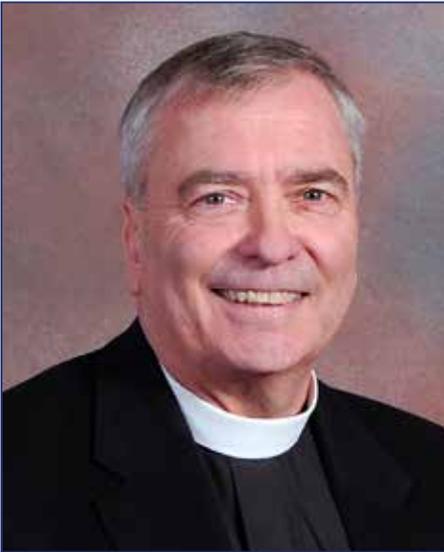


# The Epistle

September, 2018



## A Message from Your Priest in Charge



Dear Friends,

One of my favorite theologians is Meister Eckhart. I quote him frequently, especially during funeral services. His book, *Meditations with Meister Eckhart*, remains one of my all-time favorites.

Here is one of my favorite quotes: "As long as we perform our works in order to go to heaven, we are simply on the wrong track. And until we learn to work without a why or wherefore, we have not learned to work or to live or why. Some people, I swear, want to love God in the same way as they love a cow. They love it for its milk and cheese and the profit they will derive from it. Those who love God for the sake of outward riches or for the sake of inward consolation operate on the same principle. They are not loving God correctly; they are merely loving their own advantage."

You and I cannot be in a sustaining relationship, whether it's with God, the church, our spouse, our children, anyone,

when my focus is "what's in it for me?" We are most satisfied when we have contributed to someone else – not having been contributed to.

The spiritual journey is to honor God and contribute to the well-being of the other. Fear is based on "what's in it for me?" It shows up as upsets, disappointments and resentments.

Reinvent your spiritual journey in such a way that it's about "giving to" not "getting from!"

*Warmly*

*Father Stephen*

## June Vestry Meeting Highlights

The regular monthly meeting of the Priest in charge, Wardens and Vestry was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The actions of the Little Lamb, Shepherd's Haven and the Thrift Shoppe Management Groups were ratified. The report of the Treasurer was accepted subject to audit. The Income & Expense Report for the period ending May 31, 2018 was distributed.

- The soffits have been sealed to keep the squirrels out.

- The Sunday School raised \$6,000 for The Seeing Eye organization.

- - The Garage Sale will be on July 14. The Mass in the Grass will be on July 22.

- A motion was passed to have the hood and stove cleaned in the kitchen. Tony

and Cindy LoBue will make the arrangements.

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, September 25, 2018.

## Sunday School Registration

Sunday School registration for the upcoming school year will be on Sunday, September 9th, before and after the 9:30 service. Regular Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 16th. If there are any questions, please see one of the Sunday School Superintendents: Karen Cahill, Louise Hania or Debbie Onderlinde. We look forward to another great year of Sunday School education with your children!

## Men's Golf Outing

There will be a men's golf outing at Sunset Valley golf course in Pompton Plains on Monday, October 8th (Columbus Day) at a cost of \$49 without cart and \$67 with cart. Please contact Andy Shaw at [andrewtukesaw@hotmail.com](mailto:andrewtukesaw@hotmail.com) or 973-927-0069 if you are interested.



*Gratitude unlocks  
the fullness of life.  
It turns what we have  
into enough and more.  
It turns denial  
into acceptance,  
chaos into order,  
confusion to clarity.  
It can turn a meal  
into a feast,  
a house into a home,  
a stranger into a friend.*

By Melody Beattie

Feeling gratitude and  
not expressing it,  
is like wrapping a present  
and not giving it.

*Submitted by Deacon Barbara*

## A Little Night Music

On Saturday, September 29th at 7:30 pm, our annual fund raiser for Shepherd's Haven will be presented under the brilliant direction of Joe De-Spirito. "A Little Night Music" will once again thrill the audience with show tunes and novelty numbers. Many of the outstanding performers from last year will perform once again. Food and refreshments will be provided and the cost will be \$20 per person. It is a BYOB event.



