

**NORTH PARISH  
November 2013  
NEWSLETTER**

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



**From Fr. Tim's Desk**

**2 Thessalonians 3:13**

In November 2010, on the eve of All Saints' Day the faithful gathered at the Assyrian Catholic Church of Our Lady of Salvation in Baghdad. As Father Wassim Sabih finished the mass, eight al-Qaida stormed in, began shooting and forced him to the floor. As the priest pleaded that his parishioners be spared, they executed him and began their mission of mass murder. When Iraqi security forces broke in, the killers threw grenades to finish off the surviving Christians and detonated explosive-laden vests to kill themselves and the police. The toll was 46 parishioners and two priests killed, 78 others critically wounded. How blessed were the parishioners of Our Lady of Salvation to be in the act of worshipping their Lord and Savior when their mortal lives came to an abrupt end. And it is their witness that drives home the message when the end time comes, our Lord and Savior does not expect us to be idle and sitting on the sidelines. He expects to find us engaged and doing the work that he has given us to do.

In a few weeks we will begin a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent, a season in which we prepare for the second coming of Christ. Of course no one knows when that glorious day will be. In the first century it was a common understanding that the persecution that was being endured by the church was fulfillment of prophesy so Christ's second coming must be imminent and there were many that actually stopped or suspended their Christian behaviors because they perceived end was so near. Such was the church at Thessalonica and in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to them St. Paul encourages them to persist, that Christ's second coming might be a while yet. He urges them to carry on with the work that Christ had given them to do, not to be idle but to live by faith that Christ will come again and to live out their faith and spread the good news of the gospel every hour of every day until the day he comes. "Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right."

In the year 2013 we are certainly closer to the Lord's second coming than was the church at Thessalonica, but like them we too are called to be ready. We are called to NOT be idle, to NOT be bystanders. We are called to be engaged in the Lord's work EVERY hour of EVERY day UNTIL he comes again. We are called to **BE** Christians. When He comes, may He find us **SO**.

*Fr. Tim+*



# NOVEMBER MEMORIALS



**WINE & WAFERS:** In loving memory of Alice Umlauf by Lee, Mary and Peter Umlauf.

**SANCTUARY  
CANDLES:**

In loving memory of the Smith family by Charlotte Smith.

In loving memory of my friend Frank Baldino who was killed in action on November 14, 1968 given by Carol Jones.

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the December Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than November 6<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Frackville to help fold the newsletter.

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### CHRISTMAS FLOWER/MEMORIAL DONATION FORM:

Please fill out the form and place it in an envelope with your donation and place it in the collection or mail it to the church office: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Name of Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Loving Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 1, 2013.**

All memorials will be published in the January Newsletter.



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Michele Esposito, Jessica Rhein, Mabel, Brittany Evans, Rich Wertz, Spencer Dougherty, Kyle M., Jenn, Alice Sapp, Arlene Davis, Eddie Ulceski, Mckenzie Rose, Rafael Ramos, Henry Koller, Shirley Moyer, Diane Dangolovich, Kay Collier, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., Bob C., John Hauk, Todd Leshner, Eleanor Mihal, Darlene Frye, Pastor James Bowers, Floyd Kimmel, Darryl Corewell, Matthew Miggins, Edith Hoffman, Gary Boose, Bob Jones, Sr., Maria Machos, Pam Sapp, Josh, Mark Rauco, Mary Price, Cheyenne Sheipe, Virginia M. Bushyager, Theresa Price, Jackie Jones-Allison, Theresa Robbins, Suzanne Glick Connor, Charlotte Smith, Thelma Morgan, Jim Spieles, Jr., Judy Demyan, June Leshner, Steven Leshner, Russell Leshner, 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.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 – Bonnie Hynoski<br>Denise Ulceski  | 22 – Nicholas Price                                       |
| 4- Nicole Scanlan                     | 23 – Eric Shaqfeh   |
| 6 – Sam Correll<br>Ryder Chase Bowers | 24 – Neal R. Miller<br>Mary Umlauf                        |
| 8 – Carole James                      | 26 – Charlotte Smith                                      |
| 10 – Mary Makely                      | 27 – Theresa Price<br>Richard Menuchak                    |
| 16 – Glenn Menuchak, Jr.              | 28 – John Robert Menuchak<br>Christie Joy Donatti         |
| 17 – Aubrey Scanlan                   | 30 – Monique Snyder<br>Patricia Snyder<br>Frances Clamser |
| 18 – Albert Snyder, Sr.               |   |
| 19 – Albert Leibig, Jr.               |   |
| 21 – Ryan Lindenmuth                  |   |



