

**NORTH PARISH
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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,

Every pledge campaign begins with Gratitude, and that is how we want to begin our message to you this year. We are inspired by your generosity – by the grand acts that you have accomplished this year, by the single acts of love and kindness, and by the unseen work you have done in the service of God and our church community. Thank you, we cannot say it enough.

Our campaign theme this year is Every Perfect Gift. It focuses on our gifts; not just on the things we wrap with paper and bows, and not the things we put in envelopes or give from our bank accounts, but all of the gifts that we give throughout the year. We frequently talk about the three-legged stool of Time, Talent, and Treasure when we discuss our gifts, without really focusing on the power of each of those elements. We are grateful and aware of the ways in which you have given all three. In this newsletter we will talk about time and talent.

Time, they say, is the greatest gift, because it is a gift that we can't replace. When we give of our treasure or our talent, they come from renewable streams, to some extent. But time, once given, can't be taken back, reclaimed. This is why we are inspired by the ways that you give of your time to this community. Whether these gifts of time are measured in hours spent running a ministry, participating in our services, or volunteering in the community, or in minutes spent on the phone or in person reaching out to each other, taking care of each other during this time of Covid. This community is generous with its time!

In his timeless work, *The Little Prince*, Saint-Exupéry says, of the Prince tending of his beloved rose, “It is the time you have spent on your rose, that makes your rose so important.” Our church is that rose, tended gently and blessed abundantly by the effort, love, prayer, and time you give to us.

Talents, the blessings with which we are imbued by our Creator, are even more beautiful when they are freely given, as I have seen you do so often in our life together. Talents are a double gift – by Grace you have received them, and by Grace you generously share them.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Doris Behney, Donna Frantz, Elizabeth Frantz, Jennifer Frantz, Phil Frantz, Florence Hollick, Steve Hynoski, Abbey Javid, 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

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Earl Hess and Lester Jones by Carol Jones.

In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

In memory of Chet Shanoskie by his wife Nancy.

BULLETINS: In memory of Chet Shanoskie by his wife Nancy.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Rosemary and Edward Ulceski by Ulceski Family.

In memory of Chet Shanoskie by his wife Nancy.

OCTOBER MEMORIALS



WINE & WAFERS: In memory of Alfred and Dolly Roberts
by Bob and Kay Ann Kalbach.

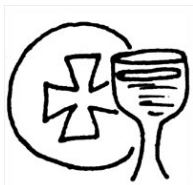
BULLETINS: In memory of Ron Glass by the Umlauf Family.

In memory of Alice Umlauf by Susan Noble and Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLES: In memory of Betty Noble by the Hynoski Family.

In memory of Timothy Strunk by Ulceski and Strunk Families.

In memory of Anna O'Neill by Claudia Moyer.



2021 MEMORIALS AVAILABLE:

November - Bulletins

Newsletters – November/December

Bulletins - \$10.00; Newsletters - \$10.00

If you are interested in memorials, please contact the church office by phone (570-429-7107) or send a note to the church secretary:



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 – Sarah Andrewcavage | 10 – Scott Price | 24 – Donald Clamser, Jr. |
| 2 – Mark Andrewcavage | 13 – Barry Idell | 27 – Nancy Long |
| 5 – Ja’ Shon Dennell Yelito | 14 – Elizabeth Andrewcavage | 30 – Edward Ulceski |
| 8 – Amanda Foerster | 15 – Rev. James C. Smith | |
| 10 – Brittany Evans | 20 – Kayla Ann Tiley | |

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 – Adalynn Eckrode | 17 – Carol Jones | 28 – William Umbenhour |
| 4 – Angela Bowers | McKenzie Kline | 29 – Heidi Ann Higgins |
| 5 – Rev. Timothy Albright | 19 – Linda Gerlott | 31 – Robert Jones, Jr. |
| 7 – Shannon Correll | 20 – Jacqueline Demcher | |
| Jeffery Hoffman | 26 – Ethan Correll | |
| 9 – Michelle Jacobs | Elaine Scheuren | |
| 11 – Claudia Rae Moyer | 27 – Mila Pasinski | |

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 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER NEWSLETTER should be submitted to our Parish Secretary, Shannon no later than Monday, October 11th.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
HOLY EUCHARIST AND PICNIC!
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 11:00 A.M.
Island Pavilion, Schuylkill Haven.**



Please bring your own picnic lunch and drink. (We are taking precautions because of Covid). Please join us as we worship with our fellow churches and hopefully members of our Convocation V.



CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION CLASSES: Fr. Kurt will be leading classes for those wishing to be confirmed or received into the church during the fall. Please see Fr. Kurt or contact the church office if you are interested. More information will be available at a later date.



**NORTH PARISH'S ANNUAL MEETING
St. John's, Ashland
October 17, 2021 - Following Worship
Vestry Meeting will follow Annual Meeting**



**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.

JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	June	\$ 5,262.85
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 24,417.51
Transfer in from M&I (current)		\$ 3,000.00
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 3,000.00

M&I Account

	June	\$ 1,285.80
Year to date		\$ 2,602.55

Memorial Account

	June	\$.29
Year to date		\$ 936.84

Balances

General Account	\$ 4,839.59
M&I Account	\$ 27,177.65
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,750.26
Temp. Restricted Fund	

North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	June	\$ 7,393.56
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 27,633.63

M&I Account

	June	\$ 3,000.00
Year to date		\$ 3,000.00

Memorial Account

	June	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -



JULY 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

North Parish Receipts

General Account		
	July	\$ 2,966.81
Year to Date Gen. Receipts		\$ 27,384.32
Transfer in from M&I (current)		\$ -
Transfer M&I Year to Date		\$ 3,000.00

M&I Account

	July	\$ 74.67
Year to date		\$ 2,679.02

Memorial Account

	July	\$.21
Year to date		\$ 937.05

Balances

General Account	\$ 2,786.14
M&I Account	\$ 27,254.12
Memorial Fund	\$ 12,750.47
Temp. Restricted Fund	



North Parish Disbursements

General Account		
	July	\$ 5,020.26
Year to Date Exp.		\$ 32,653.89

M&I Account

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

Memorial Account

	July	\$ -
Year to date		\$ -

News from Marion C. Price Trust Fund

Your car warranty is about to expire! We all love to answer our phones and hear that exciting news!! Even if you no longer own a car, you are not immune to these calls. As annoying as it is, if you have a phone, you are not exempt from scammers trying to get information from you.

The office of the Attorney General, Josh Shapiro, offers some safety tips for seniors for at home and out and about. These tips are aimed toward seniors but apply to everyone. Here are some quick tips.

If you do not know the number- DO NOT ANSWER- Let your machine pick up.

EXAMINE YOUR MAIL- If the postmark is from outside the US it is most likely mail fraud.

Be aware of anyone DEMANDING PAYMENTS in gift cards or prepaid credit cards.

Pennsylvania has one of the highest senior populations in the country and our seniors are more active than ever. The Office of the Attorney General is there to help protect and educate seniors on what to watch out for when you are out socially, traveling or simply enjoying your home life.

BE ALERT

- Talk with family members and friends about your travel plans and daily activities.
- Be aware of your surroundings, walk in groups of two or more.
- Never post your travel plans on social media sites.
- When driving, never pull off or park in a secluded area. Drive to a well lit public place.

BE SECURE

- Close and lock windows when you leave the house. Keep your doors locked at all times, even while you are at home.
- Don't let strangers into your home. Ask delivery people and utility workers for ID.
- Never deal with a contractor who shows up unsolicited or with "left over materials". Always use a contractor that is registered with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. To check if a contractor is registered, visit www.attorneygeneral.gov.
- When you are gone for more than a day, make sure your home appears occupied-use timers to turn on lights and a radio or television.
- Always place a hold request on mail and newspapers while away. If possible, park a second vehicle in driveway.
- Do not hide a key under the mat or other conspicuous places.

