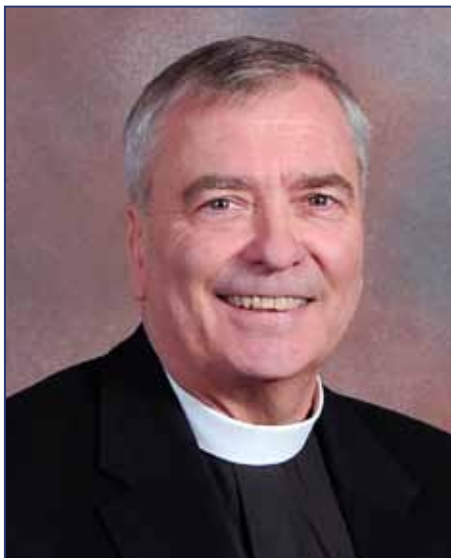




The
Epistle
May 2017

A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

Have you ever noticed when Jesus reappeared to the disciples who had abandoned him there was no “shame on you,” no chastisement, no mention of “why did you...?” His first words were about peace and forgiveness. Then he commissioned them to carry on the work he had begun: “Take care of my sheep.”

There was not “fixing.” There was no “here’s what’s the matter with you.” Human beings are usually organized around fixing something, whether it’s me, you or it. The pitfall is that no one is ever really fixed.

The invitation for Jesus, after the Easter event, is to renew the Spirit of our minds and create something. Easter is the season that you, I and God’s church are invited to create something.

“What does that look like?” you might ask.

Acknowledgement is a creation. People come alive when they get acknowledged. Look for ways to acknowledge oth-

ers. It brings life to them. As a result it then brings life to me.

Celebrate the season by acknowledging others.

Warmly,
Father Stephen

March Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The actions of the Little Lamb Management Group, the Shepherd’s Haven Management Group and the Thrift Shoppe Management Group were ratified. The report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit.

- The Income & Expense Report for the period ending February 28, 2017 was distributed.
- The Finance Committee will check into whether or not the money from the sale of the rectory should be invested.
- The Soup Off! was a great success. A motion was made that the proceeds fund the special musicians for Easter and Christmas, and scholarships for the Women’s Retreat. It was so ordered.
- There will be a Women’s Retreat on April 22 at the convent in Mendham. Scholarships are available.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that there is a long list of items around the Church, Little Lamb and Shepherd’s Haven that need to be addressed. Stephen asked Lehman to prioritize the list to

determine if someone needs to be hired to take care of it.

- The Worship Committee is preparing the Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services. The Stations of the Cross will be from the perspective of Mary, the mother of Jesus. be hired to take care of it.

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, April 18, 2017.

April Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The actions of the Little Lamb Management Group and the actions of the Shepherd’s Haven Management Group were ratified. The report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit.

- The Income & Expense Report for the period ending March 31, 2017 was distributed.
- An evaluation was done of the investment accounts. Nothing will be changed at this time.
- An application was filed for the Diocesan Ward Herbert Fund grant for the roof over the Parish Hall. It a 50/50 matching grant.
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee reported that the Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 20 at 8:00am.

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- The Worship and Music Commission will hold a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, May 21 after the 9:30 am Coffee Hour to focus on worship and music.
- The lecture on Racism was a big success and had a great turnout.
- A motion was passed to replace the roof over the Parish Hall, estimated at \$20,000. It will be financed from the Fidelity Money Market account. An application will be filed with the Diocese for a Ward Herbert Fund grant.

