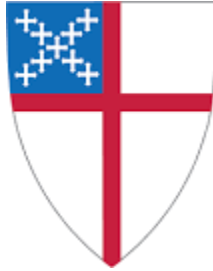


**NORTH PARISH
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
2022
NEWSLETTER**

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



For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. - (Jeremiah 29:11)

Another full church year will soon pass, with the ending of Year C, and returning to Year A. The Jewish New Year marked the year 5783. The Islamic Calendar marks the year 1444. And we are approaching the start of Year 3 or year 4 of COVID 19. Despite all those numbers, the changes we have experienced in the last few years are too numerous to mention. Yet, in the year 626 BCE, 2 thousand six hundred, forty-eight years ago, Jeremiah was called as prophet to a people. Despite his supposed authorship of the Book of Lamentations, the pericope above can be found in his writings.

We humans forecast, and plan, and assure, and eventually, all our plans come to fruition.... sometimes. Circumstances beyond our control can alter our plans and cause us angst, or stress, or difficulties, or conflicts. Yet, our God who is faithful, offers us a future of hope and assurances. Although I am not a believer in the Gospel of Prosperity, I am a believer in the Gospel of Love and Hope and Faith and Fellowship, that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we--the folks of North Parish and I--enter into a more formal relationship together, I would like you to consider where God is calling you as I lift the mantle of priest-in-charge. Your skills and talents surely are there to offer welfare for others, and a compass for hope for us all. The path forward as a community of love, of hope, of faith, of fellowship can only be strong and vital with the gifts and the support of all of us who profess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

If you haven't attended for a while, or if you haven't engaged with us here, please come home to St. John's and Holy Apostles, and know that we have longed for you and would love to welcome you! If you and I haven't met or even if we see each other frequently, reach out to me as needed or as desired. There are some wonderful happenings as we approach 2023: Soup Sales at St. John's, Saturday Evening Worship and Fellowship at Holy Apostles, Breakfasts, Thanksgiving Outreach and Partnerships to be strengthened and expanded. These ministries need you! Together, we can make this Parish stronger, more vital, and certainly more welcoming, as we become the hands of Christ here on earth. Know truly, that God has plans for us together!

In Jesus Name,
The Rev. Dr. Kurt K. Kovalovich (Fr. Kurt)



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Bonnie Hynoski | 10 – Lilly Meade | 27 – Theresa Price |
| Denise Ulceski | 17 – Aubrey Scanlan | 28 – Christie Joy Donatti |
| 4- Nicole Scanlan | 19 – Albert Leibig, Jr. | 30 – Monique Snyder |
| 6 – Sam Correll | 21 – Ryan Lindenmuth | Patricia Snyder |
| Ryder Chase Bowers | 22 – Nicholas Price | Frances Clamser |
| 8 – Carole James | 24 – Neal R. Miller | |

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 – Joshua Jacobs | 10 – Brooklyn Hewes | 15 – Dakotah Hewes |
| 4 – Jennifer Evans | 12 – Holly Jazwinski | 18 – Robert Scheuren |
| Janis Idell | Sue O'Neill | 21 – Clayton Demcher |
| Mary Price | Michael Leshner | 23 – Jane Shaqfeh |
| 8 – Randall Snyder | Alicia Rathosky | 26 – John Price, Jr. |
| 9 – Phil Frantz | 14 – Albert Leibig | Stephen Ulceski |

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 JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than Monday, December 12th.



ORGANISTS NEEDED:

We are in need of an organist(s) for St. John's and Holy Apostles. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please see a vestry member.

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.

In memory of Helen Price by Roland Price and Mary Makely.

BULLETINS: In memory of Chet Shanoskie by wife Nancy.

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

In memory of Orme C. Frantz and Merle E. Frantz by Peggy Frantz.

In memory of Chet Shanoskie by wife Nancy.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

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

In memory of Kate (Strunk) Whyne Schenk by Dianne Lippincott.

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

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

THE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER is in memory of Chet Shanoskie by wife Nancy.

