

**NORTH PARISH
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021
NEWSLETTER**

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

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." James 1:17, NRSV

Dear Church Members and Friends of North Parish,

Our pledge campaign theme this year, Every Perfect Gift, highlights all the ways in which we have been blessed by God and how that inspires us to give back to our neighbors, our church, the world. In our message to you, we want to focus on our gifts of Treasure, the financial gifts that we make to our community to support our mission.

This year has been so different from other years in terms of what has been asked of us as individuals and as a community. We want you to know, because we have heard your stories and walked with you this year, that we know some of us are struggling with finances, with isolation, with uncertainty. Over and over again, we learn that it is the God we encounter at our church and Jesus who we follow by recognizing him in each other, that keep us together, that provide the consistency in a shifting world.

Every dollar that we raise has a face behind it, a story, a purpose, a mission! We use our financial gifts to serve God, to care for each other, and to show our love for our neighbors. What greater gift can there be? We are grateful for how each of you supports our ministry in our community.

If you are ever in doubt about the impact of your giving, look about you. Whether you have seen your church family through a screen this year or in pews as we have been allowed, every person you see is part of the story of your giving. As you consider making your gift or your intention to give this year, we ask that you also consider how you have been impacted, and how you will impact this church and our neighbors. What is the story of your gift, how will it unfold? How will your blessing be a blessing to others? This is the spirit behind our theme of Every Perfect Gift.

This year we invite you to make your perfect gift, reflective of the gifts you have received from our Creator.

- *The Vestry of North Parish*

We will celebrate Pledge Sunday on November 21st. A pledge card is printed in the newsletter and will be available in the November 14 and November 21st bulletins. If for some reason you are unable to attend church, please mail your pledge card to the church office: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!!!



Perfect

Gift

My 2022 Promise to North Parish

**In gratitude for Every Perfect Gift, I/we have received,
I/we promise \$_____ for ministry.**

**I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ☐ weekly ☐ monthly
☐ semiannually ☐ annually.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

☐

Please contact me about including the church in my estate plans.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/MEMORIAL DONATION FORM



Please fill out this 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

PLEASE NOTE: ALL CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO NORTH PARISH.

Name of Donor(s): _____

Church: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Loving Memory of: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

PLEASE RETURN BY December 13, 2021.

All memorials will be published in the January/February Newsletter.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 25, 2021



Holy Apostles' Episcopal Parish Hall
307 E. Hancock St.
St. Clair, PA



Please RSVP by November 18th

Call Bonnie Baker at (570) 429-2272

Take Out and Delivery available
No Eat In due to Covid-19 restrictions

Delivery Beginning – 11:00 a.m.

Pick Up – 12 noon – 12:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to cook, run deliveries and package meals. A sign-up sheet is available at each church. Please sign up by November 21st if you can help.

We also need donations of turkeys and pumpkin pies. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with the dinner. Please make checks out to: North Parish. If you can donate any of these items or help with preparations, please contact Bonnie Baker.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24, 2021
Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. – Holy Apostles, St. Clair
Celebrant – The Rev. Timothy Albright

7:30 p.m. – St. John's, Ashland
Celebrant – The Rev. Timothy Albright



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**1 – Bonnie Hynoski
Denise Ulceski**

4- Nicole Scanlan

6 – Sam Correll

Ryder Chase Bowers

8 – Carole James

10 – Lilly Meade

17 – Aubrey Scanlan

19 – Albert Leibig, Jr.

21 – Ryan Lindenmuth

22 – Nicholas Price

24 – Neal R. Miller

24 - Mary Umlauf

27 – Theresa Price

28 – Christie Joy Donatti

30 – Monique Snyder

Patricia Snyder

Frances Clamser

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Joshua Jacobs

4 – Jennifer Evans

Janis Idell

Mary Price

8 – Randall Snyder

10 – Brooklyn Hewes

12 – Holly Jazwinski

Sue O'Neill

Michael Lesher

Alicia Rathosky

14 – Albert Leibig

15 – Dakota Hewes

18 – Robert Scheuren

21 – Clayton Demcher

23 – Jane Shaqfeh

26 – John Price, Jr.

