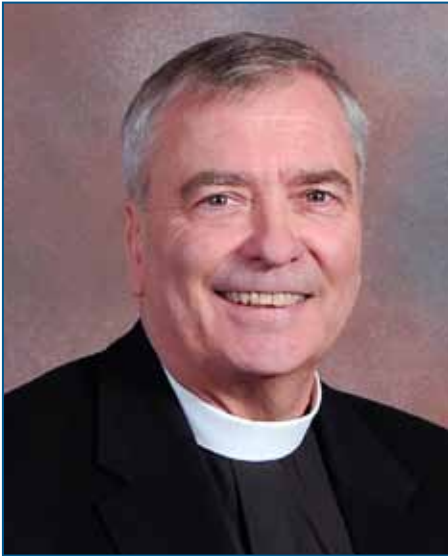


The Epistle

October 2016



A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

It is such a privilege to begin my seventh year as the Priest in Charge, Christ Church, Pompton Lakes. Such a privilege!! You are my community, my circle. And most importantly, you are extraordinary persons. Extraordinary. And such a blessing in my life. Every single one of you.

So I have a couple of invitations for you to take on as one who is extraordinary.

1. Be extraordinary waiting to happen. Not better than, just extraordinary.

2. Give up "not good enough." It's a commentary on the past; it's made up and it doesn't serve you. In fact, it keeps you small. Extraordinary is the life God has designed for you as one of the Beloved.

3. Take on being joyful. Be joyful publicly. Our circumstances have nothing to do with our aliveness. "Bad" things happen so that "extraordinary" can show up. We're

either a victim of our circumstances or extraordinary waiting to show up.

4. Embrace the way it is rather than "it shouldn't be this way." You do have a say. My daughter has embraced her daughter's Cystic Fibrosis. She is freed and enjoying being a mother.

5. Get rid of "fault" and "blame." Fault and blame exist in language. Notice they don't change the circumstances.

"I am God's extraordinary child. It is who I am. It is my commitment to be.

Extraordinary will show up in every area of my life. Amen."

Warmly,

Father Stephen

Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and the report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit. The actions of the Little Lamb Management Group, the actions of the Shepherd's Haven Management Group, and the actions of the Thrift Shoppe Management Group were ratified.

Treasurer Joe Blauvelt and Father Stephen met with a representative from Fidelity to discuss our investment account and how to best manage it.

A motion was passed, upon a recommendation from the Finance Committee, that each organization of Christ Church be responsible for expenses directly related to their own operations.

Shepherd's Haven is not having a fundraiser this year. Instead they will have an open house on Saturday, October 22.

Little Lamb had a new fence installed. Their 25th anniversary celebration was a success.

The Youth Sunday service will be changed to Family Sunday. It will be held on the last Sunday of each month and include updated prayers and music.

Name tags are being prepared for all parishioners to wear at Sunday services. They will be ready this fall.

The Parish Hall needs to be updated. The curtains are old and stained. We will get proposal on everything, including painting the back wall. Then it will be decided what will be done.

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, October 18, 2016.

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.



Mark Your Calendar for Swing into the Night – 1940 USO Saturday, November 5

On Saturday, November 5, 2016, Christ Church will host our second annual auction fundraiser, where items and services will be auctioned off. This year our theme will be “*Swing into the Night – 1940 USO.*” There will be music, entertainment, and delicious hors d’oeuvres. Everyone had such a good time at last year’s auction; you won’t want to miss it this year! Tickets will be on sale soon! Mark your calendars and start thinking about what items or services you can donate and how you can be involved in this fun event! Maybe you have a time share to donate, a couple of tickets to a sporting event or the theater, or maybe a piece of artwork, a piece of jewelry, a homemade knit or crocheted item. You can also donate your services: an accountant could donate tax preparation, a cook could make a special meal, a baker - a special cake, a photographer - pictures of an event. There are lots of possibilities - yard work, computer help, babysitting, painting, piano lessons, a ride to the airport, pres-

ent wrapping...everyone has a talent or skill to offer. Please fill out a form to let us know what you will donate. Donations forms are available in the back of the Church, in the Vestry Room and in the Parish Office. For more information, see Fr. Stephen or call Maureen in the Parish Office 973-835-2207) with questions or to volunteer.

