office for more information – 570-429-7107



NORTH PARISH EASTER FLOWER OFFERING FORM
PLEASE RETURN BY March 31st
(Memorials will be published in the May/June Newsletter)

Name: _____

In Loving Memory of:

In Loving Memory of:

Church: _____ **Amount:** _____

All checks should be made payable to North Parish and can be placed in the offertory plate or mail to the church office: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

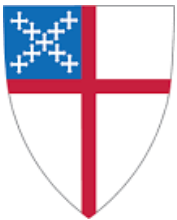
Amanda
Jason
Mia
Shannon
Tara Compinski
Charles Davenport
Delores Frantz
Donna Frantz
Emily Frantz
Gerard Frantz
Jennifer Frantz
Patricia Frantz
Becky Higgins

Donna Horning
Harley Hynoski
Jennier J.
McKenzie Kline
Dolores Kozlosky
Joshua Lauver
Landry Lauver
Mary Levan
Jennifer Mackeravage
Stephen M.
Jeff Maurer
Shirley Moyer
Catherine Mozdy

Bill Noble
Vincent O.
Polly Orth
Jack Orth
Mary Price
Diane & Jim Reed
Kathleen S.
Kim Russell Seibert
David Strunk
Kathy Sulouff
Bob Tiley
Eddie Ulceski



SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for the family and friends of Geraldine E. Salata who entered eternal life on January 25, 2024. May God grant Geraldine eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her.



HOLY APOSTLES SATURDAY SERVICES

March 2, 2024 – Holy Eucharist

April 6, 2024 - Holy Eucharist

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

Services are at 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - Holy Apostles

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

March 3, 2024

April 7, 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 February - \$1,227.39

Our January breakfast was cancelled due to the weather.

Thank you for your support.

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.



March 7th – St. John's, Ashland
March 14th – St. James, Schuylkill Haven
March 21st – St. John's, Ashland

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Blessing & Distribution of the Palms

March 24, 2024

8:45 a.m. – St. John's, Ashland

11:15 a.m. – Holy Apostles, St. Clair

Celebrant – The Rev. Timothy Albright



MAUNDY
THURSDAY

MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 28, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Holy Apostles, St. Clair

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt K. Kovalovich



GOOD
FRIDAY

GOOD FRIDAY – March 29, 2024

12 noon – Trinity Episcopal Church

Pottsville, PA

Stations of the Cross



THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY – March 31, 2024

8:45 a.m. – St. John's, Ashland

11:15 a.m. – Holy Apostles', St. Clair

Celebrant – The Reverend Dr. Kurt K. Kovalovich



EASTER CANDY SALE

Peanut Butter Filled Peanut Rolls - \$10 large box, \$6 small box. Orders are due March 10th and sign-up sheets are available at the church. Pick up will be March 21st.

(Benefits the Episcopal Church of Schuylkill County)

Homemade Soup Sale



Saturday, April 27, 2024

10:00 a.m. – sellout

Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church of North Parish

St. Clair, PA

\$9.00/quart - \$4.50/pint

Take out only!

Parishioners are asked to make their favorite soup.

Please see a vestry member if you can help.



All articles for the MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than Monday, April 8th.

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE

Diakon Community Services is partnering with AARP. Tax-Aide is a free service available to taxpayers with low and moderate income, with special attention to those 60 and older. This service is by appointment only-no walk-ins will be accepted. AARP prepares only simple forms. They can handle pay from a job, Social Security, pensions, capital gains/losses, and more. For more information or to schedule an appointment at the Schuylkill Haven or Pottsville locations call 570-624-3018.

A strange old lady has moved into my house. I have no idea who she is, where she came from, or how she got in. I certainly did not invite her. All I know is that one day she wasn't there, and the next day she was. She is a clever old lady and manages to keep out of sight for the most part, but whenever I pass a mirror, I catch a glimpse of her. And, whenever I look in the mirror to check my appearance, there she is hogging the whole thing, completely obliterating my gorgeous face and body. This is very rude! I have tried screaming at her, but she just screams back.

The least she could do is offer to pay part of the bills, but no. Every once in awhile I find a \$5 bill stuck in a coat pocket or some loose change under the sofa cushion, but it is not nearly enough. And I don't want to jump to conclusions, but I think she is stealing money from me. I go to the ATM and withdraw \$50 and a few days later, it's all gone! I certainly don't spend money that fast, so I can only conclude the old lady is pilfering from me. You'd think she would spend some of that money to buy wrinkle cream. And money isn't the only thing I think she is stealing.