2023 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

IT IS NOW TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIALS FOR 2023. 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; Wine & Wafers - \$10.00, Newsletters - \$10.00



NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING

Holy Apostles, St. Clair

To be announced

There is an open seat on the Vestry. If you would like to serve on this very important committee please speak to Senior Warden, Bonnie Baker.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mark Bennyhoff
Harley Hynoski
Abbey Javid
McKenzie Kline
Joshua Lauver
Jim Lecher
Kristin Lecher
Mary Levan
Cheryl McDonald

Shirley Moyer
Catherine Mozdy
Robert Mozdy
Lucy O'Connor
Jack Price
Roland Price
Meghan Smith
Marilyn Spieles
Vince Wilk



SPECIAL INTENTION: Your prayers are asked for the family and friends of Mary C. Umlauf who entered eternal life on September 2, 2022. May God grant Mary eternal rest and give comfort to all who knew and loved her.

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.

Welcome!

Beginning November 1, 2022, the Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich will be our Priest in Charge. We also share Fr. Kurt with Trinity, Pottsville and St. James, Schuylkill Haven. We are looking forward to our adventures in ministry together. Welcome Fr. Kurt!!!



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.

MAKES GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!!!



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 11, 2022.

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

AUGUST 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

August	\$ 5,875.00
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 39,817.64
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 11,500.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ 2,800.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 2,800.00

M&I Account

August	\$ 88.34
Year to date	\$ 3,891.70

Memorial Account

August	\$.22
Year to date	\$ 901.81

Balances

General Account	\$ 3,037.97
M&I Account	\$ 18,112.29
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,183.86

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

August	\$ 9,279.75
Year to Date Exp.	\$56,179.82

M&I Account

August	\$ 2,000.00
Year to date	\$11,500.00

Memorial Account

August	\$ 2,800.00
Year to date	\$ 2,800.00

SEPTEMBER 2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account

September	\$ 5,384.93
Year to Date Gen. Receipts	\$ 45,202.57
Transfer in from M&I (current)	\$ 3,500.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date	\$ 15,000.00
Transfer from Memorial Acct	\$ -
Transfer from Memorial Acct. YTD	\$ 2,800.00

M&I Account

September	\$ 1,092.65
Year to date	\$ 4,984.35

Memorial Account

September	\$ 395.18
Year to date	\$ 1,296.99

Balances

General Account	\$ 4,141.71
M&I Account	\$ 15,704.94
Memorial Fund	\$ 11,043.24

Temp. Restricted Fund

North Parish Disbursements

General Account

September	\$ 7,781.21
Year to Date Exp.	\$63,961.03

M&I Account

September	\$ 3,500.00
Year to date	\$15,000.00

Memorial Account

September	\$ -
Year to date	\$ 2,800.00



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Starting on Sunday November 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Holy Apostles will be holding a breakfast in the Parish Hall for the public. Cost is \$10.00. Menu is scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home-fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea. If anyone can help, we would appreciate it, contact Bonnie Baker. The December breakfast is scheduled for December 4th.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

November 24, 2022



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

Please RSVP by November 17th

Call Bonnie at (570) 590-0450
Or (570) 429-7107



Eat in, Take Out or Delivery available

Delivery Beginning – 11:00 a.m.

Pick Up – 12 noon – 12:30 p.m.

Eat In – 1:00 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 13th if you can help.

We also need donations of turkeys. 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, 2022
Holy Eucharist

5:00 p.m. – St. John's, Ashland

7:30 p.m. – Holy Apostles, St. Clair

Celebrant – The Rev. Dr Kurt Kovalovich

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS DAY
AT NORTH PARISH.

NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE



November 11, 2022 the country will be celebrating Veterans Day. I feel this is somewhat of a forgotten holiday. There is little “hoopla” surrounding this very important day of honor and remembrance. Stores do not sell decorations and we don’t buy gifts to give away. Many may not know exactly why or what we are celebrating. Veterans Day is a day to honor all veterans.

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace-dead or alive-although its largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I. Although Word War I officially ended, the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, the fighting did not end for about 7 months. That was when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918 was considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and called Armistice Day. It officially became a holiday in 1938, to set aside a day to honor veterans of World War I. After World War II and the Korean War congress amended the commemoration to honor American veterans of all wars.