## "Welcome Back" Brunch

The traditional "Welcome Back" brunch which heralds the end of summer and the beginning of a new program year for Christ Church will be held on Sunday, September 9th. The brunch will begin at 8:30 a.m, between the services. Everyone is invited to come. This is a "pot luck" meal, so we are looking for people to contribute food and drink. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

## Christ Church T-Shirts for Sale

T-shirts with a Christ Church logo are available to be purchased. Take a look at them in the Guild Hall. It is a nice quality grey t-shirt with a black logo in the corner. Sizes small, medium and large are \$10 each. The extra-large size is \$12 each. There are also a couple of polo style t-shirts that are \$25 each. You can give your payment to Sue Helm or Alison Thornhill, or leave it in the Parish Office labeled for t-shirts.

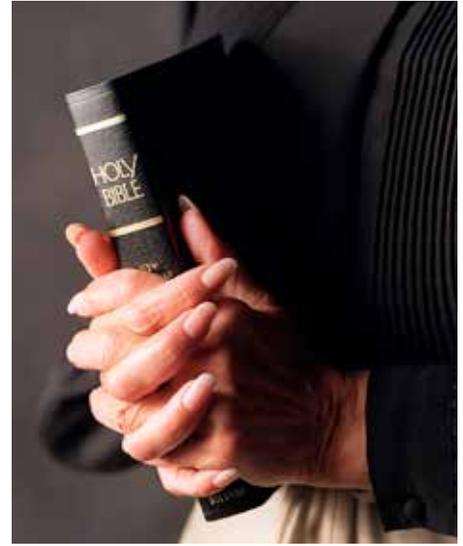


## Open Enrollment at Little Lamb Children's Center

Little Lamb Children's Center is now accepting enrollment for all ages, 3 months to Kindergarten. Little Lamb, open all year from 7:00 am to 6:30 pm, provides a safe and caring learning environment for your children. We are a State licensed, air-conditioned facility with an enclosed outdoor play yard. For information, registration forms and rates contact the director at 973-835-2236 or [littlelambcc@gmail.com](mailto:littlelambcc@gmail.com)

## Sign Up for Confirmation

Anyone entering eighth grade or older is eligible to sign up for Confirmation. Classes will begin in mid-September and continue until Confirmation which will be in April 2019 (specific date to be determined.) To sign up, call the Parish Office at 973-835-2207, or see Fr. Stephen. You should also sign up if you are an adult and would like to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church.



## Choir Fund Raiser

We still want your electronics! The choir is still collecting electronics to recycle. We need old phones, Ipads, Ipods, hand-held games and of course used printer cartridges. The phones bring the most return but please remember to wipe them clean before you turn them in to us. We don't want your personal information to be vulnerable. Just bring in the old stuff and drop it in our box in the office. It's a win-win. They get recycled and we get some cash for new music.



## Openings for New Clients at Shepherd's Haven

We would like to cordially invite you to come and spend time with us at Shepherd's Haven. We are a non-profit activity and social center, where there is good food, great conversations and a lot of laughs. Our clients are great at trivia, enjoy painting, bingo, gardening, cooking, and games of skill and so much more. Come and meet some new people, our fabulous volunteers, and excellent staff. We are offering you a free day, with no obligations. We would love to see you and share with you a fun filled day. We are open Monday through Friday until 3:30pm. Call Leigh at 973-835-4747.

## Wellness Ministry Begins

On Sunday, September 16th, and every first and third Sunday monthly, Carole Turner, RN will be available in the Guild Hall at 8:45 a.m. to check blood pressures and help anyone with health-related questions. Carole has been an emergency room nurse, a missionary nurse in Zimbabwe, a school nurse, and summer camp medical professional for the Girl Scouts. A member of the vestry here at Christ Church and on the Outside In/Inside Out Commission, Carole has made healing her mission in life. Recently she told us: "I welcome suggestions from anyone about health-related topics our community wants to hear about or support groups folks would be interested in or feel there is a need for. We have plans to begin a bereavement program this fall, including a support group." If you have ideas or messages for Carole Turner, leave a note in her mailbox outside the church office door or give the idea to Maureen in the office. And as Carole likes to say, "Be Well!"

## Financial Clerks Needed

Volunteers are needed to be Financial Clerks, those who count and deposit the Sunday offering. If you are interested, please see Bruce Hetzel, or call him at 973-800-2725.



## Parish Family Birthdays-September

If you have not yet informed the parish office of your birthdate, please call Maureen at 973-835-2207.

- 2 - Paige LoBue
- 6 - Judy Loeb
- 18 - Louise Hanania
- 19 - Chris Thornhill
- 25 - Caroline Kearney
- 25 - Lyn Lowndes
- 25 - Rudy Sellitti
- 26 - Abby Novak
- 27 - Marian DeRemer

## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets and join us on Saturday, October 6, at 10 am in the Memorial Garden, for a special blessing by Fr. Stephen. All are welcome!





## Neighborhood Initiative

You are the reason for the Neighborhood Initiative. When life happens, it means a lot to have a neighbor nearby who is connected to your parish community and ready to serve you. Increasingly, Christ Church participants are finding this true. One of the joys of serving each other and our communities is that needs, small or large, brief or over a long-term, can be addressed through the network of neighborhoods created by the Outside In/Inside Out Commission of the Vestry. Neighborhood Leaders cross-reference resources with each other and are building a web of compassion. Here is the current list of Neighborhood Leaders who meet quarterly to discuss and plan how best to serve our 15 neighborhoods. Please let us know if your town is not represented. Feel free to call your Neighborhood Leader just to say hello or thanks for being there!



- **Bloomington/Butler/Kinnelon** - Karen Bogert - 973-634-0190
- **GlenRock/North Haledon/Totowa** - Marianne Taylor - 201-741-8825
- **Haskell/Wanaque** - Joyce McDiarmid - 862-262-0719
- **Oakland/Wyckoff/Franklin Lakes** - Geri Sheehan - 201-337-7395
- **Pompton Lakes, Christ Church area** - Nancy Dalzell - 973-202-7704
- **Pompton Lakes, Colfax** - Matt & Louise Hanania - 973-616-1604
- **Pompton Lakes Hamburg Turnpike North** - Alison Thornhill - 973-886-9728
- **Pompton Lakes, Hamburg Turnpike North** - Mary Ann Salerno-Fitzgerald - 973-835-6553
- **Pompton Plains/Pequanock** - Megan & Kat Menezes - 201-575-9459
- **Ringwood** - Joan Van Splinter - 973-856-4978
- **Ringwood** - Sue Helm - 973-856-2129
- **Riverdale** - Bette Davis - 973-809-1384
- **Wayne** - Packanack Lake, Preakness - Cindy LoBue - 973-694-7813
- **Wayne** - Sheffield - Barbara Hazelwood - 973-696-4966
- **West Milford/Stockholm/Oak Ridge/Hewitt** - Barbara & Karl Schinke - 973-557-5465
- **Foreigners & Travelers** (SW Morris Cty/Somerset County/Princeton and beyond) - Andy Shaw - 973-927-0202

## Neighborhood Leaders Will Meet

The Neighborhood Leaders met in June to celebrate completing 2 years of the Neighborhood Initiative. It's always good to get together and share how to strengthen what we do and be a continued presence in each of our neighborhoods and communities.

The next meeting of the Neighborhood Leaders will be Sunday, September 30th at 1:30 p.m. We will discuss developing the volunteer directory of talents and services and planning a housewarming for the Kanaan family in their new home in Kearny. If you have any additions to our work, please notify Janet, Sue, Alison or Carole.

## 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.



## 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](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.

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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 *One Step Up*



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!

The Thrift Shoppe is 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*

## Baptisms

*June 23*

Bret Erik Utter, Jr.

*June 30*

Anthony Joseph Sellitti

Stella Grace Andronaco

*July 7*

Hunter James Smith

*July 15*

Evan William Fuller

## Memorial Services

*August 11*

John Fitzgerald

*August 19*

Ryan Jeffrey Cahill

## 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 cardboard 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!

Please contact Andy Shaw for a prize if you were able to read this!



## 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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*Empowering people...*

*Engaging the world...*

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