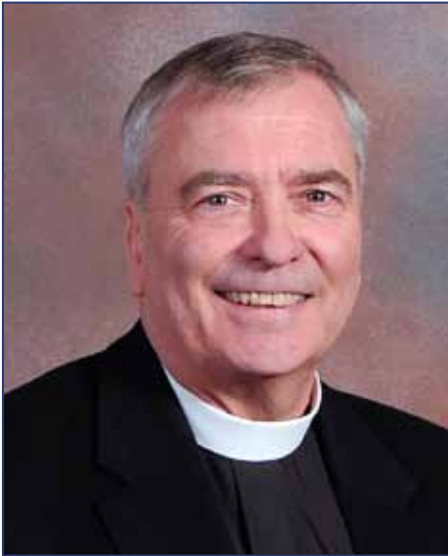


The
Epistle
March 2016



A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

Easter has little or no meaning to me as a piece of history some 2,000+ years ago. It's a nice story, but... Easter excites me when my present life is resurrected from one of greed, contempt, and resignation to one of generosity, compassion, and kindness. Our relationship to Easter can be that it's a story, a nice story, like a commentary of the past. Or Easter can be the exciting possibility of something in front of me, like a commitment to be kind and generous.

Replace the "story" you have about yourself, i.e. "I'm worthless" or "not good enough" with a new mindset i.e. "I'm generous and kind waiting to happen" and you will experience Easter like never before!

Warmly,
Father Stephen

Spring Gala Tricky Tray

The Christ Church Spring Gala Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm! Please mark your calendars and start to think about what you can donate. We'd love to have themed baskets, or monetary donations. Do you have any Christmas gifts that you don't know what to do with? We'll gladly take them and use them in one of the baskets. Please consider asking your employer for a donation too. We love certificates to any business. If you have any specific talent, consider how that could be used... maybe you needlepoint, crochet, draw or paint, make something for us! Donations are accepted any time between now and the Tricky Tray. We also need lots of volunteers to help with wrapping, set up, baking clean up etc. Soon the sign up sheets will be posted in the Parish Hall.

Breakfast with Santa Pictures

The pictures from Breakfast with Santa are in the Parish Office. If you know anyone who attended, please let them know that the pictures are available.



Leaks in Roof Were Repaired

You may have noticed water from a recent rain event penetrated the kitchen, Parish Hall, and rear entry area. Thanks to Buildings & Grounds the area on the roof that allowed the water to come in was repaired and the damaged ceiling tiles on the inside of the building have been replaced.

Thanks again to Buildings & Grounds for taking care of this problem and all they do for our church and facilities!



Beefsteak Dinner

On Saturday, April 9, at 7:30 pm, Christ Church will hold a Beefsteak Dinner! It will be a delicious dinner prepared by Lehman Mann and his crew. Tickets are \$35 per person, BYOB. Call the Parish Office to reserve your tickets, 973-835-2207. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Lehman Mann.



Sunday School News

On January 17th, we were fortunate to have a visitation from the Bishop as part of our church service. During the 9:30 service, before the Sunday School children exited the church, they were invited by the Bishop to stay in church and sit in front of him. The Bishop spent a few delightful minutes talking to the children. He showed them his miter and



crozier (staff) and let one volunteer wear his miter and another hold the crozier. He then talked to the children about how Jesus is always present in their lives. The children were quite fascinated to hear the Bishop speak. The older children stayed for the whole service to enjoy the bishop's visit.

On February 14th, the children enjoyed a Valentine's Day party after Sunday School, hosted by Sue Cook and with treats also provided by the Sunday School teachers and superintendents. The party included games, puzzles, treats, goody bags and lots of fun!

The Sunday School children and teachers continue their efforts to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis. The candle sale that the Sunday School hosted raised over \$300 and in addition more money was raised at the Soup Off! Thanks to everyone who contributed to both of these! The children and teachers will continue their efforts with the Easter candy sale which will end in March.

*Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania
and Debbie Onderlinde*

Sunday School Fundraiser - Spring Flower Bulb Sale

As many of you are aware, the Sunday School's fundraising efforts this year are going toward Cystic Fibrosis. Our spring time fundraiser will be a flower bulb sale beginning Sunday, March 13th running until Sunday, April 10th. We earn a 50% profit on all items purchased. Prices are reasonable. There is a nice variety from which to choose. And, delivery is right to your house. What could be easier? Please see a Sunday School student or Karen Simone for order forms. Thank you for your continued support.



Soup on Sunday

The *Soup on Sunday* program continues this Winter with an expanded outreach. The proceeds from soup will be donated to Father Stephen's granddaughter who has cystic fibrosis.

To order, simply use the soup selection list that is available in the Parish Hall. When 12 pints of a particular soup have been ordered, that particular soup will be made during the week and have it ready for pick up on the next Sunday.

For those who don't always plan in advance, we will more than likely have some specials available from time to time and an inventory available from the freezer. Feel free to take what you like from the freezer and pay Maureen in the Parish Office, or Joel at the 8:00 coffee hour.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the parish hall if you would like to order soups and to support this special cause!

Joel Finger

Capital Campaign Offering Envelopes

Capital Campaign Offering Envelopes are available for your convenience, and can be found on the table in the Vestry Room or in the Parish Office.

Treasurer's Note

In an effort to appropriate funds to the correct accounts, any checks intended for the Capital Campaign should be made out to Christ Church noting "Capital Campaign" on the memo line. Thank you for your attention to this detail.



Choir Fund Raiser

Do you have old cellphones, ink cartridges or other small electronic devices such as games, MP3 players and Ipods? Don't toss them in the trash!! Bring them in and leave them in our box in the church office. The choir can recycle these items and receive cash for them! It's a win, win...the choir can buy more great music and you can help the environment at the same time.

Book of Remembrance

You may have noticed the red book on the Prayer Desk on November 2, and when the Lay Reader read the Prayers of the People, names you haven't heard in a while were read along with the names of those in whose memory altar flowers were given, or

who were recently deceased. Once a year, on All Saints' Day, or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, names added to the Book of Remembrance over the past 5 years or so are read.

If you would like a loved one's name inscribed in the Book of Remembrance, which normally resides in the case on the wall to the right of the Baptismal Font, please see Erica Stewart or any one of the Altar Guild members. The person's name, as you would like it to appear (for example, with or without a middle initial or name, etc.), and their birth and death year, will be inscribed in the book and read aloud next year during the Prayers of the People on All Saints' Day. A \$5.00 donation to the Altar Guild is requested.

Just a Reminder

We recycle at Christ Church. Plastics, glass, and metal cans should be placed in the large white plastic containers with the red tops, near the dumpster outside the kitchen. Paper and card board should be flattened and stacked neatly in the blue wire cart, also outside the kitchen, next to the dumpster.

Your help with these items is greatly appreciated since there is no particular person in charge of these tasks, and they shouldn't accumulate in the kitchen. Thanks in advance!



Parish Family Birthdays-March

Happy Birthday to all of you in our parish family having birthdays in the month of March. If you have not yet informed the parish office of your birthdate, please call Maureen at 973-835-2207.

- 3 - Catherine Shaw
- 3 - Deborah Onderlinde
- 6 - Lehman Mann
- 7 - Max Helm
- 7 - Zigi Zacs
- 8 - Karen Porter
- 8 - Kyle Conklin
- 13 - Brianna Lilienthal
- 13 - Val Rusinko
- 16 - Layne Swansen
- 18 - Patti Mitchell
- 18 - Maryann Maass
- 19 - Bette Davis
- 19 - Melanie Liston
- 20 - Rebecca Lilienthal
- 21 - Jimmy Novak
- 21 - Gregory Schmidt
- 22 - Sue Helm
- 22 - Dave Kida
- 24 - Dan Hoeflinger
- 27 - John T. Tintera
- 28 - Romilly Liloia
- 28 - Nora Reynolds

Vacation Rental

Condo, hotel, or villa accommodations available for rent. Flexible Time and locations across the globe! These are our personal Time shares that we currently cannot use. I offer a NO obligation availability search, so please allow me to find you a great resort, at a location of your choice, at a cost that fits your budget.