## ***Flourish in Faith***

For the past several weeks reflections were provided from Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country on stewardship and faithful giving. They were included as inserts in our weekly bulletins. Dan Charney also came to Holy Apostles to speak about stewardship on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

We will now prepare to celebrate Commitment Sunday, the culmination of the journey, when pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

On the back of this page is a pledge form for 2014. Please give thoughtful consideration and prayer to the amount you can give. We are blessed to have very generous parishioners at North Parish and if you can increase your giving by a few dollars it would be greatly appreciated. The pledge form will be placed in a basket during the offering. If you cannot attend the service, please mail your form to the church office: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931.

### **2013**

**Pledge Cards Returned: 14**  
**Amount Pledged: \$17,064.00**  
**Received as of Sept. 30, 2013: \$31,840.00**

### **2012**

**Pledge Cards Returned: 20**  
**Amount Pledged: \$21,284.00**  
**Actual Amount Received \$42,871.00**

### **2011**

**Pledge Cards Returned: 17**  
**Amount Pledged: \$19,450.00**  
**Actual Amount Received: \$40,994.25**

**In 2012 our total general operating expenses were: \$93,507.00**  
**Our total general operating receipts for 2012: \$78,066.00**  
**A difference of: - \$15,441.00**

**Our current 2013 general expenses as of 9/30/13 \$60,850.43**  
**Total general receipts for 2013 as of 9/30/12 \$51,203.11**  
**A difference of \$-9,647.32**

**Our Proposed 2014 Budget totals: \$88,490.00**

**Thank you for your continued financial support to North Parish!**

# SEPTEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

## North Parish Receipts

### General Account

Sep-13	\$6,102.00
Year to Date Gen. Rec.	\$ 51,203.11
Transfer in from M&I	0
Transfer in from M&I Year to Date	\$ 5,000.00

### M&I Account

Sep-13	\$ 158.70
Year to date	\$ 13,838.60

### Memorial Account

Sep-13	\$ 1.18
Year to date	\$ 10.74

## Balances

General Account	\$ 5,656.53
M&I Account	\$ 20,670.39
Total Funds available	\$ 26,326.92

Memorial Account	\$ 14,372.66
Temp. Restricted Fund	

## North Parish Disbursements

### General Account

Sep-13	\$ 6,799.29
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 60,850.43

### M&I Account

Sep-13	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 5,078.08

### Memorial Account

Sep-13	\$ -
Year to date	\$ -



**2014 Church Offering Envelopes:** Our church treasurers will soon be distributing the 2014 envelopes. This is the most effective way to keep track of your offerings. If you are currently not using envelopes please call the church office at 570-874-4532 or if you are a member currently attending Christ Church, please call the office to let us know if we should include your envelopes with St. John's, Ashland or Holy Apostles, St. Clair. Thank you!



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: 1:00-5:15pm; Fridays: 1:00-4:30pm

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

## Vestry Highlights - September 22, 2013



The minutes of the August 18, 2013 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report for August, 2013 was accepted as printed.

The Thanksgiving Dinner will be held again this year at Holy Apostles. Volunteers are needed Wednesday and Thursday.

Donald Clamser plans to present a program on Sunday evenings for four weeks from October 13<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. at Christ Church about the Episcopal Faith.

Monetary gifts were sent from the parish to honor both Bishop Jack and Bishop Paul on their retirements.

A thank you letter was sent to the Bible and Common Prayer Book Society for their donation of 50 prayer books and 15 bibles.

A Country Line Dance will be held Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00P.M. and a Haunted House on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Holy Apostles.

Sunday Eucharistic services will be suspended at Christ Church after Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>.

*Annual Meeting will be held October 20<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church. Next regular vestry meeting will be held November 17<sup>th</sup>.*



### **FOOD BANK MINISTRY**



**During the month of November we will be collecting stove top stuffing for the local food banks. Thank you to everyone who donated macaroni and cheese in October. 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.**



**Please Note: Daylight Saving Time ends on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.**



# 2014 EPISCOPAL CALENDAR

The 2014 church calendars have arrived. Please call the church office at (570) 874-4532 to order your calendar. Calendar donations are \$3.00 each.