Stephen Ulceski

27 – Mary Alice Reese

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

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2022 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2022. If you are interested in memorials please contact the church office by phone (570-429-7107) or by sending a note to the church secretary:



Shannon Mozdy, North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931 OR

You can also give your memorials to your church treasurer:

Holy Apostles – Marsha Dudash, St. John's – Elaine Ulceski

The donations for monthly memorials are as follows: Sanctuary Candles - \$5.00

Bulletins - \$10.00; Wafers - \$10.00, Newsletters - \$10.00



NOVEMBER MEMORIALS

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

In memory of Alice and Raymond Umlauf by the Umlauf Family.

In memory of Alice and Raymond Umlauf by Susan Noble and Family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Chet Shanoskie by Tom Dodds.

In memory of my dad, Phil Frantz by Phil and Donna Frantz

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

In memory of Leona and Walter Briel by Susan Noble and Family.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

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

In memory of Ruth Frantz, Frank A. Frantz and Carol Dresch by Lois Hewes and Family.

BULLETINS: In memory of Harold and Deborah Strunk by the Strunk and Ulceski Families.

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

In memory of John L. Moyer by Claudia Moyer.

THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is in memory of my dad Phil Frantz by Phil and Donna Frantz.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Doris Behney, Joe Burns, Richard Doran, Donna Frantz, Elizabeth Frantz, Jennifer Frantz, Phil Frantz, Florence Hollick, Abbey Javid, Holly Jazwinski, McKenzie Kline, Vicki & Ed Lecher, Cheryl McDonald, Raymond Moyer, Shirley Moyer, Tracy Miller, Mary Price, Diane Reed, Jim Reed, Linda Simmendinger, James V. Spieles Jr., Judith Wright and Mary Zuk

PRAYER LIST POLICY:

We will begin a new prayer list beginning January 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.

You can also mail the form below to the church office at:
North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Name on the prayer list: _____

Person making the request: _____

Please note: The prayer list will be updated at the end of June also.



MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

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.



**Vestry Meeting
Holy Apostles, St. Clair, PA
November 20, 2021
10:00 a.m.**



All articles for the JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than Monday, December 13th.

AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	August	\$ 4,478.90
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 31,862.31
Transfer in from M&I (current)		\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 3,000.00

M&I Account

	August	\$ 93.46
Year to date		\$ 2,772.48

Memorial Account

	August	\$.22
Year to date		\$ 937.27

Balances

General Account	\$ 3,772.66
M&I Account	\$ 27,347.58
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,750.69
Temp. Restricted Fund	

North Parish Disbursements

General Account	
	August
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 3,491.48
	\$ 36,145.37

M&I Account

	August	\$ -
Year to date		\$ 3,000.00

Memorial Account

	August	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	Sept.	\$ 5,271.20
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 37,133.51
Transfer in from M&I (current)		\$ 3,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 6,000.00

M&I Account

	Sept.	\$ 1,117.61
Year to date		\$ 3,890.09

Memorial Account

	Sept.	\$.21
Year to date		\$ 937.48

Balances

General Account	\$ 4,680.77
M&I Account	\$ 25,465.19
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,750.90
Temp. Restricted Fund	

North Parish Disbursements

General Account	
	Sept.
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 7,373.09
	\$ 43,518.46

M&I Account

	Sept.	\$ 3,000.00
Year to date		\$ 6,000.00

Memorial Account

	Sept.	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



News from Marion C. Price Trust Fund

As Christians we celebrate All Souls/All Saints Day on November 1st. We use this holiday to remember those who have gone on before us. This year Father Kurt will celebrate All Souls Day with a Necrology Service in the Chapel at Baber Cemetery beginning at 6:30 pm. The service will remember our loved ones who are no longer here physically, but are present in our hearts. As I was thinking of what to put in my newsletter article I kept being led back to the subject of funerals and those who have passed on before us.

Several events led me to the decision to write about a subject that makes many of us uncomfortable. Trinity Church held a meeting to update their Funeral Policy and they invited me to join the meeting. This involved also taking a look at the Funeral Checklist that Marion Price Trust Fund has available. As I looked over this form, I decided to pass this information on to everyone. I also listened to my nephew, who was helping plan the funeral service for the love of his life. She was only 36 and he said although they talked about some things, they thought they had more time. Many of us, myself included, often think we have more time.

