

**NORTH PARISH  
September 2013  
NEWSLETTER**

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



From Fr. Tim's Desk

I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life. . . .  
Deuteronomy 30:19

A long time ago, when I was approaching my teen years, I was infatuated by Lori Huber, the good looking neighbor girl who lived just up the road. Lori and I would walk together to and from the bus stop in the morning and afternoon and we spent a lot of time together in between. We'd talk about a wide variety of things and do those things that kids growing up in a rural area tend to do together.

At one point, I even played that game with the daisy, you know, the one where you start plucking the petals off the daisy one by one, saying she loves me, she loves me not, she loves me, she loves me not, until there were no more petals left and you hoped the last thing you said was . . . she loves me. Love. Did we even know what it meant when we were so young? Did love just happen by spending so much time together? Did love happen purely by chance; depending upon whether there was an even or odd number of petals on a daisy? And then it was over; just a passing infatuation.

The relationship that our Lord and Savior offers to all of us is far more than just a passing infatuation, and chance has nothing to do with it. Millennia ago, God made a deliberate choice to make us in His own image and in the image of His pre-existent and co-eternal Son. Because he loved us so much, He made a choice to give US, not all of his creatures, but US, the human race, the greatest gift of all, the gift of free will. As Lord of all he has the power to command us to love him and he has the power to make us yield, but then he would be just a dictator and a tyrant. Our Father in heaven does not desire to be a tyrant. Our Father desires to be a lover; and our relationship with Him and with his Son Jesus Christ cannot possibly BE love UNLESS we are able to say NO.

Consider your options and make a choice. Make a choice to follow the Lord Jesus Christ with all your heart, mind and soul. Make a choice to truly love him as he truly loves you. Make a choice and choose life. Make a choice and choose abundant life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Tim+



# SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS



**WINE & WAFERS:** In loving memory of Betty Noble by Bonnie, Steve, Ben and Jaime Hynoski.

**BULLETINS:** In loving memory of Alice Umlauf and Betty Noble by Jason and Abbey Noble and Holly Jazwinski.

**SANCTUARY** In loving memory of the Smith family by Charlotte Smith.

**CANDLES:** In loving memory of Edward and Rosemary Ulceski by the Ulceski family.  
In loving memory of Walter and Leona Briel, Louis and Emily Morris,  
and John and Anna Umlauf by Bill and Susan Noble.

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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

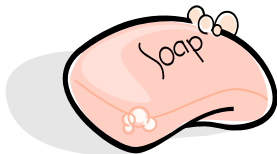
All articles for the October Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than September 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Church, Frackville to help fold the newsletter.

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### 2013 DIOCESAN CONVENTION - Cathedral Church of the Nativity

Bethlehem, PA 18015

OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> AND 5<sup>th</sup> - 2013 ECW Project



For the 2013 Diocesan Convention, the ECW will be collecting shampoo & conditioner, deodorant, razors, body wash, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, socks, cotton underwear, cough drops, and OTC pain medications. *We are happy to receive your hotel or sample-sized grooming items.*

*North Parish will be assisting with this project. Please bring your donations to church no later than September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our delegate to Convention, Donald Clamser, Sr. will take them with him when he attends the Convention.*

These items will be given to TRINITY SOUP KITCHEN,

44 East Market Street, Bethlehem, PA



# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Bonnie Baker, Spencer Dougherty, Vinnie Tate, Kyle M., Jenn, Alice Sapp, Arlene Davis, Eddie Ulceski, Mckenzie Rose, Rafael Ramos, Henry Koller, Karina Pedersen, Shirley Moyer, Tammy, Diane Dangolovich, Kay Collier, Kevin Rhein, Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., Bob C., John Hauk, Todd Leshar, 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, 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 Leshar, Steven Leshar, Russell Leshar, Kristin Lecher, Suzette Pogash, Mary Catherine Glick, Kay Fertig, Charles J. Wylam, Mary Faith Goodman, Mary Price

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 (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.