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Jason's Night of Jazz for Huntington's Disease

Dan Giannone is organizing the 2nd Jason's Night of Jazz for Huntington's Disease fundraiser at Christ Church on the evening of June 17, 2017. The proceeds will benefit the NJ Chapter of Huntington's Disease of America in honor of his cousins Jason Walsh and in memory of Myles Walsh. Huntington's Disease, or HD, is a fatal hereditary degenerative brain disorder for which there is no cure. HD slowly diminishes the affected individual's

ability to walk, talk and reason and eventually the person with HD becomes totally dependent upon others for his or her care. Because HD is a hereditary disease, each child of a HD positive parent has a 50/50 chance of inheriting the disease. Since the discovery of the gene that causes HD, scientific research has advanced and much has been added to understanding HD and its effects upon different individuals. Proceeds from this event will enable HDSA's mission to continue to invest in both clinical and basic HD research, continue improving the lives of individuals and families affected by HD with support and services and continue to educate professionals and the public. Most families affected by HD become the patients caregiver because there are few facilities that accept HD patients. The evening will start with a wine & craft beer tasting, a basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle and an evening of Jazz. I am also working on an ad journal which will be presented at the event. Tickets are \$35.00 per person, which will be available to purchase in the near future at the church after the 9:30 services or by contacting Pat Giannone at 973-694-2961. Tickets can also be purchased through the HDSA NJ Chapter website HDSA NJ Chapter. The web address will be provided in the next update. Please contact Dan Giannone at dan.giannone@gmail.com or Pat Giannone at pat.giannone@gmail.com or call (973)-694-2961, if you are interested in volunteering, interested in purchasing an ad, or can donate items for the basket raffle.



Healing Presentation

On Saturday, May 27th at 10:30am, Artie Egendorf, Ph.D. will present a session at Christ Church on Healing. This presentation will inform and support the healing ministry of Christ Church. Jesus sent his disciples out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Empowering lay ministers through this presentation will help us all serve each other and the community of Christ. Plan to join us. Light refreshments will be provided. Sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall to assist in planning for the event, which is sponsored by the Worship and Music Commission.

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, May 21 (Family Service Sunday) after the 9:30 Coffee Hour. It will focus on Worship and Music at Christ Church. Sponsored by the Worship and Music Commission, the meeting will last from 11:00am to 12 noon and will be committed to this ideal: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." This will be a brainstorming session where every idea is a good idea and where all ideas are heard. The Commission will consider each comment as it builds its agenda for this year.

Christ Church Parishioners Honored

Janet Furness and MaryAnn Salerno-Fitzgerald will be honored at the Diocesan ECW's "World of Women" luncheon on May 20, for their volunteerism, contributions of their time and talents, and their dedication to Christ Church. Congratulations Janet and MaryAnn!

Sunday School Food Drive

The Sunday School is collecting food for our annual food drive. It will continue until May 21st. Following is a themed guide of suggestions for each week. April 30th: Lunch Foods. May 7th: Dinner Foods. May 14: Treats/Healthy Snacks. May 21: Paper Goods. We also hope you'll join us in walking to St. Mary's Food Pantry on May 21st (rain-date June 4th) to deliver what we have collected. The Sunday School Superintendents, Karen Cahill, Debbie Onderlinde, and Louise Hanania, would like to thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

And The Survey Says...

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful response to the Neighborhood Initiative Survey! Close to 50 responses were received, which is a 25% return! Your interest and involvement with this effort encourages all of us as we unite to be God's sparkle in the world! Everyone in the parish is part of a neighborhood. Each

neighborhood leader is available to support anyone in a crisis or who has an idea for service to the neighborhood. No one is under any obligation. We are united by an invisible net of care for one another, a net that can quickly be visible and viable if you let your leader know your need. On the surveys, you shared some wonderful ideas to add action and connection to the Christ Church family. In the months ahead, some of these will take form. One immediate improvement was adding Deacon Barbara's name to the webpage with Vestry and other Staff names! How could we have missed that! Thanks again - and special kudos to the Neighborhood Leaders for creating the survey and supporting the effort.



Volunteer at Shepherd's Haven

Do you have an interest or passion you would like to share? Please consider sharing your time and knowledge at Shepherd's Haven. We are looking for individuals to enhance our seniors' lives. You don't need to sign your life away, just a half hour. And it's great for your Karma.

We are always looking for Volunteers at Shepherd's Haven. Currently looking for help in the kitchen the third Thursday of each month. Please contact Leigh at 973-835-4747.