BE SMART

- Banks, credit card companies and government offices never call you to verify your personal or account information.
- Never give your personal information to anyone who contacts you and asks for it; only when you initiate the contact.
- Don't carry unneeded credit cards or your social security card with you.
- Law enforcement agencies will not contact you and demand you make payment of fines over the phone or internet.
- No one can win the lottery from a country they've never visited or a sweepstakes they didn't enter. "You have to play to win".

- No offer to share millions of dollars, recover wealth, or provide large sums of money for you to distribute to charity will require you to provide “front money”
- Be aware of health scams. Never release information to any health service provider that you did not contact directly.
- Only use ATM machines that are inside a bank or business and shield your PIN from view of others. If the device appears to be altered, report it right away.

Scammers have also cashed in on the COVID-19 pandemic. AARP has released fraud prevention information pertaining to COVID-19. Although most of us have already received our vaccines I will share the information in case booster shots are required in the future or you did not get vaccinated yet.

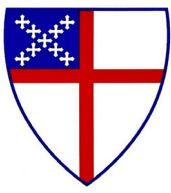
COVID-19 Scams

- You may get an offer to skip the line for quicker access to the vaccine-for a fee. Ignore the offer. It’s not true.
- You may see deals to access in-demand supplies like face masks, test kits and household cleaners. Don’t fall for these deals when you see ads offering hard to obtain supplies.
- You may receive messages from a family member or friends social media account saying they can get you a “COVID relief grant”. Be suspicious of any message or post with a special offer, even from someone you know. Check with your friend via another means (e.g., email, phone). If their account has been hacked, they should change their passwords.
- You may receive phone calls from alleged contact tracers where there is a link to click for more info about your exposure to the virus. Ignore them. Real contact tracers will not send you any links, and they will not ask for money or personal information like a Medicare ID or social Security number.

Scammers will try anything- except maybe a hard days work-to make money. No one is immune to email, phone, mail, and text scams. They may seem very real such as an email from your bank verifying your account number or a credit card company informing you someone is trying to use your card. New scams are created daily so we need to be vigilant in protecting our information. You can always reach out to your bank or credit card company by phone to verify they are the ones seeking your information. Double check the spelling – sometimes the email is missing a letter but looks correct at first glance. If your Netflix is cancelled for lack of payment or your Amazon order can’t be shipped be sure to double check before making any payments. Always remember if it sounds too good to be true.... It probably is!

AARP Driver Safety Refresher course that was scheduled for September 9,2021 has been cancelled by AARP due to Covid concerns. I plan to reschedule this when it becomes available again. Feel free to contact me at the office (570) 621-3220 to be notified when the course is rescheduled.

I would like to thank the Trinity office staff, Father Kurt, MPTF Board, Trinity Vestry, CBC staff, and Episcopal churches of Schuylkill County for the prayers, love, and support shown to me and my family during our time of loss. I have no words to express my gratitude for the way I have been made feel like part of your family. I thank you from the bottom of my heart!



NORTH PARISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2021

September 5	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Robert Tiley Donald Clamser, Sr.
September 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
September 19	Holy Eucharist & Picnic	11:00 a.m.	Island Pavilion Schuylkill Haven	No services at North Parish
September 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

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October 3	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Susan Noble Bonnie Baker
October 10	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
October 17	Holy Eucharist Combined Service of North Parish followed by the Annual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	St. John's	The Rev. Dr. Kurt Kovalovich
October 24	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
October 31	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	St. John's Holy Apostles	Donald Clamser, Sr. Robert Tiley

	Notes:	Color:
September 5	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 12	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 19	The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
September 26	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 3	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 10	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 17	The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 24	The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	Green
October 31	The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	Green