(Men born on or after July 1 1954, and on or before December 31, 1954, also for the registration of men as they reach the 18th anniversary of the date of their births on or after January 1943)

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that in accordance with the Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

(Place of residence)
(This will be identical to line 2 of the Registration Card)

has been duly registered this 5th day of November, 2016

(Signature of registrant)

Register for Local Board 400 Pompton Lakes NJ
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THE LAW REQUIRES YOU TO HAVE THIS CARD IN YOUR PERSONAL POSSESSION AT ALL TIMES

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Get Your Tickets Now!

Tickets are now available for *Swing Into The Night – 1940 USO* fund raiser auction, which will be held on Saturday, November 5, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. It will be an exciting evening with music provided by Dan Giannone and his band. Julie (Kenyon) Warren’s Gateway to the Arts will give a song and dance performance. Peruse the many items in our silent auction and brace yourself for the exciting live auction! Prizes include vacation trips, private dinner parties, tickets to sporting events. Veterans or members of the armed services are welcomed to come dressed in uniform. Or come dressed in 1940’s style. Enjoy lavish hors d’oeuvres, beer and wine, and decadent desserts! Tickets are \$65 per person, but only 100 tickets will be sold, so don’t delay! See Father Stephen or call Maureen in the Parish Office (973-835-2207) to reserve your tickets!

Soup on Sunday

The *Soup on Sunday* program continues in to the fall with an expanded outreach. The proceeds from soup will be donated to Father Stephen’s granddaughter who has cystic fibrosis.

All soups are low sodium , low fat, low sugar, and made with homemade stocks.

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





Sunday School News

Welcome back to a brand new Sunday School year. We want to start with a quick recap of last year. We want to express congratulations to the three children who made Early Communion on May 22nd 2016! They were Alizah Morran, Christian Longo, and Sabrina Tripaldi. These classes were taught by Kathy Shepherd with a workshop by Father Stephen.

Last year, the Sunday School fundraiser was dedicated to the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation. We held a variety of different events over the year to raise money for the CF Foundation and also were visited several times by members of the Foundation. By the end of last year, the final fundraising for Cystic Fibrosis through the Sunday School and other Christ Church outreach programs came to a total of \$6,158.76.

Kirstin Dunn (who has CF) and her husband came on Fly-up Sunday to join our presentation. They met with many of us during coffee hour and expressed their gratitude for our willingness to help raise money for a disease we did not have. It was an honor and a pleasure

to have met them.

The Sunday School students also kicked off the annual Food Drive for St. Mary's during the Spring months. The food drive slogan for 2016 was Operation: End Hunger and each week the Sunday School requested nonperishable donations focused on a different theme (e.g. breakfast, lunch, dinner, paper, favorites). On June 5th, the Sunday School children and adults delivered over 50 bags of food to St. Mary's (in the rain!). Luckily the newspaper came and took our picture which was in the Trends Newspaper the following week.

Karen Cahill, Louise Hanania and Debbie Onderlinde



Choir Fund Raiser

Do you have old cellphones, Dink 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.



Parish Family Birthdays-October

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

- 2 - Neal Onderlinde
- 7 - Nicholas Pugsley
- 10 - Emily Simone
- 15 - Adele Falk
- 15 - Elaine Rainey
- 19 - Sayyora Tintera
- 26 - Cathy Prekel
- 26 - Victoria Wagner
- 28 - Andrew Tintera



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

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

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

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!

Wedding

September 23

Jaclyn Eugenia McIlwrath
Tyler John Simmons

September 24

Krystal Rose Louise Brugger
Daniel Berkowitz

October 1

Jacqueline Nadine Henn
Bryan Michael Ehnes

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.



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 Stop & Shop, Shop Rite in \$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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