According to AARP the coronavirus is prompting many people to rush to make their wills. This can become an opportunity to think about what you would want to happen if your family needed to arrange a funeral. It's a difficult subject to talk about, but does not need to be morbid. It can be helpful to have your wishes known, and to have instructions written down for your loved ones to follow.

There are two forms available from the office to help you make preparations and make your wishes known. The first is a very simple Funeral Checklist form which basically allows you to check off your preferences and choices. It is easy to complete and gives you most common available choices. There is also an updated list of the most common and appropriate funeral hymns. When my best friend's mom passed away, she confided to me she had no idea what her mom's favorite hymns were. There is no better way to know what music will be played at your service than to pick it yourself.

Both forms I have available allow you to decide on type of body treatment and interment; type of arrangement preferred; where service is conducted and type of service; readings, hymns, donations, etc. The second available form includes information pertaining to an obituary as well. I would be more than happy to assist if anyone is interested in either form. I can mail them to you or help you fill them out if preferred.

Several of you have already filled out such forms and they are in the office in a locked file cabinet. Please consider filling these or similar forms out or at the least speak with family about your wishes. It can be meaningful to make your wishes known and when the time comes it can be a great relief to your family members. Preparing ahead for your funeral can spare your loved ones the additional grief of not knowing your final wishes for service or burial.

Instead of thinking of it as an unpleasant task, consider it a great gift to your loved ones. We all like to make plans — dinner plans, vacations plans, and plans for the weekend. Why not plan ahead for this as well? I guarantee your family will thank you for it!

<p style="text-align: center;">Medicare open enrollment is October 15, 2021 through December 7, 2021</p>
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You may have noticed an increase in Medicare related commercials on television lately. The increase is due to the open enrollment period going on now through December 7th. Open enrollment pertains to a time when eligible seniors can select or change Medicare and other health insurance options. Medicare health and drug plans can make changes each year-things such as cost, coverage, and what providers and pharmacies are in their network. October 15 through December 7 is when people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plans and prescription drug coverage for the following year to better meet their needs.

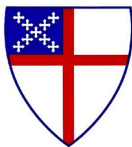
It's a good idea to review materials sent to you from your Medicare health or prescription plans, such as Evidence of Coverage (EOC) and Annual Notice of Change (ANOC). If your plan is changing make sure it still meets your needs for the following year. If you are satisfied that your current plan will meet your needs for next year and is still being offered to you, you do not need to do anything. If change is needed, or you would like to compare plans, you may call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov).

Before switching plans from regular Medicare to a Medicare advantage plan be sure to compare services, lower or no cost premiums can also mean increased copays for services. This may be advantageous for some but not everybody. It is ok to change your plan just be sure that you do a fair comparison of services and cost.

Pa Department of Aging created PA MEDI, formerly known as APPRISE, to help Pennsylvania residents understand Medicare and other health insurance benefits. This can help you make informed plan decisions. Locally this program is run by Diakon Community Services in Pottsville. Appointments are available in different locations in the county during November. To make an appointment please call 570-624-3019. I am also available to help compare plans or get information for you concerning plans by phoning the office at 570-621-3220. Please don't hesitate to contact me.

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the year! Cold weather will be here soon and we will be celebrating the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays with family and friends. I have heard so much about the Christmas party celebrated each year. I pray restrictions will allow us to gather this year, and look forward to joining in fellowship with you all. Plans will be announced in the near future concerning party arrangements so stay tuned for more information.

I pray for you to remain safe and well in this crazy world. Have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year. I thank you all for making me feel so welcome and loved during my first year at MPTF. I am truly blessed to have you all in my life and thank God for my many blessings!



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov. 7	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
Nov. 14	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker
Nov. 21	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
Nov. 28	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

DECEMBER 2021

Dec. 5	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
Dec. 12	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
Dec. 19	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dolores Smith The Rev. Dolores Smith
Dec. 24	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Holy Apostles St. John's	The Rev. Timothy Albright The Rev. Timothy Albright
Dec. 26	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

	Notes:	Color:
Nov. 7	All Saints Day	White
Nov. 14	The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
Nov. 21	The Last Sunday after Pentecost	White
	Christ the King	White
Nov. 28	The First Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 5	The Second Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 12	The Third Sunday of Advent	Purple or Rose
Dec. 19	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 24	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve	White
Dec. 26	The First Sunday after Christmas Day	Red
	Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr	