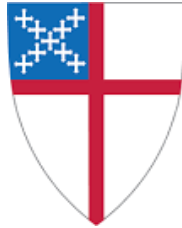


**NORTH PARISH
MAY/JUNE 2023
NEWSLETTER**

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



*Some people come in our life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons:
St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

Spring 2023

The Evangelist John wrote his account of the life of Jesus after the other 3 synoptic evangelists. There is some understanding that he did not use Mark, Luke, or Matthew as points of reference, as his account was written much later than the other 3 Gospel accounts. John's Gospel revolves around signs in his Gospel. And through those signs that John details, we are to come to faith in Jesus. The signs all involve other humans and their associated questions or difficulties or maladies. In that context, they entered Jesus's life so Jesus could become a blessing for them, and also to become blessings and lessons for us. John's Gospel is then a retelling of the story of John and his encounters with this Rabboni, Jesus of Nazareth.

I have observed something that is uniquely Episcopalian: the telling and retelling of our personal journey of faith in the context of this branch of Christianity. We recount where and how God called us into this church, and what the church has done for us. In addition, portions of our personal faith journey include what we have done for this church to uplift, to minister, and to participate. We then are the blessings for others, as they are to us. And because we are responsible in some measure for each other, we can often recount when and where and also by whom we have been taught lessons.

Spring will shorten the shadows of winter, and lighten our lives with the beauty of creation. Summer will pass quickly, leading us to wonder where time went. Yet, summer, with its lengthening of days and daylight, could be a perfect time to take hold of opportunities to become a blessing to others. A simple phone call, a note telling another they are in your prayers, or even a pot of flowers or a plate of goodies can brighten the life of those we see at church. These simple actions while days stretch into weeks can also teach others the lesson that we are our siblings' keepers. All these add to our own faith journeys and to those of others.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Kurt





MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 – Denise Ann Yelito
 6 – Owen Labie
 8 – Robert Tiley
 10 – David Hewes, Sr.
 12 – Melyssa Willard
 Kyle Schu

13 – Elvin Brennan, Jr.
 14 – Robert Higgins, Sr.
 15 – Carly Demcher
 Julia Foerster
 17 – Ty Androshick
 20 – Susan Neary

21 – Dylan Harkins
 22 – Megan Engelbrecht
 23 – Chloe Demcher
 26 – Diane Leshner

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

2 – Skye Goodman
 June Leshner
 Sean O'Neill
 3 – Danielle Meade
 7 – Aidan Reppert
 Marilyn Spieles
 11 – Tyler Scheuren
 12 – Jaime Lauver

12 – Suzette Leibig
 Terry McGlone
 17 – Steven Goodman
 18 – Justin Ulceski
 Kyler Bowers
 19 – Albert Snyder
 22 – Jason Noble
 23 – Spencer Dougherty

23 – Zachery Willard
 24 – Lisa Lindenmuth
 25 – Margaret Frantz
 Bonnie Lecher
 Jeanne Capparell
 29 – Todd Leshner

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



All articles for the JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our Parish Administrator, Shannon no later than Monday, June 12th.



MAY MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Beverly Hess and Madeline Jones by Carol Jones.
In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Naomi Amour, Mary Williams, Minnie Hess and Jennie Jones by Carol Jones.
In memory of Alice Umlauf by Susan Noble and Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Robert J. and Bertha Price by Bob and Mary Price.
In memory of Hannah Strobel, Phoebe Amour, Mary Schuler, Matilda Hess, Eleanor Roberts, and Malinda Zimmerman by Carol Jones.
In memory of Jimmy Hood by the Hynoski Family.
In memory of Leona Briel, Anna Umlauf, and Gladys Lally by Susan Noble and Family.



JUNE MEMORIALS

WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Bob Jones on our anniversary by Carol Jones.

In memory of my parents, Marlin and Dorothy Miller by Linda Gerlott.

BULLETINS: In memory of Bertha and Robert J. Price by Robert and Mary Price.

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

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

In memory of Harold Strunk by the Strunk and Ulceski Families.

2023 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

Bulletins: September- \$10 per month

Newsletter: July/August; September/October; - \$10.00

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



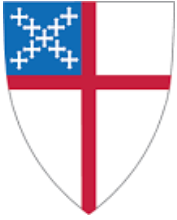
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Cody
Mia
Cheryl Flick
Donna Frantz
Elizabeth Frantz
Gerard Frantz
Jennifer Frantz
Becky Higgins
Harley Hynoski

Diane Jarosiewicz
McKenzie Kline
Dolores Kozlosky
Joshua Lauver
Landry Lauver
Mary Levan
Jennifer Mackeravage
Jeff Maurer
Cheryl Miller

Shirley Moyer
Catherine Mozdy
Mary Price
Kathleen Samson
David Strunk
Bob Tiley

PRAYER LIST POLICY: We are updating our prayer list beginning July 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. Thank you.



HOLY APOSTLES HOLY EUCHARIST SATURDAY SERVICES

5:00 p.m.

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

May 6, 2023

June 3, 2023

SUNDAY BREAKFASTS - Holy Apostles

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

May 7, 2023

June 4, 2023



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 March was \$514.54 and April's profit was \$642.82
Thank you for your support.



SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for the family and friends of Florence Hollick who entered eternal life on April 15, 2023. May God grant Florence eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

July 16, 2023



We will honor our high school graduates on Sunday, July 16th during Sunday services. If you are a high school graduate, please notify the church office (570-429-7107 or email: nparish@ptd.net) no later than June 25th. Thank you.

Please include the following:

Graduate's name _____

High school _____

Future plans _____



NORTH PARISH STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Thursday, June 15, 2023

Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church

St. Clair, PA

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Come enjoy ice cream with fresh strawberries,
baked good and a beverage.**

Eat in or take outs available.

Tickets: \$8.00

**See Bonnie Hynoski, Bonnie Baker or
call the church office at 570-429-7107 for tickets**

**Volunteers are needed to set up, bake treats, to sell tickets and to clean up.
If you cannot make a baked good; monetary donations would be greatly appreciated to
offset the cost of the strawberries.**

**If you can help set up and help cut strawberries, 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.



**THANK YOU to everyone who supported North Parish's Potato Pancake
Batter Sale. We had a profit of \$505.00 which was deposited to our
General Fund.**

**THANK YOU to everyone who also helped or supported the Easter Candy
Sale. We had a profit of \$662.15 which was deposited to the Episcopal
Church of Schuylkill County Fund.**

ON LINE RADA CUTLERY SALE: North Parish is selling Rada Cutlery online
to benefit our General Fund. Please type in this link in your web address to place an order:
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=5315822.c6637d>

**When you are directed to the website, please click yes to support North Parish. Then place
your order like any other online purchase. This will be an ongoing sale. For those of you who
are not comfortable ordering online, please see Bonnie Baker or Bonnie Hynoski for a printed
catalog. Please feel free to share this with your family and friends.**

JANUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

January	\$ 9,648.32
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 9,648.32
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ -
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ 200.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 200.00

M&I Account

January	\$ 123.29
Year to date	\$ 123.29

Memorial Account

January	\$ 120.21
Year to date	\$ 120.21

Balances

General Account	\$ 7,096.68
M&I Account	\$ 17,132.42
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,179.42

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

January	\$ 7,625.85
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 7,625.85

M&I Account

January	\$ -
Year to date	\$ -

Memorial Account

January	\$ 200.00
Year to date	\$ 200.00



FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

February	\$ 3,063.00
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 12,711.32
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ 3,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 3,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ -
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 200.00

M&I Account

February	\$ 95.25
Year to date	\$ 218.54

Memorial Account

February	\$.19
Year to date	\$ 120.40

Balances

General Account	\$ 2,459.40
M&I Account	\$ 14,227.67
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,179.61

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

February	\$10,887.45
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 18,513.30

M&I Account

February	\$ 3,000.00
Year to date	\$ 3,000.00

Memorial Account

February	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 200.00



MARCH 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

March	\$ 6,616.25
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 19,327.57
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ 3,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 6,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ -
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 200.00

M&I Account

March	\$ 1,000.97
Year to date	\$ 1,219.51

Memorial Account

March	\$.21
Year to date	\$ 120.61

Balances

General Account	\$ 3,072.01
M&I Account	\$ 12,228.64
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,179.81

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

March	\$ 9,003.64
Year to Date Exp.	\$27,516.94

M&I Account

March	\$ 3,000.00
Year to date	\$ 6,000.00

Memorial Account

March	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 200.00



NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE

I recently attended an AED training at my home church. The church purchased an AED or Automated External Defibrillator for our sanctuary a few months ago. This purchase was prompted by an event that took place at another church in our charge. During a Sunday worship service, a member had a medical event. It was not a cardiac arrest, but prompted discussion as to what our plan would be if it happened in our church. After some discussion it was decided that we would purchase an AED, primarily because of the wait time for EMS service at our rural location. In addition to the AED training, the Stroke/ Chest Pain Coordinator from Lehigh Valley Hospital supplied some information on strokes. This young lady had a very interesting presentation. Just as with a heart attack, an important factor in stroke recovery is time. As explained to us, the best chance of having recovery from a stroke is treatment within 4 hours. Think of a stroke as a "brain attack" and just like a heart attack, it needs immediate medical attention.

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel in the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts. In minutes, brain cells begin to die. This can cause lasting brain damage, disability or even death. There are three different types of strokes.

Ischemic strokes occur when there is a blockage in a blood vessel in your brain, keeping it from getting the blood and oxygen it needs to function. This is also the most common type of stroke.

Hemorrhagic strokes are less common, but can occur when a weakened blood vessel in your brain bursts or leaks blood. The blood builds up and puts pressure on the brain and causes damage.

A **TIA** (transient ischemic attack), sometimes called a "mini stroke," is usually caused by a blood clot. While symptoms of a TIA usually only last a few minutes it is still a medical emergency and a warning sign that a major stroke may occur.

The signs of a stroke come on suddenly and learning to spot a stroke quickly can save lives. People who are having a stroke may not realize what is happening to them or may choose to ignore the signs. Acting quickly may prevent or reduce brain damage and lifelong disability.

BE FAST is the new acronym for spotting a stroke.

BALANCE - Watch for sudden loss of balance

EYES - Check for vision loss

FACE - Look for an uneven smile

ARM - Check to see if one arm (or leg) is weak

SPEECH - Listen for slurred speech

TIME - Call 911

Strokes can happen in anyone regardless of age, race or sex but some people are at greater risk.

Those people include the following:

Older adults – the chance of having a stroke doubles every 10 years after age 55

People with a parent, grandparent, or sibling who had a stroke

People who have had a previous stroke, TIA, or heart attack

People who are overweight or inactive

People with high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, heart disease, or sickle cell disease

Smokers and heavy alcohol users

People with African American, Latin American, Native American, and Alaska Native backgrounds

You may reduce your risk of stroke by limiting alcohol and tobacco products, eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight and being physically active. Working with your doctor to prevent or manage health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, coronary artery disease, and atrial fibrillation may also reduce stroke risk.

If you think that you or someone you know is having a stroke or TIA, do not delay. Dial 911 right away!

The Stroke coordinator mentioned how some people will phone their doctor first to see if they should go to the hospital. This will cause an unnecessary delay as you may wait a few hours for a return call. Now you have used up valuable time of the 4-hour window. Calling 911 will send trained medical help to begin your evaluation before you get to the hospital. EMS will call ahead to begin the “stroke protocol”. This allows you to receive your scan quickly and the medication you need can be administered promptly.

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States and a major cause of serious disability. Every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke. Remember the quicker you receive medical attention the better chance you have of a full recovery. I have stroke risk cards available in the office. If anyone is interested in assessing their stroke risk, please let me know and I will get it to you.

Did you know? If you soak orange peels in vinegar for two weeks in a sealed mason jar, then pour the vinegar into a spray bottle, you can use this for cleaning or bug spray and it's great to eliminate ants.

Plants that keep bugs away:

Rosemary – fleas, ticks

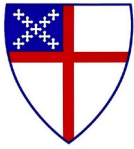
Marigold – mosquitoes, aphids

Basil – mosquitoes, houseflies

Lavender- moths, fleas, flies, mosquitoes

Catnip – mosquitoes

Peppermint – spiders, mosquitoes, ants



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2023

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

JUNE 2023

June 3 Saturday	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
June 4	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
June 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
June 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
June 25	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Susan Noble

May 6 & 7	The Fifth Sunday of Easter	White
May 14	The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Rogation Sunday Mother's Day	White
May 21	The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after Ascension Day	White
May 28	The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday	Red
June 3 & 4	The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday	White
June 11	The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
June 18	The Third Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day	Green
June 25	The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Green

2023 EASTER 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
 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
 Duke Moyer
 Raymond Moyer
 Charlotte Paisley
 Raymond D. Paisley Sr.
 Raymond D. Paisley Jr.
 Helen & Roland Price Sr.
 Evan & Emma Reese
 Lois Smith
 Dorothy K. Smith
 Laura Turnitza



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
 were in loving memory of members of
 the Amour & Hess Families.