I would like to share a story told in my church last fall by a Marine veteran. Some of you may be familiar with the story of The Four Chaplains. The Four Chaplains were four World War II chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship SS Dorchester sank on February 3, 1943, in what has been referred to as the second-worst sea disaster of World War II. The Dorchester was a civilian liner converted for military service in World War II as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. The ship was able to carry slightly more than 900 military passengers and crew.

The ship left New York on January 23, 1943, en route to Greenland, carrying approximately 900 as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by three Coast Guard Cutters. The ship’s captain had been alerted that Coast Guard sonar had detected a submarine nearby. Because German U-boats were monitoring sea lanes and had attacked and sunk ships earlier during the war, the captain had the ship’s crew on high alert even before he received that information. He ordered the men to sleep in their clothing and keep their life jackets on. Many soldiers sleeping in the ship’s hold disregarded the order either because the life jackets were uncomfortable or because of the heat of the engines. During the early morning hours of February 3, the vessel was torpedoed by a German submarine off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic. The attack knocked out the ships electrical system, leaving the ship in darkness. Panic set in among the men on board, many trapped below deck. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation, while helping guide the wounded to safety. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before everyone had one. The chaplains removed their own life vest and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats, and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship.

“As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.”
-Grady Clark, survivor

The sacrifice of these men has been remembered in print, music, art, film, chapels and sanctuaries, sculptures and plaques. The four chaplains were all relatively new to the service and held the rank of first lieutenant. They include Methodist minister Reverend George L. Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister Reverend Clark V. Poling. According to some reports, survivors could hear different languages mixed in the prayers of the chaplains, including Jewish prayers in Hebrew and Catholic prayers in Latin. Only 230 of the over 900 men on board were rescued. Life jackets offered little protection from hypothermia, which killed most men in the water. By the time additional rescue ships arrived, "hundreds of dead bodies were seen floating on the water, kept afloat by their life jackets."

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.John 15:13. This is what comes to my mind when hearing this story. What great faith these men had! What great love for others! What would I do if faced with this situation? This is only one of many stories of faith, love and heroism that can be found of men and women in military service to our country. I spoke to the veteran who shared this story and he told me, per his father's wishes, he joined the marines as soon as his brother returned from service in the Army. After his safe return his mother called them together and told them how God answers prayer. She had prayed for their safety every day for well over five years. My father was a Navy veteran and my great-nephew is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. He recently returned safely from deployment and I am thankful to God for that and am so very proud of his service. As we celebrate Veterans Day this year, remember the many sacrifices made for our freedom. Thank a veteran for their service and pray for those serving and defending our country now.

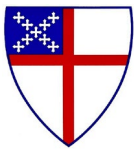
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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare open enrollment takes place October 14 - December 7 of this year. This is the time eligible seniors may make changes to Medicare and other health insurance options. Please reach out to me at the office at (570) 621-3220 if I can assist you with this. PA MEDI services are available through Diakon Community Services. PA MEDI was created by the PA Department of Aging to help Pennsylvania residents understand Medicare and other health insurance benefits and assist them in making informed decisions about their health care. To make an appointment through Diakon to review your Medicare options call (570) 624-3019.

As this year comes to a close, I want to let you know how much I have enjoyed getting to know each of you. I am blessed to have you all in my life. Thank you for making me feel like part of the Episcopal Church family. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of assistance in any way. Although I do not provide transportation, I am available to pick up medications, groceries, help to gather information and services available, and visit. You may reach me in the office by phone or email. (570) 621-3220 or mptfund@gmail.com I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.





NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2022

Nov. 5	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Nov. 6	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Nov. 13	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. 20	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. 27	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Susan Nobler

DECEMBER 2022

Dec. 3	Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m.	Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Dec. 4	Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
Dec. 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
Dec. 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
Dec. 24	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich

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Nov. 5	Saturday Service	Green
Nov. 6	The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
Nov. 13	The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost	Green
Nov. 20	The Last Sunday after Pentecost-Christ the King	White
Nov. 27	The First Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 3	Saturday Service	Purple
Dec. 4	The Second Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 11	The Third Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 18	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Purple
Dec. 24	The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Eve	White
Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!	