

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



Sharing Thoughts from the Senior Warden

This past Easter Sunday, looking out at the congregation from my seat to the right of the altar, I saw many familiar faces and some new folks – our pews were filled. As many Christian faiths, Christmas, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday fills the pews unlike any other service. It is encouraging to know that there are many Christians in our population that understand the meaning of spiritual fulfillment.

However, for personal reasons, many folks only attend these "special occasion" services. While financial support is essential to the well-being of all churches and parishes, regular attendance and increasing numbers of those attending regularly is a far more substantial means of stability.

We have heard the phrase.... "there is strength in numbers"...an unknown author once said. Sunday, we are called to worship God. "Remember, you are not alone, and there is strength in numbers when we pray in community."

All Christians need to take time to personally think about their commitment to our Lord and Savior. To seriously take time, to personally think about their commitment to our Lord and Savior. To seriously examine what is most important to us as Christians.

When I look at the member directory of North Parish, I see many names and wonder if we could be doing something different to encourage folks to return to their spiritual roots.

As you are reading this article, I am asking you to reconsider making time, an hour or so, each Sunday. To worship with us. To reconnect. To nourish your soul. Also, if you know of someone who may be searching for a place to worship, please consider North Parish. I am always available to discuss this topic at length. Please call me anytime.

North Parish is <u>your</u> parish – Be excited! Stay excited! May God bless you and your families!

Barry Idell Senior Warden (570) 385-7978; cell: (732) 690-5862



MAY MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In loving memory of Mildred Whyne Waldner by Diane Lippincott.

In loving memory of Betty Noble by Steve, Bonnie, Jaime & Ben Hynoski. In loving memory of Beverly Hess and Madeline Jones by Carol Jones.

BULLETINS: In loving memory of Bertha and Deans Price by Price and Franko families.

In loving memory of Naomi Amour, Mary Williams, Minnie Hess and

Jennie Jones by Carol Jones.

SANCTUARY CANDLES:

In loving memory of Irene and Stephen J. Rasimowicz Sr. and

Stephen Rasimowicz, Jr., by Janis and Barry Idell.

In loving memory of Hannah Strobel, Phoebe Amour, Mary Schuler, Matilda Hess, Eleanor Roberts, Malinda Zimmerman by Carol Jones.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

All articles for the June Newsletter should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than May 13th. Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, May 27th at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair to help fold the newsletter.

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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: 570-429-7107

Church Office Address: North Parish, P.O. Box 487, Frackville, PA 17931

Church Office Email Address: nparish@ptd.net

Church Office Hours: Wednesdays & Thursdays: 1:30-5:15 p.m.

Fridays: 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Website: www.northparish.com

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<u>Please note:</u> No items shall be removed from Christ Church worship areas and the undercroft without the permission of the Vestry.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Deb Andrews, Pat Brophy, Virginia M. Bushyager, Suzanne Glick Connor, Spencer Dougherty, Mary Engelbrecht, Kay Fertig, Matthew Foerster, Sherese Gavenport, David Gerlott, Mary Faith Goodman, Mary Catherine Glick, Howard Hauk, John Hauk, Pat Hefner, Florence Hollick, Harley Hynoski, Joanne, Daniel Jenkins Sr., Jackie Jones-Allison, Kay, Lori Kahler, Tamme Kehres, Kristin Lecher, June, Steven & Russell Lesher, Mabel, Walter Machos, Donna McGinley, Tania Miller, William Moore, Thelma Morgan, Mary Moyer, Ray Moyer, Shirley Moyer, Jason Noble, Anthony Novitksy, Stacey Orth, Suzette Pogash, Ruby Powanda, Theresa Price, Rafael Ramos, Linda Regal, Kevin Rhein, Theresa Robbins, Mckenzie Rose, Gerry Salata, Connie Schrader, Kyle & Karl Schu, Martha Semar, Kevin & Judee Serrentino, Brittany Shoffler, Charlotte Smith, Lois Smith, Jim Spieles Jr., Wendy Talstein, Mary Umlauf, Ray Umlauf, Don Watters, Charles J. Wylam, and Marie Yeager

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 (570-429-7107) 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 priest has designated a spot in the service for birthday and anniversary blessings. If you would like a birthday or anniversary blessing, please let our priest know during the announcements that it is your special day.

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

4 – Denise Ann Yelito
6 – Owen Labie
8 – Robert Tiley
9 – Devid Howen Sr

10 – David Hewes, Sr.

12 – Melyssa Willard Kyle Schu

13 - Elvin Brennan, Jr.

14 – Robert Higgins, Sr.

15 – Carly Demcher

15 - Julia Foerster

17 – Ty Androshick

20 - Susan Neary

21 - Dylan Harkins

22 - Megan Scheuren

23 – Chloe Demcher

26 - Diane Lesher

29 – James Frew 30 – James Lecher

If you would like your name added to the birthday list or if your birthday is listed incorrectly, please call the church office at 570-429-7107.





ORGAN REPAIR FUND



Holy Apostles organ is our next project for 2015. We currently have \$11,611.00 designated for the organ at Holy Apostles. (This amount reflects donations we received in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, & 2015). We will also be applying for a grant to help with repairs. Members of Holy Apostles can contribute to the organ fund until those repairs have been made.

Thank you for your continued support to North Parish!



FOOD BANK MINISTRY



During the month of May we are collecting canned vegetables and canned fruits. Thank you to everyone who donated products in April. If you are in need of food assistance, please call the church office at 570-429-7107 and we will direct you to a local food pantry.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts			North Parish Disbursements		
General Account			General Account		
M	larch 15	\$ 6,819.59	March 15	\$	5,074.97
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 12,352.84	Year to Date Exp.		15,513.17
Transfer in from M&I		\$ -			
Transfer M&I Year to Date	!	\$ 5,000.00			
M&I Account			M&I Account		
M	larch 15	\$ 1,409.94	March 15	\$	-
Year to date		\$ 1,626.08	Year to date	\$	5,000.00
Memorial Account			Memorial Account		
M	larch 15	\$ 51.54	March 15	\$	-
Year to date		\$ 199.45	Year to date	\$	-
Balances			100		
General Account		\$ 8,293.38			
M&I Account		\$ 60,906.20			
Memorial Fund		\$ 18,126.83			
(Temp. Restricted)					



BOB JONES MEMORIAL BREAKFAST- May 3, 2015

Everyone is invited to breakfast immediately following the 9:00 a.m. service at St. John's, Ashland.

The breakfast is hosted and sponsored by the family of the late Bob Jones, Sr. Everyone is welcome!



BISHOP'S VISIT - May 10, 2015

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop Provisional will visit North Parish on Sunday, May 10, 2015. A combined service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Apostles, St. Clair. A luncheon will follow the service. Everyone is invited. Please call or email the church office by May 1st if you will be attending the luncheon so we can plan accordingly.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY- June 7, 2015

We will honor our high school graduates on Sunday, June 7th 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 May 13th.

Please include	the fo	llowing:
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Graduate's name	
High school	
Future plans	



SAVE THE DATE

June 17, 2015 – Strawberry Festival Holy Apostles' Church, St. Clair, PA



We will need volunteers to help set up, serve, clean up and bake goodies. This is a North Parish event and we will need help from all of our members. Proceeds will beneift our general operating expenses.

Vestry Highlights – March 15, 2015

- Christ Church is now listed for sale.
- Luncheon to be served for the Bishop's visit on Sunday, May 10, 2015
- Exciting new Sunday school program has been purchased.
- Strawberry Festival is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th.
- Next Vestry Meeting is April 19, 2015, 1:30 p.m. at St. John's, Ashland.



NEWS FROM MARION C. PRICE TRUST FUND

Next time you are cooking up vegetables and about to toss out those 'extras' – STOP. Many vegetable parts that we usually toss out are perfectly edible and are packed with nutrition and flavor. Here are some tips and tricks to make the most of your veggies.

Using the whole cauliflower, including the stem, in cauliflower "steaks" is the trend right now. Cut all the way through a cauliflower head from the top to make cauliflower steaks, which can be broiled or pan roasted.

Potato peels are the perfect way to add extra fiber, nutrients and texture to main dishes. Just be sure to scrub the vegetables well if you are planning to eat the peel.

Broccoli leaves are starting to show up at grocery stores - they look a lot like collard greens but taste sweeter. Dark green broccoli leaves are rich in vitamins and essential nutrients. No need to toss that broccoli stem - it is delicious raw or added to stir-fries - and rich in Vitamin C and fiber. Use a vegetable peeler or large knife to remove the thick, tough outer layer of the broccoli stem (if you use a knife, make four lengthwise cuts along the four sides of the stem to make a long rectangle).

Buy beets with the greens still attached and it's like getting two vegetables in one. Beet greens contain loads of Vitamin C and beta-carotene. Separate the greens from the beets by cutting just above where the stem begins. They are great sautéed in olive oil, with garlic, salt and pepper to taste.

Roasted pumpkin seeds are a fall favorite but you can roast seeds from any winter squash, including butternut, acorn and spaghetti squash. Squash seeds are a great source of protein. To roast, scoop out seeds, rinse and rain. Let them dry, spread flat on a baking pan and bake at 300° F for about 20-30 minutes until golden brown.

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Senior Adventures –Thursday, May 14th, we will be traveling to Eddie's in Hazleton. Thursday, June 11th, we will go for a short trip to Ruby Tuesday's. Call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220 to make your reservations today. Come join us for good food and fun.

Operation We Care-This May will be our 17th mailing. We appreciate your continued support of this very worthwhile project. If you know of a local serviceman or woman serving our country overseas please call Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220 to add them to our mailing list.

Scam Alert-The person calling you says their name and they are calling from the Security & Fraud Department at either Visa or Master Card. They ask you if you made a purchase, which you didn't. They tell you they will be starting a fraud investigation. Here's the **important** part on how the scam works- The caller asks you for the 3 digit security code on the back of your card to prove that you are in possession of your card. **DO NOT GIVE IT TO THEM**. Instead tell them you will call your credit card company directly for verification of this conversation.

AARP Safe Driving Over 50 – If there is anyone over 50 years of age interested in taking the 8 hour AARP Safe Driving Class please notify Kathy Burda at 570-621-3220. It is possible that you can receive a 5-15% discount on your automobile insurance depending on your insurance carrier each year for 3 years.

NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

MAY 2015

May 3	Holy Eucharist Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith Barry Idell
May 10	Combined S	Service of Nort 11:00 a.m.	h Parish – Bisho Holy Apostles	p's Visit The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop Provisional
May 17	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Robert Tiley The Rev. James C. Smith
May 24	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith
May 31	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	The Rev. James C. Smith The Rev. James C. Smith
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May3	The Fifth S	unday of Easte	White	
May 10		unday of Easte unday – Mothe sit	White	
May 17		h Sunday of E after Ascensi	White	
May 24	The Day of Whitsunday		Red	
May 31	The First Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday			White



EASTER FLOWERS WERE GIVEN IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

2015



St. John's

Amour, Hess & Scheuren Families Deborah Morgan Bellew Leona & Walter Briel Margaret Briel John & Isabella Coddington Harvey & Jeanette Dillman Earl & Beverly Hess Helen & Walter Hynoski Lester & Madeline Jones **Robert Jones** Ethel & Bert Kehler Walter Kohler Gladys Lally Marlin "Sparky" Miller **Dorothy Tiley Miller** William H. Morgan Wm. Miller, Jr. Emily & Louis Morris (2) William Morris Betty Noble (2) Mary Anne Clamser Orr Amy Palovcsik Husband, James Spieles Harold & Deborah Strunk Timothy Strunk Hattie & Alfred Strunk Margaret & John Stivetts John Stivetts, Jr. Mary Stokes Parents Mark & Annette Trautman

Flowers on the side altar were in loving memory of the Amour & Hess Families.

Edward & Rosemary Ulceski

Alice B. Umlauf

Alice Umlauf (2) Anna & John Umlauf



Holy Apostles

John Blake Chattin Family Robert and Mary Dean Deans & Russel Family Oliver Dechert Carol Dresch John Foytak Charles & Maggie Frantz Frank Frantz Frank & Ruth Frantz Harry Frantz Orme & Merle Frantz Edward & Clara Gehring Charles & Elmer Geiger Charles & Gladys Goodman Lewis & Myrle Goodman Robert B. Goodman Robert Haverty Abram & Geneva Jones Abram & Mary Jones Robert & Lida Kalbach George & Dorothy Kimmel Anna Mae Krebs Clare & Elizabeth Oliver Alice & Albert Padfield David Padfield Bertha E. & Robert J. Price Evan & Emma Reese Alfred & Dolly Roberts Dale Shanoskie Harry & Catherine Smith Dorothy K. Smith Harry G. Smith Sarah Smith Charles & Laura Turnitza Matt Wylam & Wylam Family