## SEPTEMBER

### BIRTHDAYS



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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 – Sarah Andrewcavage |                             |
| 2 – Mark Andrewcavage  | 13 – Barry Idell            |
| 3 – Ray Umlauf         | 14 – Elizabeth Andrewcavage |
| 5 – Daniel Jenkins     | 15 – Rev. James C. Smith    |
| 8 – Amanda Foerster    | 20 – David Andrewcavage     |
| 10 – Brittany Evans    | Kayla Ann Tiley             |
| Thomas Johns           | 24 – Donald Clamser, Jr.    |
| Scott Price            | 27 – Nancy Long             |
| 11 – Roy Amour         | 30 – Edward Ulceski         |
| Chester Shanoskie      |                             |

If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly please call the church office at 874-4532.

# JULY 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT

## North Parish Receipts

General Account		
Jul-13	\$5,559.44	
Year to Date Gen. Rec.	\$41,713.1	
Transfer in from M&I	\$ -	
Transfer in from M&I Year to Date	\$5,000.00	

M&I Account		
Jul-13	\$1,396.83	
Year to date	\$13,558.05	

Memorial Account		
Jul-13	\$ 1.10	
Year to date	\$ 8.26	

### Balances

General Account	\$ 7,326.34
M&I Account	\$ 20,398.84
<b>Total Funds available</b>	<b>\$ 27,725.18</b>

Memorial Account	\$ 14,370.18
Temp. Restricted Fund	

## North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
Jul-13	\$ 9,920.21	
Year to Date Exp.	\$ 49,690.62	

M&I Account		
Jul-13	\$ -	
Year to date	\$ 5,069.08	

Memorial Account		
Jul-13	\$ -	
Year to date	\$ -	



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 – Mary Umlauf – (570) 875-3559

## Vestry Highlights - July 21, 2013



The minutes of the June 30, 2013 meeting were approved and the Treasurer's report for June, 2013 was accepted as printed.

The Vestry voted to purchase oil this heating season for all three churches through the budget plan. Budget amount for all 3 churches: \$1,878.00 per month.

Two dehumidifiers have been connected at Christ Church. The boiler at St. John's has been inspected.

A grant application for Prayer Books and Bibles will be sent to the Advancement for the Society of Episcopal Churches along with a donation of \$150.

A luncheon will be served on October 6 following the combined service of North Parish at Holy Apostles at 11:00 a.m. where Dan Charney will speak on stewardship. Please read the stewardship letter included in this newsletter.

The Annual Meeting will be held at Christ Church on October 20<sup>th</sup>. The combined service of North Parish will be held at 11:00 a.m. followed by a pot luck dinner and the annual meeting.

*Next Vestry Meeting will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church.*



### **FOOD BANK MINISTRY**



**During the month of September we will be collecting canned vegetables for the local food banks. Thank you to everyone who donated hamburger helper and tuna helper in August. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 874-4532 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.**



Dear Members of North Parish,

Wouldn't we all love to flourish in faith and be certain of God's presence at all times and in all circumstances? *Flourish in Faith* is the theme for our annual financial stewardship program and will include a variety of opportunities for exploring scriptures and deepening our faith.

Over the next several weeks we will explore God's vision for North Parish and invite members to prayerfully determine God's will for the gifts and resources with which they have been blessed. These are the seeds we will plant for our journey:

- Beginning on October 6 through November 10, bulletin inserts written by Episcopal stewardship leaders across the country will provide reflections on stewardship and faithful giving.
- Dan Charney, Stewardship Missioner of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be our guest speaker at the 11:00 a.m. Combined Service of North Parish on October 6<sup>th</sup> at Holy Apostles' Church, St. Clair. All members of North Parish are asked to be in attendance. A luncheon will be served following the service.
- Holy Apostles' Sunday school will include an offering dedicated to Heifer International to purchase an animal for a family in need. ([www.heifer.org/](http://www.heifer.org/))
- On November 10<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Commitment Sunday, the culmination of the journey, when pledges will be completed and offered as an act of worship

The richness of the journey is dependent upon each of us and our openness to God's leading. As we seek to lay a fertile foundation in which seeds may be planted to blossom in our community, let us join together to do God's work through North Parish.

Together in Christ,

The Stewardship Ministry Team  
*Warren Lane*  
*Donald Clamser, Sr.*



## **NEWS FROM THE MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND**

**Scam Alert!** – Recently you might have received a notice that you may qualify for the Funeral Advantage Program that will pay your family in the event of your death an insurance cash benefit up to \$20,000 TAX FREE. DO NOT REPLY

As you probably have guessed it is a scam, the information that they ask you to provide such as name, age and phone number goes to a data processing center whose sole purpose is to provide customer's addresses, phone numbers, etc to businesses, thus putting you right back on their call list.