Food seems to disappear at an alarming rate- especially the good stuff like ice cream, chips, and sweets. She must have a real sweet tooth, but she better watch because she is really packing on the pounds. I suspect she realizes this, and to make herself feel better, she is tampering with my scale to make me think I am putting on weight too.

For an old lady, she is quite childish. She likes to play nasty games, like going into my wardrobe when I'm not home and altering my clothes so they don't fit. And she messes with my files and papers so I can't find anything. This is particularly annoying since I am extremely neat and organized.

She has also found other imaginative ways to annoy me. She gets into my mail, newspapers, and magazines before I do and blurs the print so I can't read it. And she has done something really sinister to the volume controls on my TV, radio, and telephone. Now, all I hear are mumbles and whispers. She has done other things like make my stairs steeper, my vacuum heavier and all the knobs and taps harder to turn. She even made my bed higher so getting in and out of it is a real challenge. Lately, she has been fooling with my groceries before I put them away, applying glue to the lids, making it almost impossible for me to open the jars.

She has taken the fun out of shopping for clothes. When I try something on, she stands in front of the mirror and monopolizes it. She looks totally ridiculous in some of those outfits, plus, she keeps me from seeing how great they look on me. Just when I thought she couldn't get any meaner, she proved me wrong. She came along when I went to get my picture taken for my driver's license, and just as the camera shutter clicked, she jumped in front of me. I hope she never comes to live at your house!

AGE IS SIMPLY THE NUMBER OF YEARS THE WORLD HAS BEEN ENJOYING YOU



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

MARCH 2024

March 2 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
March 3	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
March 7	Supper & Evening Prayer	6:00 p.m.	St. John's	Susan Noble
March 10	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
March 17	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
March 21	Supper & Evening Prayer	6:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	Bonnie Baker
March 24	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	8:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
March 28	Holy Eucharist	6:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
March 29	Stations of the Cross	12 noon	Trinity, Pottsville	
March 31	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	8:45 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

APRIL 2024

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



WORSHIP NOTES

March 2 & 3	The Third Sunday in Lent	Purple
March 7	Soup & Lenten Service at SJ	Purple
March 10	The Fourth Sunday in Lent	Purple
March 17	The Fifth Sunday in Lent	Purple
March 21	Soup & Lenten Service - HA	Purple
March 24	The Sunday of the Passion/PALM SUNDAY	Red or Purple
March 28	Maundy Thursday – service at HA	White
March 29	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross at Trinity, Pottsville	
March 31	The Sunday of the Resurrection – EASTER SUNDAY	White
April 7	The Second Sunday of Easter	White
April 14	The Third Sunday of Easter	White
April 21	The Fourth Sunday of Easter	White
April 28	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	White

DECEMBER 2023 FINANCES

North Parish Receipts			North Parish Disbursements		
General Account			General Account		
	23-Dec	\$ 10,360.20		23-Dec	\$ 13,125.15
Year to Date		\$ 77,433.27	Year to Date Exp.		\$ 100,009.40
Transfer in from M&I for Expenses		\$ 3,000.00			
Transfer M&I Year to Date for expenses		\$ 11,500.00			
Transfer in from Memorial Acct.		\$ 2,000.00			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 4,200.00			
Transfer in from St. Elizabeth's Guild		\$ -			
Transfer Memorial Acct year to date		\$ 7,000.00			
M&I Account			M&I Account		
	23-Dec	\$ 990.93		23-Dec	\$ 3,000.00 to Gen. Fund
Year to date		\$ 4,690.57	Year to date		\$ 11,500.00
Memorial Account			Memorial Account		
	23-Dec	\$ 0.17		23-Dec	\$ 2,000.00 (to Gen. Fund
Year to date		\$ 617.27	Year to date		\$ 4,200.00
Balances					
General Account		\$ 5,185.25			
M&I Account		\$ 10,199.70			
Minus M&I designated funds		\$ (7,663.41)			
Total funds available		\$ 7,721.54			
Memorial Account		\$ 8,676.48			
Temp. Restricted Fund					