Spring Gala Tricky Tray

The Christ Church Spring Gala Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm! Please mark your calendars and 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. 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. Tickets are on sale at Coffee Hours or by calling the Parish Office at 973-835-2207.

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and, behold, service was joy."

Rwandan lesson



News from the Sunday School

In February the Sunday School Special Olympics Valentine's Day fund-raiser of the sale of home-made chocolate roses was a success, thanks to all of the sweet folks who bought them to share with loved ones. This sale raised almost \$200 and we hope it also made lots of people happy! The Special Olympics will also benefit from the very generous customers at the Wild Game Night, since they donated nearly \$600 to our cause that evening. This was a wonderful way to support our cause and we offer thanks!

In March the Sunday School continued to raise money for this year's Outreach Program, the Special Olympics. On Sunday, March 19th, the Sunday School held a Snack Sale. That day, after both the 8 and 9:30 services, the teachers and students sold many homemade goodies during coffee hour. These included baked goods, fruit salad, chocolate covered strawberries and a whole lot more! This was a delicious way to raise money for the Special Olympics! On March 26th, our Family Sunday was the first to spotlight a new and fun change - bubbles on Sunday! Yes, Family Sunday had a bubble machine and during the choir presentations, there were lots

and lots of bubbles. The children had a great time with the bubbles and the bubbles made another appearance on Easter Sunday during the Family Service. The children continued to make 'Celebrate Spring' greeting cards for the nursing homes and the cards they made were combined with the cards we received from our Girl Scout friends, who also make cards for us. These cards were distributed to folks who are living in nursing homes that are visited by several members of Christ Church. This is a wonderful service that the children provide and it shows their caring spirits during this time of year. We look forward to more opportunities for the children to share their Christian knowledge and understanding.

Your Sunday School
Co-Superintendents:

*Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania and
Debbie Onderlinde*

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!



The Thrift Shoppe

The Thrift Shoppe would like to invite you to visit our page on Facebook and on Yelp. We are in the process of trying to find new ways of advertising and are hoping to get you to help. If you are on Facebook or yelp, please visit our site and give us a review and Like our page. Please share our page with your Facebook friends. Our volunteers work very hard for an amazing cause and we want everyone to know about us!



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!

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.



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.

The fruit of silence is prayer

The fruit of prayer is faith

The fruit of faith is love

The fruit of love is service

The fruit of service is peace.

by Mother Teresa

*Submitted by
Deacon Barbara*



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

Looking Ahead...

Parish Family Birthdays - June

- 1 - Randy Garb
- 5 - Ashley Tintera Garb
- 5 - Andrew Conklin
- 6 - Kim Pugsley
- 8 - Dylan Thornhill
- 9 - Kevin Gottheiner
- 11 - Hailey Conklin
- 13 - Kurt Wagner
- 14 - Nathan Hanania
- 14 - Caitlin Liston
- 15 - Dawn Milligan
- 16 - Stephen Rozzelle
- 17 - Karen Cahill
- 18 - Krista Lilienthal
- 20 - Priscilla Elliott
- 23 - Jessica Schmidt
- 23 - Olivia Elliott
- 24 - Keith Porter

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 Classifieds

Luxury Vacations in Mexico and the Dominican Republic

Luxurious accommodations await you at fabulous resorts in both Mexico and the Dominican Republic. Prices are extremely affordable. Dates and accommodations are quite flexible. Advance planning is advisable. For pricing, availability, and accommodation details please see or call Cheryl Finger at 973-723-5044.



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:

www.graphicinnovations.carlsoncraft.com

Condo For Sale

Condo for sale by owner in Pompton Lakes, \$159,900. Call 862-248-0092 for more information.

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 *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 pm until 7:00 pm, Thursdays from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. Donations can be left in the shed located in the church parking lot to the right of the permanent storage shed. It is clearly marked with a sign for Thrift Shoppe drop-offs. 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



Christ Church is on Facebook

Christ Church is now on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com/christchurchpompton to become a fan.

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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.

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.



*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 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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