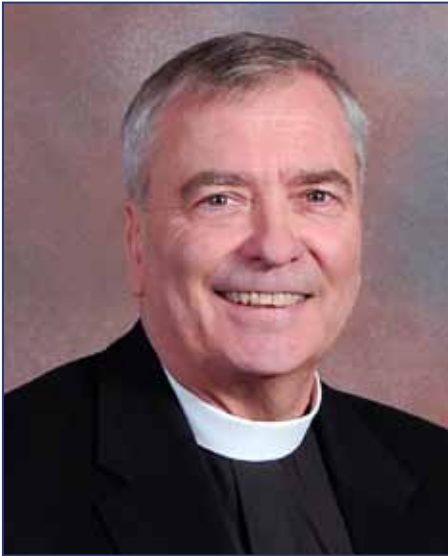


A vibrant field of orange tulips in the foreground, with a dense field of purple flowers in the background. The tulips are in full bloom, and the purple flowers are also in full bloom. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

# The Epistle

May 2016

## A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

The season of Easter is almost over. Then we begin the season of Pentecost, the longest one in the church calendar. There's an important transition from Easter to Pentecost. When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, notice his message. "As the Father has loved me so have I loved you. Pass it on." The transition is to take the story (as the Father has loved me) and make it a possibility in our own lives.

This resulted in the birth of the Church. Jesus did not focus on "remembering my words." He focused on "Pass it on." The focus is critical to our well-being.

We human beings live in one of two domains. There is the domain of "Story": what happened, who did it, who can I blame, what's wrong, etc. It is to rehash the past with a commentary about it. Complaints reside in this domain.

Or we can live in the domain of possibility – God's possibility. That was the invitation of Jesus when he said, in effect, "Pass it on."

Notice that any commentary of the past, like a story or even a memory makes no difference. It may feel good, or not, but it doesn't affect the outcome. "As I have loved you so you are to love one another." That's the possibility Jesus invited us into.

When you and I are God's possibility in this world – that makes a difference.

That which haunts, shames or embarrasses me lives in the domain of "story." It is not the Spirit of God!

That which offers us life lives in the domain of possibility. It is to be the Spirit of God waiting to happen.

Notice the domain in which you are living, story or possibility. Live as God's possibility or you might get domain poisoning!

P.S. Wear something red on Pentecost Sunday, May 15!

Warmly,

*Father Stephen*

## Christ Church Parishioners Honored

Karen and Wendy Simone were honored at the Diocesan ECW's "World of Women" luncheon on May 7, for their volunteerism, contributions of their time and talents, and their dedication to Christ Church. Congratulations Karen and Wendy!

## Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit. The actions of the Thrift Shoppe Management Group were ratified.

- The Buildings and Grounds committee installed the coat rack in its new location. The new shed for the Thrift Shoppe has been installed. The Clean Up Day will be on May 14.
- The first ARK Book Club meeting will be on April 20.
- A new "Gloria" is being used at the 9:30 am service on Sunday.
- The Christ Church Parish Neighborhoods have been established and Captains have been assigned. The "kick off" will be in June.

The minutes of the Vestry meeting will be posted on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall as they become available. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

## Spring Gala Tricky Tray

The Spring Gala was a huge success! Thank you to Joan Van Splinter and her crew for a job well done. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, and to all who made donations. You are all very much appreciated!

## Sunday School Food Drive

Please note the following upcoming Sundays to bring in donations for the Sunday School Food Drive:

**Sunday, May 15 – Anything Dinner-** Pasta & sauce, canned meats and fish, vegetables, beans & potatoes, canned soups, rice, taco kits, and canned fruit. Also pet food!

**Sunday, May 22 – Paper Goods-** Paper towels, napkins, trash bags, foil, also cleaning supplies are helpful too.

**Sunday, June 5 – Favorites-** Bring in your favorite items on June 5th! Last day to donate and also the day to walk to St. Mary's with all the bags so bring a wagon or something to transport!

## Shepherd's Haven Needs

- A volunteer is needed once a week, between the hours of 11:00 am and 1:00 pm, to cook lunch for 12 to 15 people. The menu is already determined. Call Leigh at 973-835-4747 to volunteer.
- Part time Activities Assistant. If you know of someone that is looking for a part time or summer job, please call Leigh at 973-835-4747.
- CD Player. If you have one that you could donate, the seniors would greatly appreciate it!



## Soup on Sunday

The *Soup on Sunday* program continues in Spring 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*

## Ark Book Club

The next meeting of the ARK Book Club will be on Wednesday, June 1st at 7:30 PM (please note the date change). The Book Club will be reading "The Shack" by William P. Young.