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## Sunday, November 10, 2013 Kyle Schu will take vows to become a Brother of the Order of the Shepherd's Heart



Everyone is invited to the regular Sunday Eucharist at St. John's, Ashland on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Kyle Schu will be taking vows to become a brother of the Order of the Shepherds Heart. Please plan on attending this special service and keep Kyle in your prayers as he moves into a new phase of his life.



## THANK YOU NOTES

**Thank you** to everyone who attended the Country Line Dancing in October. We had a profit of \$98.00.



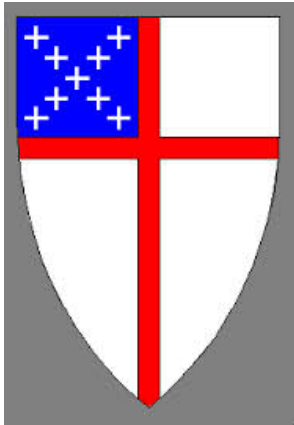
**Rada Cutlery Sale:** North Parish is selling the cutlery now through November 17<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go to the general fund to help with fuel costs. To place an order, see any vestry member or ECW member.

Vestry members who attend Holy Apostles are:

Bonnie Baker, Mary Emma Dean, Lois Hewes, Barry & Janis Idell, Gerry Salata and Jane Shaqfeh

Vestry members who attend St. John's:

Donald Clamser, Sr., Nick Lane, Bonnie Hynoski, Bob Tiley, Elaine Ulceski, Mary Umlauf



Dear Parishioners of North Parish,

On August 18, 2013, the North Parish Vestry made a very difficult and painful decision. After reviewing financial information from the 2&3 year Committee they accepted the committee's recommendation to suspend Sunday Eucharistic services at Christ Episcopal Church of Frackville effective December 30, 2013. Prayer services will be conducted in the future. Please check service schedules in the newsletters for dates and times when prayer services will be held.

The Parish of Christ Church is one hundred and thirty-eight years old. Present and former parishioners have many cherished memories of beautiful services and inspiring sermons that have taken place in this holy sanctuary. To honor these memories and to recognize those who have worked tirelessly for Christ Church there will be a special combined service on December 29th at 11:00 A.M. followed by a fellowship hour. Cake, coffee and juice will be served. Please call the church office at (570) 874-4532 or e-mail: [nparish@ptd.net](mailto:nparish@ptd.net) with your name and how many will be attending no later than December 13<sup>th</sup>.

I invite all parishioners of North Parish to attend this service and fill this beautiful church with prayer and song.

Blessings,  
*Mary Umlauf*  
Outgoing Senior Warden







## **DON'T BE ALONE THIS THANKSGIVING**



**You are invited to a:  
Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner  
November 28, 2013, 1:00 P.M.**

**Holy Apostles' Episcopal Parish Hall  
Nichols & Hancock Streets, St. Clair, PA**



**Please RSVP by November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Call Bonnie Baker at (570) 429-2272  
Church Office at (570) 874-4532**

**Eat In – Take Out – Delivery available  
Delivery beginning 11:00 A.M.  
Take Outs – 12noon  
Eat –In – 1:00 p.m.**

**Volunteers are needed to cook, run deliveries and serve meals. WE WILL NEED A LOT OF VOLUNTEERS ON WEDNESDAY, THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING beginning at 9:00 a.m. and into the evening hours as well and also Thanksgiving Day beginning at 6:00 am.**

**We also need donations of: turkeys, potatoes, green beans, corn, cranberries, bread for filling, celery, onions, milk, eggs, and pumpkin pies. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with the dinner. Please make checks out to: Good Shepherd's Guild. If you can donate any of these items or help with preparations, please, contact Bonnie Baker at (570) 429-2272 by November 15<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.**

# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## November 2013

November 3	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	Jane Shaqfeh
November 10	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Timothy Albright
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Robert Wellner
November 17	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Robert Wellner
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	The Rev. Robert Wellner
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	Barry Idell
November 24	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	Donald Clamser, Sr.
	Morning Prayer	11:00 a.m.	Christ Church	Robert Tiley
	Holy Eucharist	11:00 a.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Timothy Albright

### Notes:

### Color:

November 3	The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
November 10	The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Kyle Schu will be taking vows to become a brother of the Order of the Shepherds Heart at St. John's service.	Green
November 17	The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
November 24	The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King	White