**Insurance** -The Affordable Care Act helped create a competitive private health insurance market through the creation of Health Insurance Marketplaces or Exchanges, which launch in 2014, will provide millions of Americans and small businesses with “one-stop shopping” for affordable coverage. All marketplaces will launch open enrollment October 1, 2013. Coverage will start as soon as January 1, 2014.

The Marketplace is a new way to find health coverage that fits your budget and meets your needs. It should simplify your search for health coverage by gathering the options available in your area in one place. With one application you can compare plans based on price, benefits, quality and other features important to you before you make a choice.

**Medicare – The Fall Open Enrollment Period** will soon be upon us. This is the time of year you can change your Medicare coverage. It is the period from October 15<sup>th</sup> - December 7<sup>th</sup>. Plans can change how they cover your care each year. This means that pharmacy and provider networks can change, costs can change and drugs covered by the plan's formulary can change.

Even If you like your current Medicare coverage and want to continue with that plan, you should carefully read your annual notice of change from your plan to make sure the plan still features the coverage you like.

If you decide to change plans, make sure your doctors, hospitals and pharmacies are in the network and most importantly that the plan covers your drugs.

**Medicare Doughnut Hole**- coverage will be changing in 2014. When someone is in the doughnut hole, they will have greater discounts than in previous years. After you spend \$2,970 you reach the gap or doughnut hole. While you are in this gap you will pay 47 ½% for most brand name drugs and 79% for generics. After you have spent \$4,750 out of pocket, you will leave the doughnut hole and you will pay \$2.65 for generics and \$6.60 for brand name drugs.

**Senior Adventures** – It is not too late to join us on our adventures for 2013. September 26<sup>th</sup> we will be traveling to the Creekside Restaurant in Ringtown, October 24<sup>th</sup> the Sand Spring Golf Club in Drums and November 21st the Red Lion Restaurant in Pine Grove.

**Operation We Care** – mailing took place in May earlier this year, to date we have sent over 3600 pounds of personal care items and food goodies to our local servicemen and women stationed in Iraq & Afghanistan. A recent thank you note – “Thank you all for the care packages. We made sure all the soldiers got a little bit of everything in all the boxes. “

Our next mailing will be November 19<sup>th</sup>. We will be including Christmas items from home that will hopefully make their Christmas away from home a little bit easier.

Thank you for all your support for this very worthwhile project.

**AARP Safe Driving Course** - will be held at Trinity, Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM - 1 PM.

AARP Safe Driving Refresher Course will be held at Trinity, Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - 1 PM. A 5-15% auto insurance discount is possible, for attending this course depending on your insurance carrier.

**Influenza (FLU) Vaccine** – The flu is a contagious disease that spreads around the United States every winter, usually between October and May.

Flu is caused by the influenza virus, and can be spread by coughing, sneezing and close contact.

Flu can make some people much sicker than others. These people include young children, people 65 and older, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions – such as heart, lung or kidney disease, or a weakened immune system. Flu can lead to pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse.

There are two types of flu vaccine, activated and inactivated.

You are getting the inactivated flu vaccine, which does not contain any live influenza virus. It is given by injection with a needle and often called the “flu shot”. Inactivated flu vaccine does not contain live flu virus, so getting flu from this vaccine is not possible.

A different, live, weakened influenza vaccine is sprayed into the nostrils.

With a vaccine, like any medicine, there is a chance of side effects. These are usually mild and go away on their own. Serious side effects are always possible, but are very rare.

If you think it is a severe allergic reaction or other emergency that can't wait, call 9-1-1 or get the person to the nearest hospital.

For more information on any of the topics discussed please call Kathy Burda R.N. /Parish Nurse at 621-3220.



# NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

## September 2013

<b>September 1</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Apostles</b>	<b>The Rev. James C. Smith</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. James C. Smith</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>The Rev. James C. Smith</b>
	<b>Morning Prayer</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Holy Apostles</b>	<b>Barry Idell</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
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<b>September 29</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Christ Church</b>	<b>The Rev. Timothy Albright</b>
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<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Color:</b>
<b>September 1</b> <b>The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 8</b> <b>The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 15</b> <b>The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 22</b> <b>The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>
<b>September 29</b> <b>The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Green</b>