Cheryl Finger
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Personalized Cards

If you are looking for a convenient way to send out cards to friends, family, and/or business relations...look no further!

Order personalized cards with your name or signature printed directly on the card and return address printed directly on the envelope! This is a huge time-saving convenience!

Best of all, these cards are offered at a 20% discount and, in addition, Christ Church receives 7% back on the order...making your order a win-win for everyone.

The entire line of cards are available online for perusal at www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com. On the website, you will be able to select a stock verse or create your own, select typestyles, and personalize it further by adding your name.

There are cards available for all budgets – go on, have some fun! Call Cheryl Finger with any questions or if assistance is needed at 973-616-0309.

To preview products online:
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Our Communal Kitchen

There are many of us who use the kitchen at the church. Those who do should bear in mind the following guidelines:

- Leave the kitchen the way you found it. Everything should be cleaned, hand-dried, and put away. The counters and work surfaces should be clean and free of clutter. It's really nice to come into a clean kitchen.
- If you use cloth towels it would be greatly appreciated if you can bring them home, add them to your own laundry, and return them.
- Make sure the refrigerator doors are completely closed.
- Lock all lockable cabinets before your departure.
- Your help with maintenance is greatly appreciated since there is no particular person in charge of our kitchen; therefore, we all are. Thank you in advance!

The Thrift Shoppe

at 420 11 One Step Up

The Thrift Shoppe is now open on the second and fourth Sunday of each month from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon. We are also open Tuesdays from 3:00 to 7:00 pm, Thursdays from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Donations can be left in the alcove just inside the kitchen door where the soda machine used to be. If there is anyone who has experience with Craig's List, the Thrift Shoppe would like some help posting some big items for sale. The Thrift Shoppe is always in need of shopping bags. For more information please call Florence at 973-962-6289 or 925-640-3421.

Florence Loscalzo

Yarn & Fabric Are Needed

The lovely senior woman who makes knitted and crocheted items such as slippers, scarves, booties, hats, baby blankets, etc. for charity events has expanded her outreach to making "coughing pillow teddy bears" for hospital patients who have had heart surgery. If you have any leftover yarn and fabric that she might be able to use, please consider donating it. Donations can be left in the Church office marked for Erica Stewart. Thank you to all who have donated and continue to donate - she greatly appreciates your donations!

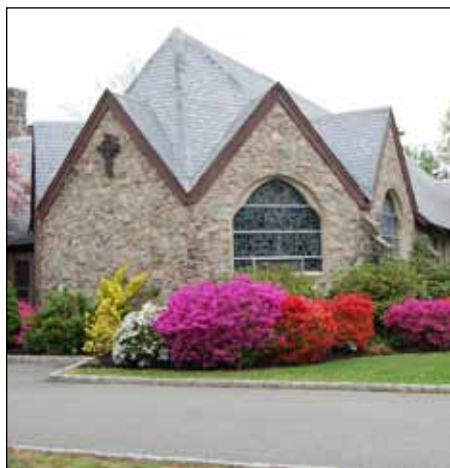
Food for Friends

The second Sunday of each month is the traditional day to receive your contributions of canned or packaged food stuff and for personal hygiene items for distribution through our Food for Friends program. Items may be placed in baskets at the baptismal font or in the Children's Chapel. You may also bring items any time during the month and leave them by the box in the Guild Hall.



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*Give God what is right,
not what is left*



Grocery Gift Cards

The painless fundraiser!

When you buy Grocery Gift Cards today, you'll have a good feeling knowing that Christ Church receives a Nickel for every dollar you spend! Grocery gift cards are available from A&P, ShopRite, and Stop & Shop in \$10, \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations. All of the cards will carry any unused balance until you use it up. Perhaps you would consider donating a Shop Rite gift card to Shepherd's Haven or to Food for Friends. Cards are available from Joe Blauvelt, Linda Meyer after the coffee hours and Maureen Kilian in the church office during the week.



Cards of Remembrance

Cards of remembrance are for those, who on the death of a friend, desire to send a memorial offering to Christ Church, instead of sending flowers. The cards are available through the Parish Office.

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...with the hope and
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