## Town-wide Garage Sale

*July 16*

In *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying-up*, author Marie Kondo writes that if there's something in your life that doesn't give you JOY, get rid of it! Whether you're moving, doing spring cleaning, or just tidying up, remember what doesn't give you Joy might work for someone else!

Help fill the Parish Hall with Joy for somebody else all day Saturday, July 16! We welcome holiday decorations, dishes, jewelry, treasures of all kinds (please no furniture, clothing, or televisions - baby furniture and baby clothes are okay), records, videos, CDs, DVDs, books, working appliances ... to name a few. The list is almost endless! Volunteers are needed July 11-16 to set up and sort. Also needed: lots of baked goods for breakfast and kitchen helpers for lunch.

Interested volunteers will meet after 9:30 service on June 5th to plan. Call Janet Furness (585-734-0374) or Maureen in the church office (973- 835-2207) with questions or to volunteer.

## 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!

## Tent Rental Reminder

Just a reminder to book your tent early for any upcoming Spring and Summer outdoor events. Call the church office for availability and associated fees. The dates get booked quickly... so don't get left standing out in the rain!



## Parish Family Birthdays- May

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

- 1 - Matt Hanania
- 1 - Tammy Buginsky
- 2 - Shannon Stewart
- 6 - Joel Finger
- 6 - Kevin Elliott
- 7 - Don Bogert
- 7 - Tim Helm
- 7 - Alexis Braun
- 7 - Nicole Braun
- 9 - Amanda Wolfson
- 13 - Lori Spataro
- 15 - Melina Boudway
- 16 - Sophia Novak
- 18 - Kirsten Shepard
- 18 - Grace Thornhill
- 20 - Kathy Shepard
- 22 - Cindy LoBue
- 22 - Trevor Elliott
- 23 - Patricia Kida
- 25 - Chrissy Wolfson
- 27 - Stephanie Conklin
- 29 - Alison Thornhill
- 30 - Jeff Cahill
- 31 - John Miller
- 31 - Florence Loscalzo

## 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*  
*cheryl@graphinn.com*  
973-616-0451



## 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](http://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:  
[www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com](http://www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com)

## 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!

# 2016 Swim Lessons with Miss Kristen



*“Kristen has been giving swim lessons to my two kids for three years now. They are now 8 and 11. Their progress is more than I ever imagined! I originally started my son in it because he is such a daredevil and I wanted him to learn water safety. My daughter was afraid to even be in the shallow end of a pool. So I wanted her to gain confidence. After only a few lessons they both learned basic safety and were confident to even be in the deep end! Now, they are doing laps, diving for rings at the bottom of the deep end, and learning dives. Not only is she a good “swim coach” but also great with kids. I’d recommend Kristen for any level swimmer!”*

*-Louise, 2015*

## 30-Minute Lesson Packages

### Private (One-on-One)

# Lessons	Price	Total	Discount
1	\$36	\$ 36	
4	\$33	\$132	9%
8	\$30	\$240	17%
12	\$27	\$324	25%

### Semi-Private

(2 students with similar proficiency, prices per person)

# Lessons	Price	Total	Discount
1	\$24 /person	\$24 /person	
4	\$22 /person	\$88 /person	9%
8	\$20 /person	\$160 /person	17%
12	\$18 /person	\$216 /person	25%

## About Me

My name is Kristen Finger and I am a Rutgers student and a recent Pompton Lakes High School Graduate. I have been an American Red Cross certified lifeguard for 5 years and have been teaching swim lessons for the past 3 years at my house as well as at the James W. Roe Memorial Pool in Wayne, NJ. My personal swim journey began with Mommy and Me lessons at the age of 18 months and I have been a fish ever since! At the age of 6, I joined a local swim team and have received coaching to perfect my technique during the off season until the age of 16 when I began life guarding and teaching swim lessons full time.

## What I Teach

I teach everything from basic safety in the water to competitive stroke techniques. I strive to help students learn and improve their swimming abilities in a patient and motivating manner! My classes are either private or semi-private (2 students with the same proficiency level) and can be held at either my private home or yours!

## Certifications

American Red Cross Lifeguard  
CPR/AED Certified  
First Aid Certified



Kristen Finger

Text or call: 973-356-6789

E-mail: [kristen.finger@rutgers.edu](mailto:kristen.finger@rutgers.edu)

**Please register early  
for best scheduling options!**

## Weddings

*April 16*

Jenna Lynn Pizzimenti

Andrew Christopher  
Stringfield

## 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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## Christ Church is on Facebook

Christ Church is now on Facebook. Go to [www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton) to become a fan.

*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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